

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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
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You may email submissions to
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**Assisted hearing devices are available
from the Sacristy staff at all services**

"Blessed
are you
who are
poor,
for the
Kingdom
of God
is yours."

Luke 6:20

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



*"Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven."
(Luke 6:23ab)*

My dear parishioners,

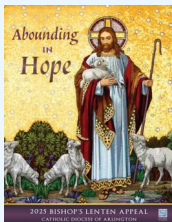
Luke's gospel is often referred to as the "gospel of the poor." If taken very literally Luke's version of the Beatitudes begins... "Blessed are the poor." Luke gives a high priority to widows, the lost, foreigners, lepers, women, children, outcasts, the humble and meek and those who have very little. His is the gospel of mercy and compassion.

Pope Francis wrote to the Catholic Bishops of the United States on February 10 to: "Encourage, along with the lay faithful, our continued care for immigrants and refugees who have not committed any serious or violent crimes but have fled their own land for reasons of extreme poverty, persecution and war that places them in a state of vulnerability. Recognizing the right of a nation to protect its borders, enacting laws should be done remembering the dignity of men and women and entire families. Let us continue to work closely with migrants and refugees and avoid unnecessary suffering to our brothers and sisters, proclaiming Jesus Christ who gave His life for the salvation of all. God will richly reward all that you do for the protection and defense of those who are considered less valuable, less important, or less human. We ask Our Lady of Guadalupe to protect families who live in fear due to migration and/or deportation and build a society that is more respectful of all."

Congratulations to the Philadelphia Eagles on winning the Super Bowl!

Love and blessings
Bob Cilinski
Msgr. Bob Cilinski
Pastor

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



**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!

In Observance of
PRESIDENTS DAY

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17th
MORNING MASS WILL BE AT 7:30AM**

DONUT SUNDAY
THIS WEEKEND



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON



Diocese of Arlington Peace and Justice Conference

THE DIGNITY OF LIFE AND GUN POLICY

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



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

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



SCAN OR GO TO: WEBSITE ADDRESS

ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/EVENT/PEACECONFERENCE/

MARCH 8, 2025

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY BURKE, VA

- 5 p.m. Mass with Bishop Burbidge
- 6:15 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&A
- 8:30 p.m. Closing Remarks and Blessing

Sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington Peace & Justice Commission



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.

The Associates of St. John Bosco (ASJB), a Catholic non-profit in the diocese founded by Fr. Christopher Vaccaro, has opened its scholarship application for all current and rising college students. This year, ASJB has more than doubled their scholarship offerings! ASJB will be awarding up to \$40,000 to up to five worthy recipients who seek to serve the Church in some way after they graduate from college. Applicants must be residents of the Diocese of Arlington. Students may apply by May 19, 2025, by visiting: www.asjb.org/scholarship-program.

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

Nativity Catholic Church

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



In search of
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR FOR LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Looking for Volunteer Coordinator to staff Lenten Soup Suppers. Will work collaboratively with our Director of Youth Ministry and team of volunteers.

Details

- ✓ Be present at all four Soup Suppers from 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- ✓ Main duty: assist with the planning of the event in advance, delegate tasks to volunteers, & oversee adult volunteer team
- ✓ Skills: hospitable, able to work with young people, comfort with running events

MAR. 12 | MAR. 19 | MAR. 26 | APR. 2 Contact [Rebecca](mailto:rebecca.rjudge@nativityburke.org)
[rjudge@nativityburke.org](mailto:rebecca.rjudge@nativityburke.org)



Save the Date
Saturday, May 10th, 2025

High Tea Party Fundraiser Benefiting Our Nativity Sisters Hosted by The Nativity Dames

Tickets and more information coming soon!





Nativity Stars
GALA & AUCTION
bids, booty, and a pirate mystery


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

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
 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

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.


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>



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

Monday, February 17th
 7:30 am Special Intention for Theresa Bresnahan

Tuesday, February 18th
 7:30 am Special Intention for Sanchia Fernandes
 12:00 pm † Aziz Naum Yamoor & Hind Thabet Refoo

Wednesday, February 19th
 7:30 am Special Intention for Ava Bresnahan
 3:00 pm Special Int. for Sophia Franco (*Burke Healthcare*)

Thursday, February 20th
 7:30 am Special Intention for Victoria Shia
 12:00 pm † Luisa Zamora

Friday, February 21st
 7:30 am † Victoria L. Hernandez
 9:00 am † Jon Robles


Saturday, February 22nd
 9:00 am † Diosdado Buendia
 5:00 pm Parishioners
 7:00 pm † Margoth Uribe

