

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 12, 2026 | Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Reverend John M. O'Donohue, 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 parish family.

PARISH OFFICE

Summer Hours | June 29 - August 17

Monday - Friday | 9 am - 1 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 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 home-bound for the Sacraments of Penance, the Eucharist & the Anointing of the Sick.



Mass Intentions Pray for people in need, 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. Please visit the Parish Office, Monday through Friday, with your request.

Devotional Candles for the St Ambrose Shrine in the Narthex may be purchased (\$4 donation per candle) during the week at the Parish Office or from the ushers before/after weekend Masses.

PARISHSOFT ONLINE GIVING

Our online giving platform is ParishSoft. Login at bit.ly/Parishsoft or use this QR code. —>

Your Faith Direct email and password remain the same for Parishsoft. Thank you for your generosity!



Need Parishsoft help? Use the QR codes below to access articles that will help answer some questions.



Common Questions



Creating/Editing Gifts



Managing My Giving

FAITH FORMATION

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

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

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

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

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
January - August 2026 | Defending Our Faith
Lee Cena, Facilitator

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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

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@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

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

Open to all women of the parish. Please RSVP/register/order the study materials at stambroseva.org/WWP

Youth Group

Lissie Torres, Youth Minister
703-280-4400 | YM@sstambroseva.org
stambroseva.org/YouthGroup

Welcome
Father O'Donohue!



Welcome Coffee & Donuts
after 8 & 10 am Masses
Sunday, July 12 | Parish Hall

Saint
Ambrose
Catholic Church
Annandale, VA



K-8 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

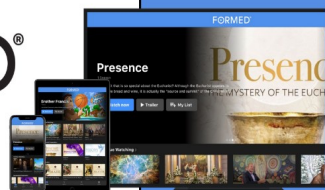
2026-27 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
bit.ly/RE2026-27Registration



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ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	July 13: Wkdy; St. Henry Terry Cassell † Margaret Dominguez
Tuesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	July 14: USA; St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin Maria Moy Kay O'Malley †
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	July 15: Wkdy; St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Hoge Sutherland † Ma Lourdes Calayag †
Thursday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	July 16: Wkdy; Our Lady of Mount Carmel Richard S. Kem † Margaret Dominguez †
Friday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	July 17: Weekday Eva Sanchez Ann Kem †
Saturday 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	July 18: Wkdy; USA: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest; BVM Frank Nicewicz † Harry & Patricia Burke †
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m.	July 19: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ken Dinger † People of the Parish Katherine M. Kem Janice Jones †

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

August 7 | 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, Vivian L. 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, Michelle Seoane, Fr. Spychala, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Lilian Yetman

+ For the Deceased of St. Ambrose +

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

For Our Bishop and Clergy

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

For the Holy Father's Intentions

O God, the shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look upon your servant, Pope Leo, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may edify those over whom he has charge, so that, together with the flock entrusted to him, he may reach everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” - Mt 13:23

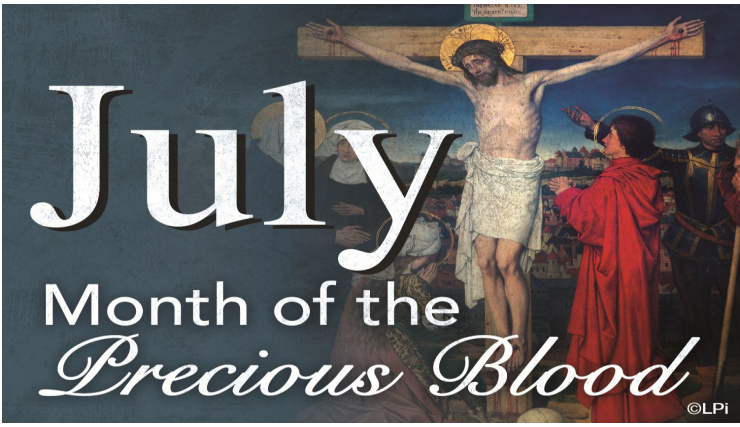
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“He became what we are so that he might make us what he is.”
- Saint Athanasius

LILY OF THE MOHAWKS

“
LOOK AT THIS
CROSS; OH! HOW
BEAUTIFUL IT IS!
IT HAS BEEN MY
WHOLE HAPPINESS
DURING MY LIFE,
AND I ADVISE YOU
ALSO TO MAKE
IT YOURS.
”

- ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA



The Mission Cooperative Plan (MCP) program selects Catholic organizations from around the world who are then invited to the Diocese of Arlington to share with parishioners the nature of their mission.

