

# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 3, 2026 | Fifth Sunday of Easter



WHERE THE CHURCH IS, THERE ARE HIS MYSTERIES  
- SAINT AMBROSE -

**Reverend Andrew J. Fisher, Pastor**  
**Reverend Michael T. Nugent, Parochial Vicar**  
**Reverend Anthony Appiah, In Residence**

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday | 8 am, 10 am, Noon, 5 pm  
Monday - Friday | 7 am, 9 am  
Saturday | 9 am, 5 pm (Vigil)  
Holy Days | As announced

## **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Saturday | 9:30 am, 3 - 4 pm

## **MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**

Saturday | After 9 am Mass

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

First Friday | 9:30 am - 7 pm (Benediction)

## **SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

703-698-7171 | [stambroseschool.org](http://stambroseschool.org) | [info@stambroseschool.org](mailto:info@stambroseschool.org)

3901 WOODBURN ROAD | ANNANDALE, VA 22003 | 703-280-4400 | [STAMBROSEVA.ORG](http://STAMBROSEVA.ORG)



*Welcome!*

Whether you are a parishioner, a visitor, seeking a parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith, or interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, we welcome you to St. Ambrose and invite you to become a member of our growing parish family.

**PARISH OFFICE**

Monday - Friday | 9 am - 4 pm  
3901 Woodburn Road | Annandale, VA 22003  
703-280-4400 | stambroseva.org  
email: dvasilakos@stambroseva.org

**CLERGY**

**Reverend Andrew J. Fisher, Pastor**  
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**Reverend Michael T. Nugent, Parochial Vicar**  
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**Ted Devlin, Permanent Deacon**  
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**STAFF**

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703-280-4400 | radinata@stambroseva.org

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703-698-7171 | principal@stambroseschool.org

**Jennifer Wyse, Director of Religious Education**  
571-640-9938 | DRE@stambroseva.org

**Lissie Torres, Youth Minister**  
703-280-4400 | YM@stambroseva.org

**Jon Laird, Obl.OSB, Director of Music**  
703-280-4400 | jlaird@stambroseva.org

**Alfonso Dominguez, Plant & Facilities Manager**  
703-280-4400 | facilities@stambroseva.org

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

The parish bulletin deadline is 14 days prior to the desired Sunday publication date. Please email your announcement request to Donna Vasilakos, dvasilakos@stambroseva.org

**ISSUES AFFECTING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

The Diocese of Arlington website provides a resource page with information about recent events affecting the Church. Child protection policies and responses to the crisis, from Bishop Burbidge and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, are available at arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection

**SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION**

**Parish Registration:** Parish membership is necessary for Baptism, Matrimony, or Sacramental Sponsor Forms. **In order for a Sponsor Form to be issued, one must be a registered/participating member of the Parish for at least three months.** Please notify the Parish Office of any change on your registration form, telephone number, address, temporary absence, etc. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office and at stambroseva.org/registration



**Baptism:** First-time, expectant parents must attend an instruction class prior to the Sacrament of Baptism. Call the Parish Office to make the necessary arrangements. Baptisms are usually celebrated on Sundays following the Noon Mass.

**Matrimony:** Registered parishioners who wish to be married at St. Ambrose, or to be prepared for marriage in another parish, must, by Diocesan policy, begin the required preparation at least six months prior to the proposed date for their marriage. Contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

**Returning to the Church:** If you are Catholic and returning to the Sacraments, or to the practice of the faith, we welcome you back! If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact a priest at the Parish Office or after Sunday Mass. We're happy to help you come back home to the Catholic Church.

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA):** The process through which a person is initiated into the full sacramental life of the Catholic Church through weekly instruction. If you or someone you know would like to inquire about the life of Jesus Christ and the beliefs and teachings of His Church, please contact the Director of Religious Education, 571-640-9938 or DRE@stambroseva.org.

**Sick Calls:** Contact the Parish Office to schedule visits to the sick and/or homebound for the Sacraments of Penance, the Eucharist & the Anointing of the Sick.



**Mass Intentions** Pray for people in need, both living or deceased, by having a Mass said for that intention. Masses can be offered to celebrate Baptisms, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Confirmations, Special Intentions, Weddings or other needs.

