

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The water I shall give will
become in him a spring of water
welling up to eternal life.

John 4:14



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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./
1:00p.m./5:30 p.m.

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

HOLY DAY MASSES: As Announced

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

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

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Announcements for the bulletin **must**
be submitted **in writing** by 9:00 AM on Tuesday (5 days
prior to publication). Please note: this deadline can change
due to holiday office closings. You may email submissions
to bulletin@nativityburke.org.

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A Message from our Pastor
Fr. Bob Cilinski



“If you knew the gift of God, and who is saying to you ‘give me a drink’ you would have asked him and he would give you living water.” - John 4:10

My dear parishioners,

Reflection

When the Israelites passed through the waters of the sea into freedom, they were saved from slavery. Even so, they grumbled against Moses, harshly criticizing him for leading them into the wilderness to die. Despite their complaints, God was faithful. At the Lord’s command, Moses struck a rock and water issued forth.

Jesus described God’s life-giving presence with the image of a “fountain springing up from within.” He offered this gift to a nameless woman who represents all God’s people whose lives are as dry as a stagnant cistern.

Jesus reveals our inner need for the living water of the Spirit. With the Elect preparing for baptism, we repent of our own thirst for power, prestige, or possessions. Whatever blocks the love of God from being poured into our hearts must be uncovered and healed. Then we can drink deeply from the life-giving springs of grace.

For Reflection: *What do I need from God to satisfy my spiritual thirst? Am I aware that I am walking with the elect on their journey of faith this Lent?*

We rejoice with our Elect and Candidates in our parish who will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. We journey together from the desert to the fountain of new life that Jesus brings to us and pray for one another.

This weekend Bishop Burbidge consecrated our new Altar. I am grateful for your generosity which provides this new beauty to our worship and inspires us to live out our baptismal call as disciples of Jesus. May our new sanctuary remind us of God’s presence in our midst and of our dignity as the daughters and sons of God. May we always proclaim the sacredness and dignity of every person.

Love and Blessings,
Fr. Bob Cilinski
Fr. Bob Cilinski, Pastor

On This Date in Nativity History
16 March 2020

The coronavirus pandemic came into public awareness in late January 2020; by mid-March, it was obvious that drastic measures had to be taken to avoid a public health disaster. And so, across the country, in community after community, people began to lock down in their own homes to avoid contagious contact. On Monday, March 16, Arlington Bishop Michael Burbidge announced precautions to be taken in view of the spread of the covid-19 virus. Effective immediately, all public celebrations of the Mass were cancelled throughout the Diocese, an unprecedented measure. Churches were to remain open for those who wish to pray so long as they followed safe distancing practices and did not exceed ten persons. At Nativity, school leaders were the first to be challenged by the lockdown. School administrators had already begun to plan for a shutdown of schools before Friday, March 13; on Friday morning Virginia Governor Ralph Northam closed all schools for two weeks (an order that he was soon to extend to cover the rest of the school year). So, that day all available parish personnel allowed to enter the school, including the clergy and building maintenance staff, went through every desk in every classroom, putting each student’s belongings into plastic bags labeled with the student’s name. All these bags were then gathered outside the school so that families could drive by and pick up their child’s bags. Those not gathered in this way were delivered to each family’s home by the school Registrar and Administrative Assistant, Shannon Murphy (photo).



The following Monday and Tuesday were declared “snow days,” and then classes went online for the rest of the school year. *This historical note is the 40th of a weekly Bulletin feature leading up to Nativity’s fiftieth anniversary, 11 June 2023.*

Lenten Soup Supper

MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22

NATIVITY CAFETERIA | 5:30-7:00 PM

DONATE SOUP AND BREAK BREAD WITH YOUR NATIVITY FAMILY TO SUPPORT PARISH MINISTRIES.



DONATE A SOUP!



LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINANCE

Catholics 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat and those 18-59 are obliged to fast (1 full meal and 2 smaller ones to maintain strength) unless medical or serious reasons exist. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence, Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence

Happy
St. Patrick's Day

Friday, March 17th



The Mosaic Panels of the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy



Below is a description of each panel from left to right:

Feed the Hungry - Wheat and grapes, simple foods but also the physical signs of the Eucharist.

