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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./11:00 a.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. Tuesday and Thursday  
9:00 a.m. on Saturday

**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/>

**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 9:00 AM on  
Tuesday (5 days prior to publication). Please note: this  
deadline can change due to holiday office closings.  
You may email submissions to  
[bulletin@nativityburke.org](mailto:bulletin@nativityburke.org).

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**Assisted hearing devices are available  
from the Sacristy staff at all services**



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



My dear parishioners,

Last week Nativity parishioners joined thousands in the March For Life in Washington DC. It was a light shining for all to see! Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. Christ is our light and we are children of the light. Mary was the first Christ - bearer but not the only or the last.

By our baptism we are now His light and hands and feet and voice wherever we go. Simeon said it well in his prayer in the temple that day *“A light to reveal you to the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.”*

Congratulations to the Eagles and Chiefs for making it to the Super Bowl... and to the Commanders for a Cinderella Season!!

Love and Blessings,

*Bob Cilinski*  
Msgr. Bob Cilinski,  
Pastor

**Reflection:** *We conclude, the Great Cycle of Light, with this very early feast in the liturgical calendar. With candles blessed and burning at this Candle Mass, we celebrate the Light. At the end of each day in Night Prayer we sing the Canticle of Simeon, hoping to overcome the darkness of yet another night, and see the dawning of a world of justice and peace.*

**Donations for relief efforts in response to the wildfires in California**

Catholic Charities USA is accepting donations to support and assist in humanitarian relief efforts in response to the devastation wrought by the wildfires in Los Angeles, California.

To ensure that funds are most quickly made available to Catholic Charities and their efforts, please donate online at [www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org). Thank you!

**APPALACHIA HOME BUILDING & OUTREACH**

Last weekend, the Knights spoke at all Masses asking for help to build Nativity's 27th home in the heart of Appalachia and to help additional families throughout the county with home repairs,

hygiene kits for children, and assistance with utility and medical bills. Thank you for your tremendous generosity!

We currently are at \$47,569 towards our goal of \$120,000.

Donations can still be made either through electronic giving, mailing directly to the office at 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA, 22015, or by credit card. Please make checks out to Nativity Catholic Church and annotate on your check that it is for the Appalachia Home Building project and include your envelope number for ease of posting to your account. Refer any questions to Bob Corsi, [bobcorsi@cox.net](mailto:bobcorsi@cox.net) or 703-239-2890.

**SCOUT SUNDAY & PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
FEBRUARY 2nd - 9:00AM MASS**

Nativity Scout Sunday will be celebrated on February 2nd at the 9:00 am Mass. All Scouts (from Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and other scouting programs) 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 8:40 am 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 9:00 am Mass, Troop 1100 and the Knights of Columbus will host a special Pancake Breakfast in the cafeteria for just \$5/person or \$20/family. Please contact your Scout leaders or Ryan Hovatter at 301-481-5294 for more information.



**Nativity Catholic Church**

**PEACE & JUSTICE CONFERENCE  
THE DIGNITY OF LIFE: GUN POLICY**

- 5:00 PM MASS - BISHOP BURBIDGE
- 6:15 PM DINNER
- 7:00 PM KEYNOTE ADDRESS
- 7:45 PM - 8:15 PM QUESTION & ANSWER
- 8:30 PM CLOSING REMARKS & BLESSING - BISHOP BURBIDGE

**SAVE THE DATE:  
SATURDAY  
MARCH 8, 2025**

Guest Speaker

**MICHAEL  
O'ROURKE**



Michael O'Rourke is the Director of the Office of Domestic Justice and Human Development at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. In this role, Michael works with a team of policy advisors to support the bishops in engaging on a wide range of domestic policy issues, including gun violence.

*The right to bear arms is written in the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. But is that right unlimited?  
Learn how the Catholic Church advocates for reasonable policies to protect life and promote peace in our society.*

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

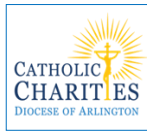
**St. Lucy Winter Food Drive: Next  
Saturday, February 8th from 9:00AM-1:00PM**

The St. Lucy Winter Food Drive will take place from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday, 8 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 1-2 February, please join us in the narthex after Communion. If you have questions, please email the St. Lucy Team at [nativity.stlucyteam@gmail.com](mailto:nativity.stlucyteam@gmail.com).



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

**PLEASE DONATE**

**--- SATURDAY, FEB 8<sup>th</sup> | 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

**THE CORNERSTONE CHOIR IS LOOKING FOR SINGERS**  
No audition or prior experience necessary - All are welcome!  
We sing at the 5:30pm Mass every Sunday.  
Please contact Mina Lee at [Mina.wonn@gmail.com](mailto:Mina.wonn@gmail.com) for more information.

**THIS LENT, JOIN THE DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON FOR AN ENLIVENING JOURNEY TO THE HEART OF JESUS!  
*A HOLY PEOPLE: LIVING THE SCRIPTURAL AND SOCIAL TEACHING OF OUR FAITH***

How can we faithfully follow Jesus Christ, loving the Lord with all our heart, soul & mind and our neighbor as ourselves? This adult faith formation series shows the way through Prayer, Scripture, the Beatitudes, and the rich Social Teaching of the Catholic Church.

Topics for this prayerful, guided interactive in-person faith program formation series includes:

- **Holiness: The Heart of Catholic Social Teaching**
- **The Great Commandment and Human Dignity**
- **What is Social Sin and how should we respond?**

When: 5 Tuesdays in Lent starting March 11 - ending April 8 at 7:30pm  
Where: Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Burke Hall, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA 22203. We are excited to see you as we walk this journey together. As the Lord said, "Come and See!"

*In response to this week's Executive Orders signed by President Trump, Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) offered the following statement:*

"Many of the issues President Trump addresses in his recent Executive Orders, along with what may be issued in the coming days, are matters on which the Church has much to offer. Some provisions contained in the Executive Orders, such as those focused on the treatment of immigrants and refugees, foreign aid, expansion of the death penalty, and the environment, are deeply troubling and will have negative consequences, many of which will harm the most vulnerable among us. Other provisions in the Executive Orders can be seen in a more positive light, such as recognizing the truth about each human person as male or female.

"I wish to reiterate that the Catholic Church is not aligned with any political party, and neither is the bishops' conference. No matter who occupies the White House or holds the majority on Capitol Hill, the Church's teachings remain unchanged. It is our hope that the leadership of our Country will reconsider those actions which disregard not only the human dignity of a few, but of us all.

