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Social Justice Directory

The Church of Nativity

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"And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29) "... Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?" (Matthew 25:37-39)

Mission Statement

The Church of Nativity Social Justice Directory seeks to help parishioners find ways to make Jesus' answers to these questions part of their own lives and to find communities which will help sustain their efforts to live out the Gospel message. As Pope John Paul II said in his Encyclical Letter, *Mane Nobiscum Domine*, such ways "will be the criterion by which the authenticity of our Eucharistic celebrations is judged."¹ The directory will grow as the efforts of parishioners in other activities are recognized.

How to Use the Directory

The directory consists of two parts. Part I describes organizations within Nativity Parish that are involved in social outreach activities. Contact information is listed for each organization for anyone interested in more details. Part II lists the organizations or activities that Nativity parishioners are involved in. Where possible, a website for each is given as well as a description of the organization and the program our parishioners participate in. The contacts listed are members of Nativity Parish who can be reached for more information. There is also a participation key which gives a quick glimpse of when, how, or who may participate.

This directory was compiled by the Nativity Social Justice Network. For more information or suggestions for additional opportunities and communities of faith to include in the directory, contact: Joe Pettit 703-455-4937 or email pettit@georgetown.edu with "Social Justice Directory" in the Subject line, Joyce Giuliani 703-569-7370, and John Rausch 703-455-3260.

¹ Paragraph 28, http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/apost_letters/documents/hf_jp-ii_apl_20041008_mane-nobiscum-domine_en.html

NATIVITY PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE DIRECTORY

PART I:

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVITIES

- **BOY SCOUTS AT NATIVITY**

<http://www.scouting.org/nav/enter.jsp?s=mc>

Boy Scouts of America seeks "to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness." The Church of Nativity sponsors Cub Scout Pack 1101, Boy Scout Troop 1100 and Venture Crew 1100. Membership is open to boys ages 6 to 18. Activities include age appropriate camping and other outdoor activities, lessons in life skills, as well as community service projects and charitable works. The Pack meets each Friday, the Troop each Wednesday, and the Crew each Thursday at 7:30 PM. The Pack and Troop meet in the school hall and the Venture Crew in the Hall or Classroom 9.

Contact: Mark Matthews, 703-346-8531 about the Pack, Jack Oliva, Joliva1066@aol.com; 703-690-5731 about the Troop, and David Zivick 703-440-8437 about the Crew

- **CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION**

The CYO at Nativity is an awesome program that is really focused on providing a place and events for teenagers to come and be themselves. We have viBE meetings on Sunday which is a great way to start getting involved. If you are interested in hanging out with your peers, playing some awesome funny games, and snacking on some food then come check it out on Sunday nights from 7:30 - 8:30. For those who are a little more serious about your faith, we have small groups during the week on Wednesdays from 8-9PM. Here we just dive a little further into scripture and discuss some really important and relative topics that the high school students are experiencing. Besides that, we go to workcamp during the summer, have service projects, ice skating, laser tag, lock-in's and retreats throughout the year. We also will have a junior high youth group that

meets a couple times a month but right now the program is under construction. If there are any questions contact the youth minister, Paul Devine, at 703-455-2400 ext.115 or cyo@nativityschool.org. Or for more information check out the website: <http://www.nativityburke.org/viBE.htm>

- **HISPANIC CYO**

The Hispanic CYO is a group of teens that gather every Saturday at 5 pm in room #4. Our goal is to follow Jesus's example through loving others, helping our community, participate in social events with other teens, share our ideas, door to door evangelization with the Diocese of Arlington. We also encourage other teens not only Hispanics to know about our culture and enjoy food, dance and language.

Contact: If you are interested in joining or helping us, please contact Gabriela Merino at gmerinotello@hotmail.com. We wait for you on Saturdays. It will be a blessing time.

- **CREATION CARE MINISTRY**

The Creation Care Ministry realizes and affirms that care for the earth is an obligation of our Catholic faith. We are called to be careful stewards of God's creation and to ensure a safe and hospitable environment for all human beings now and for generations to come. Our mission is twofold: To create a deeper awareness of environmental stewardship in the parish and its extended family; and to encourage good stewardship practices at home, at work, in our parish and in the community. Creation Care Ministry meets monthly on the third Wednesday of the month from 7:30-9 pm.

Contact: Kim Young, 703-493-9035 or KYoungDT@msn.com

- **GIRL SCOUTS OF THE U.S.A.**

Girl Scouting at Nativity Parish offers the opportunity for girls in grades K-12 in the parish to enjoy the benefits of Girl Scouting in

a faith based troop. Members of our troops attend many different schools in the Fairfax County area. Scouts develop character, learn skills for success, cultivate leadership qualities, strengthen values, deepen convictions, and expand social conscience. Troops are organized around the age and grade level of the girls. The interest of the girls and the schedule of the adult volunteers are taken into consideration when organizing at the beginning of the school year.