Give Drink to the Thirsty - A drink of flowing water and the waters of Baptism.

Shelter the Homeless - A door Jesus said, "I AM the door, I stand at the door and knock."

Clothe the Naked - A robe, a ring, and sandals are physical clothing, but also the symbolic items the father gave the prodigal son.

Visit the Sick - A red cross and oil representing physical visiting, keeping vigil, and spiritual anointing.

Visit the Imprisoned - Chains and bars are physical restraints that can also represent the prison of sin.

Bury the Dead - A funeral pall draped over coffin, the Easter Candle, and prayers for the dead.

Stations of the Cross

When: Fridays in Lent | 7:00 pm in English | 8:00 pm in Spanish

You and your family are invited to join the parish in this powerful Lenten tradition every Friday this Lent.

"The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day." www.catholic.org/prayers/

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

Come join the Knights of Columbus for the traditional celebration of the Patron Saint of Ireland at our Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance to be held in

the Father Martin Center at 6:30 PM on Saturday, March 18, 2023

It is always a great evening of dining, dancing and entertainment. There will be a bag piper playing original Irish tunes, music for listening and dancing provided by a D.J. Bring your friends and reserve a table for 8 or 10 or meet fellow parishioners through designated seating.

You will enjoy the best corned beef dinner in town for \$35 per ticket. Children 12 and under tickets for \$15. Tickets will be sold on line via Eventbright. Scan the code for tickets. This event usually sells out so please get your tickets early! For additional information, contact Patrick Bradshaw at email PBradshaw2@verizon.net.



GO ON MISSION TO HAITI & THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

MAY 13-20, 2023

Register by March 15, 2023

As a missionary, you will join the efforts of the Diocese of Arlington mission parish in Bánica, the DR, which borders Haiti, to support environmental cleanup projects in Haiti, as well as helping to build a water filtration system that will benefit communities in both countries.

Fr. Stephen McGraw will be our mission team chaplain, as we work alongside the people of the parish, celebrate Mass and meals together, and much more!

CBC is an authentic, Catholic mission ministry. You will be prepared practically, spiritually, and catechetically. The team will meet for two (2) 1/2-day mission retreats and one (1) local service project. Sign up today!

Register at www.cbc-missions.org
Questions? Email info@commissionedbychrist.org



MUSIC · MEDITATION · PRAYER

Please join us for a wonderful evening of Music, Meditation and Prayer with Irish Tenor

Mark Forrest

On Wednesday, March 29th
at 7:00 pm at Nativity Catholic Church
For more information please visit:
nativityburke.org



MARK FORREST
IRISH TENOR

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During the last few months, through the Sacrament of Baptism, we joyfully welcomed the following into our Parish Community:

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| Tristan Matthew Davey | Angelina Rose Anzalone |
| Eleanor Frances Sprague | Bella Elizabeth Anzalone |
| Gia Nicole Quiroga | Rebecca Zelie Fisher |
| Abigail Jeanne Martin | Ashley Margot Lander |
| Samuel Edward Clonch III | Alex Andres Diani |
| Kai Efrain Le | Eloise Naomi MacMichael |
| Joss Angel Tapia | Oliver James Taylor |
| Gianna Estrada Meola | Asher Patrick Doherty |
| Hanna Fisher | Cameron Ray Diienzo |
| Alexander Gabriel Meek | Gianluca Ernesto Isaias |
| Kayla Amari Luteran | Teresa Valentina Vasquez |
| Stella Fleur Jacobsen | Laila Autumn Cookson |
| George Joseph Nutter III | Zachary Philip Arthur Cookson |
| Samantha Elizabeth Nutter | Nicolas Bryson |
| Ariel Mina Nutter | Maeve Julia Hagerman |
| Gabriel John McKernan | Shaelce M. Hagerman |
| Zachary Blakewell Chisholm | Siona Kim Hagerman |
| Kaiya Elizabeth Chisholm | Mark Edward Hagerman, Jr. |
| Reyna Michelle Chisholm | Carter Anthony Cristafulli |
| Ryan B. Chisholm | Isabella Carces |
| Eileen P. Pinesio Siteo | Jesus Alberto Araoz Chavez |
| Ilana Preslie Siteo | Mattheus Garces Jaldin |

CONGRATULATIONS!



