



Baptism of the Lord



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SUNDAY MASSES: 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass in Spanish
7:00 a.m./9:00 a.m./11:00a.m./
1:00 p.m./5:30 p.m.
Monthly Sensory Mass on the
second Sunday of every month at
the 1:00pm Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES: 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday
12:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and
Thursday
9:00 a.m. on Saturday

ADORATION: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday

HOLY DAY MASSES: As Announced

RECONCILIATION: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. on Saturday
or, if necessary, by appointment

BAPTISM: For more information and how to schedule a
baptism, please visit our website: [https://
nativityburke.org/baptism/](https://nativityburke.org/baptism/)

MARRIAGE POLICY: Please contact the Church as soon
as you are engaged, and at least six months prior to
your wedding date.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Announcements for the bulletin
**must be submitted in writing by 11:00 AM on
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**Assisted hearing devices are available
from the Sacristy staff at all services**

**A Message from our Pastor
Msgr. Bob Cilinski**



*"Here is my Servant whom I uphold"
Is.- 42:1*

My dear parishioners,

The Christmas season closes today with the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus. This is not the end but rather the beginning. We have once again been renewed in the celebration of God's love for us in the birth of Jesus our Savior during these holy days of Christmas. Our baptism initiates us into the mission of service, just as Jesus became the "servant" of all.

Let us continue to witness to Christ in all our parish ministries. May our baptism be lived out in our dying and rising for others each day. We honor all who have been baptized at Nativity parish which began in 1973..... thousands and thousands of members of Christ's Body. Let us give thanks for the gift of our own baptism when we were claimed by Christ as His very own and were truly "christened." May the light of Christ continue to shine in all who have been baptized into Jesus Christ.

Love and Christmas blessings throughout the year.

Bob Cilinski

Msgr. Bob Cilinski
Pastor

**Volunteer Recruitment:
Nativity Catholic Church
Security Team/Ministry**

The safety and well-being of our parish family are of utmost importance at Nativity Catholic Church. To further ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all, we are forming a dedicated Security Team and inviting parishioners and community members to volunteer for this vital ministry.

Team Structure and Coverage

The Security Team will consist of at least 14 volunteers, organized into two-person sub teams; each sub team will be responsible for providing security coverage for one of the seven Masses held on Saturdays and Sundays; this arrangement ensures that every Mass benefits from a vigilant and supportive presence.

Preferred Qualifications

Ideal candidates are mature Catholics who remain calm under pressure, are physically able, and preferably have backgrounds in military, law enforcement, or protective services. They must exemplify humility, teamwork, and a ministry mindset of serving through protection. We welcome all individuals who have a heart for service and a commitment to the safety of our community.

Requirements

- Participate in regular security training sessions
- Attend quarterly Security Team meetings
- Commit to serving on a rotating schedule to ensure coverage for all Masses

Key Responsibilities

- Patrol the church premises during assigned Masses
- Remain alert to identify and anticipate potential safety concerns
- Work collaboratively with fellow team members to maintain a safe environment for worship

How to Apply

If you are interested in volunteering or would like to learn more about the Security Team, please email Joe Tiago at jonotionline@hotmail.com. You may also speak with Monsignor Bob Cilinski after Mass for additional information. We plan to have the first meeting of the security team in late January 2026. Your willingness to serve helps ensure that Nativity Catholic Church remains a safe and welcoming place for worship, fellowship, and community. We look forward to welcoming new volunteers to this important ministry.



**Grab a Free Cup of Cameroonian
Coffee on Sunday January 18**



Nativity Knights and Viridiane's Hope (<https://vhche.org/>) missionaries will be serving coffee from Cameroon in the Narthex after Masses on Sunday January 18.

Enjoy a cup of Cameroonian coffee blend of 70% Arabica and 30% Robusta and some fellowship while learning about the upcoming Mission Trips to Cameroon February 15-28, and October 22 - November 1, 2026 .

Coffee is from plantation cultivated by Cistercian monks at an altitude of 4,000 feet, on the high plateaus of the Noun province of Cameroon, with beans carefully harvested, processed, and inspected, resulting in a coffee rich in flavor and with a perfectly preserved aroma.

**Monthly Sensory Mass | Sunday - January 11th
At 1:00 pm - Nativity Catholic Church**

In an effort to embrace and welcome the neurodiverse members of our community, Nativity Catholic Church is hosting a monthly Sensory Mass on the second Sunday of every month at the 1:00 pm Mass. All are welcome to attend! A special invitation is extended to any person in need of sensory accommodations. A Sensory Mass requires a welcoming stigma-free environment and accommodations to help reduce over-stimulation and sensory overload.

**APPALACHIA HOME BUILDING
SPECIAL COLLECTION — JANUARY 17/18**

On the weekend of January 17/18, the Knights will be speaking at all the Masses asking for your help to continue their home building effort in one of the poorest counties in our country. For the last 25 years, the Nativity Knights and Nativity Parish have partnered with the Appalachian Construction Crew operating out of Bellevue, Nebraska, to build one home in McCreary County, Kentucky, which is rated as one of the top counties in this country for income below the poverty level. Throughout the year both crews raise money to offset the cost of approximately \$110,000 to build the home.

