

Second Sunday of LENT



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

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

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

HOLY DAY MASSES: As Announced

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

BAPTISM: For more information and how to schedule a
baptism, please visit our website:
<https://nativityburke.org/baptism/>

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your wedding date.

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



“But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.” - Philippians 3:20

My dear parishioners,

Today the church gives us a view of things from the mountain-top with Jesus, Peter, James and John. We are given a glimpse of the glory of the risen Christ as He is transfigured with a face shining brightly and clothing dazzling white. The glory of God affirms the divinity of Jesus, “This is my chosen Son, listen to Him.” After this transforming encounter, Jesus continues with His disciples to the cross, to opposition and betrayal which concludes with his death and the glory of resurrection.

We all are on a journey back to God and we also experience the cross in our lives. There are many in the parish who are very sick and dealing with serious problems in life. Mountain top experiences of God and transforming experiences of prayer can be our hope. Lent reminds us every year that our lives are journeys through death to new life, when “He will change our lowly body to be like His in glory” (Phil. 3:31).

With prayer and a sense of God’s presence among us, let us continue on our journey with a voice ringing in our ears “This is my chosen Son, listen to Him”.

Love and Blessings,

Bob Cilinski

Msgr. Bob Cilinski, Pastor

**2026 Nativity Parish Mission - “In Christ, We are One”
Finding Jesus in Holy Communion with Fr. John Riley**



All are invited to participate in our 2026 Lenten Parish Mission: “In Christ we are One”. This year’s Parish Mission is scheduled for March 9, 10 and 11.

Our Holy Father Pope Leo’s motto is “*In the One, We are One*”. It is God’s Plan that we seek and find Our Lord with others, with our family, with our parish, and as members of our “*One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church*”. In our conferences we will consider insights from Pope Leo XIV, the genius of St. Augustine, and the words of Jesus in His “*Farewell Discourse*” in the Gospel of St. John. Join us in this week’s Parish Mission as we quietly read and think and pray with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and consider how, though we are many, we can truly be one with each other... and with Christ.

Fr. John Riley will celebrate Mass and lecture in the mornings, and evenings (see Lenten schedule to the right). The Mission will conclude with Mass on Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 pm. (Adoration on Wednesday evening will be from 5:00 to 6:30pm) Father John Riley has been a priest for over 30 years, serving in the Arlington Diocese, in Denver, and beyond. He has taught and led hundreds of conferences, missions, and retreats for priests, religious sisters, and laity around the country and as far afield as Calcutta, India. His first love is helping people seek and find Jesus Christ by treasuring and pondering the Gospels in deep quiet prayer. Fr. Riley currently serves as Spiritual Director for the Arlington Diocese’s San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA.

NATIVITY LENTEN SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday through March 27, 7:00pm English, 8:00pm Spanish. Good Friday, April 3, live stations at 12:00pm in English and 5:00pm in Spanish

The Light is ON for You

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Wednesday Evening during Lent
6:30pm - 8:00pm Confessions

Soup Suppers

On Wednesday Evenings: March 4, March 11, March 18
5:30pm - 7:00pm in the Cafeteria

Parish Mission with Fr. John Riley

Sunday, March 8 - Homily at all Sunday Masses,
Monday, March 9 - conferences at 10:00am and 7:00pm
Tuesday, March 10 - conferences at 10:00am and 7:00pm
Wednesday, March 11 - morning conference at 10:00am, evening conference with a special Mass at 7:00pm

Fr. Riley will offer extra Confessions on:

Monday, March 9 at 8:00am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm and following the evening conference.
Tuesday, March 10 at 11:00am, 1:00pm, 4:00 pm and following the evening conference
Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00am, 9:00am and 5:00pm

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

March 27 from 5:30pm - 8:00pm

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Thursday, March 26 at 6:30 pm

Many Priests will be available for individual confessions.

For more information visit:

<https://nativityburke.org/category/lent-easter/>

ATTENTION - PARKING REMINDERS

Recently with the snow, and sometimes for crowded Masses, parishioners have to park in the neighborhood across the street. The following reminders will help with safety and allow us to be good neighbors. Under Fairfax County code and traffic regulations parking is prohibited at:

- within 10 feet of either side of a driveway
- within 20 feet of an intersection
- within 30 feet of a stop sign
- in travel lanes including turn lanes

Our neighbors understand our need to park there when services are crowded. They welcome us and appreciate our efforts to do so safely. Thank you for your cooperation!

Please join us for a Night of Reflection with

Irish Tenor Mark Forrest

on March 4th, 2026 at 7:00 PM
at Nativity Catholic Church,
all ages are welcome!

For more information visit: markforrest.com





CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
ARLINGTON

2026 Peace & Justice Conference

Immigration and the Church's Prophetic Voice

"Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together."

