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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 1:00 p.m. 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.

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A Message from our Pastor Msgr. Bob Cilinski



"When Simon Peter saw the catch of fish they had made, he fell at the knees of Jesus. Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." - Luke 5:8

My dear parishioners,

Peter gives us an example of one who felt unworthy of Jesus' friendship and love. Peter was a sinner. Peter would even later commit the act of utter disloyalty in denying that he even knew Jesus.

Sinful fellows like Isaiah, Paul, and Peter came to experience the power of God to remove sin and rescue them. We may be sinful, but by God's mercy we are loved, accepted, and forgiven.

Don't let one more day stand between you and the gift of forgiveness. Accept the forgiveness of God with all your heart and soul. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, if appropriate. Forgive those who trespassed against you. Pray for them.

We, like Peter, have no reason to write ourselves out of the story of salvation when God may be ready to turn the page for us and offer a new beginning. God calls each of us by name. May we never fear to respond, "Here I am Lord, send me."

Congratulations to Philadelphia and Kansas City to being in the Superbowl today, Next year Washington, just planning ahead!

Love and blessings

Boh Cilinski Msgr. Bob Cilinski Pastor



NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

Every Feb 7-14

APPALACHIA HOME BUILDING & OUTREACH

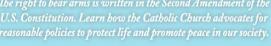
On January 25/26, the Knights spoke at all Masses asking for help to build Nativity's 27th home in the heart of Appalachia and to help additional families throughout the county with home repairs, hygiene kits for children, and assistance with utility and medical bills. Thank you for your tremendous generosity! We currently are at \$66,389 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 or 703-239-2890.

Monthly Sensory Mass | 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.







Michael O'Rourke, J.D., supports the U.S. bishops in engaging on a wide range of issues, including gun violence.

REGISTRATION



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EVENT/PEACECONFERENCE/

MARCH 8, 2025

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY BURKE, VA

5 p.m. Mass with Bishop Burbidge

:15 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Keynote Address: Michael B. O' Rourke,

Director, Domestic Justice and Human Development, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

7:45 p.m. Q&

8:30 p.m. Closing Remarks and Blessing

Sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington Peace & Justice Commission

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER VISIT: https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/peaceconference/

A Pastoral Statement on American Immigration Law and the Catholic Imperative of Upholding Human Dignity and the Common Good



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the United States government revises its immigration policies, and after prayerful discernment and consultation, I offer pastoral encouragement to President Donald Trump and Vice President JD Vance, Congressional leaders, elected officials, and all Catholics and people of goodwill to consider the common good of our country with the light of faith. The Church teaches, as does our Constitution, that a political community exists to protect the family and human dignity. We always defend and protect the most vulnerable, even as we defend the rights and duties of nations to govern themselves and to safeguard the common good.

Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), has rightly stated that "our Nation is blessed with many gifts," and our great bounty comes with a duty to care for "our most vulnerable sisters and brothers, including the unborn, the poor, the elderly and infirm, and migrants and refugees." Similarly, Bishop Mark J. Seitz, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Migration, has emphasized that we must insist on the dignity of every immigrant, regardless of his or her status. I join him in holding up the Church's teaching that every country has the right and the responsibility "to promote public order, safety, and security through well-regulated borders and just limits on immigration." All my brother bishops agree with this, and together with Pope Francis, we affirm that every migrant is "a child of God."

This wise counsel from my brother bishops rests on a two-fold commitment: to uphold human dignity and the common good. As principles of Catholic social teaching, human dignity and the common good must not be brought into conflict. As Catholics, we understand the common good as inclusive of the individual good of each and every member of society. We also understand that the rule of law is to defend and promote the common good. For this reason, I have confidence that comprehensive immigration reform need not harm the dignity of any person. Even when immigration reform includes repatriation of those persons who have committed violent crimes, or who otherwise violate the terms of a right to remain, human dignity can be respected. We must not presume a conflict between human dignity and the rule of law.

