

# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 10, 2025 | Nineteenth 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**

703-698-7171 | [stambroseschool.org](http://stambroseschool.org) | [info@stambroseschool.org](mailto:info@stambroseschool.org)

3901 WOODBURN ROAD | ANNANDALE, VA 22003 | 703-280-4400 | [STAMBROSEVA.ORG](http://STAMBROSEVA.ORG)



### 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  
3901 Woodburn Road | Annandale, VA 22030  
703-280-4400 | [stambroseva.org](mailto:stambroseva.org)  
email: [dvasilakos@stambroseva.org](mailto:dvasilakos@stambroseva.org)

#### CLERGY

**Reverend Andrew J. Fisher, Pastor**  
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[tonyapia50@yahoo.com](mailto:tonyapia50@yahoo.com)

**Ted Devlin, Permanent Deacon**  
[tdevlin@stambroseva.org](mailto:tdevlin@stambroseva.org)

#### STAFF

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**Shelley Locke, Director of Youth Ministry & Religious Education**  
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**Alfonso Dominguez, Plant & Facilities Manager**  
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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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect) or scan the QR code.

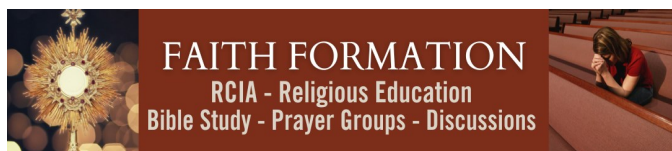


## PARISH MINISTRIES

Visit [stambroseva.org](http://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!

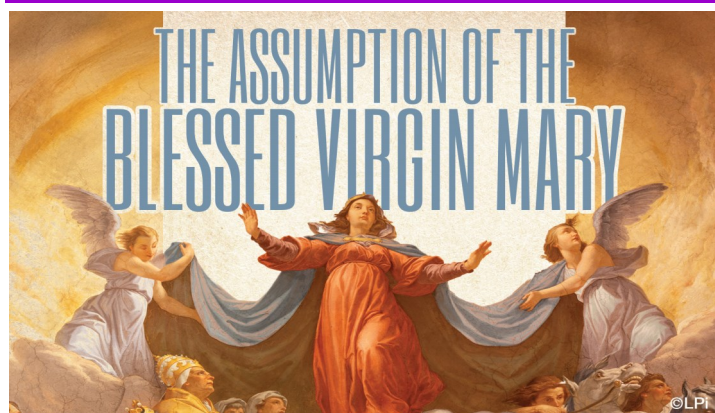
FOOD + DRINKS + GAMES + SPORTS

6 - 8 PM | AUGUST 10

PARISH HALL / SCHOOL GYM



**St. Ambrose Religious Ed is seeking Catechists for the 2025-26 school year. Interested? Please contact Shelley Locke, Director of Religious Education, slocke@stambroseva.org**



*Holy Day of Obligation*

Masses

Thursday, August 14 | 7:30 pm (Vigil)

Friday, August 15 | 7 & 9 am, 7:30 pm





## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>August 11: St. Clare, Virgin</b> Msgr. William T. Reinecke ✠ Josephine Bourgeois ✠
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>August 12: Wkdy; St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious</b> John Joseph Galles ✠ Michael Derrick
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>August 13: Sts. Pontian, Pope, &amp; Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs</b> Frederick Koester ✠ All Immigrants
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	<b>August 14: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest &amp; Martyr</b> Frederick Koester ✠ Unity of Christians Edith Ester Sims ✠
<b>Friday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	<b>August 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> People of the Parish Margaret Dominguez ✠ John Dohrman ✠
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	<b>August 16: Wkdy; St. Stephen of Hungary; BVM</b> Souls in Purgatory ✠ Fr. Bergida
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m.	<b>August 17: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Salvation of Souls Dying Today ✠ Rev. Edwin T. Tewes ✠ People of the Parish Natalie Habert ✠