Last year, the three-bedroom home cost \$103,000 (including the costs of new beds). Nativity is the main funding source for the annual home building effort. Without Nativity’s support, the home building effort would have ceased in 2005. Last year, the combined crew built a home for the Tucker family, a grandmother raising her two grandchildren. Last year we increased our goal to expand our outreach efforts in the county to help more families in addition to the family receiving their new home. We raised over \$125,000, with approximately \$25,000 providing hygiene kits for over 200 children, help with home repairs, and vouchers to help with medical and utility bills. Our goal this year is to reach \$125,000 again.

This year Good Shepherd Chapel in Whitley City selected the Mitchell family of three to receive Nativity’s 28th home. The grandmother is raising two small grandchildren. The current dilapidated trailer will be demolished and the new home built on the current site. Over a very compressed two weeks in June, the combined crews will build a 1,100SF, three-bedroom home, complete with porches, heating/AC, and appliances--the family assists if they are able. A handyman prepares the foundation and because of county requirements, we must hire local electricians, HVAC specialists, and plumbers who work side-by-side with our crews to complete the home which has significantly added to our costs. Nativity will again provide new complete beds for all the family members.

Please help as you can, but above all pray that we may be able to continue this important mission! The Knights will be collecting at all the church exits after all the Masses—checks may be made payable to Nativity Catholic Church but annotate Appalachia Home Building on the check and your church envelope number to facilitate posting to your account. Please consider electronic giving if possible; Appalachia Home Building is one of the designated charities. If you would like to mail your contribution, please send it to Nativity Catholic Church, 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA 22015. Please call Bob Corsi at 703-239-2890 if you have any questions or email him at bobcorsi@cox.net. **PLEASE HELP US!!**



Virginia Pro-Life Day in Richmond - January 15, 2026

Carpool with us and to snag a warm yellow Nativity for Life beanie as we support life issues along with Bishop Burbidge and enjoy the camaraderie of other pro-life people from across the state during the 5th annual VA Pro-Life Day! Your personal presence is vital.

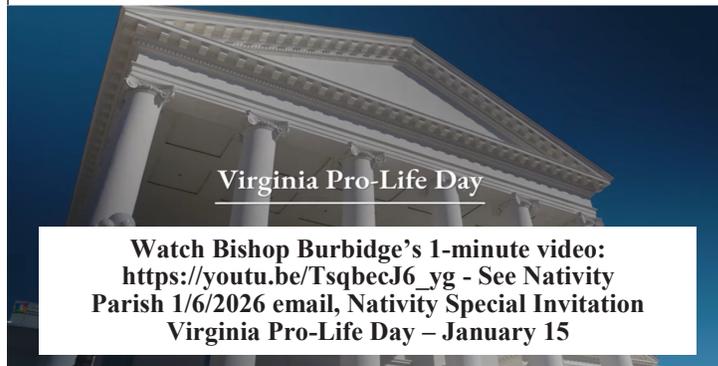
Talking points, legislative updates and tips for effective advocacy will be provided by the organizers to make meetings easy and successful.

You can just listen and learn, or volunteer to highlight the provided pro-life talking points of one of the bills.

We will gather in constituent groups at Greater Richmond Convention Center at 8:30am to listen to inspiring speeches and review provided talking points package, then meet with our respective state senator/delegate, and then optionally visit galleries or attend Mass before lunch and heading back to Nativity.



Contact rickloffredo@outlook.com if interested in carpooling. For more official event details and to register, <https://vaprolifeday.org/>.



Watch Bishop Burbidge’s 1-minute video: https://youtu.be/TsqbecJ6_yg - See Nativity Parish 1/6/2026 email, Nativity Special Invitation Virginia Pro-Life Day – January 15



Nativity “Kids Corner” at Donut Sundays
We’re excited to introduce a new Kids Corner at Nativity’s once-a-month Donut Sundays!

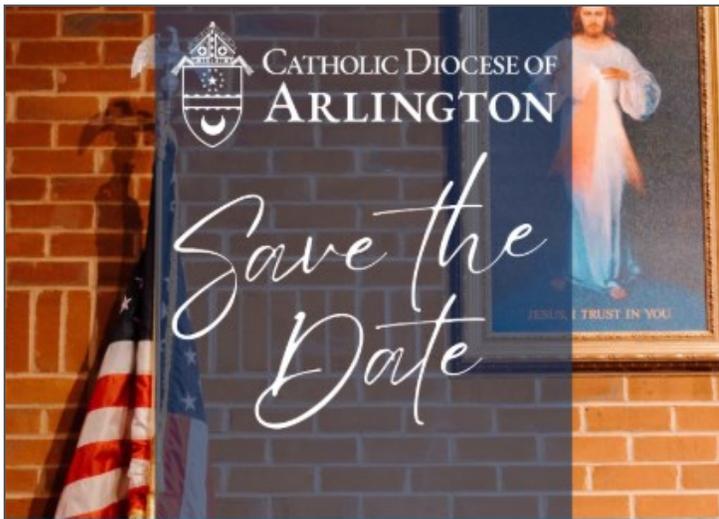
After Mass, families are invited to stop by this welcoming space where children can enjoy books and simple, self-guided crafts while parents relax and enjoy their donuts together. This fun and faith-filled addition is made possible by our volunteers. We are seeking VIRTUS-compliant adults to assist during Donut Sundays. Two volunteers are needed for each Sunday Mass time (9:00 AM and 11:00 AM) to help keep the Kids Corner running smoothly. If you’re able to help support our parish families in this way, please contact: Anna Lisa Licud at marriage@nativityburke.org. Thank you for helping make Nativity’s Donut Sundays a joyful experience for our children and families!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:



The next Prayer Shawl meeting will be held on Monday morning, January 12 at 9:30 am in the Fr. Ready room. This ministry is open to all members of our community!

