

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 26, 2026 | Seventeenth 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

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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.** —>

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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

August 24 - June 7 | 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

August 23 - June 6 | Grades K-12 | 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 | 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

Wednesdays | 7 pm | Parish Hall | Topic/Dates TBA
Julia Waterman, Coordinator | email: wwp@stambrorechool.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

Holy Hours for Young Professionals at St. Ambrose

Confessions
Silence
Praise & Worship

7 - 8 PM

28 July | 21 Aug | 25 Sep
23 Oct | 17 Nov | 15 Dec



CALLED: A Conference for Young Adults Young Adults ages 19-35 are invited to CALLED: A Conference for Young Adults on Saturday, September 19, from 1:30-9:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Reston. Join hundreds of young adults from across the Diocese for an inspiring afternoon and evening featuring keynote speakers, breakout sessions, opportunities for Confession, Mass with Bishop Burbidge, dinner, live music, salsa dancing lessons, and authentic Catholic community. Early Bird registration is open July 1 - August 31 for only \$50. Contact our parish young adult ministry for a \$10 discount code, or register and learn more at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/called

PRAY FOR MORE VOCATIONS

**"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."
(Matthew 13:44)**

Discernment is the process of discovering the treasure God has placed in your life, your unique calling and purpose. It requires prayer, reflection, and openness to God's guidance, helping you recognize where He is leading you, whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony. Take time to seek His wisdom, trusting that the joy of finding His treasure is worth every effort. If you feel a stirring desire to follow God's path, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 703-841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	July 27: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Ken Dinger †
9:00 a.m.	William & Edna Pyne †
Tuesday	July 28: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Mike Hobiana †
9:00 a.m.	Robert J. Kern
Wednesday	July 29: Wkdy; Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus
7:00 a.m.	Ken Dinger †
9:00 a.m.	Molly and Shea McIlvaine
Thursday	July 30: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Ken Dinger †
9:00 a.m.	Isabel Hope Atienza
Friday	July 31: Wkdy; St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
7:00 a.m.	Terry Cassell †
9:00 a.m.	Jacob Joseph Atienza
Saturday	August 1: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
9:00 a.m.	Brendan and Patrick Huvane †
5:00 p.m.	Norah Grace Atienza
Sunday	August 2: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Jan Koldys †
10:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
12:00 noon	People of the Parish
5:00 p.m.	Henriette Hoa Le †

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.



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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SAVE THE DATES!

Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study

10 am - Noon | September 16 - March 3 | Parish Hall

Topics

- **Mary, A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother**
8 weeks. Dr. Edward Sri
- **Wisdom: God's Vision for Life"**
8 weeks. Jeff Cavins & Thomas Smith
- **Lenten Study: Selected Homilies**
4 weeks. Fr. Mike Schmitz

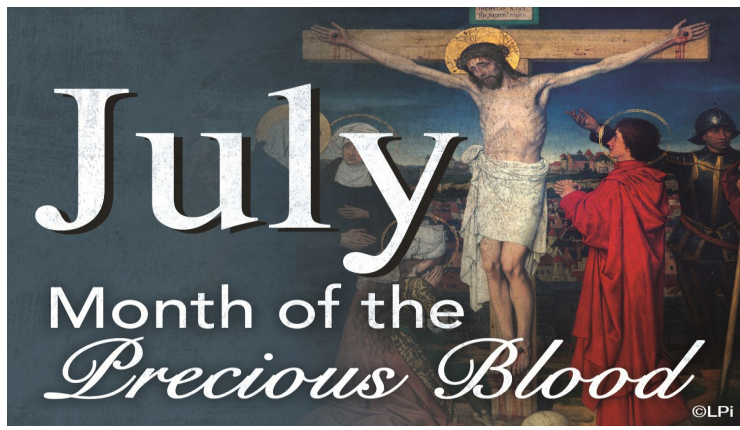
For more information, please visit stambroseva.org/biblestudy