### 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

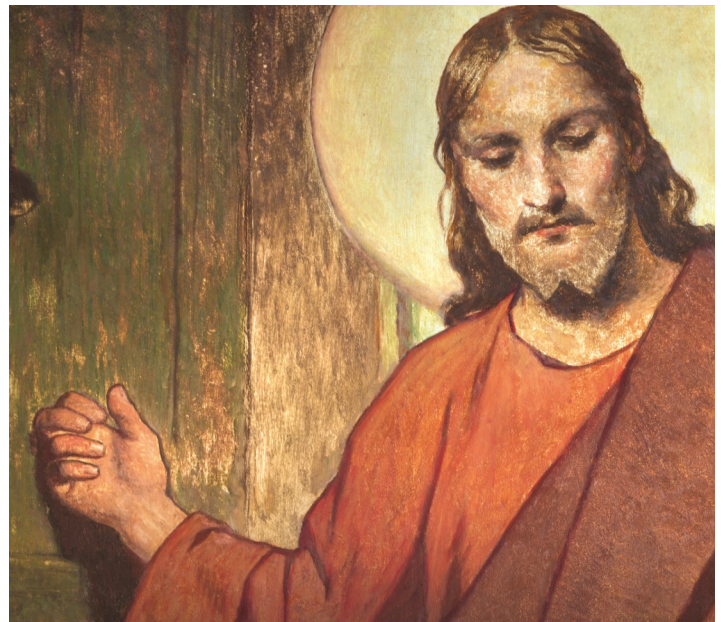
### For the Sick

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 Respuesto, 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

Aug 11	Rev. Jason C. Burchell, LT, CHC, USN
Aug 12	Rev. Richard T. Carr
Aug 13	Rev. Mark F. Carrier
Aug 14	Rev. Christopher P. Christensen
Aug 15	Rev. Msgr. Robert C. Cilinski
Aug 16	Rev. Andrew W. Clark
Aug 17	Rev. Peter J. Clem

✠ For the Deceased of St. Ambrose ✠



## 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Lk 12:39-40



## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SAINTHOOD 1975-2025

<https://setonshrine.org/fifty/>

### 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Canonization of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Sunday, September 14, 2025

**The Seton Shrine, 339 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD**

You're invited to a Day of Joy to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Canonization of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton! Please join us as we prayerfully reflect on Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's extraordinary legacy and celebrate this momentous milestone.

### 11 am - Anniversary Mass

*The Most Reverend William E. Lori, Archbishop of Baltimore*

### 12:30 - 5 pm - Festival on the Grounds

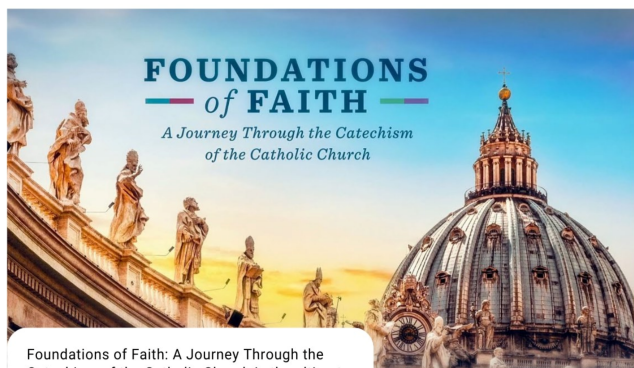
*Live Music & Performances, Interactive Presentation, Booths featuring 20+ American Saints on their way to canonization, Local Food Trucks, Closing Performance with Damascus Worship*

For details and updates, please visit the anniversary website [setonshrine.org/fifty/](https://setonshrine.org/fifty/)



# Adult Bible Study

SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 - APRIL 29, 2026  
WEDNESDAYS | 9:30 AM - SNACK | 10 - 11:30 AM - STUDY



## FOUNDATIONS of FAITH

*A Journey Through the Catechism  
of the Catholic Church*

Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church is the ultimate way for you to encounter the wisdom of the Catechism and deepen your understanding of the Catholic Faith.

This dynamic, video-based program is filmed across 40 locations in 11 countries on 4 continents—taking you to the places where our faith was explained and clarified by Church councils, the Church doctors, and the saints.