"Following the ancient tradition, Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a Jubilee Year of Hope. As Christians, our hope is always in Jesus Christ, who guides us through storm and calm weather. He is the source of all truth. Our prayer is one of hope that, as a Nation blessed with many gifts, our actions demonstrate a genuine care for our most vulnerable sisters and brothers, including the unborn, the poor, the elderly and infirm, and migrants and refugees. The just Judge expects nothing less."

**Knights of Columbus - Financial Seminar & Social Insurance & Investments aligned with your faith  
Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 7:00PM  
Nativity School, Cafeteria**



*An excellent opportunity for young & old to learn & discuss financial planning!  
Personal Advisor? Long-Term Care?  
Where are important records?*

**For additional information, visit the online bulletin or website at [nativityburke.org](http://nativityburke.org).  
Please scan the QR Code to register.**





**Nativity Parish Inclement Weather Policy**

If Fairfax County Public Schools are closed, the Religious Education Office and Nativity School are also closed. The Nativity Parish office will **typically** close. **Frequently** the 7:30 am daily Mass will be canceled. If there is a delay, the 7:30 am Mass will be held as normal. Nativity **normally** follows the county, but **please refer to our website, social media or call the Parish Office at 703 455 2400** for the latest, daily up-to-date information

**www.nativityburke.org**

**2025 BISHOP’S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA) BEGINS!**

The 2025 BLA mailing was recently sent to parishioners. This year’s theme is: *“Abounding in Hope.”* After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider a pledge. Sharing your gifts with the 40+ ministries and programs funded by the BLA truly impacts the lives of thousands across our diocese. You make a gift at: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA) or scan the QR code.



SCAN ME



**A Message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry: Valentine’s Day is coming!**

Update Your Valentine's Day traditions with "creation-friendly" options. Make or buy cards made with recycled paper or send an e-card. Rather than a bouquet of flowers that lasts a few days, consider an herb plant that will add flavor to your loved one's life for months, maybe years.

If you like to give chocolates, choose fair trade chocolates that promise the growers are being justly compensated. For a special Valentine's Day meal, buy organic and locally grown foods; if dining out, look for restaurants that offer locally sourced products. Perhaps consider making a donation to an environmental cause in a loved one’s name.

Take a winter hike and explore the beauty of God’s creation—some of our wildlife is active all winter long and our evergreens add color to the resting landscape. Spring will be here soon—have you heard the wood frogs calling yet?

Best wishes from Nativity Creation Care, Ministry! [nativitycreationcare@gmail.com](mailto:nativitycreationcare@gmail.com).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Want to help make a positive impact to support marriages and families? Please help the Marriage Enrichment Ministry with Child Care and/or clean-up on our next date night on **Saturday, February 15.**

Please email Anna Lisa at [marriage@nativityburke.org](mailto:marriage@nativityburke.org) for more information.

**ARLINGTON HERALD SECOND COLLECTION**

The Arlington Catholic Herald is the official newspaper and news source of the Diocese of Arlington. This award-winning, biweekly newspaper delivers Catholic news and information about our diocese, U.S. bishops and the Vatican to approximately 100,000 homes across Virginia and beyond — and 24-7 at [catholicaherald.com](http://catholicaherald.com).

Please consider donating to the annual second collection THIS weekend, which helps our parish support the Catholic Herald in spreading the Good News. Please make checks payable to Nativity and please write *“ACH Second Collection”* on the memo line. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. May God bless you!

**80%+**  
Are satisfied or very satisfied with the Catholic Herald!

**MOST POPULAR**

- ✓ Local news
- ✓ Faith-related news
- ✓ Faith journeys
- ✓ Vatican news

**HAPPY ST. PATRICK’S DAY!**

*Join the Knights of Columbus for a traditional celebration of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, at our annual Saint Patrick’s Day Dinner Dance*



**The event will be held in the Fr. Martin Center on Saturday, March 15th, 2025 - starting at 6:30 PM**

It’s always a fun evening filled with dining, dancing, and entertainment. Enjoy the sounds of a bagpiper playing traditional Irish tunes, and music for listening and dancing provided by a DJ. You can bring your friends and reserve a table for 8 or 10 or opt for designated seating to meet fellow parishioners.

The highlight of the evening is the best corned beef dinner in town, available for \$40 per adult ticket. Children ages 12 and under are just \$15. This event tends to sell out quickly, so be sure to purchase your tickets early! Tickets are available at the table in the narthex or online at

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/kc-council-7992/st-patrick-s-day-2025>



*Date Night*

**GET HOLY OR DIE TRYING:  
5 RULES FOR A MARRIED  
SPIRITUAL LIFE**  
with Fr. Stephen Vaccaro

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**Nativity School Cafeteria  
Saturday, February 15  
6:30 - 8:30 PM**

*Dinner & Childcare Provided  
<https://nativityburke.org/date-night/>  
Contact Anna Lisa Licud at  
[marriage@nativityburke.org](mailto:marriage@nativityburke.org)*

**CONNECT WITH NATIVITY BY  
DOWNLOADING THE FREE  
myParish APP**



Nativity Parishioners can keep up to date with church events and notifications but you can also have access to prayers, readings, and reflections on your phone at all times.



This first-of-its-kind app for iOS and Android devices, myParish helps build stronger Catholic communities and better engage the New Evangelization.

You can download it for free and just add Nativity Catholic Church, Burke VA in the search field for our parish. If you have any questions please call the parish office.

Nativity Catholic Church


# Worship Watch Training

Msgr. Bob invites all **Ushers & Sacristans** to attend a training session that will cover the foundation for establishing a security team, reporting crimes, honing observation skills, and becoming a reliable witness

**Date:** Monday, February 24 | 6:30 pm  
**Where:** Nativity School Cafeteria  
**Sponsors:** Nativity Ecumenical Ministry & the Fairfax County Police Department



**RSVP Today!**  
[nativityburke.org/worship-watch](https://nativityburke.org/worship-watch)

**MASS INTENTIONS &  
MASS SCHEDULE**  
*"We are God's People"  
1 Peter 2:10*

Monday, February 3rd  
7:30 am † Charles Penalosa

Tuesday, February 4th  
7:30 am † Raul Perez  
12:00 pm † Stephen Lisi Jr.

