

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

June 29, 2025 | Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles



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

Very Reverend Andrew J. Fisher, V.F., 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 | info@stambroseschool.org

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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
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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 changes 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 call Shelley Locke, Director of Religious Education/Youth Ministry, 571-640-9938.

Sick Calls: Contact the Parish Office to schedule visits to the sick and/or home-bound 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.

FAITH DIRECT

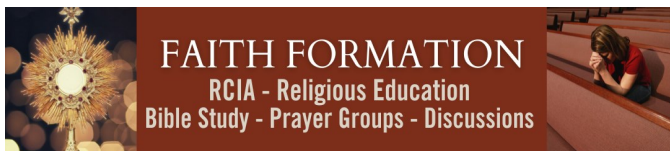
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect or scan the QR code.



PARISH MINISTRIES

Visit stambroseva.org for details and contacts

Adult Choir	Altar Servers	Altar Society
Bereavement Group	Christ House Meals	Eucharistic Adoration
Friday Morning Bible Study	Gabriel Project	Garden & Grounds Club
Intercessory Prayer Tree	Knights of Columbus	Knitting Group
Lectors	Religious Education	Rosary Makers
St. Ambrose for Life	St. Paula Society	Ushers
Vocations Committee	Women of St. Ambrose	Young Adults Group
Youth Choir		Youth Ministry



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

stambroseva.org/RCIA

September - May | Mondays | 7 - 8 pm | Parish Hall

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

September - May | Grades K-8 | Sundays | 8:45 - 9:45 am | School 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

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

Third Tuesdays | 7 pm | Parish Hall

June - December 2025 | A Walk Through the Creed

Lee Cena, Facilitator

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

Wednesdays | 10 am - Noon | Parish Hall

September - April | Foundations of Faith

Ron & Mary DeSantis, Ann Rossi, Facilitators

MEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY

bit.ly/MensPMBibleStudy

Third Thursdays | 7:30 pm | Parish Library

Jonathan Wertz, Facilitator

Come join fellow men as we learn about the Bible and discuss living our Catholic faith. Fellowship, 7:30 pm; Bible Study, 8 pm.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

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

Second & Fourth Saturdays | 7 - 8:30 am | Parish Hall

Father Nugent, Facilitator | frnugent@stambroseschool.org

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

TAKE TIME FOR GOD SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

stambroseva.org/WSA

Will resume in August | Sundays | 3 pm | Parish Library

Cat Chunn, Coordinator

Open to all women of the parish. Celebrate God's goodness through praise & thanksgiving, share holy moments, reflect on God's Words & pray for each other's prayer intentions. Sponsored by WSA.

Shelley Locke

Director of Youth Ministry & Religious Education

571-640-9938 | slocke@stambroseva.org

YOUTH MINISTRY



ST. AMBROSE YOUTH MINISTRY

SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL HANGOUTS!

FOOD + DRINKS + GAMES + SPORTS

6 - 8 PM | JUNE 29 | JULY 20 | AUGUST 10

PARISH HALL / SCHOOL GYM



MEN'S SUMMER SCRIPTURE STUDY

• BIBLE • BONFIRE •
• BEVERAGE •



WEDNESDAYS | JUNE 11 - JULY 30 | 7 PM | LOWER PARKING LOT

HOSTED BY ST. AMBROSE MEN'S GROUP AND THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

July 2: Share Christ with your Family (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

July 9: Patience (Colossians 3:12-15)

July 16: Provocation (Ephesians 6:4)

July 23: Fight the Good Fight (Ephesians 6:10-11)

*July 30: Families Welcome - Care for your Family (1 Timothy 5:8)
Please bring your families to join us for a potluck BBQ today.

LET'S DO LUNCH!