-U.S. Bishops, Special Message on Immigration (November 2025)



Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala
Auxiliary Bishop of the
Archdiocese of Washington

FREE EVENT
REGISTRATION REQUIRED



SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT:
bit.ly/PJC2026

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026

NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH
Burke, VA

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| 5:00 PM | Vigil Mass with Bishop Michael Burbidge |
| 6:15 PM | Dinner |
| 7:00 PM | Keynote Address:
Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala,
Auxiliary Bishop of Washington |
| 7:45 PM | Q&A |
| 8:15 PM | Closing Remarks and Blessing |

Sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington Peace & Justice Commission

Childcare is available for Nativity families; spots are limited.
Registration Link: <https://nativityburke.org/peace-justice-conference/>



Nativity Lenten Fish Fry

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Fr Sikora Council 7992
 Friday, March 27th, 2026 - Serving from 5:30pm to 8:00pm
 Dine in the Parish Hall or Take To-Go

Advanced Tickets: (sold after Mass, see dates below)
 Adults \$14.00 and Children under 12 \$5.00 (kids menu)
 Tickets at the door: Adults \$15.00 and Children under 12 \$5.00
**Limited Space is available. Reserve your time slot after Mass
 on 3/14, 3/15, 3/21 and 3/22**

Online for 3/27/26:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AAAB2AA64-62314354-lenten>

Adults	Kids
Fried or Baked Fish	Fish Sticks
French Fries	French Fries
Hush Puppies	Hush Puppies
Cole Slaw	Cole Slaw
Dessert	Dessert



3/27

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!



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 14th, 2026 - 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 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!

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/kc-council-7992/st-patrick-s-day-2026>



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria



Stop by for Confessions in the Church from 6:30-8:00pm!

**MARCH 4
 MARCH 11
 MARCH 18**

DONATIONS BENEFIT YOUTH MINISTRY

Teens in grades 8-12 can volunteer by signing up on the website



SIGN UP TO DONATE SOUP OR BREAD
 Share a favorite family recipe or experiment with something new!



Enjoy a simple soup dinner donated by parishioners and served by our teens.

Monthly Sensory Mass on Sunday, March 8th 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. We also invite you to join us after the Sensory Mass for coffee, donuts, and fellowship in the cafeteria.

If you would like to learn more about the Monthly Sensory Mass please email Tracey Hulen, Disability Inclusion Coordinator at thulen@nativityburke.org.

"This is my beloved Son... listen to him." (Matthew 17:5)
 God's voice calls us to follow His Son closely. Could priesthood be your path to proclaiming Christ's message, leading others to listen to Him? Trust His guidance. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Join us for a Divine Mercy Retreat!!



Lent is a time when we recall how Jesus suffered and died for love of us. How can we console Jesus and love Him in return? St. Thérèse invites us to allow God's Merciful Love to gradually heal our hardened hearts, so that they will become more sensitive, compassionate, and loving. The catch is that our hearts will begin to become more as they should be: deeply moved by the suffering of others. When we are focused on a beloved who is suffering, instead of ourselves, we often do not notice our own pain.

The program features 6 Zoom meetings on Tuesday evenings from 7:45 to 9:00 pm. The program concludes with a total consecration to Divine Mercy on April 12 (Divine Mercy Sunday). For more information and to register, visit the Nativity Web site: <https://nativityburke.org/33-day-retreat/> or contact the Nativity 33 Day Ministry at 33DayConsecration@nativityburke.org.



Donation & Sponsorship Request

Nativity Stars Gala & Auction

Help us fund our Nativity Stars Gala & Auction—our biggest fundraiser of the year. Donations and sponsorships support student programs like STEM updates, field trip transportation, teacher training, and community events. Your generosity helps us provide faith-based, engaging, and innovative education.

- Become a Sponsor - Recognition in event materials and school promotions
- Donate Goods or Services - Support our live or silent auction
- Make a Monetary Gift - Support a specific program or area of need.

➡ Learn more or contribute at: nativityschool.org/gala



A Message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry

How can we rethink food and honor God’s abundance during Lent?

Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? There are often many plant based choices at the Lenten Soup Suppers on Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18. Consider signing up on the Nativity webpage to bring your own plant based soup--there are recipes galore to choose from if you search. Want to regularly eat a more plant based diet but still love meat? Try becoming a weekday vegetarian and only eat meat on the week-ends. Remember too that eating seasonally and locally can reduce carbon emissions since your food doesn't have to travel as far. Sadly, 108 billion pounds of food is wasted annually in the United States. Think about the little changes that you and your family can take to reduce food waste in your home and community, such as careful meal planning, enjoying leftovers, and composting.

"The Lord has bestowed the fruits of the earth for the benefit of all of the world's people. May we share with all in need and so be good stewards of God's earth and its abundance."

- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Environmental Stations of the Cross: please join us at the Grotto on Friday March 13 for a Creation Care themed Stations of the Cross from 5:45-6:30 pm. No RSVP needed. Cancelled in case of severe weather.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Sister Mary Attilia Todaro



MASS INTENTIONS & MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday, March 2

7:30 am Special Intention for Andrea Morrow
12:00 pm † Bertha Fisher

Tuesday, March 3

7:30 am Special Intention for Sr. Mary Attilia Todaro
12:00 pm † Maribel Knappen

Wednesday, March 4

7:30 am Special Intention for our Clergy
3:00 pm Special Intention for Diane & Tom Fields (*Sunrise*)

Thursday, March 5

7:30 am † Ramon Arturo & Aurora Tineo
12:00 pm † Geraldine Jasinski

Friday, March 6

7:30 am † Mercy Zignago

Saturday, March 7

9:00 am Special Intention for Galileo Mark Namata Jr.
5:00 pm † Hoa Ngo
7:00 pm † Deceased Members of the Quispe Choque Family

Sunday, March 8

7:00 am † Jeri Gormley
9:00 am † Emeterio & Teresita Supapo
11:00 am † Maria & Dominic Dulisse
1:00 pm † Eduardo Tepe (*Sensory Mass*)
5:30 pm † Edith & Andrew Soos

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



TEA IN THE GARDEN: A HIGH TEA FUNDRAISER CALLING ALL MAKERS, CRAFTERS, AND ARTISANS!

You are cordially invited to showcase your talents at our upcoming High Tea Fundraiser benefiting the Nativity Sisters.

This year, we are transforming our space into a beautiful "Tea in the Garden," featuring a vibrant marketplace open to all parishioners. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your products and services with our community in a delightful, festive atmosphere.

When: Saturday, May 9th 2026 | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Vendor Investment: \$25.00 per table

Reserve Your Spot: Space is limited for this special event. To ensure your place in the garden, please contact Kim Delatte at kdelatte65@gmail.com or 703-587-2749 for registration details.



SAVE THE DATE
Tea in the Garden
A HIGH TEA PARTY FUNDRAISER BENEFITING
OUR NATIVITY SISTERS

Step into a blooming garden for an elegant afternoon of fine tea and gourmet treats by Boyd & Parker Events. Enjoy a curated purse auction, our festive photo booth, and delightful door prizes.

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH, 2026 | 1:00 - 4:00 PM
FATHER MARTIN CENTER

Tickets: \$45/person.
\$48.00 if paying by credit card

Special Feature: This year, shop our vibrant garden marketplace! We are seeking select crafters and vendors to showcase their talents (\$25/table). To donate a purse or reserve a vendor table, please contact: Kim Delatte: 703-587-2749 kdelatte65@gmail.com

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

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

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



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



Pray the Pro-Life Rosary and Witness with Us!
When: Friday mornings after the 7:30 am Mass
Where: 900 S. Washington St, Falls Church, VA.

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

KOFC ANNUAL MULTI-CAR RAFFLE

Have you sold your tickets yet?

They practically sell themselves, where else can you get a chance to win all four 2026 vehicles from Ourisman Ford of Manassas (Ford Escape, Mustang, Maverick Truck (Hybrid) and Bronco Sport) plus up to \$40,000 in cash prizes for only \$5. Please mail your sold ticket stubs/payment directly to All Saints in the envelope provided.

We have additional tickets if you sell all of yours.
Please contact PGK Sam Morthland @ 703-455-2186 if you have any questions.




The 2026 Bishop's Lenten Appeal: In Christ, We Are One



Scan Me

If you haven't yet had a chance to make your gift, we still need your help. Every family matters in helping our parish reach goal. No gift is too small. Your participation supports vital ministries our parish depends on: seminarian formation, religious education, youth ministry, Catholic Charities, and more. Consider a monthly recurring gift to spread your generosity throughout the year. You can also give a one-time gift or pledge. Give today at arlingtondiocese.org/bla or scan the QR code.

STUFF THE BUS FOR ECHO

Please plan to participate in the Stuff-the-Bus Event to collect food and personal hygiene donations for ECHO on Saturday, March 14, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Huntsman Giant, 7501 Huntsman Blvd., Springfield.

Another opportunity to help ECHO is offered by Springfield United Methodist Church's food drive on Saturday, March 21, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the church parking lot at 7047 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, (next to the county parking garage). Every category of non-perishable food is needed, and every can and box helps us fight hunger in our community!




PRAY TO HELP SAVE THE LIFE OF A CHILD!
Nativity All-Day Prayer Vigil for Life
40 Days for Life Fall Campaign Day
Friday, March 6, 2025
7am - 7pm (sign up for just one hour!)