Wednesday, February 5th  
7:30 am † William & Anna Celestino  
3:00 pm † Thanksgiving from the Sisters

Thursday, February 6th  
7:30 am † Eva Marie Stroganoff  
12:00 pm † Trong Le & Ngau Van

Friday, February 7th  
7:30 am † Kevin Remington  
9:00 am † Denise Oskvarek

Saturday, February 8th  
9:00 am † Joan Koch  
5:00 pm † Daniel F. Hunter  
7:00 pm † Marina De Rivera

Sunday, February 9th  
7:00 am † Melanie Ann Walling  
9:00 am † Annette Gettings  
11:00 am † Fatimo Lester Lobo  
1:00 pm † My Van  
5:30 pm Parishioners

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

### Annual Multi-Car Raffle

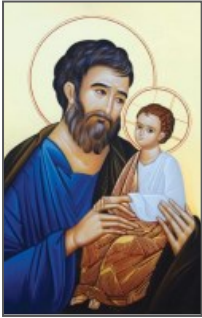
All Saints Church has invited us to again participate in their Annual Multi-Car raffle. All parishioners who are new to Nativity or have sold tickets in the past 3 years will receive a packet in the mail containing 20 tickets to sell. Each \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all four 2025 vehicles from Ourisman Ford of Manassas (*Ford Escape, Mustang, Maverick Truck (Hybrid) and Bronco Sport*) plus \$40,000 in cash prizes. Proceeds will benefit the youth ministry and Knights of Columbus charities. Please ensure to read the entire packet and note that all raffle tickets must be processed by All Saints.

Thank you for your continued, generous support.  
If you didn't receive a packet and would like one, please contact PGK Sam Morthland @ 703-455-2186.






### St. Joseph Consecration: Save the Date, February 11th - Come and see!



This Lent is the time to consecrate yourself to St. Joseph! You are a child of St. Joseph, six to sixty years old. St. Joseph is appointed as our spiritual father. In times of fear, oppression, mortal danger, or extreme temptation, run to your spiritual father – The Terror of Demons.

God is telling his church that if we are going to defend marriage and the family, elevate morals, recover lost souls, and win souls for Jesus Christ, we need to bring St. Joseph onto the battlefield. He is the Protector of the Holy Church.

The Consecration to St. Joseph is a Fr. Calloway, MIC, 33 Days retreat. The program features 6 Zoom meetings on Tuesday Evenings from 7:45 to 9:00 PM. The program concludes with a total consecration to St. Joseph on March 23rd. For more information and to register, visit the Nativity Web site at: <https://nativityburke.org/33-day-retreat/> or contact Mark Pizzo at [33DayConsecration@nativityburke.org](mailto:33DayConsecration@nativityburke.org).

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flower Book for 2025 is 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 now also go online and reserve flowers on our website at: <https://nativityburke.org/altar-flowers/>.

### Jesus is knocking at our door! Will we open it? The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation!

**Time: 7:00-9:00 P.M.**

**Date: Wednesday & Thursday  
February 19-20, 2025**

**Place: Church of the Nativity**

**Presenter: Rev. Kevin J. O'Brien, Ph.D.**

For many people, reading the Book of Revelation is a frightening experience! The destructive catastrophes on earth, the cataclysmic chaos in the cosmos, and the hauntingly evil creatures that invade the world can scare us! And yet, strangely enough, the author wrote the last book of the Bible to offer hope and encouragement by presenting Jesus as the Faithful Witness, the Lord of lords and King of kings, the Lamb who loves, forgives, and saves! In this Jubilee Year of Hope (2025), the Book of Revelation challenges us, as Church, to be PILGRIMS of HOPE and live as a royal, priestly, and prophetic people, believing that Jesus is always there, knocking on our door! Furthermore, we are reminded quite emphatically that the opportunity to repent and be forgiven is always available! It is never too late!

The aim of these two presentations is to examine the significance of the major themes, characters, and symbols in the Book of Revelation, especially the 144,000, the number 666, Armageddon, and the Seven Golden Lampstands. Come and join us as we reflect upon this wonderfully inspiring, challenging, and hope-filled book!



# DONATE BLOOD SAVE LIFE

## Saturday - February 15

FROM 7:00am TO 12:00pm  
NATIVITY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

In CONJUNCTION with INOVA Blood Service  
Signup after Mass in the Narthex  
on 1/2 or 8/9 February

### ECHO Collection THIS weekend Food Room Most Needed Items

ECHO's Food Room continues to break records. We collected 945lbs at the beginning of January.

- Choose sizes appropriate for our average family size of four.
- Include an assortment of food to ensure a variety of items.
- We are short on many other items such as personal care products and the items listed below.

**ECHO's policy is to not give expired, open or repackaged food to clients. PLEASE do not bring these items or glass jars!!**

*Protein Items, e.g., can chicken, Spam, chili, Tin Fish (tuna, sardines, salmon, etc.), Canned Fruit, Bagged Beans (black, red, or garbanzo preferred), Lentils, Spaghetti (pasta and sauce) Instant and Ground Coffee, Canned Tomatoes, Tomato (paste and Tomato Sauce), Baked Beans, Bagged Rice (white, jasmine or basmati), Instant (Box) Potatoes, Crackers, Ramen, Can milk, shelf stable milk, Boxed Pasta, Juice (Bottles or box), Tea (Green, Herbal or Black), Healthy Snacks, Spices (garlic, onion, cinnamon, salt, pepper), Masa (Corn) Flour, Boxed cereal, Lemon or Lime Juice, Jelly and Honey, Tortillas, Cooking Oil, Brown Paper Bags, Reusable Grocery Bags, Children's Toothbrushes, Laundry Detergent, Toilet Paper, Deodorant, Shampoo, Facial Tissues, Dish Soap, Paper Towels Body/Hand Lotion, Band Aids, Shaving Cream/Razors, Diapers - Sizes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Baby Wipes, Sanitary Napkins.*



# Financial Seminar & Social

Join us for an informative live presentation from The Knights of Columbus. Learn about insurance and other financial products from an organization that is aligned with your faith.

*All are invited  
to better understand the benefits available to  
Catholics through the Knights of Columbus. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone  
to learn and to enjoy good company during the social! It is open to the entire community.*

Our agency has been a consistent high performer for the Knights of Columbus and its members, offers the knowledge and experience to help you best leverage our insurance products<sup>1</sup> and fraternal benefits.