Sick / Homebound Visits

Are you or someone you know sick and/or homebound for any reason? We can arrange home visits from the parish and provide prayer and the sacraments. We would love to bring God's Grace and Peace to anyone in difficult times. Please contact Cat Sands, Pastoral Minister, at csands@nativityburke.org to schedule a visit.

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 is back at Nativity counseling clients in-person and is available on Thursdays from 10:00am-6:00pm 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.

Sorrowful Mysteries Silent Retreat for Women

As we prepare for Holy Week, join Fr. Noah Morey for a walk through of the Sorrowful Mysteries with a glimpse of the joy and glory on Sunday as we celebrate the Annunciation -- for Our Lady of Sorrows is also the cause of our joy. Retreat dates are Friday-Sunday, March 24-26. For further information visit our web page (www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat-events). To register, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org.

Day of Prayer and Healing After Abortion Retreat for Women

After Abortion Retreat: A Day of Prayer and Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be on Saturday, March 25, 2023. This group healing event is held in a private and peaceful setting, based on the Entering Canaan model. There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: (703) 841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.

THE NATIVITY GIFT SHOP HAS LOTS OF NEW ITEMS IN STOCK:

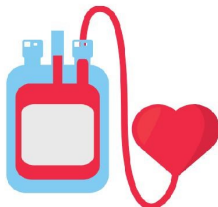
First Communion Veils and Ties, Confirmation Gifts, Cards for every occasion etc. etc. Please stop by, all proceeds benefit Nativity Catholic Church charities!

Nativity Parish Blood Drive

WHEN:
Saturday, March 18, 2023
7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

WHERE:
6400 Nativity Ln.
Burke, VA

*The Inova Blood Donor Services
Bloodmobile will be in the parking lot.*



**Every Drop Counts.
Donate Blood.**

Book Your Appointment Today

- Visit <https://bit.ly/NativityParish0318>
- Call 1(866) 256-6372, use Sponsor Code 6052
- Contact Mark Altobelli (571) 309-7194 - mark.altobelli@gmail.com



inovablood.org
Photo ID Required. Masking is optional for all donors and team members. Allow one hour for your donation.

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



ECHO Semi-Annual Yard Sale
Saturday April 15th, 2023
8:00 am to 12:00 pm
St. Bernadette's School Gym
7600 Old Keene Mill Road
Springfield, VA 22152

All proceeds go to the ECHO Operating Fund which benefits our clients. Items needed for our Yard Sale include vintage items, jewelry, pottery, glass, camera's, linens, quilts, pictures, artwork, figurines. Also, toys, CD's, books, and much more. Items donated for the Yard Sale must be dropped off at ECHO at least one week prior to the sale. For more Information contact Debbie Moreau at debbiemoreau@mac.com or Rachel Hoover at hooverrach@gmail.com. ECHO is located at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, VA 22150.

Calling Adult Volunteers! *WorkCamp: June 17-23, 2023*



This week-long diocesan service program relies on parishes making a community effort. There are many ways you can join us on this experience.

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

Email questions to Brigid Williams at wc@nativityburke.org

COVID AWARENESS MONTH

GET BOOSTED



**FREE
Covid Vaccination Boosters**



Saturday, March 18, 10am-2pm

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SERIOUS ILLNESS

(AVAILABLE FOR 6 YEARS AND OLDER)

RESERVE YOUR VACCINATION "FAIRFAXMEMORIALFUNERALHOME.COM"

St. Mary of Sorrows' BIKE COLLECTION Saturday, April 22, 2023

Give spring-cleaning extra meaning: donate unused bicycles on Saturday, April 22, 9:00am to noon, rain or shine behind the left side of the Parish Center at 5222 Sideburn Road in Fairfax.

The non-profit Bikes for the World ships our bicycles to impoverished areas around the globe. Your bikes, and monetary donations to help defray shipping costs, are tax-deductible. After being refurbished, these bikes become main sources of transportation to work, school, and health care.

