

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 16, 2026
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

PARISH SCHEDULE

MASS

Sunday

8 am, 10 am, Noon, 5 pm

Monday - Friday

7 am, 9 am

Saturday

9 am, 5 pm (Vigil)

Holy Days

As announced

CONFESSION

Saturday

9:30 am, 3-4 pm

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Saturday

After 9 am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday

9:30 am - 7 pm

PARISH CLERGY

Reverend John M. O'Donohue, Pastor

Reverend Michael T. Nugent, Parochial Vicar

Reverend Anthony Appiah, In Residence

Deacon Ted Devlin

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SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

703-698-7171 | stambroseschool.org

SAINT AMBROSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

571-640-9938 | stambroseva.org/RE

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WELCOME!

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Bulletin Deadline: 14 days prior to the desired Sunday publication date. Please send the request to bulletin@stambroseva.org



Whether you're an active parishioner, a visitor, looking to come home to the Catholic Church or seeking God and answers to the questions of daily life, we invite you to come and be a part of our growing parish family.

Explore and discover all our parish ministries, programs and special events. Experience the beauty of our church. We invite you to share the great gift of faith in Jesus Christ, handed down to us from the apostles through the Catholic Church. Welcome to St. Ambrose!

Parish Membership Parish registration forms are available at the Parish Office and online at stambroseva.org/registration. Please notify the office of any changes to your information (phone number, address, temporary absence, etc.) Parish membership is necessary for Baptism, Matrimony, or Sponsor Forms. To obtain a Sponsor Form, you must be a registered/participating member of the Parish for at least three months.



Baptism: First-time expectant parents must attend an instruction class prior to the Sacrament of Baptism. Contact the Parish Office to make the necessary arrangements. Baptisms are usually celebrated on Sundays following the Noon Mass. stambroseva.org/baptism

Matrimony: Registered parishioners who wish to be married at St. Ambrose or be prepared for marriage in another parish, must - by Diocesan policy - begin the required preparation at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date. Contact the Parish Office. stambroseva.org/marriage

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 Mass.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): The process for individuals to inquire, learn, and grow in the Catholic Faith and prepare for full communion in the Catholic Church. Contact the Director of Religious Education, DRE@stambroseva.org

Sick Calls: Contact the Parish Office to schedule visits to the sick and/or homebound for the Sacraments of Penance, the Eucharist and the Anointing of the Sick.

GIVING



ParishSOFT

You can automatically send your parish contributions through an online recurring ParishSOFT account. Visit bit.ly/Parishsoft



Common Questions



Create/Edit Gifts



Manage My Giving

INTENTIONS

MASSES

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

Weekday

7 am Ken Dinger +

9 am Rev. Edwin T. Tewes +

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

Weekday

7 am Ellen Payne Merriman and Josh Merriman

9 am Mrs. Veronica Thompson +

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

Weekday / St. John Eudes, Priest

7 am Jean Oliver

9 am Margaret Dominguez +

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

Weekday / St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

7 am Ms. Hang Tran

9 am Val Krzeminski

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

Weekday / St. Pious X, Pope

7 am Miss Ashley (Bayla) Lorinsky +

9 am John M. Barry +

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9 am Margaret Dominguez +

5 pm Helen and Michael Gemmell +

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am Harry and Patricia Burke +

10 am Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Miyako Hawkins +

12 pm Jeanette Hume Bullock +

5 pm People of the Parish

- To request Masses, please visit the Parish Office, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am -3:30 pm.
- Devotional candles may be purchased during Parish Office hours, or from the ushers before/after weekend Masses.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

September 7 | 9:30 am - 7:00 pm (Benediction)

During the week before Adoration, sign up in the binder in the Narthex or call the Parish Office at 703-280-4400.



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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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, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Lilian Yetman

FOR OUR BISHOP & 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 DECEASED OF ST. AMBROSE

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

LEARN & GROW



ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL

Dr. Aránzazu Ascunce, Principal | stambroseschool.org

Announcements/News

- **Adopt a Student.** Gifts of **\$25–\$5,000** help provide after-school clubs, uniforms, classroom resources, and tuition assistance. Learn more: stambroseschool.org/adopt-a-student
- **Volunteers Welcome!** Share your gifts & become part of our Knight family.
- **Pray for our students & faculty** as we prepare for a joyful new school year.
- We're actively enrolling for **Grades 2-8**. Tours are available. Call the office to schedule!



ST. AMBROSE K-8 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Jennifer Wyse, Director of Religious Education | stambroseva.org/RE
August - June | Sundays | 8:45 - 9:45 am | School

Announcements/News

- **REGISTER NOW** at stambroseva.org/RE —→
- Classes start on **August 23, 2026**.



HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

Lissie Torres, Youth Minister | stambroseva.org/YouthGroup
August- June | Sundays | 8:45-9:45 am OR 6 - 8 pm | School

Announcements/News

- **REGISTER NOW** at stambroseva.org/RE
- Classes start on **August 23, 2026**.
- We are following an alternating schedule of Catechetical Instruction on Sundays from 8:45 - 9:45 am one week and Fellowship on Sundays from 6-8 pm the next.
- Join us on Signal: bit.ly/YouthGroupSignal



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

Jennifer Wyse, Director of Religious Education | stambroseva.org/OCIA
August - June | Mondays | 7 - 8 pm | Parish Hall

Announcements/News

- Join us for an information session on **August 17, 2026** at 7 pm in the Parish Hall.
- Classes start on **August 24, 2026**.
- **COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM** at stambroseva.org/OCIA

MINISTRIES & GROUPS

ADULT & YOUTH CHOIRS

stambroseva.org/music-choirs

ALTAR SOCIETY

stambroseva.org/altarsociety

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

stambroseva.org/berereavement

BIBLE STUDIES

stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

CHRIST HOUSE MONTHLY MEALS

stambroseva.org/christhouse

GARDEN & GROUNDS CLUB

stambroseva.org/GnGClub

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

stambroseva.org/youthgroup

INTERCESSORY PRAYER TREE

stambroseva.org/prayertree

JESUS, MARY & A CUP OF JOE

stambroseva.org/JMCoJ

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ambrosecouncil.org

KNITTING GROUP

stambroseva.org/knittinggroup

LECTORS

stambroseva.org/lectors

ROSARY MAKERS

stambroseva.org/rosary_makers

ST. AMBROSE MEN'S GROUP

stambroseva.org/mensgroup

ST. AMBROSE FOR LIFE

stambroseva.org/pro-life

ST. PAULA SOCIETY WIDOWS FELLOWSHIP

stambroseva.org/stpaula

USHERS

stambroseva.org/ushers

VOCATIONS COMMITTEE

stambroseva.org/vocations

WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

stambroseva.org/WSA

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

stambroseva.org/youngadults

NEW

Please submit bulletin requests
to bulletin@stambroseva.org

MONTHLY DIAPER DRIVE | SEPTEMBER 5 + 6

St. Ambrose Parish supports and provides The MaRiH Center with basic supplies for moms and their babies. Collected at all Masses on the first weekend of each month, **critical needs are diapers (newborn - 6), summer clothes, coats (newborn - 2T), Similac Advance formula, wipes, and bibs.** To donate other items, visit stambroseva.org/pro-life or contact The MaRiH Center, 703-370-4774, marih.org.

ROSARY FOR LIFE

Wednesdays | Noon - 1 pm | Church

HELP & HEALING

Gabriel Project | helpforpregnantwomen.org

Arlington Diocese Catholic Charities | www.cdda.net

Project Rachel | helpafterabortion.org



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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

WELCOME SUNDAYS Enjoy coffee, conversation and donuts in the Parish Hall after the 8 and 10 am Masses. Come and meet other parishioners - new and old!

Dates / Hosts

August 23 | St. Ambrose School PTO

September 6 | Religious Education





"Woman, great is your faith!" (Matthew 15:28)

In discerning a vocation, we are called to courage and perseverance, trusting God's plan for our lives. Whether called to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, answering His call requires faith that He will guide and sustain us every step of the way. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 703-841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Healing the Whole Person: Into the Deep is a 5-day retreat to spend time growing in understanding of and receptivity to Christ's healing and peace in the heart of the Catholic Church. The retreat is guided by 8 pre-recorded Healing the Whole Person videos featuring Dr. Bob Schuchts & Sr. Miriam James Heidland from the John Paul II Healing Center, and by shared prayer experiences facilitated by our local Healing the Whole Person trained team. This will take place at the San Damiano Center in White Post, VA from September 3 to September 7, 2026. For more information click the link: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/hwp-retreat-2026/>

Save the date and consider joining the **Arlington Life-Giving Wounds Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce**, September 11-13 at San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post, VA. The three-day retreat is a great way to start your 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. The weekend includes presentations, small group sharing, adoration, spiritual direction, and Mass. All rooms on the retreat are private. Early Bird Registration is \$420 through July 31, then \$460 from August 1 to September 10. To register and for more info, please go to arlingtondiocese.org/healingretreat, and for any questions, don't hesitate in reaching out to familylife@arlingtondiocese.org or calling us at 703.841.2550.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Regular hours start August 17, 2026

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

K-12 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES START DATES

K-12 | 8:45 - 9:45 am, Sunday, August 23 | School
Details at stambroseva.org/RE

OCIA

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CHILD PROTECTION & VICTIM ASSISTANCE

The Office of Victim Assistance of the Diocese of Arlington warmly invites all to attend upcoming **Pilgrimage of Grace Masses** being offered to encounter Christ's healing presence and to pray for the gift of interior peace:

- Saturday, September 12, 9 am, St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, Clifton
- Friday, October 2, 7 pm, SS Joseph Catholic Church, Herndon

Whether you are carrying grief, past hurts, or simply seeking spiritual renewal, come join us in prayer

Diocesan policies and resources are available at arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection



2026-27 Bible Study

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

**EVERY
THURSDAY** | **7 - 8
PM**

**September 17 , 2026
to May 13, 2027**

PARISH HALL



Father John O'Donohue
Facilitator