It provides a tangible sign of our prayers and concern to the critically ill. Members lovingly craft shawls, which are subsequently blessed by a priest, and shared with those in need.



Immigration & the Church's Prophetic Voice

Save the date for the Catholic Diocese of Arlington's 2026 Peace & Justice Conference, *Immigration & the Church's Prophetic Voice*. Join Bishop Burbidge for the 5pm Mass at Church of the Nativity in Burke, with dinner and program to follow. Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, will deliver the keynote address.

Saturday, March 7, 5:00 to 8:30 PM
Church of the Nativity, Burke

This event is free and open to the public.

Registration will open soon.



SCOUT SUNDAY & PANCAKE BREAKFAST FEBRUARY 8th, 2026

Nativity Scout Sunday will be celebrated on February 8th at the 9:00am Mass. All Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, American Heritage Girls, Trail Life, and Camp Fire Youth from the Parish are invited to participate.

Please have your scout report in full uniform to the Fr. Ready Room (*between the Church and the School*) by 8:40am that morning to line up for the processional. Units are invited to bring their flags with stands.

Scouts will be seated with their leaders by program level. All of the Scouts will receive commemorative patches for participating. Following the 9:00am Mass, Troop 1100 and the Knights of Columbus Council 7992 will host a special Pancake Breakfast fundraiser in the cafeteria for just \$5/person or \$20/family. Please contact your scout leaders or Sam Morthland at 703-455-2186 for more information.



Director of Youth Ministry

Nativity Catholic Church, a dynamic parish located in Burke, VA, seeks to hire an experienced Director of Youth Ministry to be responsible for the coordination of all high school and middle school programs.

The youth minister will develop the curriculum, implement and oversee the program, collaborate with the religious education program, work with parents/adult volunteers, and act as liaison between parish and Diocese.

Work will be performed in and out of office setting with frequent evening and/or weekend work. Full time position with competitive salary and benefits.

Requirements:

- *Proven experience/knowledge of Catholic Church theology, history, and teachings.
- *Fully initiated and practicing Catholic
- *Proficient in English (oral and written)
- *Bilingual Spanish-English a plus
- *Strong communication and people skills
- *Good organizational and multi-tasking abilities
- *Ability to budget and implement financial controls.

Submit cover letter and resume N.L.T. Jan 30, 2026 to:

Msr. Bob Cilinski

c/o Ann Benson, at 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke VA, 22015
 or via email to abenson@nativityburke.org .

The Secular Carmelite Community of Thérèse of the Child Jesus offers a Day of Recollection at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Annandale, February 28, 2026 from 8:30am - 1:00pm

Br. Nathanael of Jesus, OCD will speak on “Your strength will lie in silence and hope” - Marian asceticism with St. John of the Cross.

\$20 Per person (cash or check) will be collected at the door. Registration begins at 8:30am, 9:00am Mass followed by light refreshments, 10:00am first talk, 11:00am Holy Hour with Confession, 12:00pm second talk with Q&A.

For more information contact Suzanne at skoucheravy56@gmail.com or Veronica at veronicaroyal@icloud.com.



Date Night for Couples

Welcoming Conflight as an Opportunity for Learning: Navigating Your Approach to Conflict

Speaker: Jeanine Turner

Saturday, January 24

6:30-8:30 PM

Nativity Cafeteria

Register Online:

nativityburke.org/mem-date-night/

Contact: Anna Lisa Licud

marriage@nativityburke.org

Childcare & dinner provided!



FREE BINGO
Thursday
January 29, 2026
9:45 am to 11:15 am

FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
BURKE, VA

•GAMES •FUN •PRIZE

RSVP to Mrs. Chapman
703 455 2300

Knights of Columbus Council 7992 Basketball Free Throw Challenge

This fun event will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2026, from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM in the Father Martin Center and is open to all boys and girls ages 9-14.

Each contestant will be scored on 15 free throws taken from an age-designated foul line. Boy and girl winners for each age group will be determined by highest score. In case of a tie, five additional tie-breaker free throws will be used to determine the winners. Participants can arrive any time between 6:00-9:00 PM and do not have to remain for the entire event. Winners will be notified by email. Participation time for each contestant is approximately 15 mins. No early registration or notification is required. Contestants register at the event before participating.

This is a community event so all are welcome regardless of parish affiliation. Bring friends and compete with each other! Group winners will be eligible to compete at the Knights of Columbus District Challenge on February 15, 2026, 7:30pm at Holy Spirit in Annandale. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Batrla at jbat747@gmail.com.

Interested in advertising in the bulletin? Call Mike Jurosky at 717-648-5996 or email: mjurosky@diocesan.com

ROSARY MINISTRY MEETING

These frosty days are perfect for making rosaries! The Rosary Ministry is meeting on Tuesday, January 20 from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Fr. Ready Room. We have all the supplies you need to make Mission Rosaries that are put in the hands of people all around the world.