See <https://www.bikesfortheworld.org> for the wonderful ways your donations and your time will help.

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The Associates of St. John Bosco undergraduate scholarship opportunity

The Associates of St. John Bosco is pleased to offer three \$4,000 scholarships and one \$6,000 scholarship (the Vincent T. Vaccaro Education Scholarship) to undergraduate students who demonstrate an intense desire to live out their faith on their college campus and who seek to serve the Church in some capacity after graduation. Freshman scholarship funding may continue into the next three years if certain criteria are met and, if funding is available, for potentially \$14,000 to \$20,000 in total scholarship funding! Please apply by

May 22 at [asjb.org/scholarship-program](https://www.asjb.org/scholarship-program)

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH



Multi Car Raffle

plus \$40,000 in Cash Drawings

*Only 5 weeks remaining
to sell your tickets!*



Tickets Only \$5



**Chance to win 4 cars and
\$40,000 in cash prizes**



Ford Escape



Ford
Bronco Sport

Ford Mustang



Ford
Ranger Truck



Images are representative of the models and types of cars to be awarded.

All tickets, stubs & monies are **due by Friday, 21 April to All Saints Catholic Church**. The drawings will be held during the All-Saints Catholic Church Fair on Saturday, 29 April. If you need more tickets or have questions, please contact PGK Sam Morthland @ 703-455-2186 or at kofc7992carraffle@gmail.com

Pray for Peace - One Decade at a time!

This is the theme for the Nativity Rosary Ministry March meeting on March 14th from 1:00-3:00PM in the Fr. Ready Room.



Rosary makers are invited to come and learn how we make a one-decade rosary using the mission rosary supplies. Especially this month when we want to enrich our Lenten journey, praying one decade of the rosary for peace - whether it be for peace in our families, peace in our church, peace in our world - takes just a few minutes. The rosary is a powerful prayer and with confidence we go to Jesus for an answer to our prayers. This month we will fill the Rosary board at church with one-decade rosaries. Come and help. If you would like to learn to make rosaries, you are invited to join us on March 14th. Rosary registration: <https://nativityburke.org/rosary-making-class-registration>. Or for more information, email: rosaryministry@nativityburke.org.

"In Mary's Footsteps" a group for Widows

Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 13th at 11:00am in the "training room" in the back of the church. We join together in faith and fellowship to follow in our Blessed Mother's footsteps of strong faith and peace, as she did after St. Joseph passed. Meetings are typically held on the second Monday of the month at 11:00am. For additional information, please contact Catsands@Nativityburke.org. May God bless you!

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.

The 2023 Bishop's Lenten Appeal

Thank you, Nativity parishioners, for the great support of the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. As of March 2, our pledges and donations amount to \$472,812. That's nearly 70% of our \$690,000 dollar goal! We're off to an excellent start, but still need more households to participate. If you haven't yet pledged, please consider a sacrificial offering for Lent at whatever amount is right for you and your family. Your contribution helps the many charities, ministries, and programs throughout the Diocese and here at Nativity. May God bless you for your generosity!

**EASTER FLOWERS**

We would like to invite you to help decorate our parish home, Nativity Church, for Easter. If you would like to share in decorating, please pick up a form to fill out at the parish office, the back of the church or print it from our website at: <https://nativityburke.org/easter-flowers/>
Deadline for the forms to be handed in is Friday, March 31st.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

Monday, March 13th

7:30 am † John Rowley, Jr.

Tuesday, March 14th

7:30 am † Michael Sean Buckley

12:00 pm † Sophie Young

Wednesday, March 15th

7:30 am † Conception Rivera

(Burke Rehab) 3:00 pm † Special Int. for Father Bresnahan

Thursday, March 16th

7:30 am † Barbra Payne

12:00 pm † Celestine Nolan

Friday, March 17th

7:30 am † Mary LaPera

9:00 am † David W. Lanham

Saturday, March 18th

9:00 am † John D'Avanzo

5:00 pm † Santiago Machado

7:00 pm † Teresa Machicado

Sunday, March 19th

7:00 am † Joe Jennings

9:00 am Parishioners

11:00 am † Joseph Masci

1:00 pm † Angel Cambor

5:30 pm † Joseph Lamagna

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

Please note that the current Mass Intentions Calendar has been filled through June 2023. We will open up the second part of 2023 (July-December) in May.

