

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 9, 2026
19TH 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

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Reverend Michael T. Nugent, Parochial Vicar

Reverend Anthony Appiah, In Residence

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SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

703-698-7171 | stambroseschool.org

SAINT AMBROSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

571-640-9938 | stambroseva.org/RE

3901 WOODBURN ROAD, ANNANDALE, VA 22003 | STAMBROSEVA.ORG

WELCOME!

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Instagram: [st_ambrose_catholic_church](https://www.instagram.com/st_ambrose_catholic_church)



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 10

Weekday / St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

7 am Margaret Dominguez +

9 am Terrence Cassell +

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

Weekday / St. Clare, Virgin

7 am Msgr. William R. Reinecke +

9 am Josephine Bourgeois +

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

Weekday / St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

7 am Jaime Chirinos and Phan Huynh

9 am Roger Sanéz +

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

Weekday / Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

7 am Karen Hacopian +

9 am Jean Marie Williams +

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

Weekday / St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

7 am Jane Palladino +

9 am Max Vincent

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9 am Ken Dinger +

5 pm Mrs. Carleton Coulter

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am Eugene Kobylarz +

10 am The Fairfax Family + / L

12 pm People of the Parish

5 pm Melissa Payne

- To request Masses, please visit the Parish Office, Monday through Friday, 9 am - 1 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.



FOR THE SICK

Irlrene 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

- Now enrolling for 2026-27 school year for grades 3-7.
- K-8 classes start **August 20, 2026**; Pre-school starts on **August 24, 2026**.
- 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.



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.



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/bereavement

BIBLE STUDIES

stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

CHRIST HOUSE MONTHLY MEALS

stambroseva.org/christhouse

GARDEN & GROUNDS CLUB

stambroseva.org/GnGClub

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

stambroseva.org/

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

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), spring/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.ccca.net
Project Rachel | helpafterabortion.org

WELCOME SUNDAYS Enjoy coffee, donuts and conversation 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



SAVE THE DATES!

Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study
10 am - Noon | September 16 - March 3

- **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

Details at stambroseva.org/biblestudy

The OCIA logo is set against a red background. It features the letters 'OCIA' in large white font. To the left of the letters is an open book. Above the letters is a cross. To the right is a stylized figure of a person. Below the letters, the text 'ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS' is written in white. Below that, 'Information Session | August 17' and 'Classes Start | August 24' are written, followed by '7 pm | Parish Hall' at the bottom.

OCIA

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Information Session | August 17

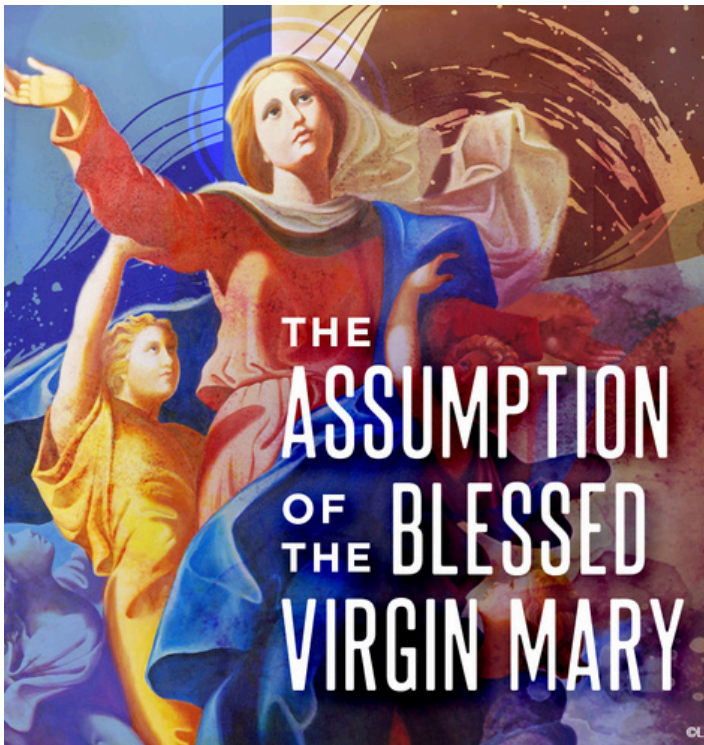
Classes Start | August 24

7 pm | Parish Hall



"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." (Matthew 14:27)
In the midst of uncertainty and challenge, Jesus calls us to trust in His presence. Vocations invite us to step out in faith, whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage, placing our lives in His hands and allowing Him to guide us. How is He calling you? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

The Solemnity of the Assumption, 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/>



You are not alone. Take the first step.

A Day of Prayer and Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be on Saturday, October 3. These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, 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, or confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry info@helpafterabortion.org or (703) 841-2504.

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

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/>

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:

- August 1, 9 am, Nativity Catholic Church, Burke
- 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

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!

Memorial Mass for Father Vincent R. Capodanno, MM, 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, NE., Washington, D.C. The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, 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 September 4, 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 formally initiated his Cause for Canonization. All are invited to attend the Memorial Mass on the 59th anniversary of his death. There will be open seating; please plan to arrive early. Military members are encouraged to wear the uniform of the day, and business attire is appropriate for civilians. 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.



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

Good Shepherd Catholic
Church
8710 Mt. Vernon Hwy
Alexandria VA 22309

Hosted by the Diocese of
Arlington, Divine Mercy
University and the Saint
Labre Community