Contact: Troop Organizer, Becky Chaves
703-425-4965,
Rebecca.chaves@cpms.osd.mil

- **HISPANIC COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

The Spanish Outreach Ministry helps those in need in the Hispanic community including providing food, clothing, furniture, and housing, visiting the elderly at home or in hospitals, and providing needed transportation to Mass, medical appointments, and prison visits.

Contact: Miriam Ponciano 703 328-7116

- **JUSTFAITH**

JustFaith is a national program that provides “opportunities for individuals to study and be formed by the justice tradition articulated by the Scriptures, the Church’s historical witness, and Catholic social teaching.” It involves thirty weekly meetings and readings along with six weekend activities from September to May. Participants from past Nativity groups have been enthusiastic about their experience and continue to meet monthly for faith-sharing and community-building. For further information go to the following website:

<http://www.nativityburke.org/parish/documents/May2008WebsiteforJustFaith.pdf>

Contacts: Joan Mahal 703-569-1746, Jeanie Wood 703-569-6676, or Joe Pettit 703-455-4937.

- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

www.frsikora7992.org

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men’s family, fraternal and service organization, founded to help members remain steadfast in their faith, to promote closer ties of fraternity

among members, and to provide for the widows and children of deceased members. Over the last century it has become an organization of over 1.7 million members in the United States and several other countries. Nativity Knights belong to the Father Vincent S. Sikora Council 7992, established in 1982. The Council’s over 300 members sponsor activities for the church (March for Life, ushers, vocation grants); community (Special Olympics, KOVAR, Food for Others, Blood Drives, assistance to Burke Lake Gardens); youth (Boy Scouts, CYO Work Camp, Altar Server appreciation), and numerous parish support activities.

Contact: George Getek, Grand Knight, 703-978-6674, GK7992@vakofc.org
Membership Open to Catholic Gentlemen, 18 years of age and older

- **LEGION OF MARY**

The Legion of Mary is a world-wide organization of the lay apostolate, in which Catholic men and women sanctify themselves through prayer and spiritual work in union with Mary, the Mother of God, under the guidance of a priest. The Legion was founded in 1921 and the members are giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country. The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of each individual. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, nursing homes, and teaching CCD. The evening adult group meets in the All Purpose Room on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm. The day adult group meets in the All Purpose Room on Fridays at 10:00 am.

Contacts: Sandy Giglio, 703-440-0215, and Jane Hamilton, 703-646-5051

- **MOM & ME**

Mom & Me is a cooperative organization of women in the parish who have infants and/or preschoolers at home. It is designed to address the needs of mothers and their children through group play, social interaction, and community service in a Catholic environment. Meetings are held on Wednesday mornings in the All Purpose Room or at a selected site on a monthly

Kidventure day. Service projects include assistance to ECHO with children to children Christmas gift boxes and the Heatherwood Retirement Home with activities for toddlers and residents to share during holidays throughout the year. The group also assists with meals for new Moms and gathering baby items for families as needed.

Contact: Magda Ungerecht 703-543-7050.

- **NATIVITY CRAFTERS**

The Crafts Group meets in the All Purpose Room Thursdays at 9:30 am to create unique crafts and knitted and crocheted items to donate to local charities. The group also sponsors a yearly bazaar and donates the proceeds to local charities. They accept donations of yarn and craft materials to use for this purpose. All are welcome.

Contact: Renate Troy 703 250-8769 or Joyce Weir 703 644-5467

- **NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

The mission of Nativity Catholic School is to provide an atmosphere where every child is valued as a unique child of God, and to encourage students to develop their full potential. In addition to a full curriculum of studies and enrichment activities, Nativity School encourages participation in the following social outreach efforts:

- Christ House
- St. Jude Hospital
- Rainbow House--Haitian support
- Ronald McDonald House
- Bunnies for Children's Hospital
- Catholic Charities--Adopt a family
- Burke Lake Gardens support efforts
- One additional student-chosen activity per month

Contact: Janet Snee 703-455-2300 or jsnee@nativityschool.org to inquire and participate.

- **OPERATION STARFISH®**

Operation Starfish® is a ministry to the poor of Haiti, begun by Nativity Church in 1998. In partnership with Food For The Poor, Nativity parishioners have funded 4 "Nativity Village" developments and will begin a 5th "Nativity Village" in 2009. Started as a simple Lenten

fundraiser, Operation Starfish® is now a year-round effort. More than \$2 million has been raised to build houses, sanitation facilities, water wells, schools, community centers, fishing village co-ops, tilapia ponds, fruit tree nurseries, and the St. Anthony Clinic. Annual mission trips bring parishioners to Haiti to experience the needs of the poor and the accomplishments of Operation Starfish®. Operation Starfish® has spread to over 300 churches and schools across the country. For more information or to subscribe to the free Operation Starfish® Newsletter, go to: www.starfishmission.org.