Sunday, February 23rd
 7:00 am † Denise Marie Oskvarek
 9:00 am Special Intention for John Licud
 11:00 am † Lorene Greak
 1:00 pm † John Kost
 5:30 pm † Aninyouatef Morkos & Aatef Erian Morkos

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


ALTAR FLOWERS - Donated by

The Bustamante Family
 In Loving Memory of
 Ernest Griffin Brooks



Annual Multi-Car Raffle

Annual Multi-Car Raffle Have you sold your tickets yet? Where else can you get a chance to win all four 2025 vehicles from Ourisman Ford of Manassas (Ford Escape, Mustang, Maverick Truck (Hybrid) and Bronco Sport) plus up to \$40,000 in cash for only \$5. We have additional tickets if you sell all of yours. Proceeds will benefit the youth ministry and Knights of Columbus charities. Please mail your sold ticket stubs directly to All Saints in the envelope provided. If you didn't receive a packet, please contact PGK Sam Morthland @ 703-455-2186 and one will be mailed to you.



**NATIVITY PLAYERS
THEATRE MINISTRY**

Coming This Summer!

*Fiddler on
the Roof*

**WE'RE FORMING OUR
TECH TEAM NOW!**

Join us for an interest meeting
February 20th at 7:00 p.m.
Classroom 206



Nativity Theatre Ministry is looking for volunteers to help bring our 2025 summer musical to life! Whether you're experienced or just starting out, there's a role for you: set construction & painting, lighting & sound, wardrobe & makeup, stage management, props & special effects, backstage crew, music & vocal direction, choreography. Come find out more on Thursday, February 20th at 7:00 p.m. in Nativity classroom 206. You can also reach out to Barbra Schwartz at theater@nativityburke.org. Audition dates for the show will be announced in April. Let's create something unforgettable together!

In God We Live and Move and Have our Being
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/>.

**Nativity's Italian Heritage
and Cultural Society presents**

CHOCOLATE & CANDY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27 AT 7:00PM
NATIVITY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

THE NATIVITY ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURAL SOCIETY WELCOMES ALL PARISHIONERS TO OUR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 27. OUR OWN DIANE WELLAND, WILL TALK ABOUT CELEBRATING CHOCOLATE & CANDY IN ITALY AND THE US. SHE IS CURRENTLY THE SENIOR DIRECTOR OF SCIENTIFIC AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS AT AMERICAN BEVERAGE.

EVERYONE LOVES CHOCOLATE AND CANDY! CONFECTIONERY HOLDS A SPECIAL PLACE IN THE LIVES OF MANY AMERICANS AND PLAYS A UNIQUE ROLE IN A BALANCED LIFESTYLE. JOIN US ON A DELICIOUS JOURNEY THROUGH THE HISTORY OF CONFECTIONERY IN THE UNITED STATES AND ITALY, FROM EARLY NOSTALGIC SWEETS AND ARTISANAL CHOCOLATE MAKERS TO CURRENT FOOD TRENDS SHAPING THE CONFECTIONERY INDUSTRY.

SOCIAL HOUR WITH WINE AND SNACKS FOLLOWS. IF YOU CAN, PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER OR DESSERT TO SHARE.

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.

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.

**CALL FOR
CRAFTERS & VENDORS**

**HIGH TEA PARTY FUNDRAISER-BENEFITING OUR
NATIVITY SISTERS HOSTED BY NATIVITY DAMES**

SATURDAY | MAY 10
1:00PM-4:00PM



**Are you looking to
showcase your product
or services to a vibrant
and engaged audience?**

For more information and to reserve a table
Please contact: Kim Delatte
kdelatte65@gmail.com or 703-587-2749



DIOCESAN WORKCAMP:
JUNE 21-27, 2025

Volunteers Needed

Join our team and make a difference in the lives of our young people at Nativity! We are in most need of **contractors** and **female crew leaders**.

Donation Weekend: February 22 & 23 at all Masses

We are asking for your spiritual and financial support to help send our teens to WorkCamp. We look forward to partnering with you!

<https://nativityburke.org/work-camp/>

wc@nativityburke.org

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 \$96,660 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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEAD CATECHISTS NEEDED!

We need a lead catechist for our 5th-grade class on Tuesdays from 4:45 PM to 6:00 PM.

To sign-up, please visit our website:
nativityburke.org/re/volunteer-form
or scan Qr-Code



Note: all volunteers working with children must complete Diocesan paperwork and go through a background check.

