

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
24TH 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

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

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 celebrated on Sundays following the Noon Mass. Details at: 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, SEPTEMBER 14

Weekday / The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7 am Dave Goldman +

9 am Virginia Francis +

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Weekday / Our Lady of Sorrows

7 am Dolores Klimonda +

9 am Margaret Dominguez +

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Weekday / St. Cornelius, Pope, and St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

7 am Charles A. Palermo +

9 am Mrs. Anna Futia Gagliardo

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Weekday / St. Robert Bellamine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church and St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

7 am Fr. Townsend

9 am Margaret Dominguez +

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Weekday

7 am Linda Miller +

9 am John Bao Dung +

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Weekday / St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr; BVM

9 am Robert Larsen +

5 pm Donella Wright

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am People of the Parish

10 am Fr. Fisher

12 pm Renee Vincent +

5 pm Tran, Pham, and Vee Families

- 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.



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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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.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

October 2 | 9:30 am - 6 pm* (Benediction)

During the week before Adoration, sign up in the binder in the Narthex or call the Parish Office at 703-280-4400. (*Note time change)

LEARN & GROW



ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL

Dr. Aránzazu Ascunce, Principal | stambroseschool.org

Announcements/News

- We're actively enrolling for Grades 2-8. Tours are available. Call the office to schedule or email info@stambroseschool.org.
- Volunteers Welcome! Share your gifts and become part of our Knight family! Substitute teach, lend a hand during lunch or recess, help with school events, or support our community in other ways — we'd love to have you involved.
- 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



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

- **REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN at stambroseva.org/RE**
- There is a mandatory confirmation meeting for 6th and 7th grade parents on Wednesday, September 23 at 7:15 pm in the Parish Hall.



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

- **REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN at stambroseva.org/RE**
- 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

- Are you thinking about becoming Catholic?
- Were you baptized Catholic but haven't received First Communion and/or Confirmation?
- Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?
- Join us to learn what being Catholic is all about!
- **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/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

MONTHLY DIAPER DRIVE | OCTOBER 3 + 4

St. Ambrose Parish supports and provides The 3aRiH 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.ccca.net

Project Rachel | helpafterabortion.org

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.



Please join us for the St. Ambrose Parish Picnic on
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026, from 1-4 pm.

Food and Activities!

Hot dogs, pizza, ice cream, popcorn, cotton candy,
moon bounce, pony rides, petting zoo, and more!

We need many volunteers to help with the setup,
serving, and activities at the picnic. Please sign up to
help where you can. Thanks!





We're hiring! St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Annandale is looking for a Business Manager to manage the financial functions and oversee human resources for the parish. A BS/BA in accounting/finance and 5 years of experience in business management are required. Position is full-time. Salary range is \$65K-\$75K depending on experience. A comprehensive benefits package is provided, including medical, dental, vision, life and disability insurance coverage as well as a 403b and pension plan. A tuition discount is also available for St. Ambrose School. Interested parties should email resume and cover letter to Carla Yaglou at cyaglou@stambroseva.org



Arlington Diocese High School Placement Test

8th grade students attending public schools or non-Catholic private schools who are interested in attending Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Arlington need to take the High School Placement Test (HSPT). You may register and pay the fee online via the registration portal on the high school website where the student will take the exam.

DATE/TIME: Saturday, November 14, 2026, 8:30 am - Noon

TEST SITES: Bishop Ireton High School, Bishop O'Connell High School, St. Paul VI High School, Saint John Paul the Great High School.

Fall Grief Retreat:

Finding the Passion of Christ in Your Story

You do not have to grieve alone. Join other mothers of loss on September 18 & 19 for a fall retreat hosted by the Diocese of Arlington Chapter of Red Bird Ministries. Draw closer to the Lord in your grief and find comfort, healing, and hope by connecting with others who understand the extraordinary cross you are carrying. For all mothers of loss, from pregnancy through adulthood. When: Friday, September 18 (6:30-9 pm) and Saturday, September 19 (9 am-5:30 pm) Where: Morning Star Retreat House in Great Falls Cost: \$40 (includes \$25 grief group journal, breakfast, and lunch) Register: www.redbirdlove.org/arlington-va Questions? Email elizabeth@redbirdlove.org

Third Annual
Mercy Ride & Run
September 19 @ 7:00am
Mount Vernon Trail
5K & 10K run and walk OR 20-
mile & 30-mile cycling ride

www.mercyride.org
MercyRideInfo@gmail.com
[@mercyride](https://www.instagram.com/mercyride)



All proceeds benefiting:



Mary's Shelter

Discover how Christendom College is helping students

learn the Truth, live the Faith, and thrive as Catholics, by attending one of our fall visits days! Attend a Saturday Open House on September 26 or November 21, or take advantage of the federal holidays to visit for a Crusader Afternoon on Columbus Day (October 12) or Veterans Day (November 11). Visitors will tour campus, attend a sample class, and learn more about Christendom's unique academic program, outstanding alumni employment rates, financial aid, and how our graduates are carrying out the mission "to restore all things in Christ." Christendom College is the only Catholic College in the Arlington Diocese on the Newman Guide for Choosing a Catholic College. Register at www.christendom.edu/visits