**Devotional Candles** for the St Ambrose Shrine in the Narthex are available for a \$4 donation.

For Mass Requests, please visit the Parish Office, Monday through Friday, 9 am - 4 pm. Devotional Candles may be purchased during Parish Office hours or from the ushers before/after weekend Masses.

**PARISHSOFT ONLINE GIVING**

Our online giving platform is ParishSoft. **The login is at [bit.ly/sacc25](http://bit.ly/sacc25)** Your Faith Direct email and password remain the same for ParishSoft login.



**CHURCH CONSTRUCTION DEBT REDUCTION**

To complete the new church, the parish took out a loan of \$2.9M from the diocese. The loan hasn't been amortized yet. Details are available at [bit.ly/StAmbroseReduceDebt](http://bit.ly/StAmbroseReduceDebt). Any amount you can give to help with the reduction of this debt is greatly appreciated. For those receiving envelopes, a debt reduction envelope has been added. For those using online giving, a debt reduction line item has been added to ParishSoft.



# FAITH FORMATION

OCIA | Religious Education | Youth Ministry | Bible Studies | Discussions

## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

[stambroseva.org/OCIA](http://stambroseva.org/OCIA)

September - May | Mondays | 7 - 8 pm | Parish Hall  
Jennifer Wyse, Director of Religious Education  
DRE@stambroseva.org | 571-640-9938

OCIA is the Church's process for people over the age of seven who want to become Catholic and are not baptized or baptized in another Christian tradition and Baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion and/or Confirmation.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

[stambroseva.org/RE](http://stambroseva.org/RE)

September - May | Grades K-8 | Sundays | 8:45 - 9:45 am | School  
Jennifer Wyse, Director of Religious Education  
DRE@stambroseva.org | 571-640-9938

Instruction for public/non-Catholic school students. Classes include preparation for First Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation.

## JESUS, MARY & A CUP OF JOE

[stambroseva.org/JMJ](http://stambroseva.org/JMJ)

September - May | Sundays | 8:45 - 9:45 am | School Gym

Learn more about the faith & enjoy fellowship, coffee and conversation. All adults welcome!

## APOLOGETICS 101

[stambroseva.org/BibleStudy](http://stambroseva.org/BibleStudy)

Third Tuesdays | 7 pm | Parish Hall  
January - August 2026 | Defending Our Faith  
Lee Cena, Facilitator

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

[stambroseva.org/BibleStudy](http://stambroseva.org/BibleStudy)

Wednesdays | 9:30 am -- Noon | Parish Hall  
Topic/Dates TBA  
Ron & Mary DeSantis, Ann Rossi, Facilitators

## FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

[bit.ly/FridayAMBibleStudy](http://bit.ly/FridayAMBibleStudy)

Fridays | 9:30 - 11 am | Parish Library  
Carol Russell, Coordinator

All are welcome to drop in and discuss the upcoming Sunday's gospel.

## ST. AMBROSE MEN'S GROUP

[bit.ly/stambrosemensgroup](http://bit.ly/stambrosemensgroup)

Second & Fourth Saturdays | 7 - 8:30 am | Parish Hall  
Father Nugent, Facilitator | [fnugent@stambroseva.org](mailto:fnugent@stambroseva.org)

All men, 21 and older, are invited to join for prayer, coffee, conversation and faith formation.

## WALKING WITH PURPOSE: WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

[stambroseva.org/WWP](http://stambroseva.org/WWP)

Wednesdays | 7 pm | Parish Hall | Topic/Dates TBA  
Julia Waterman, Coordinator | email: [wwwp@stambroseschool.org](mailto:wwwp@stambroseschool.org)

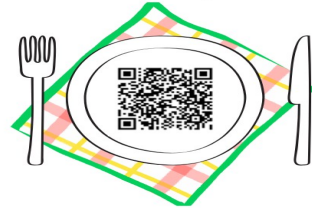
Open to all women of the parish. Please RSVP/register/order the study materials at [stambroseva.org/WWP](http://stambroseva.org/WWP)

# Youth Group

Lissie Torres, Youth Minister  
703-280-4400 | [YM@sstambroseva.org](mailto:YM@sstambroseva.org)  
[stambroseva.org/YouthGroup](http://stambroseva.org/YouthGroup)

## dinner dates!

Support the St. Ambrose High School Youth Group



Sign up now to provide dinner & dessert  
[bit.ly/YouthMinistryMeals](http://bit.ly/YouthMinistryMeals)

## Saint Ambrose Summer Camp Staff



APPLY NOW

JUNE 8 - AUGUST 7, 2026

counselors needed: rising college freshmen and older  
[stambrosesummer.com/employment](http://stambrosesummer.com/employment)



## Saint Ambrose Summer Camp

Ages 4 - 13  
June 22 - August 7, 2026



REGISTER NOW!