40 Days for Life: Fall Campaign runs through April 2

We will be peacefully praying the pro-life Rosary in front of the Falls Church abortion facility at 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church. Join us for Nativity's all-day vigil from 7:00am - 7:00pm, Friday, March 31. Please contact Rick Loffredo at rickloffredo@outlook.com for more details.

Annual Multi-Car Raffle

*Thanks to all of you have sold your tickets so far. When mailing your sold ticket stubs, green card, and check directly back to All Saints in the envelope provided, please disregard the note on the green return card, and **make your checks out to All Saints**. Every ticket sold helps and the proceeds benefit the youth ministry, the parish building fund, and Knights of Columbus charities. Each \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all four 2023 vehicles plus \$40,000 in cash prizes. We have additional tickets if you sell all of yours. Please contact PGK Sam Morthland @ 703-455-2186 if you have any questions or need additional tickets.*



JOIN US FOR A *Fiesta!*

NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL SPRING AUCTION

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023
6:30 - 10:00PM

WHERE: NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL,
FATHER MARTIN CENTER




HAVE SEASON SPORTS TICKETS??? WE NEED YOU!!
Have season tickets for sporting events? Baseball? Football? Basketball? Hockey? Soccer? Rugby?

The auction committee is looking for game tickets for the silent auction. Please email auction@nativityschool.org if you can help. Early Bird Tickets (\$50) on sale thru March 15th. Get your tickets NOW! <https://nativityauction.givesmart.com>

Marriage and Intimacy

Speaker: Deacon Silva
Saturday, March 25th at 7 PM
Fr. Ready Room

Register
<https://nativityburke.org/date-night/>


MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT MINISTRY
NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEATURED AUCTION ITEM OF THE WEEK

Join Nativity Youth Ministry this summer for Vacation Bible Camp (VBC) or Camp on the EDGE (COTE)! VBC is a camp for students finishing their Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th grade year. COTE is a service-learning experience open for students currently finishing their 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade year. Receive registration for TWO for either camp - Winning bidding can decide with camp(s) to choose from. This is a great way to grow in friendship and fellowship while also enacting God's justice in our own local community. In addition, the winning bidder will receive Youth Ministry swag (sweatshirt, backpack, etc).

MARIAN HOMES, INC. for the intellectually disabled

DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT



SATURDAY - MARCH 25TH

SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Nativity Catholic Church
6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA 22015
Parking Lot - Drive thru - from 10:00 am-12:00 noon

DONATIONS GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED
Proceeds will be for the benefit of the intellectually disabled
Bring your old documents, cancelled checks, paper, manila folders, windowed envelopes, etc.
NO newspapers, magazines, card board
NO heavy metal objects, especially 3-ring binders
NO hard-drives, discs, tapes, etc.



YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER CAMPS
TUESDAY, JUNE 27 - FRIDAY, JUNE 30

VACATION BIBLE CAMP
OPEN TO CURRENT K - 4 GRADERS
8:45am - 12pm | \$40 per camper

CAMP ON THE EDGE
OPEN TO CURRENT 5 - 8 GRADERS
1:30pm - 4:30pm | \$40 per camper

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
VBC: 8TH GRADERS - ADULTS
COTE: 10TH GRADERS - ADULTS
\$10 per volunteer to cover t-shirt fee

REGISTRATION
OPENS MID MARCH



Knights of Columbus Frenchy Cyr Memorial Scholarships

Once again, Nativity's Knights of Columbus Council 7992 will be awarding Cyr Memorial scholarships for Catholic secondary school tuition (grades 9-12) for the 2023-2024 school year. Scholarship application forms will be available in the later part of March. As a reminder entrants must be registered parishioners at Nativity, or a son, daughter, or grandchild of an active member of Council 7992. Questions, please contact Dave Zivich at davezivich@gmail.com.