Contact: Jim McDaniel (seastar2004@msn.com), 703-455-6874.

- **OUR LADY OF KNOCK SOCIETY**

Our Lady of Knock Society is an international organization founded in Burke, Virginia, in January 1996 to promote social, ethnic, cultural, and spiritual awareness of the Irish Catholic heritage with specific devotion to Our Lady of Knock. The society welcomes members who are of Irish Catholic heritage. Monthly meetings are held September through June in the All Purpose room. The group hosts or participates in parish-wide events, including an annual card party in November and the Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day dinner Dance in March. Funds collected by the group are donated to assist children in Catholic schools in the parish and in Ireland.

Contact: Pat Lowry 703-569-1696

- **PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE**

The Pro-Life Committee supports all moral and legal activity that will change the minds and hearts of those engaged in anti-life activity. Direct support is given to the annual March for Life (January), the annual Life Chain (October), prayerful protest at abortion sites and support of organizations that offer support for women undergoing crisis pregnancies. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month in the church library.

Contact: George Getek 703 978-6674 or Jane Hamilton 703 646-5051

- **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry at Nativity is a ministry whose aim is to provide a tangible sign of our prayers and concern for the seriously ill of our community. The members knit or crochet a shawl suitable for a man woman or child who is seriously ill and pray for the ones who will receive them. After the shawls are completed they are blessed by one of our priests, a prayer is attached and they are given to people who request them for someone who is seriously ill.

This Ministry is open to all members of our community. If you do not know how to knit or crochet, someone will be at the meetings to help you learn. You can also be part of this Ministry by donating yarn or making a financial contribution that will help us buy yarn and other supplies. Everyone can pray for the people who receive these shawls. We meet on the third Monday of each month at 9:30 am and the third Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

This is so that it will be easier for those who need a time specific meeting. If you would like to join us or for more information, you may contact one of us.

Contacts: Toni Rausch at 703-455-3260 or Joann Dezzutti at 703-455-5702

- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

The mission of the Religious Education Program is to proclaim Christ's message and help students apply it to their lives, to foster community, prayer, worship, and the desire to serve among those we teach. Christian instruction is provided to more than 1,300 students from kindergarten through grade 12 who meet in class once a week for one and one-quarter hours from September through May. In addition to a full curriculum of Catholic Education, students are presented with opportunities to learn how to help others in a real sense through service projects for families, Church, and community. For example, a minimum of 15 hours of service is required of students in the Confirmation Preparation

Program as part of each Confirmation's maturation into the adult Christian life of service to others. Opportunities for all students and families in the Religious Education Program include:

- Participation in Nativity's Operation Starfish® through individual donations and class projects
- Collection of non-perishable food items to be included in holiday food baskets for Nativity families experiencing financial hardship
- Fund raising project during Advent for Handmaids of Reparation to help fund the education of children and adults in poor economic areas around the globe

Contact: The Religious Education Office at 703-455-0372. Call for additional information regarding the program and outreach efforts by the Religious Education Program's students and their families, volunteers and staff.

- **WOMEN OF NATIVITY**








Women of Nativity promotes the work of the parish by helping to attain its goals and mission, including promoting a sense of belonging to the Christian community and offering opportunities for evangelization, spiritual growth, and service within the church and the surrounding communities. Women of Nativity meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the All Purpose Room. The group sponsors community activities that include "Christmas in August" to distribute school supplies to underprivileged children and the "Advent Giving Tree" that grants holiday wishes to needy parish families and outlying community groups. There are spiritual retreats, teas, potluck suppers and other social events held throughout the year. Membership is open to all women of the parish.

Contact: Donna Lipresti 703-644-2398

PART II

ORGANIZATIONS AND OUTREACH EFFORTS SERVED BY NATIVITY PARISHIONERS

Participation Key:

 DAYTIME ACTIVITY	 IDEAS, VISION & PLANNING
 EVENING ACTIVITY	 ONE TIME ANNUAL EVENT
S/S WEEKEND ACTIVITY	 FAMILY AND/OR YOUTH ACTIVITY
 WORK AT HOME	 COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION, NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA

www.alz-nca.org see also, www.alz.org
 As part of a nationwide network of chapters, the Alzheimer's Association, NCA serves those diagnosed with AD or other dementias and their families and care partners in Northern Virginia and the DC metropolitan area. Services include counseling, information and education; support groups; Safe Return; training for professionals; community education; and government advocacy on the state and local levels. Volunteers are needed working on the Helpline, representing the association at health fairs and as speakers, as support group leaders, and as administrative and clerical volunteers in our office about 15 minutes drive from Nativity. Training is provided.