This weekend, our Second Collection supports the annual Mission Cooperative Plan Appeal. Our parish mission organization is **Institute of the Incarnate Word** (<https://arlingtonmissions.org/mission/ive-america-institute-of-the-incarnate-word/>). This appeal helps our brothers and sisters who do not have access to basic pastoral services that support and grow their faith, like Mass, the sacraments, religious education as well as basic needs like food, shelter, and healthcare. You can support these efforts through this week's Second Collection. *If donating by check, please make your check payable to our parish and put "MCP" in the memo line.* Through your support, the MCP Appeal helps these mission organizations form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the global Church. Please be generous. Your gifts and prayers will be a blessing to families who benefit from this loving outreach in mission countries.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS CHANGE
Please note the new schedule

Summer Hours
Monday, June 29 - Friday, August 14, 2026 | 9 am - 1 pm

Fall/Winter/Spring Hours
Begin Monday, August 17, 2026 | 8:30 am - 3:30 pm



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS

Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce

San Damiano Spiritual Life Center, White Post, VA
September 11-13, 2026
Early Bird through July 31: \$420
Regular Price August 1-September 10: \$460

*"This retreat has been without a doubt the most validating investment of my time, energy, and resources that I've experienced since I began my healing journey. To anyone on the fence like I was...
Come. Be made new."*

arlingtondiocese.org/healingretreat
familylife@arlingtondiocese.org
703.841.2550

LET'S DO LUNCH!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for SUMMER CAMP STAFF LUNCHES
June 8 - August 6

DETAILS & SIGN UP: bit.ly/summercamplunch2026

St. Ambrose Men's Group Summer 2026

9 May
23 May
13 June
27 June
11 July
25 July
8 August
22 August

- Coffee, conversation, prayer & formation in the parish hall, 7:00 - 8:30 AM
- Every** 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, every month
- Confessions available at 6:30 AM in the Church
- Hang out with other dudes in our parish and Fr. Nugent

*VIVE * JÉSUS!
VOILA CE CŒUR QUI A TANT AIMÉ LES HOMMES
IL N'EST QU'AMOUR ET MISÉRICORDIE!*

Join the group chat here to stay connected!



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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



WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE
Second Fridays | 9:30 am | Parish Hall
stambroseva.org/WSA
WSA@stambroseva.org



ST. AMBROSE

DUAL LANGUAGE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHAT SETS OUR SCHOOL APART?

- Strong academics
- Small class sizes
- Dual Language Program (Spanish & English): PreK through 3rd grade
- A warm, connected school community
- Faith at the center

SCAN ME



Spaces still available for 26-27 school year!
Join a faith-filled school community where children are known, challenged, and loved.



USHERS NEEDED
emailushers@stambroseva.org

Garden + Grounds Club

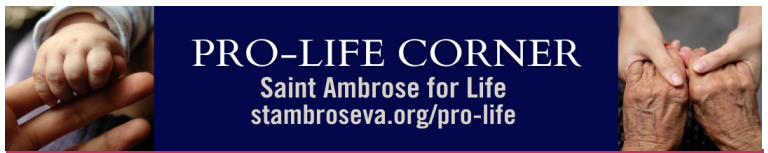
[BIT.LY/STAMBROSEGGC](http://bit.ly/stambroseggc)

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



ALTAR SOCIETY

bit.ly/stambrosealtarsociety



PRO-LIFE CORNER

Saint Ambrose for Life
stambroseva.org/pro-life

Diaper Drive Weekend: August 1 + 2

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 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 vacatholic.org/



To protect human life & the truth about marriage

CATHOLICS



NO

on the

"Virginia Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment" and
"Virginia Remove Constitutional Same-Sex Marriage Ban Amendment"



Join the Catholic Diocese of Arlington in protecting human life and upholding the truth about marriage. The "Catholics Vote No" campaign invites you to pledge to vote no on the proposed Virginia constitutional amendments on abortion and marriage from September 18 through November 3, 2026.

Visit catholicsvoteno.com or arlingtondiocese.org/vote to learn more, access campaign resources, and pledge to vote.

JUBILEE YEAR OF

St. Francis of Assisi



JAN 10, 2026 - JAN 10, 2027



July 6 | *Christopher Columbus*

Robert Royal, PhD
EWTN | President, Faith & Reason Institute
Washington, DC



July 13 | *St. Elizabeth Seton: First American-Born Saint*

Rev. Carroll Oubre, Parochial Vicar
St. Luke Catholic Church, McLean, VA



July 27 | *Servant of God Fr. Vincent Capodanno*

Rev. Daniel Mode, U.S. Navy Captain
Force Chaplain, Naval Sea Systems Command
Washington, DC



- St. Ambrose Parish Hall
- 6:30 pm | Social Time & Smorgasbord
- 7 pm | Presentation
- bit.ly/summersessions2026