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A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

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Join us at Nativity to see how your child would spend his/her days here -- learning, praying, sharing, loving, and laughing. Yes, Catholic education is worth the investment!

Nativity Catholic School is committed to making Catholic education accessible to those who desire it, and offers financial assistance to make their dream come true.

At Nativity, faith fills us. Love lives here. Nativity Stars are filled with the Holy Spirit!

of our Extended Care Team to help us provide After-School Care by contacting our Extended Care Director, Mrs. Jen Behan at (703) 455-2300, or jbehan@nativityschool.org. To assist us as a Lunch/Recess Monitor, or Substitute Teacher, please contact Rich Godwin at (703) 455-2300, or rgodwin@nativityschool.org.



You can designate Nativity Church or Nativity School as the beneficiaries of your Amazon Smile! You can choose Nativity by going to: **YOUR ACCOUNT, YOUR AMAZON SMILE and designating Nativity.** Amazon then contributes a small percentage of each purchase to Nativity. For questions, please contact Ann Benson at: 703 455 2400. Thank you!

Please join THE NATIVITY ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURAL SOCIETY ON

Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Nativity School Cafeteria to celebrate St. Joseph's Day

St. Joseph's Day is commemorated in many parts of the U.S. with specialty breads and festive foods. Chef Benny Genuardi, a native of Italy, will give us a cooking demonstration. He's the Director of Operations at Pazzo Pomodoro with locations in Vienna and Ashburn, VA. Chef Benny will make us some substantial, traditional foods to sample. Bring cash or your check book as there is a \$20 fee for this evening.



YOUTH MINISTRY

cym@nativityburke.org

LIFE TEEN: GRADES 9-12

Sundays | 6:30-8:30pm



Dinner

Fellowship

Prayer & Formation

2023 HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS

Girls: Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30pm | Weekly

Guys: Thursdays, 7:30-9:00pm | 2x / month

EDGE: GRADES 6-8

Alternating Sundays 3:30-5pm & Fridays 7-8:30pm

See website for schedule



Meet new friends

Play games

Explore your faith

SEEKING TEENS FOR LIVING STATIONS

We are looking for high schoolers to participate in our bilingual, freeze frame Living Stations presentation on March 31 at 7pm. Roles include helping with the cast, crew, costumes, music, directing, and more!



BROADWAY SPOTLIGHT

DRAMA BOOTCAMP

ARTS & CRAFTS FUN

ART EXPLORER

JULY 10-21, 2023

SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS

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Manassas, VA | Burke, VA

Witness the Ordination to the Diaconate of our Seminarians

The ordination of men to the diaconate is a beautiful and inspiring event for our entire diocese, and all are welcome to witness them. The Mass of Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate for seminarians James Joseph and Sean Nypaver is Saturday, April 15 at 11:00a.m. at St. Mary of Sorrows Church in Fairfax. Come and pray for our future priests! The ceremony will also be livestreamed. Learn more at www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flower Book for 2023 is open with several dates still available. This is a thoughtful way to honor a loved one, living or deceased. If you are interested, please stop by the parish office to sign up. You can now also go online and reserve flowers on our website at: <https://nativityburke.org/altar-flowers/>.

**Teacher Job Fair**

The Office of Catholic Schools is holding a Teacher Job Fair on Saturday, March 18, from 9:00-11:00am at Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School, 1700 Dominican Drive, Potomac Shores. We are seeking highly qualified, faith-filled and dynamic professionals to join our preschools, elementary schools and high schools. Please bring copies of your resume that you can share with our school representatives from over 40 diocesan schools. If you cannot attend in person, use the QR code to register to attend virtually.

Sundays with the Sisters Rejoice Tour 2023

Witness the joy of our religious sisters during the Sundays with the Sisters Rejoice Tour 2023! An initiative for the year of preparation for our diocesan jubilee in 2024, the tour will showcase the religious women of our diocese who, like Mary, rejoice in the Lord by their daily surrender.

The tour features an event at a different convent each month, bringing together sisters and lay women for prayer and community. For single women ages 18-50.

Heart of Mary; March 26: Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist.