We recite the rosary for the first 15 minutes, praying for intentions and then we set out to teach anyone with a desire to learn. For more information contact us at rosaryministry@nativityburke.org.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flower Book for 2026 is now open. This is a thoughtful way to honor a loved one, living or deceased. If you are interested, please stop by the parish office to sign up. You can also go online and reserve flowers on our website at: <https://nativityburke.org/altar-flowers/>.

**IN MARY'S FOOTSTEPS
A Group for Widows**

In Mary's Footsteps is a faith and fellowship group that focuses on the continuing journey of widows. Meetings are usually held the second Monday of every month. They include prayers offered for our beloved husbands, time to talk about them and our needs moving forward. Our next meeting is **January 12th at 11:00 in the Father Ready room.** Contact Cat Sands at 703-455-2400 or csands@nativityburke.org for more information.

Where is Your Calling to Serve?



Join the Nativity Knights of Columbus, Viridiane's Hope, and Commissioned by Christ on a mission trip to Cameroon, West Africa in 2026. Two trips are planned: February 17-27 for 4-6 participants and October 22-November 1 for 12-15 participants.

Missionaries will serve rural communities by drilling wells, renovating chapels, planting gardens, and supporting youth education. For more information, contact Joe Tiago at vhccorp@gmail.com or Michelle Haworth at michelle.haworth@commissionedbychrist.org. Learn more at vhc.org or cbc-missions.org.

Sacristan

Church of the Nativity, a dynamic parish located in Burke, VA, seeks to hire a part-time Sacristan - 20-25 hours per week. This position will be responsible for preparing the church and Altar for Mass and other liturgical celebrations.

Principal duties include caring for the liturgical vessels, altar cloths, and needed supplies. Coordinate with volunteer sacristans and liturgical ministers. Be present to welcome all with a spirit of joy and kindness.

Requirements:

- *Bilingual English -Spanish a plus
- *Knowledge of MS office – including Excel, Word, and Microsoft Office
- *Good organizational and multi-tasking abilities
- *A spirit of service to God's people

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**Nativity is a tithing community
Giving back a portion of God's blessings in gratitude
"Each day with one heart—we are the hands of Jesus"**

Are you registered in the Parish?

If you are not receiving mail or emails from the parish, chances are you are not registered. You are free to stop by the Parish Office to fill out a registration form to become a registered member of Nativity Parish or go online to: nativityburke.org and download one. Registration is required to be a Baptismal Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor.

Save the Date!

NATIVITY STARS
GALA & AUCTION
A night at the races!

Saturday, May 16, 2026
6:30 p.m.
Nativity Catholic School
Fr. Martin Center

Employment Opportunities in the Diocese

Find the perfect Opportunity at:
<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/human-resources/>

NEED TO TALK?

Catholic Charities provides quality mental health services & counselors grounded in a Catholic understanding of the human person. "Nativity's Counselor" Ms. Marguerite Turner, MS, LPC visits Nativity to counsel clients in-person on Thursdays from 10:00am-6:00pm. She is available to talk with any parishioners who may be struggling. To set up an appointment, please contact Marguerite at 703-454-2415 or mmtturner@ccda.net.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

**VIRGINIA
PRO-LIFE DAY 2026**
*DÍA A FAVOR DE LA VIDA
EN VIRGINIA*

JANUARY 15, 2026
15 DE ENERO DE 2026

Join us in Richmond for a day of advocacy and Mass with the bishops!

WE NEED YOUR VOICE!

Register now at:
VAPROLIFEDAY.ORG



A Message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry

The feast of Jesus’ baptism reminds us that our baptism includes a voice from Heaven declaring that we are God’s children. God is “well pleased.” Having been baptized into Christ, we carry the responsibility of the caring for our planet so God’s creation can sustain life on it without partiality. Creation is good; but our “throwaway culture,” as Pope Francis put it, is polluting and diminishing its goodness. Nations that exploit resources for their industrial and consumerist ways of life are impacting smaller and poorer nations. Their environment is damaged beyond their control. The cry of the poor and the cry of the earth are sounded around the world and promises have been made by the wealthy to help the poor, but they have not been delivered. As God called on humankind to listen to Jesus when he was baptized, we who are baptized into Christ are to work with him to do what’s needed to care for creation. Jesus’ baptism commissioned him to do the will of God, bringing reconciliation to a world now being overheated and widely polluted by the lifestyles of so many rich that break down so many poor. All things were created through the Son who became flesh among us; we are called to work with Christ to do good and make creation whole again. The "justice" that the prophets speak of refers to the order that God intends for our world. As Jesus' followers, we and all Christians share in his mission of reconciliation and renewal, so that the world that God intended from the beginning is made whole and holy.

(Excerpted from Catholic Climate Covenant)

***Peace in the Storm
Chronic Pain and Illness Support Group***

**Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month,
7:00 - 8:30 pm, Church Conference Room**

**Every 2nd Thursday of the month,
12:15 -2:15 pm, Fr. Ready Room**

Nativity Catholic Church is aware of the many challenges that chronic pain and illness pose in the lives of our parishioners. We understand how these conditions can lead to questions of faith, too, and want you to know that you are not alone!

All adult parishioners who have chronic pain or illness are invited to participate in a parish-based, small, faith fellowship group developed by the national ministry called The Peace in the Storm Project. We meet to reflect, pray, and deepen our understanding of God’s love, presence, and purpose with and through health challenges within the context of our Catholic faith and parish community. Group participants will receive The Peace in the Storm Project **Discussion Guide** at no cost.