For more information email us at:
nativity.ccd@nativityschool.org

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 MARY'S FOOTSTEPS A Group for Widows

In Mary's Footsteps is a faith and fellowship group that focuses on the continuing journey of widows. Meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 11:00 am in the Father Ready Room. They include prayers offered for our beloved husbands, time to talk about them and our needs moving forward.

Numerous other fellowship opportunities are available throughout the year. Contact Cat Sands at 703-455-2400 or csands@nativityburke.org for more information.




A message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry

Wood frogs are an amphibian species with a broad distribution in North America. They have a distinct black marking across the eyes and are unique in their ability to freeze over the winter—their breathing and heartbeat actually stop. Adults live in our local woodlands, hibernating during the winter in leaf litter.


In the spring, they are one of the first frogs to visit ponds and vernal pools to mate and lay eggs—sometimes as early as Valentine's Day! When you hear a quack-like call from your local woods, it may be the start of breeding season for one of God's interesting creatures! Wood frogs are an important part of local food webs, consuming insects, slugs, snails, worms and spiders while falling prey themselves to hawks, foxes, raccoons and other predators.

Because amphibians like wood frogs absorb a significant amount of water through their skin, they are particularly vulnerable to pollutants and toxins in our water from runoff. Reducing or eliminating your use of pesticides and herbicides, avoiding oil and other fluid leaks from vehicles, washing vehicles only at car washes and picking up after pets will all help improve the cleanliness of our waterways and the health of God's creatures who are as dependent on clean water sources as we are.

When we experience warm days in late February and early March, take a walk near a local pond or vernal pool and see if you can see or hear a wood frog or spring peeper! It's time for a nature lesson about tadpoles and metamorphosis! And, let's take care of "Sister Water"!



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



The Hundredth Day of School – A One-Hundred Percent Success!



Our Kindergarten students recently commemorated the 100th Day of School, on Wednesday, February 5! To celebrate, they dressed up as 100-year-olds and took part in a variety of activities, including building a tower with 100 cups, creating 100 stamps, sorting 100 stickers, coloring 100 gumballs, and making fun 100 day crowns.



Join us at Nativity to see how your child would spend his/her days here -- learning, praying, sharing, loving, and laughing. Contact Shannon Murphy at (703) 455-2300 or smurph@nativityschool.org.

Important Upcoming Dates ~

- Monday, Feb 17 – No School – Presidents’ Day
- Friday, Feb 21 – Hall of Presidents (2nd Grade)
- Wednesday, Feb 26 – Career Day
- Saturday, March 1 – Confirmation Retreat 8th Grade
- Tuesday, March 4 – Mardi Gras!
- Wednesday, March 5 – Ash Wednesday
- Friday, March 7 – No School/End 2nd Trimester

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.

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



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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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.

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.

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.





VOLUNTEER AT WORKCAMP 2025

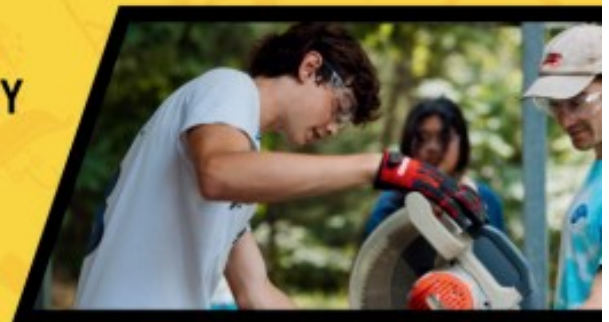
CONTRACTORS NEEDED

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




YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFE TEEN: GRADES 9-12
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6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA 22015

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Pro-Life Corner

March for Life Recap: Nativity's MFL event kicked off with a beautiful Mass for Life celebrated by Msgr. Bob. All 38 of us boarded the bus and we prayed the Pro-life Rosary on the way there.

