

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 2, 2026 | Eighteenth 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

703-698-7171 | stambroseschool.org | info@stambroseschool.org

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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.** —>

Your Faith Direct email and password remain the same for Parishsoft. Thank you for your generosity!



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-8 | 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: wwwp@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



"You give them something to eat." (Matthew 14:16)

Jesus calls us to respond to the needs of His people. How is He inviting you to serve and nourish those around you? Reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	August 3: Weekday Ken Dinger ✠ Margaret Dominguez ✠
Tuesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	August 4: St. John Vianney, Priest Terry Hines Terry Cassell ✠
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	August 5: Wkdy; The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major Fr. Bernadine Mogisa ✠ Roger Sanes ✠
Thursday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	August 6: Transfiguration of the Lord George Nicogossian ✠ James C. Kem
Friday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	August 7: Wkdy; St. Sixtus II, Pope, & Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest Ricardo Francisco Joseph ✠ For victims of abuse, for Healing of the Church, and for Holiness of Clergy
Saturday 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	August 8: St. Dominic, Priest Thomas Stasik ✠ Dick Patti
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m.	August 9: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ken Dinger ✠ James C. Kem People of the Parish Andrew Saladino ✠

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 repose of the soul of *Jacqueline Carroll* +

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. 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.



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

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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

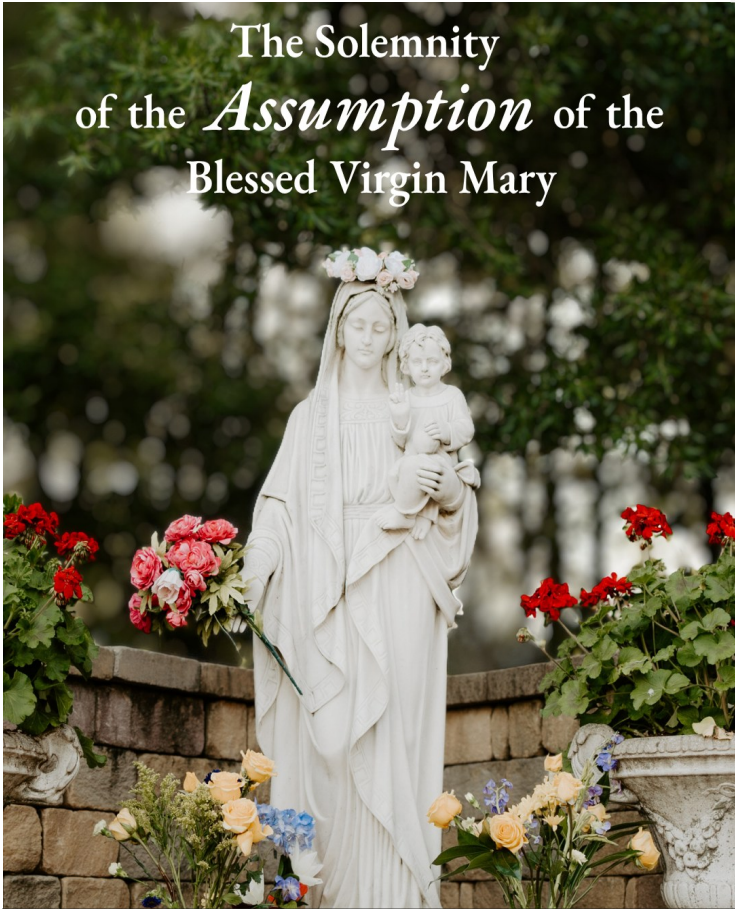
For more information, please visit stambroseva.org/biblestudy

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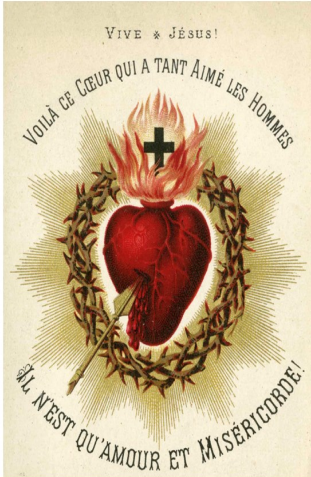
In honor of the Franciscan Jubilee Year, the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist are inviting all young adults on a pilgrimage retreat to Rome and Assisi! What a special time to be visiting the "land of Francis" and the "heart of the Church"! The pilgrimage retreat will be from October 3 to October 14,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



The Solemnity of the *Assumption* of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15, 2026, falls on Saturday. In the United States, when the solemnities of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (January 1), the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15), or All Saints (November 1) fall on a Saturday or on a Monday, the obligation to participate in Mass does not apply. <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/divine-worship/holy-days-of-obligation/>

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC): We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associate group.) Meet us for: musical play "1776" (Aug 2); dining out in Alexandria (Aug 9); Thursday lunch (Aug 13); Museum of the Bible (Aug 18); Meadowlark Gardens (Aug 20); serving meal at Christ House (Aug 22); Nationals baseball game (Aug 27); picnic (Aug 30). For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.



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!



PERSONAL RETREAT DAY

A SUMMER DAY for Your Soul

STEP AWAY. REST. BE RENEWED.

Give yourself the gift of a peaceful day to be with God and let Him refresh your soul.

Friday, August 21
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
OUR LADY OF BETHESDA
RETREAT CENTER



MASS & CONFESSION



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



TIME FOR SILENCE & PRAYER



OPTIONAL SPIRITUAL DIRECTION



LUNCH & SNACKS PROVIDED



OUR LADY OF BETHESDA
RETREAT CENTER

www.ourladyofbethesda.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 Spiritual Life Center in White Post, Virginia, from September 3 to September 7, 2026. For more information, visit: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/hwp-retreat-2026/>



YOU ARE INVITED

Annual Catholic Mental Health Day of Prayer

“Grounded in Jesus
Truth: Lifestyles for
Mental Health”

Nurturing Mind, Body and Spirit

With Holy Mass celebrated by
BISHOP MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
DEACON BRAD WATKINS :
FR. LINO

REGISTRATION:
\$25

 Confession; lunch; small group sharing



8:30-2:15
August 22, 2026



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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

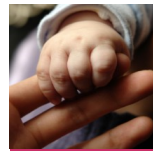


WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

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



**FEAST OF THE
TRANSFIGURATION
OF THE LORD**



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.cdda.net

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

Virginia Catholic Conference vacatholic.org/

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH • ANNANDALE, VA

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Celebrating the Feast of Blessed Father McGivney

DATE
Thursday, Aug 13

TIME
6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

LOCATION
Parish Hall

JOINTLY HOSTED BY

The Knights of Columbus & The Women of Saint Ambrose



BRING A GAME

Bring your family's favorite board game, card game, or tabletop activity to share and play with fellow parishioners of all ages!



POTLUCK DINNER

We are sharing a community meal! Please sign up to bring a main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert to share.

RSVP & SIGN UP TO BRING A DISH

Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera or visit the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FACAF22A7F5C34-64827377-family>



FEATURED CHARITY SPOTLIGHT: ALPHA OMEGA CLINIC

Supporting Catholic mental health ministry providing compassionate therapy rooted in the truth of the human person.

Learn more at: aoclinic.org

"Vivat Jesus!" — Come enjoy an evening of fellowship, faith, and friendly competition with your parish family!



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