RSVP by the Monday before this event to vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

More info at ArlingtonDiocese.org/RejoiceTour.

**Follow Bishop Burbidge on Twitter!**

Bishop Burbidge has over 21,000 followers on Twitter! His daily reflections and posts are popular and insightful. Follow him @BishopBurbidge.

Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation

Give a child the gift of a Catholic education and receive most of your donation back in federal and state tax savings!

The Virginia Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credit Program will award a 65% state tax credit for donations made to the Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation, which will, in turn, provide scholarships for new students wishing to attend our diocesan Catholic Schools. You do not have to itemize in order to receive the 65% tax credit! Donations must be preauthorized in advance. Please call Jeanne Combos at 703-841-2764 (or email at DASF@arlingtondiocese.org) or go online for more details and to download the preauthorization request form at:

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Scholarship-Foundation/>

Called and Chosen 8th Grade Event with Bishop Burbidge

All 8th graders of the diocese are invited to the Go Forth: Called and Chosen event with Bishop Burbidge on Tuesday, March 28 at All Saints Catholic Church in Manassas.

The program begins at 10:00a.m. and includes a vocations rally, Mass, lunch, and concludes by 1:30p.m. All 8th graders must be accompanied by an adult; space is limited to 8th graders and their chaperones. Please arrive early so all can be seated before 10:00a.m.. For more information or to RSVP contact the Office of Vocations at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514 by March 20. (8th graders in Catholic schools will be coming with their classes.)

**Women's Cursillo! The next women's Cursillo weekend will be held at Missionhurst in Arlington from Thursday, April 20 – Sunday, April 23**

Cursillo (pronounced Cur-see-yo) is a movement of the Church that provides an opportunity to experience God's love within a community of joyful fun and supportive prayer. The weekend is designed to promote Catholic ideals, fellowship, and spiritual growth in daily living. We'd love to have you join us!!

For more information, please contact Laura Laverdiere at lauralaverdiere@msn.com. There are also Cursillo information cards in the information rack in the narthex. Applications, and more information are available online at <https://arlingtoncursillo.org/weekend-archives/> (The next men's weekend will also be held at Missionhurst from Thursday, September 21 through Sunday September 24).

Struggling with addiction in the family?

Both the afflicted and affected don't need to be alone. There are many resources available including AA, NA, Alanon, Calix and a diocesan chaplain. Call the HELPLINE (970) 989-2670 for support. This is NOT LIMITED to addicts, anybody that would like to speak with a priest or a friend in Christ May call!

PARISH RETREAT AT LOYOLA**Men's Retreat, March 17th-19th****Women's Retreat, March 10th- 12th**

Renew your spirit during Lent with a retreat at the Loyola Retreat House in southern Maryland. This year's retreat theme is: "If Today You Hear God's Voice." To reserve your room, call Loyola at 301-392-0800. The suggested offering for the weekend is \$245. (\$195 for first timers or young adults under age 35). You can review the retreat schedule and also reserve a room online at www.loyolaonthepotomac.com. Take some time to "Come Away and Rest Awhile" and spend a some prime time during Lent with God.

JOIN THE NATIVITY SCHOOL STAFF!

Consider joining our School Staff as part of our Extended Care Team to help us provide After-School Care by contacting our Extended Care Director, Mrs. Jen Behan at (703) 455-2300, or jbehan@nativityschool.org.

To assist us as a Lunch/Recess Monitor, or Substitute Teacher, please contact Rich Godwin at (703) 455-2300, or rgodwin@nativityschool.org.



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**THE FIRST LENTEN FISH FRY WILL TAKE PLACE ON
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SERVING FROM 5:30PM – 8:00PM

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Reserve your time slot after Mass on 3/18, 3/19, 3/25 or 3/26

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Tickets at the door:

Limited Space will be available (best to reserve a slot!)