The Knights of Columbus has once again earned AM Best's A+ (Superior) Rating for Financial Strength<sup>2</sup>. In addition, Knights of Columbus was designated by Forbes as one of "America's Best Insurance Companies"<sup>2</sup> and Standard & Poor's ranked us among the strongest life insurers financially in North America<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>As of December 2022

Tues, Feb 18, 2025. 7PM  
Nativity Church, Cafeteria

Scan the QR Code to register →

\*An excellent opportunity for young & old to learn & discuss financial planning!



No purchase necessary.



**Knights of  
Columbus**<sup>®</sup>

You will also learn about how Catholics now have an opportunity to work with Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors (KoCAA) through one of our **Financial Advisors**.<sup>4</sup>

**Bob Canter, LUTCF**  
**571-669-4170**

<sup>1</sup>Insurance products are offered through Knights of Columbus, One Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510.  
<sup>2</sup>Knights of Columbus ranked #22 in the permanent life insurance category on Forbes' 2024 America's Best Insurance Companies list. Forbes partnered with Statista to independently survey more than 16,000 customers who owned at least one insurance policy across 7 insurance product categories.  
<sup>3</sup>Standard & Poor's AA+ Rating North American Life Insurance Companies from Strongest to Weakest by S&P Global Ratings. As of January 25, 2023.  
<sup>4</sup>Investments are offered through Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, information found on [www.kofcassetadvisors.org](http://www.kofcassetadvisors.org).





Every girl is part of God's Royal Household—and *God's Princesses*, a new series from the creators of *Brother Francis*, brings this truth to life through fun, faith-filled stories.

**NOW ON FORMED: NATIVITY PARISH CODE M4CJ3W**

*Nativity Stars*



**GALA & AUCTION**

*bids, booty, and a pirate mystery*

**Saturday, April 5, 2025 | 6:30 pm | Fr. Martin Center**

**TICKETS GO ON SALE FEB. 3rd!**  
Secure Your Spot and Early Bird Pricing (\$65)

Seated Dinner • Open Bar • Pirate Mystery • Costume Contest  
• Photo Booth • Live & Silent Auction • Class Basket Raffle •  
50/50 Raffle • Heads or Tails

**All hands on deck - Donate Today!**

We can't make our Gala great without sponsors and donations. Great treasures to donate include:  
Restaurant gift cards, Performing arts or sports tickets, Personal services, Spa gift cards, Vacation home rentals etc.

For more information check out the QR code.  
📱 Follow us on Instagram: @nativitystarsgala

**Gifts for Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF)**  
Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost \$45,000 per seminarian. Please give generously!

To donate, make checks payable to: "Foundation for the CDA - SEEF." Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Questions: contact John French at [john.french@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:john.french@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-3819.

COME ONE!  
COME ALL!

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

**CIRCUS OLYMPUS**

A one-act play that clowns around with the Greek myths!

Presented by The Nativity Players Theatre Ministry

📅 Friday, Feb. 7 & Saturday, Feb. 8 ⌚ 7:30pm  
FREE ADMISSION!! • FATHER MARTIN CENTER

Meet our new Director of Theatre Ministry!  
Find out about our summer show, *Fiddler on the Roof!*

Email [theater@nativityburke.org](mailto:theater@nativityburke.org) for more information

**Employment Opportunities in the Diocese**  
Find the perfect Opportunity at:  
<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/human-resources/employment-opportunities/>

**VOLUNTEER AT WORKCAMP 2025**

**CONTRACTORS NEEDED**

NO PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE NECESSARY






WorkCamp is a week-long service opportunity for youth of our Parish to serve those in need throughout the Diocese. We are seeking people with home repair and maintenance skills who are willing to commit some of their time and talents to teaching young people and improving the lives of fellow Virginians in need.

**JUNE 21-27 IN QUICKSBURG, VA**  
DECKS, RAMPS, WINDOWS, FLOORS, & MORE




To volunteer, contact your Parish Stakeholder or Director of Youth Ministry!  
For more information, visit [arlingtondiocese.org/workcamp](https://arlingtondiocese.org/workcamp)



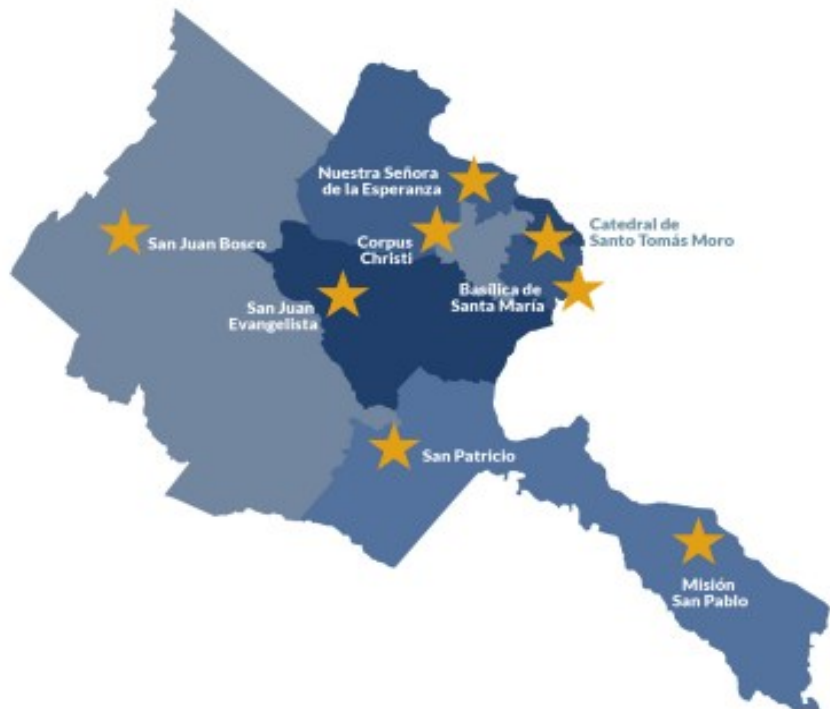


CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF  
ARLINGTON

# VISITA DEL AÑO SANTO 2025

*Peregrinos de la Esperanza*

## ¡Visite estas iglesias!



Ocho Iglesias en la Diócesis de Arlington han sido designadas sitios del Año Santo. Visite con oración uno de estos lugares sagrados y reciba una indulgencia plenaria.\* Los primeros 50 feligreses que hagan una visita piadosa a cada uno de los ocho lugares sagrados recibirán un recuerdo especial de la Diócesis (un recuerdo por familia). Más información:

[arlingtondiocese.org/holy-year-2025](http://arlingtondiocese.org/holy-year-2025)

*Nuestra Señora de la Esperanza | Arte de Martha Cammack*

\*Por favor visite nuestra página web del Año Santo para obtener una explicación completa sobre las formas en que puede obtener una indulgencia plenaria.