Location: 900 S. Washington St, Falls Church, VA
"When someone prays in front of an abortion facility, the no-show rate for appointments can go to as high as 75%!" (40 DFL)

Sign up to peacefully pray the pro-life Rosary for one hour here: <https://bit.ly/4kG15uX>
Or from Nativity's Bulletin or Flocknotes or use QR Code:

Sacristan

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

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

Requirements:

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

Submit cover letter and resume to:

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

Director of Youth Ministry

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

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

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

Requirements:

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

Submit cover letter and resume to:

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


**Service Opportunity for Families on
March 29th after the 9:00 & 11:00 am
Mass in the School Art Room**


Join us for the 2nd Annual hands-on Soap-Making Service Opportunity for families on Sunday, March 29th after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses at Nativity Parish. Led by the Youth Leadership Council at Kind Leaders, this meaningful S.T.E.A.M. experience invites children and youth to create mini starfish-shaped soaps that will be offered to parishioners on the third weekend of April for a suggested donation benefitting Operation Starfish.

Through this hands-on activity, participants will explore soap chemistry, measurements, and mold design while putting faith into action through service. Supplies will be provided. Sign up at kindleaders.org/events or scan the QR Code.

About Kind Leaders: Kind Leaders is a kid founded and led nonprofit organization. Its mission is to help children and youth grow as compassionate leaders and lead with love through faith-based service projects and kindness-driven initiatives.

APPALACHIA HOME BUILDING & OUTREACH:

Last month, the Knights spoke at all Masses asking for help to build Nativity's 28th home in the heart of Appalachia and to help additional families throughout the county with home repairs, hygiene kits for children, assistance with utility & medical bills, and food for needy school children. Thanks for your tremendous generosity!

We currently are at \$122,660 towards our goal of \$125,000. 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 Parish 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 either Bob Corsi, bobcorsi@cox.net, 703-239-2890, or Bob Colella, robert.colella.86@gmail.com, 571-422-0367.

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

Come join the Nativity Dames! We are the wives, widows, sisters, daughters, nieces of the men in the Knights of Columbus. Our purpose is to support and assist our Fr. Vincent Sikora Council. Our fellowship and information meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Ready room.

**For more information, please contact
RoseAnne Zivich at brzivich@aim.com.**

ECHO Collection THIS weekend, February 28 / March 1 - Food Room Most Needed Items

Thank you for including ECHO Food Room needs on your shopping list. The USDA calculates that a meal for one persons is considered to be 1.2 pounds of food. Thus far this fiscal year ECHO has distributed 288,560 pounds of food which converts to 240,466 meals given to our neighbors in Burke and Springfield. Thank you donors for your generosity in helping our neighbors. Your help is greatly appreciated. We collected 638 lbs on the weekend of January 31/February 1.

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

Bag Beans (black, red or garbanzo beans preferred), Lentils, Canned Fruit, Cereal/Oatmeal (low sugar), Can Tomatoes, Tomato paste, Canned Milk, Shelf stable milk, Hot Chocolate, Snacks (Crackers, raisins, granola bars, dry fruit, nuts, etc.) Baked Beans, Coffee (Instant and Ground), Honey, Pancake Syrup, Cooking Oil, Non-salt spices, Masa Corn Flour, Granulated Sugar, Lemon or Lime Juice, Tortillas, Condiments, Mac and Cheese, Canned Meat, Paper bags, Newspaper plastic sleeves, Paper boxes, Toilet Paper, Facial Tissue, Toothpaste, Razors, Shampoo, Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Body/Hand lotion, Band Aids, Diapers.



Dear Friends,

We would like to invite you to help decorate our parish home, Nativity Catholic Church, for Easter. If you would like to share in decorating our Sanctuary, please fill in the bottom of this flyer and drop it by the parish office, **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, March 22.** Your gift will be acknowledged in the Easter Bulletin. Please return the entire sheet and **PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.**

Thank you,
Msgr. Bob Cilinski, Pastor

Please print this page, fill in the information requested below, attach your gift to this sheet, and mail it to or drop it off at the Parish Office.

Print clearly the information EXACTLY the way you would like it to appear in the Easter Bulletin. If you prefer to be ANONYMOUS, please check here _____ and only the special intention or the deceased name(s) will appear in the bulletin, NOT YOURS.

Print your name (s) or your family name CLEARLY the way you would like it to appear.

Flowers Donated by: _____

In Loving Memory of / With Special Intention for (please specify):

PHONE NUMBER: _____ AMOUNT OF GIFT \$ _____

Your parish envelope number (if known) _____

YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFE TEEN: GRADES 9-12

DINNER - FELLOWSHIP - PRAYER & FORMATION

Sundays | 6:30-8:30 p.m.



EDGE: GRADES 6-8

Fridays twice a month

6:30-8:00 p.m.