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In honor of the Franciscan Jubilee Year, the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist are inviting all young adults on a pilgrimage retreat to Rome and Assisi! What a special time to be visiting the "land of Francis" and the "heart of the Church"! The pilgrimage retreat will be from October 3 to October 14, 2026. Due to limited spaces, please register by July 31. To register email: fsespilgrimages@ourfse.org



Searching for Jesus with St. Augustine
A Retreat for Men and Women

SILENT RETREAT
August 14-16
San Damiano Retreat Center

A brilliant and talented young man named Augustine found himself trapped in the world and chained by the pleasures of the flesh — a slave to sin. His restless search for Truth, Goodness, and Beauty led him to God; not merely in the world about him, but in the depths of his own soul. On this retreat we will consider St. Augustine's journey as He described it in his masterpiece, *Confessions*, and learn from his wisdom as we seek God with our own restless hearts

Retreat cost is \$299. Financial assistance may be available.
For more information or to register, please contact Father Riley:
retreat@sacredheartwinchester.org or visit ArlingtonDiocese.org/Retreat

Married Couples: Are you looking for something to liven up your relationship this summer? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience will give you all the tools for a better, strong, more loving marriage. For over 50 years, Worldwide Marriage Encounter has offered marriage-focused experiences that honor both the Sacrament of Marriage and of Holy Orders, now with the endorsement of the Vatican!

Upcoming experiences are:

- August 28-30, 2026 | Bristow, VA (lodging on your own)
- October 23-25, 2026 | Hampton, VA (lodging provided)
- November 6-8, 2026 | Emerald Isle, NC (lodging provided)
- February 12-14, 2027 | Waynesboro, VA (lodging provided)

For more information please call 757-690-1369 or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for your desired location.

Longest Married Couple Project. Do you know a couple that has been married for over 55 years? Nominate them now for recognition by Worldwide Married Encounter's Longest Married Couple Project. Just go to WWME.ORG and click on "Longest Married Couple" at the top to complete a short nomination form. Deadline is September 1.

St. Ambrose Summer Camp

LET'S DO LUNCH!

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

DETAILS & SIGN UP: bit.ly/summercamlunch2026



St. Ambrose School

Used Uniform Sale!

Sunday, July 26 | 9 am - 2 pm

Get the items you need to start school in the Fall!

Please drop off used uniform donations at the Parish Office by Thursday, July 23. Parish office hours are Monday through Friday between 9 am and 1 pm.

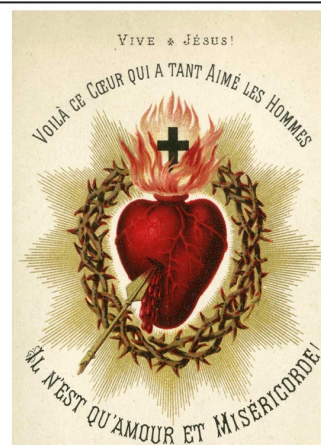
Volunteers are needed for set up, sales, and clean up. Please use this link to volunteer: <https://bit.ly/buyuseduniforms>

Pilgrimage of Grace:

Masses offered for Interior Peace for Those in Need

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you." (John 14:27)

The Office of Victim Assistance of the Diocese of Arlington warmly invites all to attend the Pilgrimage of Grace Mass on Saturday, August 1, at 9:00 am at Nativity Catholic Church in Burke, VA. This special Mass offers an opportunity to encounter Christ's healing presence and to pray for the gift of interior peace. Whether you are carrying grief, past hurts, or simply seeking spiritual renewal, you are welcome to join us in prayer.



**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



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

WSA

WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

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



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



USHERS NEEDED
email ushers@stambroseva.org

**Garden +
Grounds Club**

[BIT.LY/STAMBROSEGGC](https://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.ccda.net

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

Virginia Catholic Conference vacatholic.org/

Keys to Hope and Healing Virtual Groups

Groups are forming now for our Keys to Hope and Healing Virtual Groups! Come and learn more about healing after abortion from people who have been through it too and are ready to walk with you. Call us at 703.841.2504 or email info@helpafterabortion.org to learn more!