If you are interested in joining the group, or for more information, please see the parish website or email Anna Lisa Licud alicud@nativityburke.org.



**MASS INTENTIONS &
MASS SCHEDULE**
*“We are God’s People”
1 Peter 2:10*

Monday, January 12

7:30 am † George Clark
12:00 pm † Bob McHugh

Tuesday, January 13

7:30 am † Ofelia Vallejo de Nieto
12:00 pm Special Intention for Chris Boyle

Wednesday, January 14

7:30 am † Diosdado and Ising Buendia

Thursday, January 15

7:30 am † Kathleen McHugh
12:00 pm Special Intention for the Moriarty Family

Friday, January 16

7:30 am † Francis Bovar

Saturday, January 17

9:00 am † Edward Cilinski
5:00 pm Nativity Parishioners
7:00 pm † Rodolfo Ortiz Prada

Sunday, January 18

7:00 am † Melanie Walling
9:00 am † Arlene Andrews
11:00 am Special Intention for Trish Seiders
1:00 pm † Lucretia Rowley
5:30 pm † George V. Fragnito

**In prayer, let us remember
the sick and deceased of the parish
visit nativityburke.org for the Priest Mass Schedule
<https://nativityburke.org/mass-intentions/>**

**National March For Life
Friday, January 23, 2026**

Sign up to join us on the Nativity-provided free bus, snag a warm yellow Nativity for Life beanie on the bus and connect with people of goodwill from across our country in peacefully and joyfully rallying around the basic truth that every human life – including the unborn and their mothers – is beautiful, has unique dignity, and worthy of protection in what has become the world’s largest annual human rights demonstration.



We will depart after the Nativity’s March for Life 10am Mass, board the bus, attend the noon Rally with a host of inspiring speakers, start marching at 1:00pm, stop at St. Peter’s Church for hot chocolate/coffee/ restroom break & then return at 4:00pm.

If you can’t make it in person, please pray!



THE NATIVITY ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURAL SOCIETY

PRESENTS: A TASTE OF BOLOGNA!

DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026 AT 7:00 PM

PLACE: NATIVITY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Discover the rich history, culture and culinary traditions of Bologna, a hidden gem in the heart of the Emilia-Romagna region located in northern Italy presented by one of our members, Diane Welland. Learn why this fascinating city is widely considered the best place to eat in Italy and a place where history, food, and passion blend perfectly together.

Learn the secrets behind Bologna's famous nicknames (The Learned, The Fat, The Red) and explore its medieval streets, ancient university, and vibrant piazzas. Experience Bologna's rich cuisine first hand with samples of some iconic foods of the region. Whether you're a foodie, a history lover, or simply curious about Italy, this presentation will leave you inspired, entertained, and — most importantly — hungry for more.

As always, a social hour with wine and snacks follows the program. If you can please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Join as a member at any meeting. Guests can attend for \$5.00. You don't need to be Italian to join; just have a love for the Culture and Heritage!

WORKCAMP 2026

Registration Open

Teens currently in grades 9-12 are invited to a week-long overnight camp providing them with an opportunity to encounter Christ through service, faith, & fellowship.

Applications for teens and adult volunteers are open now through **January 20.**

Missed the interest meeting? See the handout on our website for details about registration, costs, formation, and volunteer needs.

WorkCamp 2026: June 20-26

Contact: wc@nativityburke.org



St. Lucy Winter Food Drive:

Saturday, February 7th from 9:00AM - 1:00PM

The St. Lucy Winter Food Drive will take place from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday, 7 February to support Catholic Charities in its campaign against hunger in the Diocese. The St. Lucy truck will be parked at the rear of the church parking lot nearest Old Keene Mill Road (like in the previous food drives).

During that time, you can drive to the truck and our team will take any donations from your vehicle (please place your donations in your trunk for safe and easy removal).

Catholic Charities also accepts monetary donations, especially grocery gift cards (Giant, Safeway, etc.); any donation is welcome! Please make any checks out to CCDA, with "St. Lucy Project" in the memo line. We can always use help with loading donations; if you'd like to volunteer, please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D49ADAE29A6FE3-stlucy1>.

If you would like to help hand out the blue bags after Mass on January 31st and February 1st, please join us in the narthex after Communion. If you have questions, please email the St. Lucy Team at nativity.stlucyteam@gmail.com. Thank you and God bless you!



ST. LUCY FOOD DRIVE
Feeding the Hungry; Nourishing the Soul



PLEASE
DONATE

--- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7th | 9AM-1PM ---

Nativity Parish Parking Lot

A "Drive-By/Drop-Off" food drive
Please place your donations in your trunk

FOOD ITEMS MOST NEEDED

- Canned Meat (tuna and chicken)
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Canned Pasta (ravioli)
- Hearty Soups
- Cereal & Oatmeal
- Canned Veggies
- Canned Fruit

Please no glass containers

DRIVE UP AND DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS! THE ST. LUCY TEAM WILL ASSIST YOU!

GIFT CARDS AND MONETARY GIFTS ALSO ACCEPTED

Checks can be made out to "CCDA" with "The St. Lucy Project" in the memo



Pray the Pro-Life Rosary and Witness with Us!