**YOUTH MINISTRY**

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

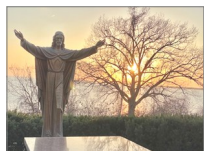


**EDGE: GRADES 6-8**  
 Twice a month: Sunday 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
 & Friday 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
 See website for full schedule

**ONE ACT PLAY PERFORMANCES**  
 February 7 & 8 at 7:30 p.m.  
 Diocesan One Act Festival at Nativity: Saturday,  
 February 8 beginning with 9:00 a.m. Mass

See website for full schedule  
 Before attending, please register for the 2024-2025  
 year of ministry using our free, online forms.

✉ [cym@nativityburke.org](mailto:cym@nativityburke.org)    📷 [@nativitycym](https://www.instagram.com/nativitycym)



**Save the Date  
 Loyola on the Potomac Men's Retreat  
 March 14 - 16**

Come join men from our parish and surrounding parishes quiet weekend of spiritual renewal at the Loyola Jesuit retreat house, high on a bluff overlooking the Potomac River in Faulkner, MD. This year's guided retreat theme is "Lead Me, Lord". The retreat starts on Friday March 14th, after 4:00pm, and finishes after lunch on Sunday, March 16th. The food is great and the sunsets over the river are spectacular. Discounts are available for those 35 and under and first-time retreatants. For more information visit [www.loyolaonthepotomac.com](http://www.loyolaonthepotomac.com) or call Nativity parishioner Richard Fanelli at 703-587-0466.



**Pro-Life Corner**

**Defund Planned Parenthood:** Planned Parenthood was funded \$750 Million by the federal government that directly caused the violent deaths of ~ 400,000 innocent preborn children last year. See 40 Days for Life initiative at [defundplannedparenthood.com](http://defundplannedparenthood.com)

**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](http://tepeyacobgyn.com), 703.273.9440.

**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](http://helpforpregnantwomen.org), 866.444.3553.

**A Woman's Choice Center - Providing Compassionate Support:** Free pregnancy, medical, educational, and support services for women and families, [awomanschoicecenter.com](http://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](http://maryscomfortva.org), 703.455.4500.



**St. Margaret of Cortona - Transitional and Maternity Housing:** Helping single mothers in exceptionally difficult circumstances: Assisting mothers with children who may be transitioning from homeless and domestic violence shelters to independent living; and Assisting women pregnant with their first child or pregnant moms who already have other children and find themselves at significant risk in their current living situations. [https://www.ccca.net/need-help/housing/family-housing-\(st-margaret\)](https://www.ccca.net/need-help/housing/family-housing-(st-margaret)), or call 703.910.4845.

**Mary's Shelter: Sheltering Women and Their Children:** Provides an expectant mother, and any additional children she may have, with housing for up to three years in order to further her education and/or secure employment. <https://marysshelterva.org/>, 540.374.3407.

**Catholic Charities Pregnancy and Adoption Services:** Provides transformative services to individuals, couples and families whose lives are impacted by unplanned pregnancy, parenting in a crisis situation and/or whose lives have been touched by adoption. <https://www.ccca.net/need-help/pregnancy-and-adoption-services/>, 703.841.3830

**Project Rachel: Help after Abortion:** A safe place to share your emotions and work toward healing. For confidential inquiries and to learn more. [helpafterabortion.org](http://helpafterabortion.org), 703.841.2504.

**Rachel's Vineyard - A safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem broken hearts:** Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. [www.rachelsvineyard.org/](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org/), 877.467.3463.

**Marian Homes:** Purchases and maintains affordable homes for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Visit: [marianhomes.org/](http://marianhomes.org/)

*Nativity Catholic Church*



**EMAIL & TEXTING SCAM ALERT**

Nativity parishioners, please be aware of email scammers posing as Nativity priests. If you receive an email or text from any Nativity clergy urgently asking you for favors or money, this is a scam. Please ignore and block the sender. If you have any questions, please call the Nativity Parish office: (703) 455-2400





NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
nativityschool.org



How Do We Spell - "S-U-C-C-E-S-S?"

On the second day of Catholic Schools Week, we celebrated with a Middle School Spelling Bee. The Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grades had held preliminary Spelling Bees in their classrooms the week before, to prepare for the event. Round after round, they battled. "Vengeance. Equivocal. Chandelier."



We were gifted with great spellers, whose talent kept them long in the game, honorably representing their class.

After several rounds, only two scholars remained: 7th Grader Elliot Ivie took First Place. Isabella Paluzsay, in 8th Grade, was First Runner-Up.



Join us at Nativity to see how your child would spend his or her days here -- learning, praying, sharing, loving, and laughing.

Contact Shannon Murphy at smurph@nativityschool.org, or (703) 455-2300, for information about our school.

We would love to hear from you.

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Important Upcoming Dates ~

- Monday, Feb 3 - Blessing of the Throats in classrooms
Wednesday, Feb 5 - 100th Day of School!
Wednesday, Feb 12 - STEAM Museum Assembly
Friday, Feb 14 - No School - Pastor Holiday
Monday, Feb 17 - No School - Presidents' Day
Friday, Feb 21 - Hall of Presidents (2nd Grade)
Saturday, March 1 - Confirmation Retreat 8th Grade

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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:

- Ability to follow a lesson plan and give effective instructions in the absence of the teacher
Proficiency in maintaining effective classroom
2-Plus years of college
Management skills
Diocesan-compliant and Successful background check



Contact Mrs. Shannon Murphy at (703) 455-2300 and/or smurph@nativityschool.org.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



Linktree Universal Sign-up Link - Volunteer for an event! Scroll down to view all event. https://linktr.ee/fr\_sikora\_council\_7992.

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

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Car Raffle Envelope Stuff: Tuesday, November 4 at 7:30 PM in the Nativity school cafeteria. Open to all Knights and families to volunteer.