As a bishop and pastor, I offer my gratitude for all those immigrants in the Diocese of Arlington who, through their goodness and faithfulness, contribute so much to our Church and to our country. Over the past generation, immigrants have settled within the Diocese of Arlington from as many as 20 nations including Afghanistan, Cameroon, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Mexico, Gambia, Guatemala, Honduras, Peru, Sudan, Syria, Turkey, Ukraine, Vietnam, and Venezuela. Immigrant Catholics have enriched our diocese with their great faith, their devotion to our Lord, their families, and their service to Christ's Church. Their presence is a gift to all of us, and we are grateful to God for them. We pray for their faithfulness, fortitude, and perseverance in the face of uncertainty.

Spiritually, we are all migrants on a holy pilgrimage to our heavenly home. The Church carries us through every flood of life, towards the eternal safety of the City of God. When addressing the topic of migration, the Church has historically emphasized two crucial points. First, the rights of persons to the integrity and unity of their families irrespective of where they settle. Second, the right of all to the spiritual care afforded by the sacraments. We are also obligated, as believers in Jesus Christ, to serve those who come to us for assistance—no matter who they are. No Church ministry should hesitate to provide that vital assistance our faith compels us to offer: celebrate the Mass and offer the sacraments, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, and welcome the stranger. For these reasons, I plead with those responsible for law enforcement to refrain from entering our sacred spaces unless absolutely and unequivocally necessary to ensure the safety of all persons.

Along with our greatest respect for human dignity, and as a consequence of our respect for the common good, the Church has always shown the greatest concern for all that is right and just. We implore all leaders to strive to keep our nation safe for the sake of thriving and healthy families, including migrant families. Sadly, some of those who have entered our country, legally or illegally, have committed serious crimes. There must be consequences for such behavior, as there is no place for violence, trafficking, or gang activity in our society. Our laws exist to safeguard the good of all, and they must be respected. We therefore also recognize all those law enforcement officers, including many immigrants and children of immigrants, who work diligently to uphold our laws and protect our communities, often at great risk to themselves. They deserve and receive our prayers. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church emphasizes, Catholic teaching does not support an open border policy, but rather emphasizes a common sense approach where the duty to care for the stranger is practiced in harmony with the duty to care for the nation.

Therefore, I encourage President Trump and Congressional leaders to develop a national immigration policy that reflects the Catholic commitment to human dignity and the common good. Americans earnestly look to our elected officials for a humane and peaceful immigration policy that is just, compassionate, and restores confidence in the rule of law. American law must always include pathways for legal entry and as citizens we should always celebrate the contributions of immigrants, ensure the protection of the vulnerable, and uphold the common good which is the condition for ordered liberty and public safety.

We pray for courage and wisdom among our leaders to enact reforms that reflect both the heart of the Gospel and the spirit of our laws. May God grant them wisdom, mercy, and charity as they undertake this task. We are a Church that stands for justice, not against the enforcement of law, but for its application with mercy and understanding for the good of all persons and our country.

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge Diocese of Arlington



In God We Live and Move and Have our Being Arlington Diocese Cursillo Women's 159th Arlington Cursillo Retreat is scheduled for March 6 - 9, 2025 at Missionhurst Retreat Center, Arlington VA

The Cursillo Weekend is a retreat, but also so much more. It is an opportunity to examine and celebrate yourself, deepen your relationship with Christ, and continue – or begin – your faith journey with the love and support of the Christian community. You will: Grow spiritually - Make new friends - Experience Christ's unlimited love.

If you are interested and would like to learn more, feel free to contact lauralaverdiere@msn.com. For more information, or to register to attend the retreat, contact PreCursillo@arlingtoncursillo.org or visit the website: https://www.arlingtoncursillo.org/.

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

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 for more information.



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 or scan the QR code.





PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

The next Prayer Shawl meeting will be held on Monday morning, February 10th (1 week early because of the 2/17 holiday) at 9:30 am in the Fr. Ready room. This ministry is open to all members of our community!

IN MARY'S FOOTSTEPS A Group for Widows

We are a group of women who share the experience of the loss of our beloved husbands and join together in faith and fellowship. We have gathered for lunches or dinners out, retreats at the Benedictine Monastery, museum tours, etc. Our next meeting will take place on Monday, February 10th at 11:00am in the Father Ready room. For further information, please contact Cat Sands at csands@nativityburke.org.

May God bless you!

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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.

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Worship Watch Training

Msgr. Bob invites all **Ushers & Sacristans and interested Parishioners** 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







MASS INTENTIONS & MASS SCHEDULE

"We are God's People"
1 Peter 2:10

Monday, February 10th

7:30 am † Stanley Kosiek

Tuesday, February 11th

7:30 am † Margaret Mary Roeske

Wednesday, February 12th

7:30 am † Lisa Celestino

Thursday, February 13th

7:30 am † Peter Kornylo

12:00 pm † Mary Ann Salas Gener

Friday, February 14th

7:30 am Special Intention for the Fresco Family

Saturday, February 15th

9:00 am † Ernie Weeks

5:00 pm † Diane Marshall & Ellie Fakoury 7:00 pm Special Intention for Felix Olivera

Sunday, February 16th

7:00 am † Maria Angelica Soriano 9:00 am † Genevieve Sweet 11:00 am † Michael Oates 1:00 pm † Victor A. Calder Sr.

5:30 pm Special Intention for Bruce & Dianne Barker

In prayer, let us remember the sick and deceased of the parish visit nativityburke.org for the Priest Mass Schedule

ALTAR FLOWERS - Donated by

Jairo and Isabel Vargas In Loving Memory of our Beloved Son Jairo Gustavo Vargas



Annual Multi-Car Raffle

You should have received your packet of 20 tickets to sell in the mail this week. 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. 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, please contact PGK Sam Morthland @ 703-455-2186.





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



St. Joseph Consecration: Save the Date, February 11th! Come and see! Join us on A spiritual journey to consecrate yourself to St. Joseph. Consecration to St. Joseph is a Fr. Calloway, MIC, retreat focused on the wonders of our Spiritual Father.

In a world plagued with gender ideology and confusion about marriage and the family.

reflections of Mary and Joseph are very much needed. Consecration to St. Joseph and imitations of his virtues will make this happen.

St. Joseph wants to be the pillar of your family. He will teach your family the importance of prayers, mutual respect, purity, honesty, forgiveness, love, and, most importantly, placing God ahead of all things. The program features daily reflections and an opportunity for group discussion via Zoom on Tuesday Evenings from 7:45 PM to 9:00 PM for 6 sessions.

For more information and to register visit: https://nativityburke.org/33 -day-retreat/ or contact Mark Pizzo at 33DayConsecration@nativityburke.org.



TICKETS WENT ON SALE FEB. 3rd!

Secure Your Spot and Early Bird Pricing (\$65)

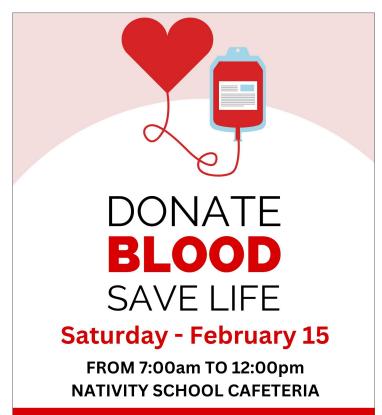
Seated Dinner • Open Bar • Pirate Mystery • Costume Contest · Photo Booth · Live & Silent Auction · Class Basket Raffle · 50/50 Raffle · Heads or Tails

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

Can you count to 10!!!!