Contact: Eileen Thompson 703-451-8626 or eileen.thompson@gmail.com



Open to all parishioners

APPALACHIA HOME BUILDING

The Knights of Columbus sends a crew of 10 to 12 men each year to build a home for a selected family in McCreary County, Kentucky. Eight or more days are spent completing most of the house construction partnered with the Appalachian Construction Crew from the Chapel at Offutt AFB in Omaha, Nebraska. The work is financed in large part through donations from the parishioners of Nativity.

Contact: Bob Corsi 703-239-2890, bobcorsi@cox.net

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BLOOD DRIVE

<http://www.inova.org/inovapublic.srt/donateblood/index.jsp>

Three or four times each calendar year, there is a Blood Drive conducted by INOVA Blood Services in the parish halls of either Nativity or St. Raymond Penafort. INOVA maintains records of the blood donations by members of the respective parishes and these credits are available to any parishioner needing whole blood replacement. Individuals are eligible from age 17 and above with no upper limit. Blood donated is made available to 15 areas. Questions regarding eligibility to donate may be addressed to Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Coordinator.

Contact: John Landy 703-250-1492

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 Open to all parishioners

BUNNIES FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

<http://www.dccchildrens.com/>
 Children's National Medical Center located in Washington, DC works to improve the health of children here and throughout the world through care, education and research. Nativity Catholic School participates in a yearly project to benefit children in the hospital.

Contact: Nativity Catholic School 703-455-2300 to inquire and participate.



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 Open to all parishioners

BURKE LAKE GARDENS

Burke Lake Gardens is a senior citizen retirement home located next to the Church of the Nativity. Residents are independent and live in a mostly unassisted environment. Support is needed to help residents with some household chores on weekends. Nativity Catholic School participates in a yearly project to benefit the residents.

Contact: Bill Canavan 703 866-5217 (K of C) ,
wcanavan@cox.net

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OR 703-455-2300 (Nativity Catholic School)
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Nativity Catholic School
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CARPENTER'S SHELTER

(<http://www.carpentersshelter.org/>)

COAT DRIVE

Each October, Nativity Knights collect coats, hats, gloves, and sweaters for Carpenter's Shelter and David's Place Day Shelter in Alexandria.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

This shelter, which serves the needs of the homeless of Alexandria, VA is assisted each year during the Christmas holidays by the Knights of Columbus. The Knights receive a list of the children who will be at Carpenter's Shelter over the Christmas holidays, along with their "wish lists." Knights provide both items on the lists and other gifts for parents to give to their children.

Contact: Dave Benson 703-866-9459,
annndave2001@yahoo.com



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Open to all parishioners

CATHOLIC CHARITIES (ADOPT A FAMILY)

(<http://www.cdda.net/>)

Nativity Catholic School participates in a yearly project to benefit these families.

Contact: Nativity Catholic School
703-455-2300 to inquire and participate.



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CHRIST HOUSE

(http://www.cdda.net/christ_house.html)

Affiliated with Catholic Charities, Christ House provides food, clothing and assistance to those in need in the Alexandria area. Nativity is committed to providing and preparing dinner on the 3rd Friday of the month. This includes picking the menu,

shopping and paying for the food, meal preparation, delivering and serving the meal. Clean up may also be required.

Contact: (Parish) Kathy DePrenger and (Nativity School) Bill Hummel 703-830-5467



Open to all parishioners

COMMUNITY SHARING (Advent Giving Tree, Christmas in August, Easter Baskets, Pro-Life Baby Shower)

Annual appeal for donations that benefit the needs of people serviced by Lorton Community Action Center, Hispanic Outreach, St. Augustine Church in Washington D.C., Needy Seniors through the Red Cross, Fr. Wilson's projects, Carpenter's Shelter, Bethany House, Parish needs, crisis pregnancy centers.

Contact: Donna Lipresti, 703-644-2398



Sponsored by Women of Nativity
Open to all parishioners

ECHO

(<http://www.echo-inc.org>)

Ecumenical Community Helping Others is an organization staffed by volunteers from local churches and organizations which provides temporary or emergency assistance, including food, clothing, household items, transportation and financial support to about 1,000 Springfield and Burke families each year. Volunteers are needed in the day and evening shifts to assist with accepting and sorting clothing, housewares and food donations; counseling and assisting clients; and other projects as needed.

Contact: John and Cecelia Frazee
(703) 569-2342



Open to all parishioners

EAGLE PROJECTS

As part of Boy Scout Advancement to the rank of Eagle Scout, each applicant is required to perform a service project. The Scout is required to find a project sponsor, coordinate, plan resources and lead the project to completion. These projects normally involve community improvement. Some examples include: repairs to the dam at Lake Accotink, replacing worn kiosks at Burke Lake Park, constructing board walks at Hidden Pond Park, creating activity boxes for hospitalized children, collecting baby supplies for unwed mothers.