Volunteer to make lunch
for Summer Camp staff

June 2 - August 1



Sign up: bit.ly/summercamlunch

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	June 30: Wkdy; The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
7:00 a.m.	Bill Healy†
9:00 a.m.	Anita Bernadette David†
Tuesday	July 1: Wkdy; USA: St. Junipero Serra, Priest
7:00 a.m.	Mildred Beranek
9:00 a.m.	Patrick Freitas†
Wednesday	July 2: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Peter Coniglio†
9:00 a.m.	Bob & Cory Elder
Thursday	July 3: St. Thomas, Apostle
7:00 a.m.	Dr. Saladino†
9:00 a.m.	Jonathan & Eva Horneman
Friday	July 4: Wkdy; USA: Independence Day
7:00 a.m.	For fulfillment of requests made by Our Lady of America
9:00 a.m.	For victims of abuse, for Healing of the Church, And for Holiness of Clergy
Saturday	July 5: Wkdy; St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; USA: St. Elizabeth of Portugal; BVM
9:00 a.m.	Shaina Coss
5:00 p.m.	Deacon Ted Devlin
Sunday	July 6: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:00 a.m.	All Federal Workers
12:00 p.m.	Bob Eckert†
5:00 p.m.	Natalie Habert†

Friday | July 4, 2025 | Independence Day
No First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

PRAYER INTENTIONS

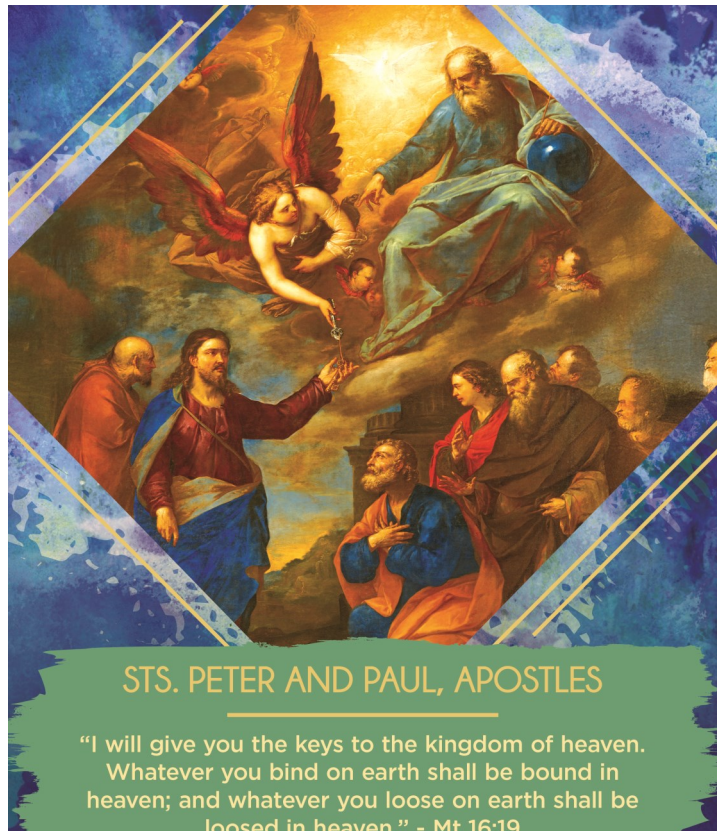
For the Sick

Irene Anderson, Katie Bader, Kathy Burns, Josephine Crosby, John Crowley, Kathy d'Alelio, Conor Doyle, Bill Foster, Marianne Haley, Amy Hobbs, Larry Holmes, George Hughes, Kathleen Johnson, Lauren Elizabeth Kasydar, Robert Koldys, Helen (Dolly) LaViolette, Thomas LaViolette, John Maskeny, Lois LeFebvre, Lou Osborn, Liz Post, Marcelina Respuerto, Diane Rispoli, Lisa Rhoads, Lewis Rhodes, Jean Reed Saylor, Fr. Spychala, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Donella Wright, Lilian Yetman

For Our Diocesan Priests

Jun 30	Rev. James A. Tucker (Ret.)
Jul 1	Rev. Christopher T. Vaccaro
Jul 2	Rev. Stephen M. Vaccaro
Jul 3	Rev. Thomas P. Vander Woude
Jul 4	Rev. Joseph D.Q. Vu
Jul 5	Rev. James F. Waalkes
Jul 6	Very Rev. Robert J. Wagner, VF

† For the repose of the soul of **Michael Healy** †



Stewardship Reflection

"I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith." (2 TIMOTHY 4:7) How many of us can say this? St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God doesn't call us to be successful, he calls us to be faithful." How many times have we been blinded by the success of the world at the expense of our faith? Matthew Kelly says, "Take one minute each day to remind yourself that you are just passing through this life and will die one day; you will live more intentionally with a passion and purpose."