Please join us Sunday, February 16th from 2:00-3:30 PM in the Father Ready Room to learn how to make Mission Rosaries. With People moving we are looking for some new members to help make Rosaries and get them into praying hands. All learning materials and supplies are provided by the church. We just need your love of the Rosary and willingness to make Rosaries so we can share with others. If you have any questions please email us at rosaryministry@nativityburke.org



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

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!





"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" - ISAIAH 6:8

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, "Here I am, Lord."

NO HANDS BUT YOURS MINISTRY



No Hands But Yours is an original Nativity Ministry doing God's work by serving those less fortunate members of His flock. We work distributing food, clothing, and personal items to the poor and homeless in DC and northern VA every Sunday morning, rain or shine.

We also have weekly trips into designated areas bringing Panera bread donations along with help from local food banks. Through the blessings of God, we have grown through our Nativity community and continue to do so. For more details visit the Nativity Parish website at https://nativityburke.org/service/no-hands-but-yours/. Families are also welcomed! If you have interest in learning more and would like to participate in daily/Sunday runs, please contact John Rubino at: john.albert.rubino@gmail.com.



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 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



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 catholicschools@arlingtondiocese.org.



A Creation Prayer from Nativity Creation Care Ministry

Bless us, God our Father, The immense beauty of the universe is an expression of your love for us. The earth in its freshness

The trees and plants in all their grandeur, Allow us to cherish the beauty of life – in

the person and in nature,

Bequeathed by the stewardship of our ancestors.

Renew us, Lord Jesus,

In whom all things are renewed by the grandeur of your saving grace.

You taught us love in all its fullness,

Teach us to be active stewards of your creation

Defending the rights of our people,

Protecting our mountains, lands, trees and animals,

Renewing what we have lost through our sinfulness.

Empower us, Holy Spirit.

To embrace the prophetic life of stewardship,

Rejecting all forms of abuse in our environment,

Inspiring a cleaner and sustainable future for our children,

Developing innovative solutions to address

environmental degradation and climate change.

As we care for the gift of our existence,

We care too, for our world.

(By Tagoy Jaazeal Jakosalem OAR, Philippines, Laudato Si Movement Prayer Book)

Employment Opportunities in the Diocese

Find the perfect Opportunity at: https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/human-resources/ employment-opportunities/

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 <u>clean and in good repair</u> 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.

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.

47th Annual Gaelic Mass in Honor of St. Patrick

The 47th Annual Gaelic Mass in Honor if 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 (roccoj4@gmail.com) with any questions about the Mass or the AOH.



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. Please scan the QR Code to register.





Operation Starfish Honduras Mission Trip July 7-11, 2025

Our mission is to visit Honduras and see our newest partnership with Operation Starfish. If you're college-age or in your 20s or 30s, contact Alison Fram to express your interest in coming with us!



afram@nativityburke.org

Learn more: nativityburke.org/operation-starfish/

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!"

Donate Your Car to Catholic Charities!

If you are thinking of replacing your car with something new, please consider donating your old car to Catholic Charities. Proceeds from the sale of working and non-working cars provide critical funds for our volunteer programs. It's easy, we handle all the paperwork and you receive an IRS donation receipt. Email Cars@ccda.net or call (703) 841-3898.

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. Thank you!

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.

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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



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

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The Planned Parenthood Myth: "Planned Parenthood supporters insist that if the abortion giant loses its \$750 million taxpayer subsidy, women will lose access to basic health care. The reality is that the legitimate services Planned Parenthood

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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, 703.841.2504.

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Our special week began with Sunday morning Mass, followed by an Open House at our school. We met so many new people! Thank you to all of you for taking the time to stop by to see how your child would spend his/her days here with us.

On Monday afternoon, we held a Middle School Spelling Bee – vengeance, equivocal, chandelier, bizarre 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. Congratulations!