Contact: Jack Oliva, Joliva1066@aol.com;
703-690-5731



Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 1100
Assistance of parishioners is welcome

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Nativity Parish offers English as a Second Language classes for Spanish-speaking people Saturdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm from September through May. The classes are taught bilingually in English and Spanish. The course is offered at beginning, intermediate and advanced levels, depending on need and availability of teachers. Classes are opened to all Spanish-speaking parishioners and the general public as well. Volunteers are needed to teach, substitute and assist in classes. Volunteers should have at least some basic skills in Spanish.

Contact: Parish Office 703-455-2400 for full details.



Open to all parishioners

FACETS

<http://www.facetscares.org/love1.html>

This organization works to meet the needs of the homeless and needy of Fairfax County. Parishioners volunteer their services to prepare hot meals for these clients in an effort to provide support and dignity to neighbors in need. See the above website for additional volunteer opportunities.

Contact: Lynn Dysart 703 644-2015



Sponsored by the Women of Nativity

FOOD FOR OTHERS

<http://www.foodforothers.org/>

Six or seven times a month, Nativity parishioners distribute food at three sites on Thursday and Friday evenings for a non-profit organization, Food for Others. Two sites are in the 7-Corners - Falls Church area and the other is in Springfield on Commerce Street. Individual volunteers assist as their schedules permit from weekly to a few times a year on an evening of their choice. Volunteers pick up food at a warehouse on Prosperity Avenue across from the side entrance of the Merrifield Post Office at 5:15 PM, so they can be at sites by 6:00 PM.

Contact: Joe Pettit 703 455-4937,
pettit@georgetown.edu



Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Open to all parishioners

GIRL SCOUTS USA AT NATIVITY PARISH

This scouting program is for school age girls of the parish. Beyond the girls' individual skills and potential, there is also a goal of teaching community outreach. This includes providing the opportunity for all Catholic Girl Scouts to earn Catholic Religious Awards. The scouts may donate earned troop money to causes, but do not raise funds directly. Some of their good deeds: cookie and care packages for deployed troops; Salvation Army Christmas Stockings; shoes for Honduras through Art for Humanity; **ECHO** food collection and shelf stocking; various resident activities with retirement communities and nursing homes; cookie profits for **Project Starfish**; items for Rachel House; dinner for Nurturing Parent Program; Girl Scout inventory for sister troops affected by Katrina; and Nativity Braille garden.

Contact: Troop Organizer, Becky Chaves 703-425-4965, Rebecca.chaves@cpms.osd.mil



Sponsored by Girl Scouts of the USA, Nativity Parish
Open to all girls of the parish

Assistance of parishioners is welcome

HANDMAIDS OF REPARATION

The Order of the Handmaids of Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was founded in Messina, Italy, in 1918. Members provide education at all levels, religious training, parochial and diocesan ministry, orphanages, and missionary work. It is the religious order to which Nativity's Ministers of Religious Education belong. This group receives assistance from various fund raising efforts held by students in Religious Education classes at Nativity.

Contact: Religious Education Office
703-455-0372 or nativity.ccd@nativityschool.org

HEARTS AND HAMMERS

This Knights of Columbus volunteer home repair activity is conducted in conjunction with RPJ Housing Development Corporation of Arlington (<http://www.rpjhousing.org/index.html>). Twice annually, volunteer Knights do home repair projects for low-income homeowners, particularly persons with disabilities and older adults in Arlington and Fairfax counties. Hearts and Hammers projects address a variety of repair needs including code violations; safety, health and security concerns; and preventative maintenance. Assistance is provided at no-cost to the homeowner. The program focuses on repairing homes to enable the program recipient to reside in their home with a renewed sense of hope and dignity.

Contact: Barry Dysart at 703-644-2015,
bdysart@cox.net

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Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

HEATHERWOOD RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

<http://www.rui.net/heatherwood/index.asp>

Mothers and toddlers participating in the Mom and Me program gather for various holidays during the year to share activities with the neighbor-residents of this independent living community.

Contacts: Heather Hall, 703-455-1479 (Mom and Me)



Sponsored by Mom & Me

INOVA FAIRFAX HOSPITAL

<http://www.inova.org>

There are a wide variety of volunteer services within the hospital including: Patient Support (escorting patients to procedures and discharges, deliver flowers and mail, and laboratory deliveries); Chaplaincy; Reception and Assistance in Surgery Center; and such specialized areas as Pediatrics, Newborn Nursery, Reading Rovers, and Neonatal Intensive Care. In addition there are off site activities including Treasure Trove Shops, Blood Donor Services and Reach out and Read. Generally volunteers select a 4 hour shift that fits their own availability. Ages 13 & up.