Blood Drive: Saturday, Feb. 15 from 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Nativity school cafeteria, in conjunction with INOVA Blood Service. Currently less than 38% of our population is eligible to donate blood. If you are eligible to donate, sign up on the LinkTree SUG or after Mass in the Narthex on 1/2 or 8/9 February. The blood banks need our help, please consider giving the gift of life.

Donut Sunday: February 16 - We need recruiters and servers. Invite men to join the Knights! See SUGs on LinkTree.

Financial Readiness Seminar: February 18 at 7:00 PM in cafeteria. All are invited to better understand the benefits available to Catholics through the Knights of Columbus. This event is open to the entire community. See SUG on LinkTree.

St. Patrick's Dinner Dance: Prep Friday, Mar 14 with event Saturday, Mar 15. This annual event requires lots of support to be successful! Mark the dates and look for upcoming SUG on LinkTree.

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. 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.

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

Nativity Ushers assist at collections: Volunteer for your Mass! Volunteer on Link Tree for a database of potential helpers!

Sunday Mass Coffee and Cookies: We are providing coffee and cookies following Sunday morning Masses. See 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 handyknightsofnativity@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 navyy8@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 Mark Corzine at fn2996@vakofc.org.

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 BLESSEDMCGIVNEY when you register. Please email our Deputy Grand Knight, Michael Bender, at dgk7992@nativityburke.org or the Grand Knight, Chris Odell at gk7992@nativityburke.org with any questions.

**WHEN ALL THE HUSTLE-BUSTLE OF THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER .....**

*Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? If you agree then you'll want to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.*

For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for your desired location.

Feel free to contact Donald and Helen Dudley

at [donald.helen.dudley@wwme.org](mailto:donald.helen.dudley@wwme.org) with any questions.

Here are a few upcoming experiences:

March 7 - 9: Rehoboth Beach, DE

March 14 -16: Jessup, MD and Ocean City, NJ

March 21-23: Emerald Isle, NC



**PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC)**

We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over.

(35 to 59? Ask about our free associate-membership group.)

Come on out with us to: a comedy play at Jefferson Community Theatre (Feb. 2); square dancing (Feb. 4, 11, 18, 24); walk at Brenman Park (Feb. 6); dining-out in Shirlington (Feb. 9); Thursday lunches (Feb. 13, 27); Valentine's Day dance (Feb. 14); guided tour of George Washington's Alexandria (Feb. 16); movie/dinner in Fairfax (Feb. 19); visit to St. Thomas More Cathedral/lunch (Feb. 21); preparing/serving meal at Christ House (Feb. 22).

For details, visit our website: [bit.ly/ptsc](http://bit.ly/ptsc). With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at [ptscnva@gmail.com](mailto:ptscnva@gmail.com).

**2025 Teacher Job Fair**

The Office of Catholic Schools is holding the 2025 TEACHER JOB FAIR at St. Bernadette School in Springfield, VA on **Saturday, March 8, 2025 from 9:00 - 11:00 AM.**

Principals from over 30 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Arlington will be available to meet with teaching candidates for the 2025-2026 school year. To register in Advance, please go to this link and complete the online form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/5VEiXMSmAG>

or scan the QR code. For questions, please email [catholicchools@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:catholicchools@arlingtondiocese.org).



**Monthly Sensory Mass | Next Sunday - February 9 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. The Mass will include softer music, dimmer lighting, pictorial resources, and self-regulation tools for those with special needs. Families are encouraged to bring any regulation tool (noise reduction items, quiet fidgets, flexible seating items, weighted objects, etc.) that can support focused attention and provide comfort to a person so they can feel safe in their environment and they can better participate in the Holy Mass.

**Pray the Pro-Life Rosary with Us!**



When: Usually Fridays after Nativity's 7:30am Mass. Where: 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church. Join Nativity in peacefully praying the Pro-Life Rosary on the sidewalk in front of the Falls Church abortion facility for mothers in need and for the protection of human life.

**ECHO NEWS**

**Wow, It Has Been Cold Outside!**

And, for some people, it has been cold inside too. Everything from leaky windows to keeping heating bills down has made the cold weather a true misery for many.

ECHO's clothing department is asking for adult-sized and child-sized winter coats, and child-sized gloves and scarves. Men's sneakers in sizes 7 - 9 as well as children's sneakers for boys or girls in sizes 1—6 are also in high demand.

ECHO's Housewares Department is hoping for donations of comforters as well as drinking glasses and towels, especially hand towels.

Donations of items that are **clean and in good repair** are essential to ECHO's mission of aiding those in our community who are struggling. Also essential to our mission is the time, talent and dedication of volunteers.

ECHO has some openings for working with donations on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday mornings and on Tuesday or Thursday evenings. There are a few openings for those who want to work directly with clients, and a couple of openings for people who would like to help supervise the Teen Program on 1 or 2 Wednesday evenings per month. To find out more about volunteering, email [volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org).

*To donate clothing or household items, please bring them directly to our Donation Door at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road on weekdays between 9:30 am and 12:30 pm, or between 7:00 and 9:00 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings. Receipts are happily provided.*

**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 [mmturner@ccda.net](mailto:mmturner@ccda.net).

**47th Annual Gaelic Mass in Honor of St. Patrick**

The 47th Annual Gaelic Mass in Honor of St. Patrick will be held on Monday, March 10th, 2025 at 7:00pm at St. Agnes Catholic Church (1910 N. Randolph St. Arlington, VA 22207).

The Mass is organized and hosted by the Col. John Fitzgerald Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) and will be in the original Gaelic format composed by Sean O'Riada. The Mass will include organ, harp and choral accompaniment, all with English translations. The celebrant will be Rev. M. Valentine Keveny from County Mayo, Ireland. A light reception to follow.

Please contact Jim Rocco ([rocco4@gmail.com](mailto:rocco4@gmail.com)) with any questions about the Mass or the AOH.



 Cathedral Concerts

# An Afternoon of **ORGAN, VOICE, and MARIMBA**

featuring



Fr. Vincent Ferrer Bagan, O.P.



