

# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026  
26<sup>TH</sup> 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

## PARISH OFFICE

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## SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

703-698-7171 | [stambroseschool.org](http://stambroseschool.org)

## SAINT AMBROSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

571-640-9938 | [stambroseva.org/RE](http://stambroseva.org/RE)

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# WELCOME!

## PARISH OFFICE

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**Website:** [stambroseva.org](http://stambroseva.org)



**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](https://bit.ly/Parishsoft)



Common Questions



Create/Edit Gifts



Manage My Giving

# INTENTIONS

## MASSES

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

*Weekday / St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions Martyrs*

7 am Fr. Bergida

9 am Pat and Therese Keenan +

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

*Weekday / Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels*

7 am Steve Fobes +

9 am The Pascal Lamb Friends

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

*Weekday / St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

7 am Robert and Evelyn Seoane, Sr. +

9 am Kevin and Carole Boland

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

*Weekday / St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

7 am Keith E. Weide +

9 am Margaret Dominguez +

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

*Weekday / The Holy Guardian Angels*

7 am Kathleen Thomas +

9 am For Victims of Abuse, for Healing of the Church, and for Holiness of Clergy

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

*Weekday*

9 am Lito Sulit +

5 pm Bob Elder

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

*27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8 am Vivian L. Crowley

10 am People of the Parish

12 pm Margaret Dominguez +

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.



## 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

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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, 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](http://stambroseschool.org)

#### Announcements/News

- **Color Run:** The school's annual color run is taking place October 2! Students are sprinting to raise money to cover the costs of 2 field trips per class and to support our great teachers with bonuses. Please consider donating to the color run! <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](mailto:info@stambroseschool.org).
- **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](http://stambroseschool.org/adopt-a-student)



### ST. AMBROSE K-8 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

#### Announcements/News

- The 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](https://bit.ly/YouthGroupSignal)
- Dinner & Delivery Sign Up | [bit.ly/YouthGroupDinnerSignUp](https://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](mailto:ym@stambroseva.org) for more information.



### ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

Jennifer Wyse, Director of Religious Education | [stambroseva.org/OCIA](http://stambroseva.org/OCIA)  
August - June | Mondays | 7 - 8 pm | Parish Hall

#### Announcements/News

- **COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM** at [stambroseva.org/OCIA](http://stambroseva.org/OCIA)
- Topic for September 28: Jesus Christ: Fully Divine and Fully Human
- We will not have class on Monday, October 12.

# MINISTRIES & GROUPS

## ADULT & YOUTH CHOIRS

[stambroseva.org/music-choirs](http://stambroseva.org/music-choirs)

## ALTAR SOCIETY

[stambroseva.org/altarsociety](http://stambroseva.org/altarsociety)

## BEREAVEMENT GROUP

[stambroseva.org/bereavement](http://stambroseva.org/bereavement)

## BIBLE STUDIES

[stambroseva.org/BibleStudy](http://stambroseva.org/BibleStudy)

## CHRIST HOUSE MONTHLY MEALS

[stambroseva.org/christhouse](http://stambroseva.org/christhouse)

## GARDEN & GROUNDS CLUB

[stambroseva.org/GnGClub](http://stambroseva.org/GnGClub)

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

[stambroseva.org/youthgroup](http://stambroseva.org/youthgroup)

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER TREE

[stambroseva.org/prayertree](http://stambroseva.org/prayertree)

## JESUS, MARY & A CUP OF JOE

[stambroseva.org/JMCoJ](http://stambroseva.org/JMCoJ)

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

[ambrosecouncil.org](http://ambrosecouncil.org)

## KNITTING GROUP

[stambroseva.org/knittinggroup](http://stambroseva.org/knittinggroup)

## LECTORS

[stambroseva.org/lectors](http://stambroseva.org/lectors)

## ROSARY MAKERS

[stambroseva.org/rosary\\_makers](http://stambroseva.org/rosary_makers)

## ST. AMBROSE MEN'S GROUP

[stambroseva.org/mensgroup](http://stambroseva.org/mensgroup)

## ST. AMBROSE FOR LIFE

[stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life)

