

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 20, 2025 | Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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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 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.

FAITH DIRECT

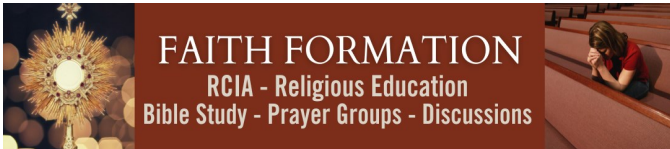
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect or scan the QR code.



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



FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Religious Education
Bible Study - Prayer Groups - Discussions

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

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YOUTH MINISTRY



ST. AMBROSE YOUTH MINISTRY

SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL HANGOUTS!

FOOD + DRINKS + GAMES + SPORTS

6 - 8 PM | JULY 20 | AUGUST 10

PARISH HALL / SCHOOL GYM



2025-26
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
ST. AMBROSE PARISH
BIT.LY/REREGISTRATION2025-26

Stewardship Reflection

"...I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God." COLOSSIANS 1:25

We are all called to evangelize – to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel. Our faith is more attractive to others by our actions than by our words alone. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith through our actions and words, especially with those closest to us, like our family, friends, and neighbors. Pray for the courage to joyfully express your faith the next time the opportunity arises.



LET'S DO LUNCH!

Volunteer to make lunch for Summer Camp staff

June 2 - August 1



Sign up: bit.ly/summercamlunch

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	July 21: Wkdy; St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church
7:00 a.m.	Bob Eckert †
9:00 a.m.	Mrs. Habert †
Tuesday	July 22: St. Mary Magdalene
7:00 a.m.	Bob Eckert †
9:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
Wednesday	July 23: Wkdy; St. Bridget, Religious
7:00 a.m.	A. Edwin Wilson †
9:00 a.m.	Magdalena Geonanga
Thursday	July 24: Wkdy; St. Sharbel MakhluF, Priest
7:00 a.m.	Vanessa
9:00 a.m.	Anonymous Donor
Friday	July 25: St. James, Apostle
7:00 a.m.	William Wilson †
9:00 a.m.	Michael Derrick
Saturday	July 26: Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 a.m.	Josephine Bourgeois †
5:00 p.m.	Kathryn Bronec †
Sunday	July 27: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	William & Edna Pyne †
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:00 p.m.	Sonja Galliani †
5:00 p.m.	Marjorie Derrick †

Eucharistic Adoration ~ Friday, August 1, 2025

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, 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

Jul 21	Rev. William M. Aitcheson (Ret.)
Jul 22	CH (COL) Eric J. Albertson
Jul 23	Rev. Ramon A. Baez
Jul 24	Rev. James S. Barkett
Jul 25	Rev. Nicholas R. Barnes
Jul 26	Rev. Brian G. Bashista
Jul 27	Rev. Michael J. Bazan.

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42

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Journey of Faith: a Musical Tribute to Mother Teresa

Featuring the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

Saturday, September 6, 2025, 8 pm

Don't miss this moving celebration of compassion, courage, and community! Following a triumphant Carnegie Hall debut, *Journey of Faith: A Musical Tribute to Mother Teresa* comes to the Music Center at Strathmore for one night only! Find inspiration and encouragement in the extraordinary life of Mother Teresa through powerful music performed by the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, led by renowned conductor Dante Anzolini, and featuring soprano Catherine Wethington, baritone Sean Michael Plumb, and a professional caliber Tribute Chorale. To purchase tickets, visit <https://www.strathmore.org/events-tickets/in-the-music-center/journey-of-faith-a-musical-tribute-to-mother-teresa/>

WE ARE HIRING JOIN US

**Early Childhood Educator
St. Ambrose Dual Language School**

Apply now! <https://bit.ly/stambroseearlyeducator>



Breakfast & BLESSINGS

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

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

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 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.



Feast Day - July 26
STS. JOACHIM & ANNE



Saint Ambrose
 Catholic Church
 Annandale, VA



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

**Back to School Rosary with Knights of Columbus
Sunday, August 17 | After 5 pm Mass**

Join us to pray for all students in the area returning to school.
. No sign up necessary.



WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

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

Movie, Pot Luck & Book Talk

Sunday, August 10 | 1 - 3 pm | Parish Hall

The Women of Saint Ambrose are hosting a film screening of *Cabrini* (2024/PG13), with a potluck lunch during the movie. Following the film, local author Dawn Beutner will briefly speak about her book, *All Things Are Possible: the Selected Writings of Mother Cabrini*. All are invited - no sign up necessary. Join us!



Garden + Grounds Club

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

2ND SATURDAY EACH MONTH
9:45 AM SCHOOL GYM ENTRANCE



KNITTING GROUP

Fourth Tuesday of the Month
After 9 am Mass | Parish Library
bit.ly/knittinggroup



Widows Fellowship

Saint Paula Society

THIRD THURSDAYS | 7 - 9 PM | bit.ly/saintpaula

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Saint Ambrose for Life
stambroseva.org/pro-life



Diaper Drive Weekend: August 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), 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

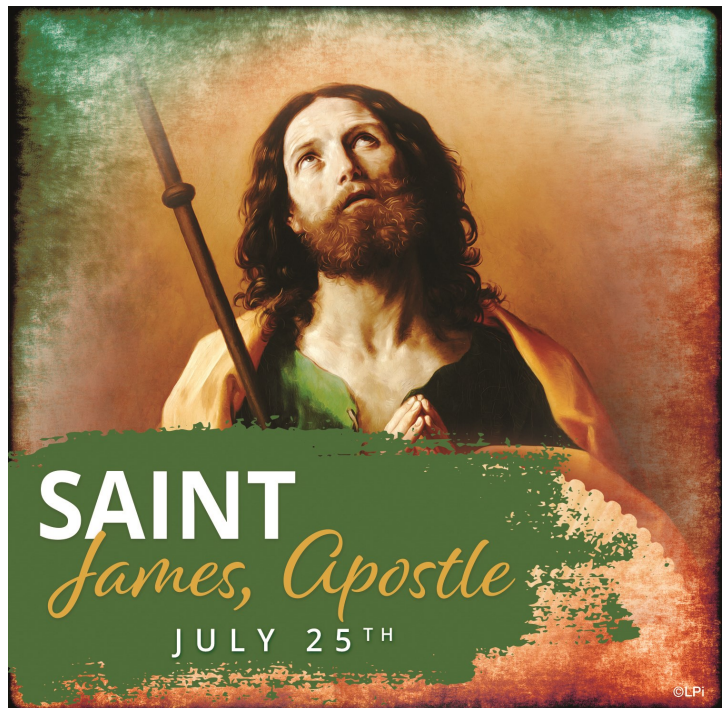
Diocese of Arlington Catholic Charities
703-841-3830
www.cdda.net

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

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

Diocesan Holy Year of Hope Hotline

As we journey through this Holy Year of Hope, we invite you to be a beacon of light and encouragement. Call us on the Holy Year Hope Hotline, 703-778-9100, and share your personal messages and stories of hope. Your words may be featured in the Walk Humbly Podcasts throughout the year - uplifting others in both joyful moments and challenging times. By sharing your story, you're offering a gift to the community - a reminder that no one is alone, and that hope lives in all of us. Let's inspire one another with hope.



SAINT

James, Apostle

JULY 25TH

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