Jillian McGreen



Michael Dillman



SCAN ME

Sunday, **FEB 9**  
at **3:30 PM**

Cathedral of Saint Thomas More  
3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, Virginia

Catholic Diocese of Arlington  
Women's Conference 2025

# Journey of Hope

featuring



The Most Reverend  
Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington



Laura  
Phelps  
Author and Speaker



Sister Mary Elizabeth  
Albers, SOLT  
Vocations Servant, SOLT

## Saturday, March 15

### St. Joseph Catholic Church

750 Peachtree St., Herndon, VA

8:30 am - 2:30 pm

## Register Today!

[arlingtondiocese.org/women](https://arlingtondiocese.org/women)

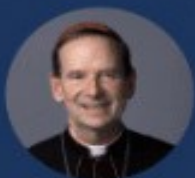




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MEN'S CONFERENCE 2025  
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**MOST REV.  
MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE**

*Bishop of Arlington,  
Mass Celebrant & Homilist*



**MICHAEL  
WARSAW**

*Chairman & CEO,  
EWTN*



**DR. JOHN  
CUDDEBACK**

*Professor,  
Christendom College*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8**

**8:30 AM – 2:30 PM**

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH  
750 PEACHTREE ST., HERNDON, VA**

**REGISTER TODAY!**

**WWW.ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/MEN**







MAY YOU KNOW THE  
**H O P E**  
THAT BELONGS TO HIS CALL



(EPHESIANS 1:18)

## QUO VADIS & FIAT CAMPS 2025



For high school students to have fun,  
deepen their faith and explore their vocation.

*Lottery open February 3-28*

**QUO VADIS CAMP**  
July 13-17, 2025

*Staffed by seminarians,  
priests and religious*

**FIAT CAMP**  
July 20-24, 2025

*Staffed by religious sisters  
and Catholic lay women*

**Where:** Mount St. Mary's Seminary,  
Emmitsburg, Maryland

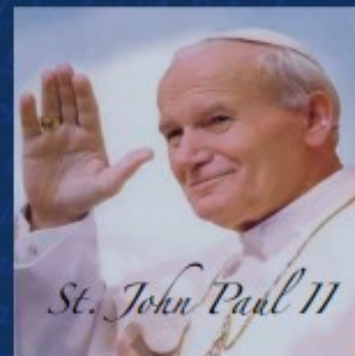
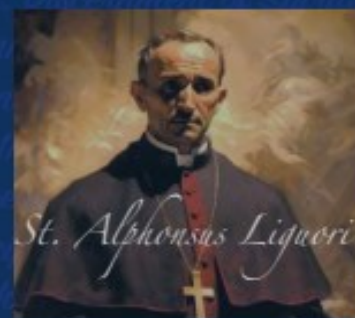
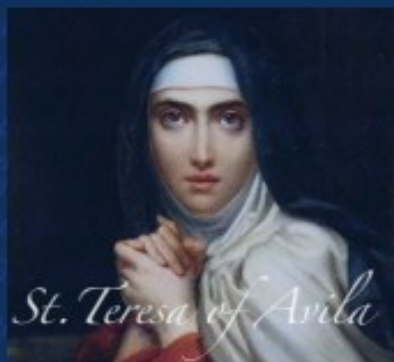
**Cost:** \$310, includes private room, shared bath,  
and all meals. Financial aid available.

*How do I get in on this?* Camp registration is  
done by lottery and will be open February 3-28.

For more information and to register:  
**[ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis)**  
**[ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT)**







*St. Teresa of Avila*

*The Blessed Virgin Mary*

*St. John Paul II*



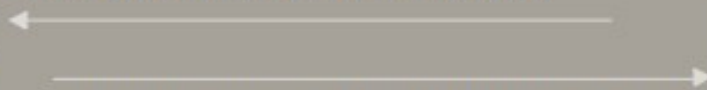
*MARCH 21-23*

## *A Retreat for Married Couples*

Through the lives and teaching of the Saints, this retreat will focus on aiding married couples to incorporate a deeper spiritual life into their vocation.



Fr. Stephen Vaccaro was ordained in 2017 as a priest of the Diocese of Arlington, and is currently assigned as parochial vicar at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Winchester, VA.



Fr. Ed Guilloux was ordained in 2019 as a priest of the Diocese of Arlington, and is currently assigned as parochial vicar at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church in Leesburg, VA. He was born in France and moved to the United States as a child.



Retreat cost is \$470 per couple. Financial assistance may be available.

For more information or to register, please contact Deacon Maines:

mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org or visit our website at [ArlingtonDiocese.org/Retreat](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/Retreat)



# Secular Carmelite Community of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

## Day of Recollection

**February 15th, 2025**

**9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

Registration: 8:30 am

Mass: 9:00 am to 9:30 am

Refreshments

**Br. John-Mary Winter, OCD**



**FEE: \$20**

**To register and pay - Contact  
Jackie:**

[theresetreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:theresetreasurer@gmail.com)

**\$25 at the door**

**Holy Spirit Catholic Church**

5121 Woodland Way

Annandale, VA 22003

For more information contact:

202 365 9197 -

[skoucheravy56@gmail.com](mailto:skoucheravy56@gmail.com)

571 332 3944 -

[veronicaroyal@icloud.com](mailto:veronicaroyal@icloud.com)



## PRESENTACION DEL SENOR 2 de FEBRERO DE 2025

**Simeón y Ana vieron la promesa de Dios cumplida. Con ellos, alabamos la bondad fiel de Dios.**

*Reflexión del Evangelio de hoy  
Ley y Templo*

Dos ritos prescritos por la ley de Moisés se nos muestran en el evangelio: la purificación de la madre y la presentación del hijo primogénito.

La presentación de Jesús es la que da título a la celebración litúrgica y nos hace fijarnos en su profundo significado. El hijo primogénito es consagrado a Dios, es decir, es declarado posesión suya, entregado a su servicio. El evangelista, quizá intencionadamente, dice de la ofrenda de la purificación pero no menciona el rescate del hijo (una determinada suma de monedas) para acentuar el sentido total y efectivo de la consagración.

Lucas le da importancia al lugar: el Templo de Jerusalén. Es el centro de la vida religiosa de Israel. También podemos ver en éste evangelio que el itinerario de Jesús tiene su meta en Jerusalén, donde tendrá lugar la pasión, muerte y resurrección. Jesucristo será el Nuevo Templo para todos los pueblos.

Luz para alumbrar a las naciones

Simeón y Ana, guiados por el Espíritu Santo, dan testimonio del significado salvífico de Jesús. Aguardaban el consuelo y la liberación de Israel y, ahora, contemplan con sus propios ojos el cumplimiento de la promesa. Bendicen, alaban, dan gracias y pregonan con gozo a todos la Buena nueva. Son la nítida imagen de los que ya sienten la salvación.