See website for full schedule



SOUP SUPPERS

Save the date for our annual WorkCamp Donation Weekend - February 21 and 22. Our high schoolers will be at all the Masses to share their experiences with you and to ask for your prayers and financial support.

LIVING STATIONS

Save the date Friday March 27 at 7pm. Teens from our youth ministry program will be offering a moving presentation of the Living Stations of Cross. Come pray with us as we journey towards Holy Week.

See website for full schedule

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

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

2026 Arlington Diocese Men's Conference

All men of the Diocese of Arlington are invited to join us on March 7th at the 2026 Men's Conference. The day will feature talk by keynote speaker, Matthew Bunson, Mass with Bishop Burbidge, vendors, and a Q&A with the Bishop and Dr. Bunson. The Conference will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon, from 8:30am to 2:30pm. For more information visit: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/men/>

2026 Arlington Diocese Women's Conference

The Catholic Diocese of Arlington's Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life and Council of Catholic Women invite all women of the Diocese to St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon on March 14th to celebrate the 2026 Women's Conference, titled Faith, Hope & Courage. This year's Conference, featuring keynotes by Helen Alvaré and Mary Stanford, will highlight the accomplishments and gifts of Catholic women past and present who have formed our great nation since its founding 250 years ago. Mass celebrated by our bishop the Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge, lunch, and a Q&A with the Bishop and our two speakers. Vendors will also be present selling all kinds of gifts for yourself and your family. Register today at [arlingtondiocese.org/women](https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/women).

Pro-Life Corner

Statement by Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Knestout on Outcome of 2026 Assisted Suicide Legislation

The Senate and House bills that would have legalized assisted suicide will not advance during this year's General Assembly session. We are grateful that committees in both chambers decided not to proceed with this legislation after weighing the grave concerns expressed by so many people throughout our Commonwealth. Many legislators on both sides of the aisle recognized the serious risks this measure would have imposed upon vulnerable Virginians – including people with disabilities, people with mental illnesses, the elderly, and those who lack access to healthcare.

Human life is sacred and no one should ever be abandoned or discarded. Every suicide results in a tragic loss that can place families, friends, coworkers, and whole communities in long-term grief. Virginia should always seek to prevent suicide, and never engage in or promote suicide.

We greatly appreciate all those who contacted their legislators to express their concerns, and we would like especially to thank those senators and delegates who advocated for vulnerable and underserved Virginians and their families.

KOVAR Enduring Love Campaign – Homes for Intellectually Disabled

Stand with parents who seek to find a home for their children that outlive their ability to provide direct care on their own. Contact Mark Sawyer, sawyerkoc7992@verizon.net.

"The National Catholic Bioethics Center:

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

Gabriel Project: Pregnancy Outreach for Expectant Mothers:

Offers emotional, spiritual, material, and financial support through a pregnancy helpline and parish-based volunteer "Angel" support. helpforpregnantwomen.org. 866.444.3553.

End of Life Medical Directives:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Catholic Charities Pregnancy and Adoption Services:

Provides transformative services to those whose lives are impacted by unplanned pregnancy. <https://www.cdda.net/need-help/pregnancy-and-adoption-services/>, 703.841.3830.

Rachel's Vineyard: A safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem broken hearts. Weekend retreats offer supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. www.rachelsvineyard.org/, 877.467.3463.

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Second Graders Receive Presidential Seal of Approval

Our Second Graders led our recent celebration of Presidents' Day by hosting a 'Hall of Presidents,' an event where each student served as expert for one of our U.S. Presidents. A Second Grade tradition, students researched the history, character, and political views of one of our presidents; then, in-character, spoke to others about his life and legend.

Additional 'Presidential' photos available on the Nativity School Facebook Page. Ask Mrs. Basselgia's Second Graders to Recite the Presidential Rap!



Important Upcoming Dates ~

- March 2-6 - Chick-fil-A Fundraiser
- March 6 - Second Trimester Ends
- March 9 - No School
- March 16 - No School
- April 3 - Easter Break Begins