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:

- Friday, October 2, 7 pm, St. 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

The Retreat for People Facing Serious Illness (October 2 - 4, 2026 (Friday - Sunday))

offers a unique opportunity for persons who face serious physical illness to come away for a weekend retreat of spiritual renewal and refreshment. Celebrate life and the love of the Lord Jesus in a beautiful and comfortable place among caring and generous people. Volunteer Nurses Needed:

- Nurses are needed who can assist retreatants with medical needs and spiritual guidance.
- Commitment: Must be able to attend entirety of the retreat which is from Friday morning until Sunday
- Register here: https://volunteer.samaritan.com/custom/501/opp_detail/12131 E-mail any questions to: retreat@ccda.net



To say YES to the
sanctity of life & the truth about marriage

CATHOLICS VOTE NO

on

BALLOT QUESTIONS 1 & 2

Pledge to Vote: CatholicsVoteNo.com

Early Voting begins **September 18**
Election Day **November 3**



WEDNESDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

September 16, 2026 - March 3, 2027
10am - Noon | Parish Hall

- **Mary, A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother** | 8 weeks, September - November | Dr. Edward Sri. This study reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives, leading us into a more spiritual Advent.
- **Wisdom: God's Vision for Life** | 8 weeks, December - February | Jeff Cavins & Thomas Smith. Drawing on the wisdom as it relates to daily life from Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach, and Ecclesiastes, this course teaches us how to actively seek sound guidance and increase our sense of peace in navigating life.
- **Lenten Study: Selected Homilies (Topics TBD)** | 4 weeks, February - March | Father Mike Schmitz.

STUDY MATERIALS
Visit stambroseva.org/biblestudy to see exact dates and to order session materials.

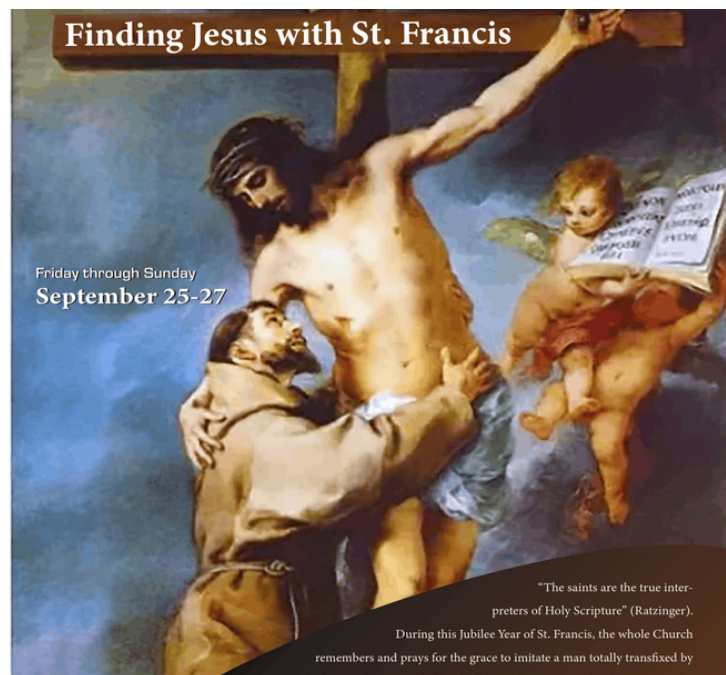
FACILITATORS
• Ron & Mary DeSantis
• Ann Rossi

MORE INFORMATION
Contact Mary DeSantis at
mary.t.desantis@verizon.net



Finding Jesus with St. Francis

Friday through Sunday
September 25-27



"The saints are the true interpreters of Holy Scripture" (Ratzinger).
During this Jubilee Year of St. Francis, the whole Church remembers and prays for the grace to imitate a man totally transfixed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Guided by the life and heroic example of St. Francis, the Poor Man of Assisi, we will seek the Peace and Joy that he found.



Fr. Nicholas Blank is the son of Richard and Monica Blank and the oldest of nine children. He studied Philosophy at Christendom College before entering formation for the priesthood at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. Ordained a priest in June 2019, he currently serves as Parochial Vicar at St. John the Evangelist in Warrenton.

San Damiano Retreat Center. Cost \$299. Financial assistance may be available.
For more information or to register, please email Deacon Mark Maines: mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org or visit our website at ArlingtonDiocese.org/Retreat

Giorgio Frassati

for **RETREAT**
Young Adults

Ages 21-35

***OCT 23-25
FRIDAY-SUNDAY**

COME CLIMB WITH US!

Verso l'alto "on to the heights"
means not only to climb the mountains before us, but also refers to scaling the peaks and navigating the troughs of the spiritual life and finding Jesus.

PGF

***For the more adventurous souls —
come along on a Sunday afternoon excursion
to the summit of a Blue Ridge Peak!**



Fr. J.P. Heisler will guide
us to the summit!

Email Deacon Mark Maines at:
Mark.Maines@arlingtondiocese.org



RETREAT COST IS \$299. FINANCIAL
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