Contacts: Neil or Eleanor Bogner 703-451-5247 or bognernf@verizon.net



Open to all parishioners

JAIL MINISTRY

Jail Ministry provides quality pastoral care and a healing presence to incarcerated men, women, youth and children. It invites and offers opportunities for the Christian community to volunteer, time, talent and treasure and thus participate in the healing ministry of Christ. It promotes Gospel values through educational public witness and participates in shaping Christian responses concerning the criminal justice system.

Contacts: Josefa Lopez or Fr. Armando Marsal, 703-455-2400 or nativityparish@hotmail.com



Sponsored by Hispanic Community Outreach
Open to all parishioners

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

Make a dozen cookies; give them to the KAIROS "Inside" Team; your cookies open hearts to Christ; the inmates discover the Gospel of Love during a KAIROS retreat weekend; they are touched by your

love; they want to forgive, pray and learn more about a Christian way of life; they learn to support other prisoners; they send other prisoners to a KAIROS weekend. More Cookies from you; more souls seeking God. We also ask school children to make place mats that encourage in the name of Christ. Here is a family-oriented, safe and simple way to "visit the imprisoned" when you can't go "inside" yourself. Your family can receive email summaries of reports and stories of how inmates are experiencing Christ in their incarceration.

Contact: Dr. Richard Gammache, 703-727-3782.

KOVAR/Special Olympics

<http://www.kovarva.net/default.htm>

Knights Of Virginia Assisting The Retarded is a Virginia Knights of Columbus charity that raises funds for activities and programs that assist handicapped children. The Virginia Knights and *KOVAR* are a Platinum Sponsor of the Virginia Special Olympics, donating over \$50,000 each year and 30,000 volunteer hours. The Virginia Knights are the Presenting sponsor for the State Fall Games and provide funds for the summer games. Knights are in attendance at all Special Olympics events as coaches, participants, or volunteers.

Contact: Jay Hoffmeier 703-250-7753, jhoffmeier@cox.net

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Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

THE LAMB CENTER

<http://www.thelambcenter.org/>

The Lamb Center is a Christian based day-time, drop-in center for the poor and homeless in the central Fairfax area. It provides laundry, showers, hot meals, counseling, telephone and mail services, and emergency financial assistance. It's open from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday-Friday, and 8:00 am to 12:30 pm on Saturday. There are a variety of ways to help or to volunteer.

Contact: Frank McLeskey 703-455-9309 or fmcleskey@verizon.net



Open to all parishioners

LIFE CHAIN (October)

October of each year is celebrated as Respect Life Month. The Life Chain takes place on the first Sunday in October. Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of Pro-Life Americans standing for one hour praying for the nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion

kills children and that the Catholic Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. The Church of the Nativity supports the Alexandria Life Chain, which is positioned on both sides of Franconia Road eastward from Springfield Mall. Participants are urged to bring rosaries with which to pray. Signs, such as "Abortion Kills Children", "Adoption - The Loving Option," "Jesus Forgives and Heals" and "Pray To End Abortion", are distributed at the site. Life Chain takes place from 2:30 - 3:30 PM on the first Sunday afternoon in October.

Contact: George Getek 703 978-6674, ggetek@aol.com, or Jane Hamilton 703 646-5051, mdhamilton@aol.com



Sponsored by the Pro-Life Committee & Knights of Columbus
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LORTON COMMUNITY ACTION CENTER:

Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC) is a private, non-profit, community-based social service agency. "LCAC spends the majority of time providing assistance to its clients. Assistance is available in six ways - food, clothing, financial, holiday, back to school supplies, and information and referral." The assistance is also offered through six programs: ESL classes, pro-bono legal services, sports program, summer lunches, after school and summer program, and tutoring. For further information about LCAC, see <http://www.lortonaction.org/index.html> They are located behind the Lorton Library at 9518 Richmond Highway or Route 1.

Nativity Contact: Melinda Englebretsson, 703-690-9921, swedes5@cox.net

MARCH FOR LIFE (January)

The annual March For Life takes place on January 22nd of each year. It is a protest march against the United States Supreme Court Roe v Wade and Doe v Bolton decisions that were handed down on January 22, 1973 and which made abortion on demand the law of the land throughout the period of a mother's pregnancy. It is a protest as well as a peaceful, prayerful, public, positive Pro-Life event that celebrates the Culture of Life. Buses are rented for the trip from the Church of the Nativity to the National Mall in Washington D.C., leaving at 11:00 AM and returning by 4:30 PM. The bus expense is covered by donations for the Pro-Life Rose appliques with any surplus funds donated to Pro-Life organizations.

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MARTHA'S TABLE

<http://www.marthastable.org/>

Martha's Table's mission is to serve the needs of the less fortunate in the Washington, DC community through food, learning, healthy living, recreational and family support services. Parishioners from Nativity join neighbors at Sydenstricker Methodist Church who sponsor this project to make egg salad sandwiches once a month to donate to Martha's Table. Contributions of hard boiled eggs for this effort are also welcome.