[stambrosesummer.com/registration](http://stambrosesummer.com/registration)

# FORMED

DISCOVER THE FAITH ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.

[bit.ly/formedfaith](http://bit.ly/formedfaith)



## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 4: Easter Weekday</b>
7:00 a.m.	Dr. Tony Recinto †
9:00 a.m.	Healing & Conversion of United States
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 5: Easter Weekday</b>
7:00 a.m.	Reynaldo Ignacio †
9:00 a.m.	Stephen J. Fimian †
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 6: Easter Weekday</b>
7:00 a.m.	Hermie Floresca †
9:00 a.m.	Christine Fiala †
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 7: Easter Weekday</b>
7:00 a.m.	Fr. Sunny
9:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 8: Easter Weekday</b>
7:00 a.m.	Dean Ash †
9:00 a.m.	Richard Stinson †
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 9: Easter Weekday</b>
9:00 a.m.	Tom Stasik, Sr. †
5:00 p.m.	Thomas Burke †
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 10: Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
8:00 a.m.	Robert Northway †
10:00 a.m.	Cindy Laird
12:00 noon	People of the Parish
5:00 p.m.	Paul Minh Van Nguyen †

### First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

May 1 | 9:30 am - 7 pm (Benediction)

During the week before Adoration, sign up in the binder in the Church Narthex or call the Parish Office, 703-280-4400.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### For the Sick

Irene Anderson, Katie Bader, Josephine Crosby, John Crowley, Kathy d'Alelio, Conor Doyle, Marianne Haley, Amy Hobbs, Larry Holmes, George Hughes, Kathleen Johnson, Lauren Elizabeth Kasyr, Robert Koldys, Helen (Dolly) LaViolette, Thomas LaViolette, John Maskeny, Lois LeFebvre, Meghan Lewis Logeais, Kathleen Monachino, Lou Osborn, Liz Post, Joyce Pueblo, Amor Regala, Marcelina Respuesto, Diane Rispoli, Lisa Rhoads, Jean Reed Saylor, Fr. Spsychala, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Donella Wright, Lilian Yetman

### For Our Diocesan Priests

May 4	Rev. Raymond E. Goins
May 5	Rev. Guillermo Gonzalez
May 6	Rev. James R. Gould
May 7	Rev. Paul M. Grankauskas
May 8	Rev. Donald C. Greenhalgh (Ret.)
May 9	Rev. Horace H. Grinnell (Ret.)
May 10	Rev. Ronald J. Gripshover, Jr.

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Sanctify  
YOURSELF  
AND YOU WILL  
Sanctify  
SOCIETY.

-St. Francis of Assisi

PRAY FOR MORE  
VOCATIONS



"Whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do." (John 14:12)

Jesus calls us to remain in Him, allowing His love to flow through our lives. In sacramental marriage, couples are like branches rooted in Christ, growing together and bearing fruit for His kingdom through love, support, and service to one another. Pray for guidance in nurturing your vocation and encourage others to recognize God's call. Should you desire some direction, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.



**Finding Jesus with St. Therese of Lisieux -Women's Silent Retreat  
May 15 - 17 | San Damiano Retreat Center**

St. Therese is a magnificent manifestation of "the Feminine Genius" and a "Wise Woman" in the fullest sense of the words. Pope St. Pius X called her "the Greatest Saint of Modern Times" before Pope St. John Paul the Great declared her a Universal Doctor of the Church. St. Therese's spiritual doctrine is easily understood and can be practically applied in our very occupied, day-to-day lives. Her counsel can ably assist us in enduring and embracing difficulties in prayer, overcoming scruples, and patiently putting up with people who challenge us. Fr. John Riley will lead and serve in this endeavor. Retreat cost is \$299 and financial assistance may be available. For more information or to register, please contact Father Riley: [retreat@sacredheartwinchester.org](mailto:retreat@sacredheartwinchester.org) or visit our website at [ArlingtonDiocese.org/Retreat](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/Retreat)