Tuesday we focused on our parents, hosting them for breakfast during first period, greeting them as they joined us in our



We began Wednesday with a Vocations presentation by Father Bennett and Sisters Donatella and Mary Atilia, each of them describing to us how they found their way to God (or how God found His way to them!). A teacher dress-down day on Wednesday topped off a wonderful luncheon prepared by the PTO and our room parents for the teachers as we focused our attention on them.



On Thursday morning, our Eighth Graders hosted local Seniors at a Bingo event, offering prizes, food, and fun. It was a joyous event!



That afternoon, we honored our country's heroes. Our Second and Third Graders, led by their teachers, Mrs. Basselgia and Ms. Fetzer, introduced our panel of military and medical personnel – all Nativity parents with an inspirational display of elementary school pomp and circumstance.

Singing and dancing to "God Bless the USA," and "God Bless America," our young performers mesmerized the audience, bringing smiles to everyone. Our special guests then spoke to us about how each discovered their life's work. We learned a lot!

On Friday, our students – the reason why we are all here – prepared the Mass. After presenting the virtue awards and swearing in new members to the National Junior Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society, and the STEM Honor Society, we all dined on a special lunch in the cafeteria (Many thanks to Mrs. Sidebottom & her team). That ends a busy week of celebration within a Catholic school community where our Pastor, Monsignor Bob Cilinski, says "Every child is loved."

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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. Linktree Universal Sign-up Link:
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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, signup on the LinkTree SUG or after Mass in the Narthex on 8/9 February. The blood banks need our help, please consider giving the gift

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.

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. 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.
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Pescadores de hombres

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Isaías 6, 1-2a.3-8; I Corintios 15, 1-11; Lucas 5, 1-11

La pesca milagrosa era la prueba que hacía falta para convencer a un pescador, como era Simón Pedro. Al llegar a tierra, se arroja a los pies de Jesús diciendo: «¡Apártate de mí, Señor, que soy un pecador!». Pero Jesús le respondió con estas palabras que representan la cima del relato y el motivo por el cual el episodio ha sido recordado: «No temas, desde ahora serás pescador de hombres».

Jesús se sirvió de dos imágenes para ilustrar la tarea de sus colaboradores. La de pescadores y la de pastores. Las dos imágenes requieren actualmente de explicación, si no queremos que el hombre moderno las encuentre poco respetuosas de su dignidad y las rechace. iA nadie le gusta hoy ser «pescado» por alguien, o ser una oveja del rebaño!

La primera observación que hay que hacer es ésta. En la pesca ordinaria, el pescador busca su provecho, no ciertamente el de los peces. Lo mismo el pastor. Él apacienta y custodia el rebaño no por el bien de éste, sino por el suyo, porque el rebaño le proporciona leche, lana y corderos. En el significado evangélico sucede lo contrario: es el pescador el que sirve al pez; es el pastor quien se sacrifica por las ovejas, hasta dar la vida por ellas. Por otro lado, cuando se trata de hombres, ser «pescados» o «recuperados» no es desgracia, sino salvación. Pensemos en las personas a merced de las olas, en alta mar, tras un naufragio, de noche, en el frío; ver una red o una chalupa que se les lanza no es una humillación, sino la suprema de sus aspiraciones. Es así como debemos concebir la tarea de pescadores de hombres: como echar un bote salvavidas a quienes se debaten en el mar, frecuentemente tempestuoso, de la vida.

Pero la dificultad de la que hablaba reaparece bajo otra forma. Supongamos que tenemos necesidad de pastores y de pescadores. ¿Pero por qué algunas personas deben tener el papel de pescadores y otros el de peces, algunos el de pastores y otros el de ovejas y rebaño? La relación entre pescadores y peces, como entre pastores y ovejas, sugiere la idea de desigualdad, de superioridad. A nadie le gusta ser un número en el rebaño y reconocer a un pastor por encima.