When: Friday mornings after the 7:30 am Mass
Where: 900 S. Washington St, Falls Church, VA.

Join Nativity in praying the Pro-Life Rosary for mothers in need and for the protection of human life. Your peaceful presence outside on the sidewalk in front of the Falls Church abortion facility makes a difference by increasing awareness, and for parents who find themselves in unplanned/crisis pregnancies. Contact rickloffredo@outlook.com.



FOR E-GIVING, PLEASE USE
THE QR CODE OR VISIT:
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Nativity Catholic Church



Gathering for **Caregivers** of Family Members with Special Needs

Caregivers of loved ones with special needs (of all ages) are invited to **join us for a time of community**, encouragement, and spiritual support. This gathering will include small group conversations, a presentation from a fellow caregiver, and space to connect with other parish families navigating similar journeys. Caregivers include those caring for family members with special needs such as sensory processing challenges, ADHD, autism, or intellectual, physical, and developmental disabilities, etc. We consider caregivers to be any relative who is walking alongside a family member with special needs. **Caregivers must register in advance to attend.**



SCAN ME!



Sunday, February 1st



7:00–8:30 pm



Father Ready Room

nativityburke.org/caregivers-gathering/

YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFE TEEN: GRADES 9-12
DINNER - FELLOWSHIP - PRAYER & FORMATION
Sundays | 6:30-8:30 p.m.



EDGE: GRADES 6-8
Fridays twice a month
6:30-8:00 p.m.
See website for full schedule



LIFE IS VERY GOOD - JANUARY 22
Join us for a night of praise the evening before the annual March for Life! The night will feature dynamic speakers & musicians, Adoration, relics, & more! The cost is \$10 and is open to teens in grades 6-12.

MARCH FOR LIFE - JANUARY 23
Join us as we march to Capitol Hill for a prayerful, peaceful, and powerful witness of our faith. Sign up on the youth ministry page to fill out the form and reserve your space on the bus. Open to grades 6-12.

See website for full schedule
Before attending, please register for the 2025-2026 year of ministry using our free, online forms.

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Love working with children? Want flexibility? Consider subbing at Nativity School! Please Join Us!

We are in need of substitute teachers with the following minimum qualifications:

- ⇒ 2-plus years of college
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- ⇒ Diocesan-compliant
- ⇒ Successful background check



For more information, email Rich Godwin at rgodwin@nativityschool.org, or call him at (703) 455-2300, ext.146; or you can contact Shannon Murphy, our Registrar, at (703) 455-2300, or smurph@nativityschool.org.

Pro-Life Corner

“Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what it wants.”
- St. Mother Teresa

The Ten Reasons to Oppose the Extreme Abortion “Reproductive Freedom” Amendment to the Virginia Constitution – Spread the word – Lives depend on it!
Watch Bishop Burbidge’s 1-min video: https://youtu.be/TsqbecJ6_yg

Gabriel Project: Pregnancy Outreach for Expectant Mothers: Offers emotional, spiritual, material, and financial support through a pregnancy helpline and parish-based volunteer “Angel” support. helpforpregnantwomen.org. 866.444.3553.

KOVAR Enduring Love Campaign – Homes for Intellectually Disabled: Stand with parents who seek to find a home for their children that outlive their ability to provide direct care on their own. Contact Mark Sawyer, sawyerkoc7992@verizon.net.

End of Life Medical Directives:
The Advance Medical Directive is a legal instrument authorized by, and meeting the requirements of the laws of Virginia which can be completed for use by all Catholics-whether young or old, healthy or dying. Go to: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/family-life/respect-life/end-of-life-medical-directives/>.

Project Rachel: Help after Abortion: A safe, confidential place to share your emotions and work toward healing. helpafterabortion.org, 703.841.2504.

The National Catholic Bioethics Center:
Provides education, guidance, and resources to the Church and society to uphold the dignity of the human person in health care and biomedical research, thereby sharing in the ministry of Jesus Christ and his Church. <https://www.ncbcenter.org>.

The Lamb Center: provides laundry, showers, hot meals, counseling, and financial assistance for poor and homeless. <https://nativityburke.org/service/the-lamb-center/>

Tepeyac Pro-Life OB/GYN: Faith-based Pro-life OB/GYN restoring integrity of human person with modern medicine and healing of Christ. tepeyacobgyn.com, 703.273.9440.

A Woman’s Choice Center: Providing Compassionate Support. Free pregnancy, medical, educational, and support services for women and families. awomanschoicecenter.com, 703.538.4305.

Mary’s Comfort of VA: Ensuring Expectant Mothers Shelter, Support and New Beginnings. Provides full support, including training in parenting and life skills, career coaching and educational advancement. maryscomfortva.org, 703.455.4500.

Honduras Mission Trip 2026



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Nativity Celebrating The Nativity

At Nativity School, at Christmas, we come together as a community to celebrate God's love for the world through the birth of His Son. During this special time, we give thanks for the love, hope, and joy found in Jesus.



Our students really enjoy learning about God's love by presenting The Story of Jesus' Birth through our Christmas Pageant, engaging in service projects throughout the holidays to feed and clothe others, and sharing their own STEM-designed version of the Nativity scene.