**Weekend Discernment Retreat for Young Women  
June 19 - 20 | San Damiano Retreat Center**

Could God be calling you to religious life? Join our lectio divina-themed weekend retreat, "Arise, My Beloved, and Come" (Song of Songs 2:2), with the Little Sisters of the Poor. It's directed toward women ages 18-35 who feel a call to religious life, and will include tools to aid your prayer and discernment, opportunities for prayer and confession, and Q&A with the sisters. It's June 19-21, 2026, at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center. Cost is \$150 and includes private room and bath and all meals (financial assistance is available if needed). Contact the Vocations Office to register, [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org) or 703-841-2514. Deadline is June 8.

**Living the Sacrament of Marriage – Married Couples' Retreat  
July 17 - 9 | San Damiano Retreat Center**

Retreat to the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia. A retreat for married couples to contemplate the gift of their Sacrament. We will pray individually and together, pondering the graces of Marriage and reflecting on God's promises and Presence in the life of a family.

We'll also consider how God elevates the capacity of spouses to love each other and their children, and how He makes the home of a family a privileged place of healing and sanctification. Join Fr. Daniel Hanley will lead this retreat for Married Couples. The retreat begins at 6 pm Friday July 17 and concludes Sunday July 19 at noon. Retreat cost is \$499, and financial assistance may be available. For more information or to register, contact Deacon Mark Maines at: [mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org) or visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat)



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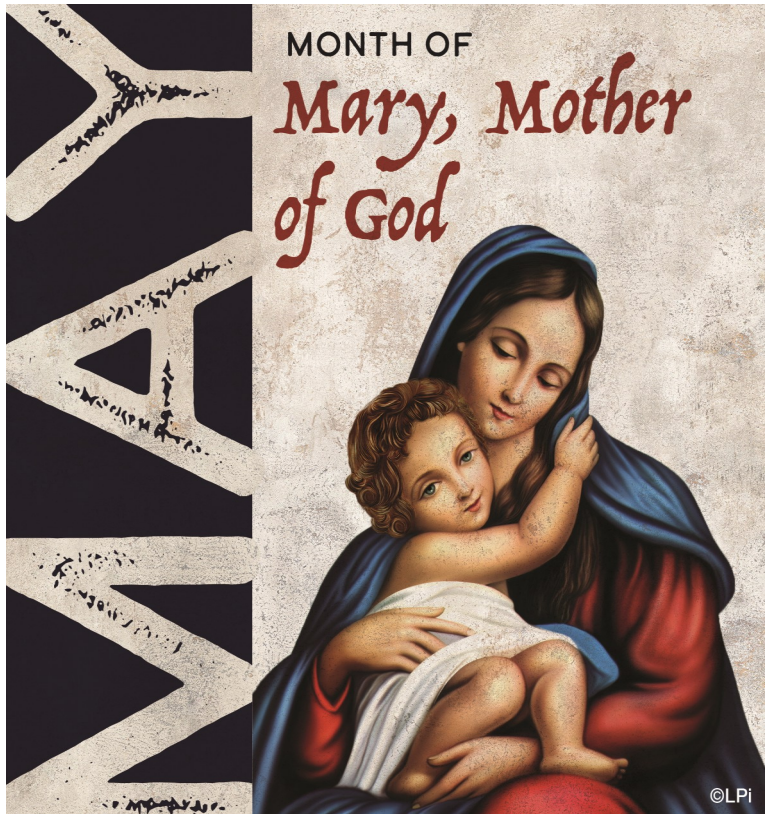
**The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, cordially invites you and your guests** to attend the 32nd Annual Memorial Mass of the Archdiocese for the Military Services on Sunday, May 17 at 4:30 pm in the Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Together with the priests of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, please join in prayer as the men and women who are serving or have served in the Armed Forces, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, are honored.