Aquí debemos acabar con un prejuicio. En la Iglesia nadie es sólo pescador, o sólo pastor, y nadie es sólo pez u oveja. Todos somos, a título diverso, una y otra cosa a la vez. Cristo es el único que es sólo pescador y sólo pastor. Antes de ser pescador de hombres, Pedro mismo fue pescado y recuperado varias veces. Literalmente repescado cuando, caminando sobre las aguas, tuvo miedo y comenzó a hundirse; fue recuperado sobre todo después de su traición. Tuvo que experimentar qué significa encontrarse como una «oveja perdida» para que aprendiera qué significa ser buen pastor; tuvo que ser repescado del fondo del abismo en el que había caído para que aprendiera qué quiere decir ser pescador de hombres.

Si, a título diverso, todos los bautizados son pescados y pescadores a la vez, entonces aquí se abre un gran campo de acción para los laicos. Los sacerdotes estamos más preparados para hacer de pastores que para hacer de pescadores. Hallamos más fácil alimentar, con la Palabra y los sacramentos, a las personas que vienen espontáneamente a la iglesia, que ir nosotros mismos a buscar a los alejados. Queda por lo tanto en gran parte desasistido el papel de pescadores. Los laicos cristianos, por su inserción más directa en la sociedad, son los colaboradores insustituibles en esta tarea.

Una vez echadas las redes por la palabra de Jesús, Pedro y los que estaban con él en la barca capturaron tal cantidad de peces que las redes se rompían. Entonces, está escrito, «hicieron señas a sus compañeros de la otra barca para que vinieran a ayudarlos». También hoy el sucesor de Pedro y cuantos están con él en la barca –los obispos y los sacerdotes- hacen señas a los de la otra barca –los laicos- para que vayan a ayudarlos.



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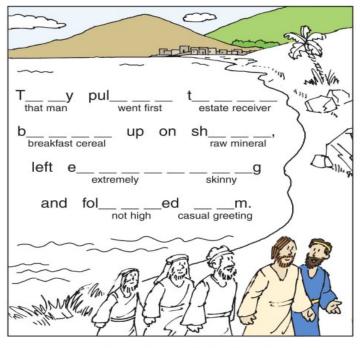




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Place the words in the blanks according to their meanings. Read what Simon, James and John did.

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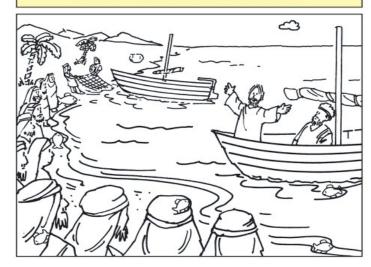
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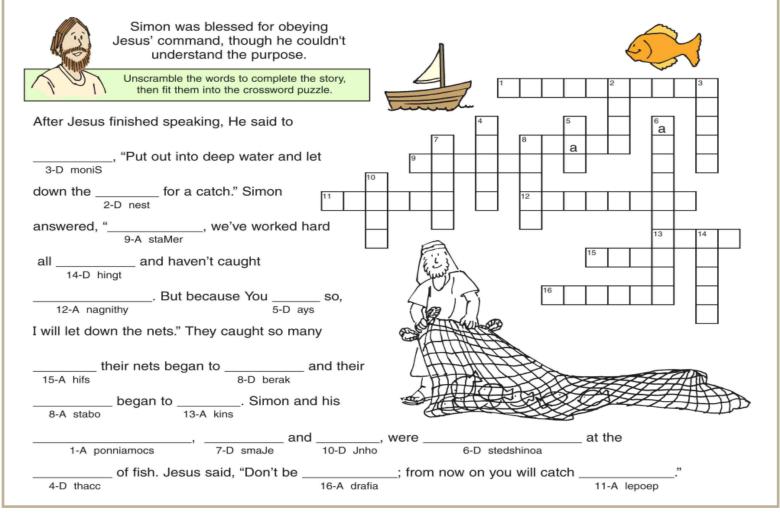
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