Contact: Kathie Belden 703 912-9644



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NO HANDS BUT YOURS

"Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours" is the opening sentence of a prayer attributed to St. Teresa of Avila. Responding to this prayer, a Nativity parishioner serves coffee and food each day to poor and homeless individuals standing in two locations in Virginia and, when possible, one in the District of Columbia. Contributions of sandwiches, hard-boiled eggs and cookies from fellow Nativity parishioners are always welcome. During colder months, clean used warm outer clothing is also appreciated, including gloves, socks, hats, scarves, shoes, jackets, sweaters, with or without hoods, shirts, and other new or used clothes. For more information, please contact Manuel Ponciano, by email at manuelmar10@yahoo.com, or by phone at 202-262-6659 or 703-913-5494.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRAINING CENTER

<http://www.nvtc.dmhmrzas.virginia.gov/>

The Northern Virginia Training Center (NVTC) located in Fairfax, VA serves about two hundred residents who are mentally handicapped. The NVTC is a non-profit, state organization that provides a living, working, educational, and therapeutic environment for its residents. The Knights of Columbus help manage, fund, and provide volunteers for the NVTC Carnival Fair, Summer Festival, Fun Run, Christmas Party, as well as

movies and dances. Approximately ten Knights volunteer to support and attend each event.

Contact: Bill Canavan at 703-866-5217, wcanavan@cox.net



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OPERATION STARFISH®

<http://www.starfishmission.org/>

A parish-driven ministry to help the poor of Haiti through the donation of funds to support projects that provide shelter, medical care, work opportunities and basic human dignity. Opportunities to visit the people and projects in Haiti are offered each year.

Contact: Jim McDaniel 703 455-6874 or seastar2004@msn.



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PAX CHRISTI PENTAGON AREA

Pax Christi Pentagon Area (PCPA) formed in the Spring of 2006 in response to a growing demand in Northern Virginia for an active, nonviolent Christian witness in resistance to our modern-day culture of violence, death, and retribution. Our advocacy for peace and justice is grounded in Jesus's example of prayer, nonviolence and solidarity with the poor and in Catholic social teaching. While based at Our Lady Queen of Peace parish in Arlington, Virginia, PCPA is made up of faithful Disciples of Jesus Christ from many parishes, all within the "shadow" of the Pentagon, who take seriously His call for us "to love our enemies."

<http://www.paxchristimetrodc.org/pentagon>

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RAINBOW HOUSE

(LA MAISON L'ARC-EN-CIEL)

http://www.haitianministries.org/la_maison_larc-en-ciel.php

This private organization serves as a loving and caring residence to 36 Haitian children orphaned by HIV/AIDS. It also serves as an outreach and education center for families affected by HIV/AIDS. Nativity Catholic School participates in a yearly project to benefit this organization.

Contact: Nativity Catholic School 703-455-2300 to inquire and participate.



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RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

<http://www.rmhc.com/rmhc/index.html>

The Ronald McDonald House serves as a home away from home for families of seriously ill children as they receive treatment in nearby hospitals. Nativity Catholic School participates in a yearly project to benefit this organization.

Contact: Nativity Catholic School 703-455-2300 to inquire and participate.



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SALT (Social Action Linking Together)

<http://www.s-a-l-t.org/>

Social Action Linking Together (SALT) is a parish based network of persons in the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Virginia trying to bring the social and economic teachings of the church to bear on public policy and legislation, especially at the local and state levels.

Contact: Joe Pettit, 703-455-4937



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SATURDAY PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Every Saturday morning at 10AM, representatives of Nativity Knights and Legion of Mary, join the Knights from Holy Spirit Parish in an hour of prayer at an abortion clinic on Rolling Rd. This is done at a busy hour on Saturday to give public witness to the Pro-Life cause. Many people show their approval/or disapproval as they drive by. We are peaceful and non-confrontational but give voice to the millions of unborn children killed in this country every year by the abortion industry.

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SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Annual Boy Scout Food Drive to support the needy. Troop 1100 canvasses neighborhoods with flyers soliciting donations then picks up, sorts and donates the collected food. Troop 1100 annually collects over 1000 pounds of food that is distributed to The

Nativity Food Pantry, **ECHO** and other charitable organizations.