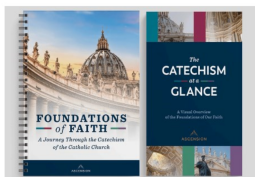
Led by renowned educators such as Dr. Edward Sri, Jeff Cavins, Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Fr. Mike Schmitz, and others, this comprehensive study walks you through the Catechism from beginning to end, unpacking its rich insights and showing you how to apply them to your daily life. Over 20 powerful sessions, you'll explore the core beliefs of the Catholic Faith, discover the historic ecumenical councils, unfold the biblical context of the Catechism, and deepen your understanding of God's plan for your life.

For more information, contact

- Mary DeSantis
- Mary.t.desantis@verizon.net

Order program study materials at

- [stambroseva.org/BibleStudy](http://stambroseva.org/BibleStudy)



**"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."**

**Saint Maximilian Kolbe  
Feast Day | August 14**

### 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 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 19 and concludes Sunday September 21 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](mailto:john.riley@arlingtondiocese.org) For more information about San Damiano and retreats being offered in the months ahead, please visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat)

## 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!**



### Stewardship Reflection

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." LUKE 12:34  
Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

**Catholic Charities St. Martin de Porres Senior Center (SMdP)** is looking for volunteers with various opportunities. SMdP provides services to prevent isolation of seniors and promote their wellness, happiness, and independence. Volunteers are needed for breakfast and lunch; activities, arts and crafts, exercise instructor, computer/tech instructors, nutritionist, and more opportunities listed online at <https://www.cdda.net/seniorservices>. Center hours are Monday-Friday from 9:00 am - 1:30 pm. Flexible schedules based on availability. SMdP is located at 4650 Taney Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304. Please contact

### 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](http://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.







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Columbus®**

### ST. AMBROSE COUNCIL 8403

Business Meeting | 2nd Tuesday | 7:30 pm  
Social Meeting + Dinner | 4th Tuesday | 7 pm  
Parish Library  
[ambrosecouncil.org](http://ambrosecouncil.org) | [info@ambrosecouncil.org](mailto: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](http://stambroseva.org/WSA)  
[WSA@stambroseva.org](mailto: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/STAMBROSEGCC](https://bit.ly/stambrosegcc)

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](https://bit.ly/knittinggroup)



Widows Fellowship

### Saint Paula Society

THIRD THURSDAYS | 7 - 9 PM | [bit.ly/saintpaula](https://bit.ly/saintpaula)

### PRO-LIFE CORNER

Saint Ambrose for Life  
[stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life)

### Diaper Drive Weekend: September 6 & 7

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](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) or contact The MaRiH Center, 703-370-4774, [marih.org](http://marih.org).

### Rosary for Life | Wednesdays | Noon - 1 pm

### Help + Hope + Healing

visit [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) for more resources

**Gabriel Project**  
[helpforpregnantwomen.org](http://helpforpregnantwomen.org)  
703-841-3810  
[info@h4pw.org](mailto:info@h4pw.org)

**Diocese of Arlington  
Catholic Charities**  
703-841-3830  
[www.cdda.net](http://www.cdda.net)

**Project Rachel**  
[helpafterabortion.org](http://helpafterabortion.org)  
703-841-2504  
[info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org)

Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC) Action Alerts | [vacatholic.org](http://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](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org) or call 703-841-2504.

**Project Rachel After Abortion Care** is hosting a series of Drop-In Virtual Zoom Meetings: We understand that healing after abortion can be a complex and deeply personal journey. If you have experienced abortion and are seeking confidential support and insight into the healing process, we invite you to join our virtual drop-in sessions in a safe space with no commitments, no homework, and no pressure... Upcoming dates @ 5 pm: August 14, September 11. Interested? Contact us today: 703-841-2504 or [info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org)

### USHERS NEEDED

email [ushers@stambroseva.org](mailto:ushers@stambroseva.org)

### 10th Annual Mass Honoring Military and First Responders

Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292 and Fr. Walter F. Malloy Assembly #1894 will host the 10th Annual Mass Honoring Military and First Responders at 11 am on Sunday, September 14, 2025, at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Blenheim Blvd, Fairfax, VA. Most Reverend Michael Burbidge will be the Main Celebrant and Homilist. All members of the military, law enforcement, and fire & rescue are cordially invited to attend this Mass in dress uniform with their families. A luncheon will follow in the school gym. For more information, please contact David Todd, Jr. at [djtoddjr@gmail.com](mailto:djtoddjr@gmail.com).