Our Second Graders turn their understanding of the Birth of Jesus into a Nativity of their own creation. Whether crafted from Legos, wood, felt, clay, sticks, twigs, cardboard, paper, Play-doh, straw, string, tissue, tape, paint, cotton balls, cloth, clothes pins, popsicle sticks, plastic, pipe cleaners, stickers, or game pieces, each creation represents that Second Grader's vision of the Birth of Jesus.



Here are pictured just a few. Many more photos are available on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/nativityschoolburke>.

Important Upcoming Dates ~

- January 13-15 - NWEA Testing
- January 16 - No School
- January 19 - MLK Birthday/No School
- January 23 - March For Life
- January 23 - Father/Father Figures' Breakfast

At Nativity, faith fills us. Love lives here. Nativity Stars are filled with the Holy Spirit! Join us to see how your child would spend his or her days here -- learning, praying, sharing, and laughing. We may be just the school for which you've been searching!


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Fr. Sikora Council 7992 Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. First meeting is a business meeting, the second meeting of the month is devoted to faith formation. Rosary 7:15 PM; meeting at 7:30 PM. Fellowship follows. Meet in the Nativity school cafeteria.

Join the Knights! The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. Join today at <https://www.kofc.org/joinus>. Your dues will be **free for one year**: Be sure to enter our council #7992 and the code **RCANTER** when you register.

Please email our Deputy Grand Knight, Vince Augelli, at dgk7992@nativityburke.org or the Grand Knight, Michael Bender at gk7992@nativityburke.org with any questions.

Volunteer for an event! Scroll down to view all events, https://linktr.ee/fr_sikora_council_7992.

Knights, are you receiving the Grand Knight Newsletter? If not, go to: <https://NativityBurke.flocknote.com/NativityKnights> to sign up.

24 January: The annual K of C Free Throw Challenge will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2026 from 6-9 PM. Six volunteers are needed to help. Please see **SUG** for details of work and time commitment.

31 January: Knights of Columbus, in coordination with INOVA Blood Service, will conduct our first blood drive of 2026 from 7 AM to Noon PM at Church of the Nativity. Currently less than 38% of our population is eligible to donate blood. If you are eligible to donate blood sign up online at: https://www.inovabloodsaves.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/35228 or after Mass in the Narthex on the 17th/18th or 24th/25th of January. The blood banks need our help, please consider giving the gift of life.

7 February: St. Lucy Food Drive. We need help handing out blue bags after each Mass (31 Jan - 1 Feb) and with the collection on 7 Feb. **SUG** is live!

Food for Others: Volunteer for food distribution to the poor, delivered on designated Thursday or Friday evenings. For Thursdays, contact Br. Mark Sawyer at sawyerkoc7992@verizon.net. For Fridays, contact Br. Matt Stockburger at mstock_w@yahoo.com. Deliver food from Giant to the FFO warehouse Tuesday mornings; contact Br. Bob Colella robert.colella.86@gmail.com.

Widow Support: Thursday Nights Ride to Nativity Support Group. **SUG** is live!

Prayer Requests: Prayer requests will stay active for one month. Prayer update (health, location, contact, etc.) status is deeply appreciated. Send an updated request for continued support.

<https://forms.gle/LiPCRmzfyRnYEU8s5>

Name Tags: If you have not received your name tag, email our Warden, Dan Thomas, at warden7992@nativityburke.org.

Nativity Ushers assist at collections: Volunteer for your Mass! Volunteer on LinkTree to maintain a database of potential helpers!

Sunday Mass Coffee and Cookies: We are providing coffee and cookies following Sunday morning Masses. See info on LinkTree.

Handy Knights Ministry: Parishioners unable to perform basic maintenance tasks or small home repairs due to health or other factors, contact the "Handy Knights." Email handyknightsfnativity@gmail.com.

The Fraternal Committee: Brothers helping brothers in need of assistance. Brothers and their families (living and deceased) in need of a helping hand, contact Br. John Landy at navy8@yahoo.com.

3rd Degree Knights - Grow with 4th Degree: Participate in patriotic activities that promote Catholic citizenship. 4th Degree Assembly meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Nativity school cafeteria. 7:30 pm rosary, 7:45 pm business meeting followed by fellowship. If you are interested, please contact our Faithful Navigator Murray Rupert at fn2996@vakofc.org.

Do you need a ride to a medical appointment or to go grocery shopping and are unable to drive? The Shepherd's Center-Fairfax Burke provides these services. Feel free to contact the Shepherd's Center Fairfax Burke at 703-323-4788 for information.

"ESTE ES MI HIJO"



Hoy la Iglesia celebra la Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor. El tiempo litúrgico de Navidad termina con esta fiesta, que ocupa el primer domingo después de la Epifanía de Reyes.

La fiesta de hoy completa en cierta forma la del 6 de enero, porque vuelve a contemplar el mismo misterio desde otra perspectiva.

El 6 de Enero celebramos la manifestación de Dios a los magos que representaban a los paganos, y hoy celebramos la manifestación de Dios cuando proclama a Jesús como su Hijo amado.

Como Jesús, todos los cristianos son llamados por Dios y consagrados por Él para evangelizar y colaborar en la construcción del Reino. Así el Reino llega a todos y con la colaboración de todos.

En la primera lectura de la misa de hoy Isaías anuncia la llegada del Mesías como Siervo de Dios, lleno del Espíritu y trayendo la justicia y la liberación. El profeta habla de un Siervo, una personificación del pueblo israelita, oprimido y maltratado por los babilonios. Pero el Señor lo ha llenado del espíritu-fortaleza, para que implante el derecho y la justicia de Dios, convocando a los hermanos dispersos para la liberación de toda esclavitud.