Contact: Jack Oliva 703-690-5731
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Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 1100

SHEPHERD'S CENTER OF FAIRFAX-BURKE

The Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke (SCFB) is a non-profit interfaith organization sponsored by area congregations, community groups, and individuals to serve adults 50 years and older in the Fairfax and Burke areas of Northern Virginia. Its primary purpose is to provide services to assist older adults to continue to live independently in their own homes and to offer programs which supply opportunities for enrichment, learning and socialization. Volunteer opportunities allow individuals to feel needed by reaching out to other older adults. Nativity parishioners have been active in establishing two SCFB programs: **Friendly Callers** provides ongoing, friendly telephone calls between volunteers and older people who wish to receive calls once a week at a regularly scheduled time. Starting in 2009, **Friendly Visitors** will provide ongoing, friendly visits between volunteers and older people who wish to receive visits for friendly informal conversation. Both programs will let the people at home know that someone is thinking about them, provide companionship, and assist older adults in maintaining connections with their community. For more information about SCFB, go to the following site: <http://www.fairfax-burkesc.org/Index.htm>

Contact: SCFB 703-323-4788 or Nuala Cohen 703 425 6851 nualad74@gmail.com

SOME – So Others Might Eat

<http://www.some.org/involved.html>

SOME exists to help the poor and homeless of our nation's capital by meeting the immediate daily needs of the people they serve with food, clothing, and health care. Their website lists a dozen ways to volunteer, including advocacy, professional services, elderly services, tutoring/ mentoring youth and adults, and food service and preparation. A group from Nativity provides lunch to 300+ people on the first Thursday of the month--volunteers meet in the church parking lot at 9am and carpool to SOME at 7th and O Street, N.W. downtown. We set up, prepare and serve lunch and provide bagged lunches to go for the patrons. We return to the church parking lot by 2pm. Volunteers always welcome and we are in need of families or groups to

prepared bagged lunches. For further information:

Contact: Katie Scully 703-690-9379
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ST. JUDE HOSPITAL

<http://www.stjude.org/>

This hospital known for its pediatric treatment and research brings care to children with the toughest cases regardless of their insurance status. Nativity Catholic School participates in a yearly project to benefit this organization.

Contact: Nativity Catholic school 703-455-2300 to inquire and participate.

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SUNDAY SUPPERS

<http://sundaysuppers.org>

Members of Nativity Parish who gather every fourth and fifth Sundays of the month to reach out to homeless men, women and children on the streets of Washington, DC, offering hot meals, clothes and, most importantly, friendship. Assistance is needed to prepare food at home as well as serve it.

Contact: Joyce Giuliani 703 569-7370 or Mary Meehan 703 644-1868

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TRANSITIONAL HOUSING:

By the end of February 2009, Catholic Charities of the Arlington Diocese will open a 13 unit apartment building in Woodbridge, Virginia to homeless families seeking to transition from emergency shelters to self-sufficiency. These families will move into a new apartment that is functional, safe and attractive but bare. Your charitable gift of used furniture, a gift card, or any of the following items will warm the new home of a homeless family seeking self sufficiency. Items especially needed include: furniture and accessories, linens and towels, art work for bare walls, lamps, door and bath mats, trash cans and cleaning supplies, pots, pans, plates, cups, mugs, cooking and eating utensils. For further information, contact: Christine Neijstrom, Program Director, Transitional Housing, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 506, Arlington, VA 22203, (703) 841-3838

Contact: Ron Riggins, riggins@cox.net

United Community Ministries:

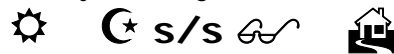
United Community Ministries (UCM) is a private, non-profit, community-based social service agency. It "provides services including emergency assistance, employment placement and training; developmental childcare, youth services, supportive housing services, homelessness prevention and child abuse and neglect prevention." "Emergency services include in-kind gifts of food, clothing, furniture, household goods and infant supplies; emergency financial assistance for rent, utility and medical needs; comprehensive information and referral; budget counseling; and holiday help." For further information about UCM, see <http://www.ucmagency.org/abo-mission.html> They are located at 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria, VA 22306-2225, near Route 1.

Nativity Contact: Ruth Johnson, 703-569-2784, johnsonrd@aeitv.net

V.O.I.C.E.

V.O.I.C.E. or Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement in Northern Virginia is an affiliate of the Industrial Areas Foundation. <http://www.industrialareasfoundation.org/> V.O.I.C.E., with approximately 40 member churches and organizations, is a broad-based, non-partisan, multi-racial, multi-faith, 'citizens' power organization, rooted in local congregations and other voluntary associations to make change on social justice issues affecting the lives of low- and middle income residents in four Northern Virginia jurisdictions: Prince William, Fairfax, Arlington, and Alexandria.. Its current action agenda focuses on affordable housing, faster processing of citizenship applications, additional English as a Second Language classes, and greater availability of dental care for low income adults.

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WORK CAMP

A week long commitment to travel to and work at a designated site within the United States. Work can be any project that is deemed essential to support the poor, impoverished or those in need of housing. Usually for teens but adult volunteers are also required. This is done on Nativity and the Diocesan level.

Contact: Paul Devine at Nativity 703-455-2400



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