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

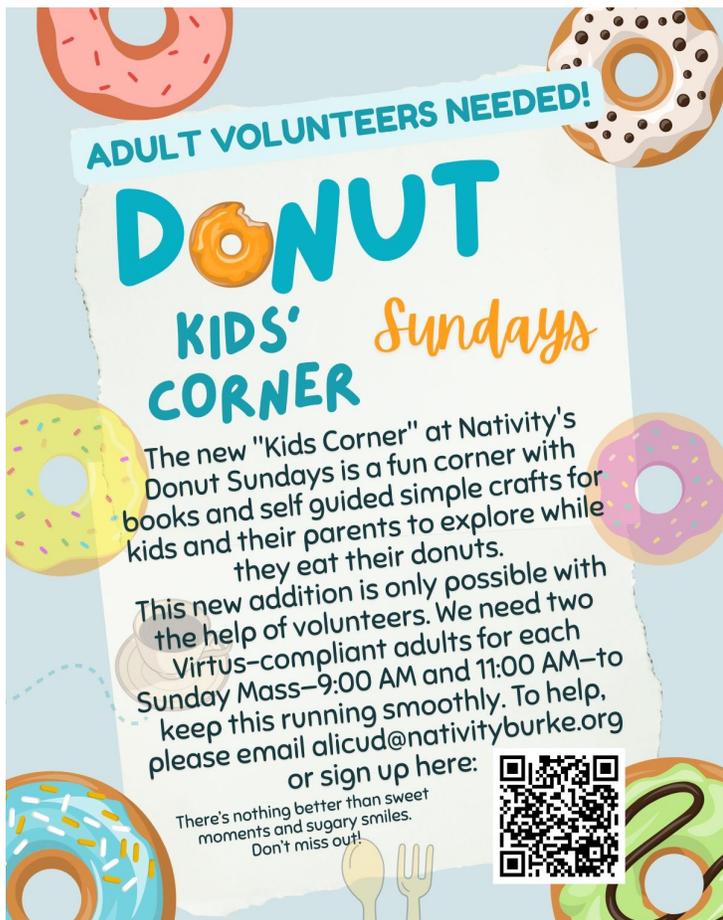
Join the Knights! The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. Join today at <https://www.kofc.org/joinus>. Your dues will be **free for one year**: Be sure to enter our council #7992 and the code **RCANTER** when you register. Please email our Deputy Grand Knight, Vince Augelli, at dgk7992@nativityburke.org or the Grand Knight, Michael Bender at gk7992@nativityburke.org with any questions.

- Volunteer for an event!** Scroll down to view all events, https://linktr.ee/fr_sikora_council_7992.
- Knights, are you receiving the Grand Knight Newsletter?** If not, go to: <https://NativityBurke.flocknote.com/NativityKnights> to sign up.
- 4 March:** Knights support for Soup Supper KofC Hosting Slot is 4 March "Wed" 4:30-7:30, asking for 15 Knights. SUG is live!
- 6 March:** Nativity All-Day Prayer Vigil for Life (40 DFL Spring Campaign): Please sign up to lead Rosary for 1 hour! SUG is live!
- 14 March:** St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance, Fr. Martin Center, 6:30pm. We need Knights to help with this popular event! (Set up 13 Mar). Come on out and join fellow Knights and parishioners in the traditional celebration of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. SUG is coming!
- 15 March:** Donut Sunday - Please sign up to help with this popular parish event! SUG is live!
- 27 March:** Fish Fry #2
- Widow Support:** Thursday Nights Ride to Nativity Support Group.
- Food for Others:** Volunteer for food distribution to the poor, delivered on designated Thursday or Friday evenings. For Thursdays, contact Br. Mark Sawyer at sawyerkoc7992@verizon.net. For Fridays, contact Br. Matt Stockburger at mstock_w@yahoo.com. Deliver food from Giant to the FFO warehouse Tuesday mornings; contact Br. Bob Colella robert.colella.86@gmail.com.
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- Prayer Requests:** Prayer requests will stay active for one month. Prayer update (health, location, contact, etc.) status is deeply appreciated. Send an updated request for continued support. <https://forms.gle/LiPCRmzfyRnYEU8s5>
- Name Tags:** If you have not received your name tag, email our Warden, Dan Thomas, at warden7992@nativityburke.org.
- Nativity Ushers assist at collections:** Volunteer for your Mass! Volunteer on LinkTree to maintain a database of potential helpers!
- Sunday Mass Coffee and Cookies:** We are providing coffee and cookies following Sunday morning Masses. See info on LinkTree.
- Handy Knights Ministry:** Parishioners unable to perform basic maintenance tasks or small home repairs due to health or other factors, contact the "Handy Knights." Email handyknightsfnativity@gmail.com.
- The Fraternal Committee:** Brothers helping brothers in need of assistance. Brothers and their families (living and deceased) in need of a helping hand, contact Br. John Landy at navy8@yahoo.com.

Cursillo Dinner & Faith Sharing - All Are Welcome!

Are you looking for community and friendship? To share your faith with friends (new and old)? Join the Arlington Diocese Cursillo community and fellow parishioners at St. Bernadette's on Saturday, March 14th at 6:15pm (after the 5:00pm Mass) in the Bradican Room.

Together we will pray, eat, and share personal stories of God's Grace. Dinner is potluck. As always and in Cursillo style, please bring food and drinks to share. Hosted by St. Bernadette Parish with co-hosts from Nativity, St Raymond of Penafort, and St Mary of Sorrows. Questions - contact Trish at 1986sailboat@gmail.com.



ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

DONUT

KIDS' CORNER *Sundays*

The new "Kids Corner" at Nativity's Donut Sundays is a fun corner with books and self guided simple crafts for kids and their parents to explore while they eat their donuts.

This new addition is only possible with the help of volunteers. We need two Virtus-compliant adults for each Sunday Mass—9:00 AM and 11:00 AM—to keep this running smoothly. To help, please email alicud@nativityburke.org or sign up here:



There's nothing better than sweet moments and sugary smiles. Don't miss out!

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.

EMAIL & TEXT SCAM ALERT - PLEASE BEWARE

Recently there have been several email messages and texts from scammers pretending to be Nativity clergy. Our priests and deacons **DO NOT** and will **NEVER** email or text anyone with questions / asking for gift cards / favors or any kind of (financial) assistance. Please be careful and delete these kinds of emails and messages immediately. **DO NOT REPLY!** If you have any questions at all, please contact the parish office at 703-400-0737.



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Chesterton Academy of Christ the King, a small co-ed classical high school that is part of the international Chesterton Schools Network, will be opening at St. Lawrence Catholic Church this fall. Chesterton Academies are known for their strong Catholic identity anchored in daily school Mass, rigorous classical curriculum, screen-free socratic seminar format, and affordable tuition. Visit Chesterton-ChristTheKing.org to learn more or to apply. Limited spaces remain for rising freshmen for the 2026-2027 school year.



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Families are encouraged to take advantage of early registration, open January 12 - April 1. Spots are limited and programs fill quickly. Visit the school website, www.bishopireton.org or scan the QR code to learn more and register.

Would you like to broaden your knowledge on the presence, power, and beauty of our Blessed Virgin Mary? Come join us at our Legion of Mary meetings, held on Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the Teacher's Lounge. Interested? Contact Kathryn Quan at jaynekathrynq1@yahoo.com.

CUARESMA 2026



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Celebra el Sacramento de la Reconciliación,
Cada Miércoles durante la Cuaresma
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Vía Crucis

Cada Viernes de Cuaresma a partir del 20 de Febrero,
en Inglés a las 7:00 pm y en Español a las 8:00 pm

REFLEXIÓN Cuaresmal: El arte de DEJAR IR

28 Febrero 2026 | 10:00 am-1:00 pm a 7 Marzo 2026 | 10:00 am-1:00 pm (Fr. Ready Room)

Hora Santa "Ven a Caminar Conmigo"

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Miércoles 4 de Marzo, de 7:00 pm

Cenas de sopa de Cuaresma

Miércoles durante la Cuaresma de 5:30 pm a 7:00 pm:
4, 11 y 18 de Marzo

Misión Parroquial

9, 10 y 11 de Marzo con el Padre John Riley

De la Herida a la Alianza: Un Viaje Profético a Través de la Cuaresma

Padre Jesús Navarrete

El retiro será el sábado 21 de marzo en el Fr. Ready Room, de 9:00 am a 1:00 pm

Servicio de Penitencia de Cuaresma

Jueves 26 de Marzo a las 6:30 pm

Muchos sacerdotes estarán disponibles para escuchar
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Caballeros de Colón - Pescado frito de Cuaresma

Viernes, 27 de Marzo, de 5:30 pm a 8:00 pm

Para más información visite: <https://nativityburke.org/category/lent-easter/>

¡HAY QUE SALIR! 2º Cuaresma Javier Leoz

1.No hay peor cosa que la soledad. Y, las grandes empresas, los magnánimos ideales, se llevan mejor y a buen fin, con buena compañía. Lo mismo ocurre con la cruz: cuando su largo madero se reparte en cientos de hombros...resulta menos pesado y más solidario. Algo así debió de pensar Jesús cuando, después de la prueba del desierto, se coge a un puñado de amigos para salir del ruido, del llano, de la vida ordinaria y elevarlos, no solamente a una montaña, sino también a la contemplación del misterio que hoy celebramos: la Transfiguración.

Aquellos apóstoles, estoy seguro, no entendían “ni papas”. De repente todo se transforma de tal manera que, por querer, hasta pretendían quedarse indefinidamente en lo más alto de la cumbre. Y es que, cuando uno sale de sus obligaciones, del ajeteo de cada día para encontrarse con Dios, llega a pensar que, es en ese lugar, donde mejor se está y donde merecería la pena vivir para siempre. Luego, por supuesto, los pies en la tierra, y la conciencia de que nuestra fe no sólo es espiritualidad, nos harán caminar y optar también por la senda del compromiso. Jesús, no nos quiere volando ni perdidos entre nubes, sino embarrados y entretejidos con las cuestiones que preocupan al hombre de hoy.