St. Ambrose Dual Language School Early Childhood Educator

We're looking for a passionate early childhood educator who loves meaningful play, early learning, and teamwork. Spanish is not required. If you love working with young children and want to be part of a faith filled and committed community, we'd love to meet you! Apply online today at bit.ly/stambroseearlyeducator



HAPPY Independence Day!

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 shall 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, coordinator of the blessed Stanley Rother House of formation at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, at the San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA for this unique retreat opportunity. This retreat will begin at 6 pm Friday, July 18 and conclude Sunday, July 20 with lunch at noon. Retreat cost is \$499 per couple. For further information, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at: mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org For more information about San Damiano and the retreats being offered in the months ahead, please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat



Breakfast & BLESSINGS

Thursdays | July 10 - August 7
9:30 am (after Mass) | Parish Hall
bit.ly/breakfastblessings



FRIDAY | JULY 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY
PARISH OFFICES
CLOSED



St. Ambrose Parish Mom's Night Out

Wednesdays | July 23, August 27
6:30 - 9 pm | Potluck Dinner / 7 pm
Parish Library

Come out for a night of food, fellowship and spiritual enrichment with your fellow parishioners - women from all walks of life - mothers and nursing babies are most welcome! More info: bit.ly/nightout4moms



THE BEATITUDES: *is it possible to live this way?*

St. Ambrose Summer Sessions 2025 | Mondays | June 30 - July 21 | Parish Hall
6:30 pm / Refreshments & Fellowship | 7 pm / Session Talk
stambroseva.org/st-ambrose-summer-sessions



**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 | info@ambrosecouncil.org

WSA

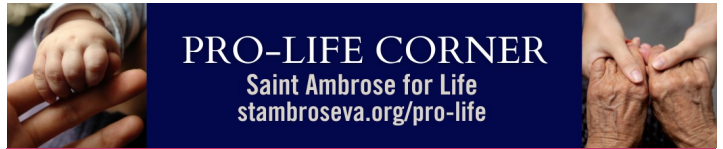
WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

Second Fridays | 9:30 am | Parish Hall
stambroseva.org/WSA
WSA@stambroseva.org



The aesthetic value of creation cannot be overlooked. Our very contact with nature has a deep restorative power; contemplation of its magnificence imparts peace and serenity. The Bible speaks again and again of the goodness and beauty of creation, which is called to glorify God.

- St. John Paul II (1990, Remarks for The World Day of Peace)



PRO-LIFE CORNER

Saint Ambrose for Life
stambroseva.org/pro-life

Diaper Drive Weekend: July 5 & 6

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), spring/summer clothing (newborn - 6), Similac Advance formula, wipes, bibs.** To donate other items, please see stambroseva.org/pro-life or contact The MaRiH Center, 703-370-4774, marih.org.

Rosary for Life | Wednesdays | Noon - 1 pm

Help + Hope + Healing

visit stambroseva.org/pro-life for more resources

Gabriel Project
helpforpregnantwomen.org
703-841-3810
info@h4pw.org

**Diocese of Arlington
Catholic Charities**
703-841-3830
www.cdda.net

Project Rachel
helpafterabortion.org
703-841-2504
Info@helpafterabortion.org

Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC) Action Alerts | vacatholic.org

Everyone is invited to celebrate a Mass & Rosary in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life with Bishop Burbidge on July 12th! Mass is at 8:30 am and the Rosary is immediately following on the public sidewalk at a local abortion facility. For questions and more information, please contact the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life at familylife@arlingtondiocese.org or call 703.841.2550.

Bishop Burbidge invites you to embark on a spiritual journey by participating in a special Holy Year Tour of eight designated holy sites within our diocese - a unique opportunity to pray throughout our diocese and receive a plenary indulgence by meeting certain conditions, such as prayer, reception of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For more details on the sacred sites, plenary indulgences, and the Holy Year 2025, visit arlingtondiocese.org/holy-year-2025.

Father – Son Day Hikes with Fr. Mike Summer 2025

16 July – Old Rag (9 miles / ~2,300 ft. elevation gain)

6 August – Raven Rocks (5 miles / ~1,500 ft. elevation gain)

- Each hike begins with 7 AM Mass at St. Ambrose.
- Bring a lunch and plenty of water.
- All parish dads and their sons (rising 5th - 12th grade) are welcome!

RSVP at least 3 weeks before each hike to frnugent@stambroseschool.org

- **National Park Service tickets are required for the Old Rag hike.**
- **Let us know as soon as you want to attend so we can secure tickets.**