**Schedule of Events**

- Sacrament of Penance | 2:30- 3:30 pm
- Rosary at 3:00 pm | Crypt Church
- Solemn Vespers | 4:00pm
- Holy Mass | 4:30 pm
- Reception to follow the Mass in the dining area immediately below the main floor of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
- Dress: Civilian – Business Attire | Military Equivalent

For reserved seating at the Mass, please register by May 8 at <https://bit.ly/AMSMilitaryMass>. If you have intentions to be remembered at the altar, please submit them to [www.milarch.org/intentions](http://www.milarch.org/intentions).





**Knights of Columbus®**

**ST. AMBROSE COUNCIL 8403**

Business Meeting | 2nd Tuesday | 7:30 pm  
Social Meeting + Dinner | 4th Tuesday | 7 pm  
Parish Library  
[ambrosecouncil.org](http://ambrosecouncil.org) | [info@ambrosecouncil.org](mailto:info@ambrosecouncil.org)



WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

Second Fridays | 9:30 am | Parish Hall  
[stambroseva.org/WSA](http://stambroseva.org/WSA)  
[WSA@stambroseva.org](mailto:WSA@stambroseva.org)



**WELCOME SUNDAY!**  
Coffee & Donuts  
After 8 + 10 am Masses  
Parish Hall

**Your Hosts**

May 3 | Women of St. Ambrose  
May 17 | Young Adults / Women's Group  
& Young Professionals Holy Hour  
June 7 | TBA

**Honoring All Moms on Mother's Day!**



**Sunday, May 10th at 1:00pm**

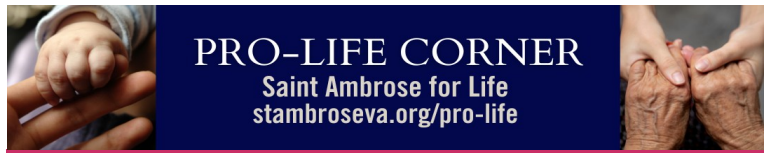
Join us for a special celebration

**Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream & Raffle!**

Fairfax Memorial Park Cemetery

RSVP by Monday May 4th by emailing:

[Events@Fairfaxmemorial.com](mailto:Events@Fairfaxmemorial.com)



**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

Saint Ambrose for Life  
[stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life)

**Diaper Drive Weekend: May 2 + 3**

St. Ambrose Parish supports & provides The MaRiH Center with basic supplies for moms & their babies. Collected at all Masses on the first weekend of each month, **critical needs are diapers (newborn - 6), clothes/coats (newborn - 2T), Similac Advance formula, wipes, bibs.** To donate other items, please see [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) or contact The MaRiH Center, 703-370-4774, [marih.org](http://marih.org).

**Rosary for Life | Wednesdays | Noon - 1 pm**

**Help + Hope + Healing**

visit [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) for more resources

**Gabriel Project**  
[helpforpregnantwomen.org](http://helpforpregnantwomen.org)  
703-841-3810  
[info@h4pw.org](mailto:info@h4pw.org)

**Diocese of Arlington  
Catholic Charities**  
703-841-3830  
[www.cdda.net](http://www.cdda.net)

**Project Rachel**  
[helpafterabortion.org](http://helpafterabortion.org)  
703-841-2504  
[info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org)

Virginia Catholic Conference [vacatholic.org/](http://vacatholic.org/)



**USHERS NEEDED**

email [ushers@stambroseva.org](mailto:ushers@stambroseva.org)



*Rosary Makers*

FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
9:30 AM | PARISH LIBRARY



**Garden + Grounds Club**

[BIT.LY/STAMBROSEGGC](http://bit.ly/stambroseggc)

3RD SATURDAY EACH MONTH  
9:45 AM SCHOOL GYM ENTRANCE

**apologetics 101  
discussion group**

third tuesdays | 7 pm | parish hall  
[stambroseva.org/BibleStudy](http://stambroseva.org/BibleStudy)

**KNITTING GROUP**

Fourth Tuesday of the Month  
After 9 am Mass | Parish Library  
[bit.ly/knittinggroup](http://bit.ly/knittinggroup)

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JUNE 13 ★ 3:45 - 9:30 PM

CLARKE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

BERRYVILLE, VA

REGISTER/RSVP | [bit.ly/DiocesanFestival](https://bit.ly/DiocesanFestival)

FREE EVENT FOR ALL AGES

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE COMPLIMENTARY FOOD

MASS WITH BISHOP BURBIDGE ★ MUSIC ★ FOOD