

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
25TH 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

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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 information changes (phone number, address, temporary absence, etc.) 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, SEPTEMBER 21

Weekday / St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

7 am Alex and Eva Vacca

9 am Michael Spruce Christian, Sr. +

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Weekday

7 am MaryAnn and James Ely

9 am Thu D. Tran +

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Weekday / St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

7 am Margaret Dominguez +

9 am Frank Nicewicz +

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Weekday

7 am Andrew Soto +

9 am Mildred Chiappetta +

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Weekday

7 am William Bolognesi +

9 am Cory Elder

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Weekday / St. Cosmas and St. Damian, Martyrs; BVM

9 am Josephine Bourgeois +

5 pm Kathleen Thomas +

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am People of the Parish

10 am Beverly Elder +

12 pm Nicogossian Family

5 pm Sue Barnes

- 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.



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“‘Are you envious because I am generous?’ Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

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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

- **Color Run:** The school's annual color run is around the corner, and the kids are sprinting to raise money to cover the costs of 2 field trips per class and to support our great teachers with teacher bonuses. Please consider donating to the color run to support our students and faculty! <https://secure.frontstream.com/carnival-of-colors-2026-color-run>
- We're actively enrolling for **Grades 2-8**. Tours are available. Call the office to schedule or email info@stambroseschool.org.



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

- There is a mandatory confirmation meeting for 6th and 7th grade parents on Wednesday, September 23 at 7:15 pm in the Parish Hall.
- The 8th grade Confirmation retreat is on Saturday, October 3 from 8:30-12 pm in the Parish Hall.
- We will not have class on Sunday, October 11.



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

- Join us on Signal: bit.ly/YouthGroupSignal
- Dinner & Delivery Sign Up | bit.ly/YouthGroupDinnerSignUp
- We will not have class on Sunday, October 11.
- Rally is October 25 from 12-8 pm at Bishop O'Connell High School. Contact ym@stambroseva.org for more information.



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

- **COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM** at stambroseva.org/OCIA
- Topic for September 21: Existence of God, Holy Trinity, Fall of Man, Jewish Roots
- We will not have class on Monday, October 12.

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](http://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 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

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.



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

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

October 4 | Knights of Columbus

November 1 | TBA





SPECIAL KIDS / SPECIAL NEEDS
SEPTEMBER 26-27

Give the gift of Catholic Education to children with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Diocese of Arlington. 100% of all proceeds from this collection support special programs at our schools.

portocharities.org/sksn

SECOND COLLECTION | September 26 & 27

Next weekend's second collection will support Porto Charities, a non-profit in the Diocese of Arlington dedicated to providing young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities with access to Catholic education, meaningful work, and opportunities for lifelong flourishing in their communities. All proceeds from this weekend's Special Kids/Special Needs collection will go directly to supporting parishes and Catholic schools in our diocese working to build a culture of true belonging for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

St. Ambrose Men's Group Fall Semester 2026

12 Sept
26 Sept
10 Oct
24 Oct
24 Oct
14 Nov
28 Nov
12 Dec
19 Dec



- ☞ Coffee, conversation, prayer & formation in the parish hall, 7:00 - 8:30 AM
- 📖 Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, every month (...except for December...)
- ☞ Confessions 6:30 AM in Church
- 📖 Get to know great Catholic dudes



Join the group chat here to stay connected!

5K in the Park

The annual "5K in the Park" will take place at Fairfax Memorial Park Cemetery on Sunday the 27th of September. Attendees can register by going to: Fairfaxmemorialfuneralhome.com

100% of all proceeds will benefit our local chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Together, we can save lives.



ST. AMBROSE DUAL LANGUAGE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

BOOK FAIR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH • 9 AM - 2 PM
PARISH HALL

READ. IMAGINE. EXPLORE.



PARISH PICNIC

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!



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

CATHOLICS NO

on

BALLOT QUESTIONS 1 & 2

**"Virginia Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment" and
"Virginia Remove Constitutional Same-Sex Marriage Ban Amendment"**

Pledge to Vote: CatholicsVoteNo.com

**To pray for the sanctity of all human life and for society to embrace
God's plan for marriage, join us for Holy Hours on these dates:**

October 3 7:45-8:45am

October 7 7 - 8 pm

October 10 7:45-8:45 am

October 17 7:45-8:45 am

October 24 7:45-8:45am

October 31 7:45-8:45 am



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
ARLINGTON

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