We took various group pictures, such as in front of the Washington Monument and the U.S. Capitol, and attended the Rally. Diana Huynh captured a focused Fr. Bresnahan and Nativity banner-carrying Darren Randall in this iconic MFL pose below. There were many inspiring and hope-filled Rally speeches towards ending the scourge of abortion and about the dignity of life. Senate Majority Leader Thune spoke first, saying "We stand here today... to remind people of the great truth upon which our country was founded—all men and women are created equal and endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights and that among these are the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Speaker of the House Johnson noted that "As one of his first official acts, President Trump just freed and pardoned nearly two dozen wrongfully imprisoned pro-life activists. And I don't know if you saw his executive order on gender, but it defines life as beginning at conception rather than birth." Gov. DeSantis took the stage. "The sanctity of life does not depend on poll results... It's an enduring truth and it represents the foundation of our society." Rep. Smith spoke of pregnancy centers being "under siege by politicians" and called for the defunding of Planned Parenthood. "Today, we recommit to exposing abortion methods, which the other side never wants to talk about. To a society that has chosen to be blind to the realities of brutally dismembering helpless babies with sharp currettes, knives, and the kids we know feel pain... and also the poisoning of babies, starving them to death with the abortion pill." Lila Rose, reminded pro-lifers that they have "the power to change minds at the dinner table, on campuses, at soccer games." President Trump (who spoke via pre-recorded message) thanked the marchers for showing "extraordinary love and compassion" for preborn children, and said, "We will work to offer a loving hand to new mothers and young families... and we will support adoption and foster care. We will protect women and vulnerable children under my leadership. A reformed Department of Justice will finally investigate... attacks on churches and crisis pregnancy centers and we will bring perpetrators to justice." Vice President Vance then took the stage. "The task of our movement is to protect innocent life. It's to defend the unborn and it's also to be pro-family and pro-life life in the fullest sense of that word possible... and truly believes that the benchmark of national success is not our GDP number or our stock market but whether people feel that they can raise thriving and healthy families in our country." Vance also spoke about Trump's endorsement of the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act ... and spoke of how the government will no longer direct FBI raids on the homes of pro-life activists or put pro-life activists in prison. He spoke of Trump's pardoning the pro-lifers imprisoned. [The above Rally texts are excerpts from Live Action article, March for Life 2025 speakers inspire: 'We have the truth on our side', By Nancy Flanders, January 24, 2025.]



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47th Annual Gaelic Mass in Honor of St. Patrick

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**Qué puedo hacer para fortalecer mi fe?
6 consejos prácticos para fortalecer mi fe cuando siento que flaquea**
Por: Mauricio Montoya | Fuente: Catholic-link.com



En nuestro camino de vida es común encontrarnos con momentos en los que la fe flaquea. Momentos en los que todo parece ir bien y cuando menos lo pensamos, renacen las dudas. Cuando esto suceda debemos buscar los medios para afrontar el sentimiento de pérdida o confusión y poner manos a la obra. Estos son algunos consejos que pueden ayudarnos a fortalecer nuestra fe y regresar a ella.

1. Busca respuestas a tus dudas

Muchos nos hemos encontrado con dudas, pequeñas o grandes. Acerca de aquello en lo que creemos, y no tiene nada de malo, al contrario, es totalmente natural. Hay que verlo como una oportunidad para fortalecer nuestra convicción de fe. Lo importante aquí, no es el hecho de hacerse preguntas, sino de buscar respuestas y saber donde hacer la búsqueda, pues no todos los sitios web o libros tienen la mejor respuesta. Te recomiendo buscar en el Catecismo de la Iglesia como primera medida, también puedes acercarte a un sacerdote o guía espiritual para que te ayude a aclarar el panorama o acudir al testimonio de diversos santos.

2. Pide a Dios que aumente tu fe

Suena un poco obvio, pero en ocasiones olvidamos acudir a Dios en estos momentos, lo dejamos de lado. En los evangelios encontramos una bella aclamación dirigida a Él: ¡Señor, creo pero aumenta mi fe! (Mc 9, 14-29), es una expresión confiada en que el Señor, en su infinito amor, va a escuchar nuestro clamor y acrecentará nuestra fe.

No es tan sencillo como parece, pero Dios nunca falla. Podremos estar atravesando por duras pruebas, pero Él no nos olvida. Busca un momento del día para dedicarle estas palabras, sincerar tu corazón, reconocerte débil y pedirle ayuda. Perseverar en la oración, aunque parezca complicado, es un aspecto que no podemos dejar de lado.

3. Realiza un examen de conciencia

En aquellos momentos en que tambalea la fe, es fundamental hacer una evaluación de cómo estamos viviendo. Es necesario saber si este decaimiento espiritual se debe a alguna situación de pecado en que hayamos caído. Además, es necesario, acercarnos a la confesión conscientes de que por medio de ella, recibimos la gracia para ser cada vez más fieles al Señor.

Erróneamente se cree que realizar un examen de conciencia, se trata de ponernos en el banquillo de los acusados, pero en realidad, esta es una excelente herramienta que nos sirve como reflejo de lo que somos en determinado momento.