## ST. PAULA SOCIETY WIDOWS FELLOWSHIP

[stambroseva.org/stpaula](http://stambroseva.org/stpaula)

## USHERS

[stambroseva.org/ushers](http://stambroseva.org/ushers)

## VOCATIONS COMMITTEE

[stambroseva.org/vocations](http://stambroseva.org/vocations)

## WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

[stambroseva.org/WSA](http://stambroseva.org/WSA)

## YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

[stambroseva.org/youngadults](http://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 (especially sizes 4 & 5), winter clothes, coats (newborn - 2T), Similac Advance formula, wipes, and bibs.** To donate other items, visit [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) or contact The MaRiH Center, 703-370-4774, [marih.org](http://marih.org).

## ROSARY FOR LIFE

Wednesdays | Noon - 1 pm | Church

## HELP & HEALING

Gabriel Project | [helpforpregnantwomen.org](http://helpforpregnantwomen.org)

Arlington Diocese Catholic Charities | [www.cdda.net](http://www.cdda.net)

Project Rachel | [helpafterabortion.org](http://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](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org) or (703) 841-2504.



To protect human life & the truth about marriage

**CATHOLICS**

**VOTE NO**

on the

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



More Information: [CatholicsVoteNo.com](http://CatholicsVoteNo.com)

**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!



Date / Hosts

October 4 | Knights of Columbus



**Priesthood Sunday, celebrated on September 27,** is a day set aside to honor the priesthood in the United States. It's a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of priests, without whom the Mass could not be offered and Sacraments could not be celebrated. Don't wait until a priest retires or is transferred to celebrate their service. Like Father's Day, let Priesthood Sunday be the one day a year when we make it a point to make priests feel truly appreciated and special. One of the best ways to honor and take care of our priests, Father O'Donohue, Father Nugent and Father Appiah (in residence), is to PRAY for them, perhaps with a rosary, designated Mass, prayer candle, or an extra daily prayer. Let's say thank you for all they do for all of us.

#### **Which of the two did the will of his father?" (Matthew 21:31)**

On Priesthood Sunday, we give thanks for priests who humbly serve God's people. Celebrate this day by writing a note of gratitude and encouragement to a priest who inspires you. Remember in prayer the priest who baptized and confirmed you. Pray for the priests in your parish and support those discerning this vocation. If you or someone you know feels called to consider the priesthood, reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

#### **SECOND COLLECTION | Sunday, September 27**

This 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. Thank you for your generosity.

#### **Celebrating A Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary This Year?**

Were you married in 1976 or 2001? Join Bishop Burbidge for the 2026 Mass for Marriage Jubilarians on Sunday, October 18 at 2:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More. Contact the parish office to register no later than the October 1 deadline.



## **St. Ambrose Rosary Makers Meet & Exceed Goal for Sheen Beatification**



On August 4, the St. Ambrose Rosary Makers Group joined the national effort to support the Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen by making World Mission Rosaries. The St. Ambrose Rosary Makers' goal was to create and deliver 1,000 rosaries – a portion of the 75,000 rosaries distributed at the Beatification Mass on September 24, 2026 in St. Louis, Missouri. On September 2, the group not only met its goal, but exceeded it with a total of 2,518 rosaries created! Congratulations and God bless everyone who participated in this work of charity and devotion. Some St. Ambrose Rosary Makers displaying their handiwork are (left to right): Ledia Bernal, Emily and Sophia English, Gail Carome, Pete Recinto, and Antonieta Berthe. Other contributors include Patty Cummins, Cory Elder, Patricia Saylor, Angelo Custodio, Dee Stein, Mario Pastor, Anne Rossi, Kathy Cossack, Ris Desrosiers, and Vera Meenan.



ST. AMBROSE PARISH

# PICNIC

OCTOBER 4  
1 - 4 PM

**Food & Activities!**  
Pizza, Ice Cream, Popcorn,  
Cotton Candy, Moon Bounce,  
Pony Rides, Petting Zoo,  
and more!

*Special Picnic Event*  
K of C Youth Soccer Challenge  
behind the school

Sign up to Help out!  
[bit.ly/ParishPicnic2026](https://bit.ly/ParishPicnic2026)

🌟 See you there! 🌟