Memorial Mass for Father Vincent R. Capodanno, MM

The Mass will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, 3 September 2026, in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Avenue, Northeast, Washington, D.C. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, will be the principal celebrant. This annual Mass is celebrated in memory of Father Capodanno, killed in Vietnam on 4 September 1967, as he ministered to embattled Marines. Father Capodanno posthumously received the Medal of Honor, and in May 2006 the Catholic Church officially proclaimed him a Servant of God and thus formally initiated his Cause for Canonization. The Father Vincent Capodanno Guild is the only official organization established to promote the cause for canonization of Father Capodanno. For more information, visit www.CapodannoGuild.org. All are invited to attend the Memorial Mass on the 59th anniversary of his death. There will be open seating, so please plan to arrive early. Military members are encouraged to wear the uniform of the day, and business attire is appropriate for civilians.

Mornings of Mercy for Divorced Catholics

Divorced Catholics in the Diocese of Arlington are invited to join us at one of our Mornings of Mercy this year. Our Mornings of Mercy are times of prayer, adoration and fellowship with divorced Catholics from around the Diocese on the following dates and locations:

- August 8 at St. Timothy, Chantilly
- November 14 at St. Veronica, Chantilly

For more information and to RSVP for these free events, please go to arlingtondiocese.org/event/morningsofmercy.

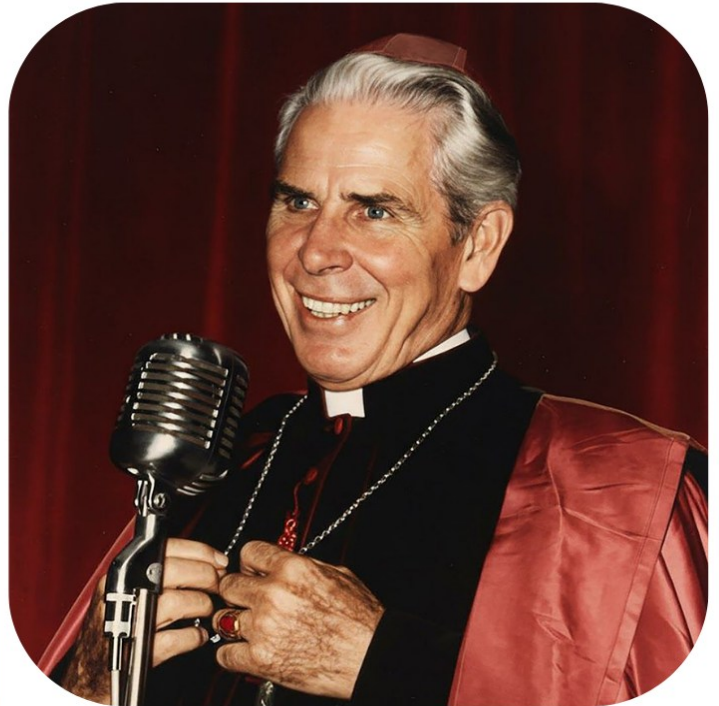


HELP US MAKE 1,000 ROSARIES FOR THE BEATIFICATION CEREMONY OF ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

The St. Ambrose Rosary Makers Group is joining the national effort to support the Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen by making World Mission Rosaries. This unique rosary design was created by Archbishop Sheen himself.

We hope St Ambrose Parish can add 1,000 rosaries to this project in order to have 75,000 rosaries ready to distribute to attendees at the Beatification, Mass on September 24, 2026 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Learn more about the World Mission Rosary project at bit.ly/makerosaries



How can I help?

- Come and join us at the next Rosary Makers meeting on Tuesday, August 4 in the Parish Library after the 9 am Mass. We'll show you how to make the rosaries - and you can pick up the needed supplies.
- Pray we can be successful in this effort and that the work of Archbishop Sheen continues.

stambroseva.org/rosarymakers