Simeón responde a la inspiración del Espíritu Santo con un precioso cántico que se recita en la oración litúrgica de Completas. El anciano ve colmada su vida, puede partir de la vida en paz porque ha visto la salvación prometida en el niño que sostiene en sus brazos: luz para alumbrar a las naciones. Se ha cumplido lo anunciado por Isaías: “Levántate y resplandece, que ya se alza tu luz.” “Yo te hago luz de las gentes para llevar mi salvación hasta los confines de la tierra.”

En éste día, la liturgia nos propone tomar cirios encendidos e ir al encuentro de Cristo. Iluminados, portadores de la luz, iluminemos, para que todos lleguemos a contemplar la luz eterna.

Señal y signo de contradicción, bandera discutida

Ante Jesucristo nadie puede quedar indiferente. El encuentro con Él provoca ineludiblemente un posicionamiento, obliga a tomar una decisión. No por haber sido elegido (pertenecer al Pueblo de Israel o al Nuevo Pueblo que es la Iglesia) se reciben los frutos de la salvación, sino porque se toma la decisión de optar por seguir a Jesucristo.

Hoy Jesucristo te ofrece su luz; tómalala y decídete a iluminar tu vida. Deja que tus obras resplandezcan.

Opta por el camino que lleva a la luz y rechaza las sombras de muerte. La decisión que se toma ante la llamada de Cristo, descubre los sentimientos del corazón.

La Fiesta de la Presentación cierra el ciclo de los misterios de la infancia de Jesús. Dentro de poco, el 25 de marzo, Solemnidad de la Encarnación, volveremos a esperar la Navidad.



**VOLUNTARIO EN WORKCAMP 2025**

**SE NECESITA CONTRATISTAS**

**NO SE REQUIERE EXPERIENCIA PROFESIONAL**



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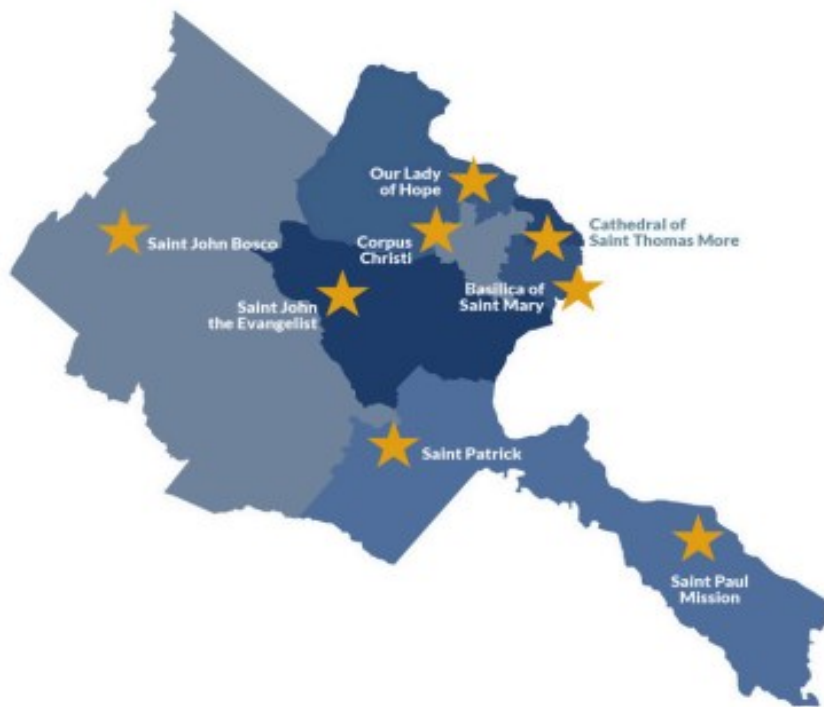


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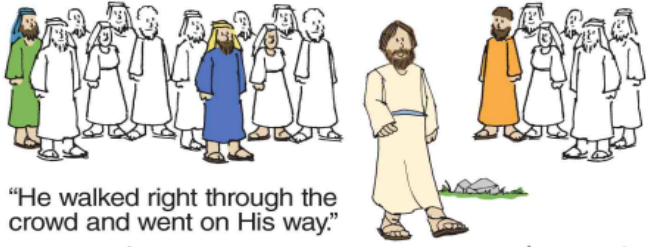






The angry people took Jesus out of the temple to throw Him off a cliff.

Find the verse below in the letter maze. Begin at the arrow. Cross out each letter as you go. The letters will be connected across, up or down. Do not move diagonally.



"He walked right through the crowd and went on His way."

START →

H	E	C	R	O	W	D	C	R
C	W	C	R	I	G	H	T	R
R	A	R	D	P	E	O	T	W
O	L	K	E	C	R	O	H	D
W	W	D	W	D	U	O	R	P
D	O	O	T	H	G	W	D	E
C	R	E	H	A	E	L	P	O
R	C	C	R	O	W	D	A	N
O	D	P	E	O	P	L	E	D
W	W	H	N	O	T	N	E	W
D	O	I	C	E	P	E	O	D
C	R	S	W	A	Y	I	P	E

Jesus knew the people wanted Him to perform miracles.

Use the code to find what Jesus said to them.

L	O	K	A	R	E	N	I	H	T					
M	1	Y	U	2	W	C	3	P	D	4	S	V	5	F

Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to Me:

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3	5	1	4	4	3	4	2	4
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5	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	3	1	5
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4	1	5	3	3	3	4	4
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1	1	2	3	5	1	1	3	5	1	2	4
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2	5	2	5	2	3	5	2	5	3
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5	3	2	3	4	5	5	2	5
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1	1	2	4	4	4	4	4
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3	2	3	3	3	4	2	2	1
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# Children's Worship Bulletin™

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February 2, 2025 • Luke 4:21-30

## Jesus Is Rejected in His Hometown

Jesus traveled to His hometown, Nazareth, where He read Scripture in the synagogue.



Find these letters hidden in the picture below:  
N A Z A R E T H



Jesus told them ...

On the lines, write all of the 1's first; then all of the 2's next, then all of the 3's, then all of the 4's.

N	T	T	H	O	I	E	O
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
P	S	D	M	R	A	I	E
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
O	C	N	T	P	C	H	O
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
H	E	I	W	E	P	S	N
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4



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