

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 27, 2025 | Seventeenth 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 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

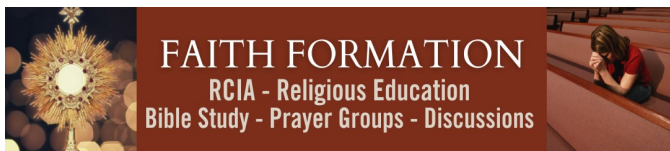
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect or scan the QR code.



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 | AUGUST 10

PARISH HALL / SCHOOL GYM



REGISTER NOW!

2025-26

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ST. AMBROSE PARISH

BIT.LY/REREGISTRATION2025-26

St. Ambrose Summer Spectacular

featuring

THE GREAT ZUCCHINI

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 11AM

Bring the whole family for a morning of laughter, wonder, and unforgettable fun — perfect for kids of all ages (and their grown-ups!).



FREE FAMILY EVENT!



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	July 28: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Bob Eckert †
9:00 a.m.	Cathy Hudgins †
Tuesday	July 29: Martha, Mary, & Lazarus
7:00 a.m.	Molly & Shea McIlvaine
9:00 a.m.	Natalie Habert †
Wednesday	July 30: Wkdy; St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
7:00 a.m.	Bob Eckert †
9:00 a.m.	Jacob Joseph Atienza
Thursday	July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
7:00 a.m.	Susan Lawless †
9:00 a.m.	Nora Grace Atienza
Friday	August 1: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
7:00 a.m.	Isabel Hope Atienza
9:00 a.m.	For victims of abuse, for Healing of the Church, and for Holiness of Clergy
Saturday	August 2: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest; BVM
9:00 a.m.	Henrietta Hoa Le †
5:00 p.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
Sunday	August 3: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Mary Kelley †
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:00 noon	Jan Koldys †
5:00 p.m.	Thomas Cote †

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 28	Rev. Bryan W. Belli
Jul 29	Rev. Jonathan A. Bennett
Jul 30	Rev. Kevin J. Beres
Jul 31	Rev. Paul A. Berghout
Aug 1	Rev. Joseph D. Bergida
Aug 2	Rev. Dort A. Bigg
Aug 3	Rev. Joseph P. Biniek

† For the repose of the soul of *Patrick William Donahoe* †



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." - Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8

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50th Anniversary Celebration of the Canonization of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton September 12–14, 2025 | Emmitsburg, MD

Join us for a weekend of faith, music, history, and community as we celebrate the first American-born saint and the legacy she continues to inspire. In her years on earth, she experienced the very human emotions of joy, pain, grief, empathy, compassion, and devotion to God. She lived her life in celebration of Him and focused her energy on just causes. She demonstrated the ability to organize, persevere, and overcome hardships while creating a community of religious women, who endure and still carry out her legacy of service to the poor. Visit the anniversary website for details: setonshrine.org/fifty



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Breakfast & BLESSINGS

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


St. Ambrose Parish Mom's Night Out

Wednesday | 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


CHURCH CONSTRUCTION DEBT REDUCTION

To complete the new church, the parish took out a loan of \$2.9M from the diocese. The loan has not been amortized yet. Details are available at 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 electronic giving, a debt reduction line item has been added to Faith Direct - use the QR code to access Faith Direct.




POPSICLES WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Get to know us while enjoying some delicious treats!



THURSDAY, JULY 24 AT 10:30 AM
TUESDAY, JULY 29 AT 10:30 AM



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

USED UNIFORM SALE

SALE SALE SALE

TODAY!
7/27



Shop Now

Parish Hall 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Obedience and Spiritual Union – “Let it be Done Unto Me”

In this women's silent retreat, we will consider the secret to true Obedience; a disposition of Receptivity. Meditating on the nature of a woman's receptive power, we will explore how the feminine gifts of Empathy, Intuition, and Adaptability enable us to listen more deeply in prayer, and to achieve spiritual union, not only with our spouses, but with Jesus Himself.

Mary Stanford, a Professor at Christendom College and author of *The Obedience Paradox: Finding True Freedom in Marriage*, will lead this retreat at the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia. Father John Riley, Spiritual Director at the center will serve those gathering with daily Mass and opportunities for confession. This retreat begins at 6 pm Friday September 19th and concludes Sunday 21st at noon. Retreat cost is \$299, and financial assistance may be available. For further information, please contact Father John Riley at: john.riley@arlingtondiocese.org For more information about San Damiano and retreats being offered in the months ahead, please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat



**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 the 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.

WSA
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

After Abortion Retreats: A Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025. These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and in Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model (2 separate retreats, in 1 location). There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: email info@helpafterabortion.org or call 703-841-2504.

USHERS NEEDED

email ushers@stambroseva.org

The Diocese of Arlington Life Giving Wounds Retreat is a 3-day retreat for adult children of divorce to start their journey of healing. The retreat focuses on discovering our identity as children of God, although it also focuses on overcoming the effects of parental divorce, forgiving our parents, and connecting with others from this background. From September 8 to September 10, the weekend includes presentations, small group sharing, adoration, spiritual direction, and Mass. The early bird price is \$400 through August 8th and \$450 after. For more information and to register today go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/healingretreat or email Alexander Wolfe at alex@lifegivingwounds.org.

Journey of Faith: a Musical Tribute to Mother Teresa

Featuring the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra
Saturday, September 6, 2025, 8pm

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/>