4. Vive la caridad

No hay mayor alegría en el corazón del hombre que la de poder demostrar su amor a los demás por medio del servicio. Te recomiendo acercarte a un centro de salud o una fundación y donar un tiempo de voluntariado, visitar a un enfermo de tu comunidad, ayudar a alguien que esté pasando hambre, acompañar a quien se encuentra solo.

Estas son solo algunas formas de entregarnos a otros y una poderosa arma contra la desesperanza o la desilusión.

5. Busca dirección espiritual

Te recuerdo que no podemos caminar solos, es necesario que haya alguien que nos acompañe, aliente y corrija en el camino. Buscar dirección espiritual te ayudará a encontrar la luz del Espíritu Santo, refugiarse en él nos servirá de bastón en el proceso de fe y conversión. Si estás pasando por un momento de crisis de fe, una experiencia de dolor o culpa, o incluso un momento de acción de gracias a Dios, un encuentro con tu director espiritual es totalmente enriquecedor, sentirás cómo es el mismo Señor quien te acoge, escucha y aconseja.

6. Recuerda aquellos momentos en que tu fe ha sido más firme

Es bueno recordar y volver a vivir esos momentos que han permitido que tu fe crezca y se haga más fuerte, pues en ellos encontrarás las pautas para recuperarte en este bello camino hacia Jesús. Es importantísimo que nunca olvides, que no estás solo, sino que tanto la fuerza del Espíritu como la compañía y apoyo de tus hermanos en la fe, están contigo.

Repite diariamente en tu oración personal: ¡Señor, creo pero aumenta mi fe! No temamos pedirle con urgencia a Dios que nos socorra. La fe es una gracia, una gracia que transforma nuestras vidas y la forma en que vemos el mundo. Como gracia que es, es necesario pedírsela a Dios continuamente.



Acoger el Amor de Dios

¿Empezamos a creer gracias a un camino personal o porque acogemos un don que viene de Dios?

Por: P. Fernando Pascual LC | Fuente: Catholic.net

¿El cristianismo nace desde nosotros o desde Dios? En otras palabras, ¿empezamos a creer gracias a un camino personal o porque acogemos un don que viene de Dios?

Entender que Cristo es Dios, que tenemos un Padre en los cielos que nos ama, que el Espíritu Santo habita en nuestros corazones, sólo es posible desde una actitud de acogida.

Es cierto que nadie nos puede obligar a creer o amar. Como también es cierto que el camino más fácil, más directo, más decisivo para aceptar el Evangelio consiste en acoger el Amor de Dios al darnos cuenta de la gran verdad: Él me amó primero.

De modo más radical, sorprende descubrir que el amor llegó a nosotros precisamente cuando estábamos lejos, cuando el pecado nos había herido, cuando no lo merecíamos. Yo curaré sus extravíos, los amaré sin que lo merezcan... dice el Señor por medio del profeta Oseas (cf. Os 14,5).

San Pablo lo recordará con palabras bañadas en el fuego del Espíritu: En efecto, cuando todavía estábamos sin fuerzas, en el tiempo señalado, Cristo murió por los impíos -en verdad, apenas habrá quien muera por un justo; por un hombre de bien tal vez se atrevería uno a morir-; mas la prueba de que Dios nos ama es que Cristo, siendo nosotros todavía pecadores, murió por nosotros (Rm 5,6-8).

A partir de esa certeza, convertida en experiencia, arranca mi condición cristiana, en la que se unen el amor a Dios y el amor al prójimo: Nosotros amemos, porque Él nos amó primero (1Jn 4,19).

Sí, soy cristiano desde su Amor y para amar. Soy cristiano porque me abro, cada mañana, cada minuto, a la certeza de su cercanía y su misericordia. Soy cristiano cuando empiezo a acoger, con gozo y esperanza, a Jesús, Hijo de Dios e Hijo de María.



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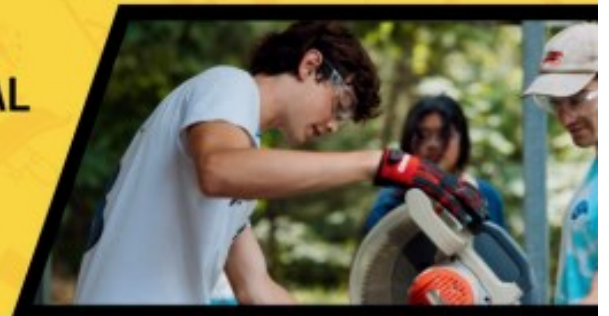
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