2.El Monte Tabor es el escenario de una experiencia que marcaría el rumbo de las vidas de Pedro, Santiago y Juan. Aquel “qué bien se está aquí” que el espontáneo Pedro exclamó con fuerza, emoción y con paz, es idéntico al que nosotros, con una eucaristía bien celebrada y atendida, una oración pausada o contemplativa o con cualquier otro acto de piedad podemos expresar.

En el fondo, nos cuesta sacudirnos esa gran telaraña que nos cubre de palabras, ruidos, millones de imágenes o falsas promesas. El alma contemplativa, que tanto bien nos puede hacer para poner las cosas en su sitio y a Dios en el centro de todo, nunca ha estado tan amenazada –por lo menos en Europa- como en el presente. ¡Cuesta desprenderse de una sociedad que todo lo mediatiza, todo lo controla y todo lo pretende! Hay que distanciarse, no huir, de ese maremagno de situaciones que nos producen frialdad, engreimiento o falta de reflexión. Y también, por qué no señalarlo, de esa sociedad absoluta que, a duras penas, nos deja un poco de espacio para pensar y actuar por nosotros mismos.

3.Tabor, en este segundo domingo de la Santa Cuaresma, es el compromiso de acompañar a un Jesús que se ofrece como camino, recorrido con cruz, para que el hombre no olvide ni su dignidad ni su ser hijo de Dios. No nos podemos quedar cómodamente sentados en la felicidad de nuestros sueños; en una fe personal y privada. ¡Qué más quisieran algunos! Uno, cuando escucha la Palabra, con la misma confianza y credulidad que lo hicieron Abraham, Pablo, Pedro, Santiago o Juan, a la fuerza ha de ponerse inmediatamente en movimiento. Nuestra presencia en esta Eucaristía nos debe de llevar a soltar un “qué bien se está aquí” pero también nos ha de llevar a un convencimiento: el mundo nos espera fuera; en el mundo es donde hemos de dar muestras de lo que aquí, en este “monte tabor que es la Eucaristía”, hemos vivido, visualizado, escuchado y compartido. ¿Seremos capaces? ¿O nos conformaremos con este puntual “tabor” que es la misa dominical?

¡QUE SALGA, SEÑOR!

De la cobardía que apaga tu voz
De la espiritualidad, débil y cómoda,
que me hace olvidar lo que ocurre a mi alrededor

¡QUE SALGA, SEÑOR!

Del llano que me agarra y no me deja verte
De la tierra que me seduce y me conduce
De los problemas que no me dejan
descubrir la gran lección de tu cruz

¡QUE SALGA, SEÑOR!

Pues, cuando me encierro en mí mismo,
veo que algo no funciona en mí.

Que me falta aire para respirar

Que los horizontes desaparecen de mi vista

Que, la ilusión y la fe, disminuyen por momentos

¡QUE SALGA, SEÑOR!

Pero, para ello, como a Pedro, Santiago y Juan
llévame contigo:

para que disfrute de tu presencia

para que escuche tu Palabra

para que sepa lo que me espera,

por el hecho de ser tu amigo y compañero

¡QUE SALGA, SEÑOR!

Que no me quede bajo las bóvedas
de un mundo fácil que todo lo contamina

que todo lo desvirtúa

que todo lo confunde

que todo lo frivoliza

¡QUE SALGA, SEÑOR!

Que no me pierda, ni un solo Domingo,

este momento de paz y de gracia

de amor y de Palabra

de presencia y de perdón

que es la Eucaristía.

¡QUE SALGA, SEÑOR!

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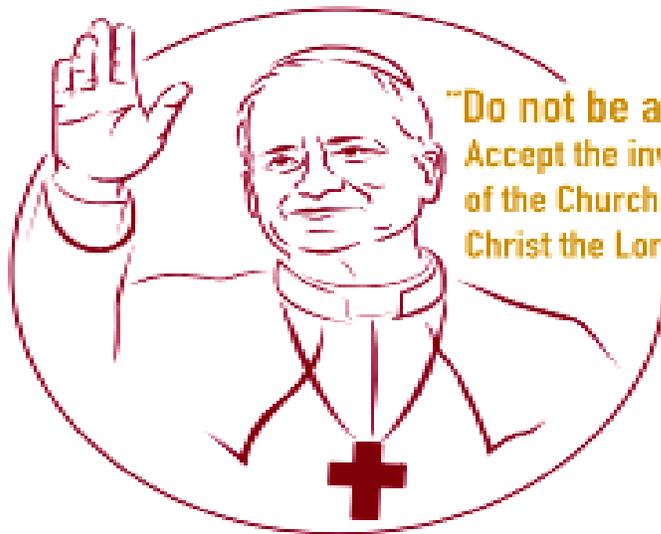


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ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis
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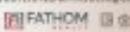
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