Este pueblo-siervo, debe aceptar su misión sin lamentarse ni vacilar, para ser el modelo de otros israelitas dispersos en otras regiones. Estos conceptos son aplicados por la comunidad cristiana a Jesús, siervo obediente de Dios, que redime por los dolores de su pasión.

En el Evangelio se narra el bautismo de Jesús. Poco antes de que comenzara la actividad de Jesús, había algunos grupos religiosos judíos en la zona cercana al río Jordán, vivían con exaltación la esperanza de la venida del Mesías. Juan el Bautista, estaba en aquella región predicando la inminente llegada del Señor, y hacía un bautismo que consistía en un lavado con agua, al que acompañaba la confesión de los pecados. Así como el pueblo se presentaba a hacer estos lavados, se presentó Jesús para sumergirse en las aguas del Jordán como todos los demás.

La insistencia de Jesús en hacer la voluntad de Dios, obligo a Dios a pronunciarse en publico reconociendo en un hombre, y en apariencia pecador, a su amado hijo. Y es que Dios siente cierta debilidad ante

quienes, como Jesús, se comprometen públicamente a hacer "todo lo que Él quiera", a los que obedecen a Dios, los declara hijos predilectos; a los que quieren hacer su querer, Dios los quiere como a hijos amados; Dios encuentra a sus preferidos entre quienes viven prefiriendo su voluntad

La suerte de Jesús, ser hijo amado de Dios, está a nuestro alcance, si nos decidimos a cumplir todo lo que Él quiere de nosotros. Como Jesús, nosotros hemos sido bautizados y desde ese día, Dios nos aceptó como sus hijos, pero sólo cuando nos decidamos a hacer la voluntad de Dios, seremos sus hijos preferidos.

En su bautismo en el río Jordán, Jesús fue elegido por Dios como su enviado; allí fue llenado con la fuerza del Espíritu para que comience su predicación del Reino y para que realice los signos del Reino, aún con dificultades y a riesgo de su vida. Y eso es precisamente lo que significa ser cristianos. Los cristianos somos llamados por Dios, somos elegidos por Dios, para nuestra vocación cristiana. El cristiano es alguien que, tras ser elegido por Dios para ser su hijo y mensajero, acepta esa elección y se entrega o consagra a Dios de por vida. Esta elección y esta consagración se realiza en el Bautismo, un acto que en la antigüedad sólo se hacía con adultos y después de una larga preparación.

Una Oración para el Año Nuevo (2026)

Santísima y Bendita Trinidad, recibe nuestras humildes peticiones para este nuevo año. Ofrecemos nuestras oraciones por el Papa y por aquellos que pastorean Tu Iglesia.

Derrama Tu gracia sobre todos los fieles.

Ilumina los caminos de aquellos que aún no Te han encontrado.

Toca los corazones de quienes se han alejado, para que puedan encontrar el camino de regreso a Tu amoroso abrazo.

Concede a nuestro mundo prosperidad, y deja que la paz reine entre todos los pueblos. Te pedimos que Tus abundantes bendiciones estén sobre nuestros seres queridos – familia, amigos y compañeros – y sí, incluso sobre aquellos que puedan estar en contra nuestra.

Extiende Tu mano amorosa a aquellos que sufren en la pobreza o enfermedad. Recuerda en Tu misericordia las almas de nuestros difuntos que nos dejaron este año pasado, y sé bondadoso con aquellos que serán llamados ante Tu presencia en el año venidero.

Que Tu divina inspiración guíe el comienzo de todos nuestros esfuerzos en este nuevo año, y que Tu amorosa presencia los sostenga hasta su culminación, para que todo lo que hagamos comience y termine en Ti.

Te lo pedimos por Cristo, nuestro Señor. Amén.



A voice came from heaven!
What did it say?

Write a word to fit each meaning,
then transfer the letters to the blanks.

- A flowing body of water
- An infant
- A watercraft
- A lady
- Assist
- A snow toy

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John thought that Jesus should baptize him!
But Jesus told John to do the baptizing and said ...

Solve the math problems.
Then use this code to find out what Jesus said.

36 = A	64 = G	18 = M	75 = S	13 = Y
29 = B	81 = H	19 = N	24 = T	26 = Z
93 = C	132 = I	20 = O	23 = U	
40 = D	151 = J	27 = P	94 = V	
7 = E	2 = K	71 = Q	111 = W	
17 = F	5 = L	48 = R	108 = X	

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The Baptism of Jesus

Jesus did something special.

Move through the puzzle in the directions of the arrows under the lines. Write the letters on the lines.

Begin → J K G A I E E R N O I Z E D
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 U O R E T O J D V R E P Y H
 S C A M H E O R E B A J O N End

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When Jesus was baptized and came up out of the water, heaven opened and something happened. What?

Connect the dots. Write the words in order on the lines below.

17. down 18. 19. 21.
 11. God 12. 16. 20. 22.
 10. 14. 23. on 25. 26. 27. like
 9. of 13. came 24. Him 28.
 8. 29.
 7. Spirit 30. a
 6. The 5. 4. 32. 31.
 3. 33. dove 34.
 2. 1.



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