Adults \$12.00 and Children under 12 \$5.00 (Kids Menu)

***Adult menu: fried or baked fish, french fries, hush puppies,
coleslaw and dessert***

***Kid's menu: fish sticks, french fries, hush puppies,
coleslaw and dessert***

**For more information
Contact Barry Basselgia—bbasselgia@gmail.com**



Be Renewed: Developing a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit - Enhance your Lenten journey

You are invited into a more profound, life-giving relationship with the Holy Spirit. This workshop will help lead you to know more of God's presence and power, enabling you to fully live the abundant life for which you were created.

Program includes videos featuring: Fr. Dave Pivonka, President, Franciscan University of Steubenville, personal testimonies, small group discussions and time for personal reflection. Come and "Be Renewed." The workshop is free and will be held Friday, March 24 from 6:30-9:00pm and Saturday, March 25 from 9:30am-4:00pm at St. Mary of Sorrows Parish Center, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. It is hosted by St. Mary's, Logs of Fire and Nativity's Love is Given prayer groups.

To register or for more information on making this workshop part of your Lenten journey, email your name, email address and phone number to logsoffireprayergroup@gmail.com. Come Holy Spirit!



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Thursdays 7:30-9:00pm in the Well
Mar 9 & 30 | Apr 13

A new high school small group series for guys to grow in friendship and tackle life's toughest questions together.

Must be registered for Youth Ministry before attending

Supporting Mental Health Recovery

If you have a family member or friend, aged 18 years of age or older, with a mental illness, we would welcome you to a National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Northern Virginia Family Support Group where we will share strategies and information to help ourselves and our loved ones.

The group is led by co-facilitators trained by NAMI.

When: 2nd Thursday of the Month | 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Where: Virtual on Zoom - registration through the NAMI Northern Virginia website to receive the zoom link.

<https://nami-northernvirginia.org/events/category/family-support/list/>

Contact: Esther Lee at elee@nami-nova.org to be added for group meeting reminders and questions.

Love Is Given Prayer Group

Please join us every Thursday evening from 7:00PM-8:30 PM for an evening of prayer, praise and community. We meet each week in the Fr. Ready room. Come in through the school entrance, first room on your left. We look forward to seeing you!



Council Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. The first meeting is a business meeting, and the the second meeting of the month is devoted to faith formation including video/discussion series and guest speakers. Rosary at 7:15 PM; meeting follows at 7:30 PM. Fellowship follows every meeting. Meetings are in the Nativity school cafeteria.

Linktree Universal Sign-up Link: Want to volunteer for an event? https://linktr.ee/fr_sikora_council_7992

Lenten Fish Fry: The next fish fry of the season will be in the Nativity Cafeteria on March 31st.

Catholic Financial Planning Seminar: See available sessions and register on the linktree.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance: Parish-wide event back after 3 year hiatus on March 18! Many hands are needed to help. Sign up to help and buy tickets on the linktree. Contact Br. Pat Bradshaw at pbradshaw2@verizon.net with any questions.

Blood Drive: 7:00AM-1:00PM on Mar 18th the bloodmobile will be here. Sign up on the linktree to help with donation appointment registration after Mass on 11-12 March, and/or give blood the 18.

Marian Homes Shred Event: Mar 25th 10:00AM-12:00 in the parking lot. Help unload cars to benefit this important charity. See the Linktree to volunteer.

40 Days for Life: Bring a friend and pray any time during the Spring Campaign which is underway until April 2. Also, join us for Nativity's all-day vigil from 7:00am -7:00pm, Friday, March 31. We will be peacefully praying the pro-life Rosary in front of the Falls Church abortion facility at 900 S. Washington St. Falls Church, VA. Sign up on the linktree. Please contact Br. Rick at rickloffredo@outlook.com.

Food for Others: We need volunteers drivers for food distributions to the poor. If you have a truck or van and can occasionally help deliver to Springfield on Friday evenings contact Br. Matt Stockburger at mstock_w@yahoo.com.

Yard Sale: This is the council's second biggest charity fundraiser! We need area leads and assistant leads to commit to supporting the collection period as well as the date of the sale June 15-24th. You don't have to be a Knight to help! Sign up on the linktree. Contact Br. Dave Zivich with any questions at davezivich@gmail.com.

Name Tags: Email Warden Michael Bender at michaelbambender@hotmail.com to order.

Sunday Mass Coffee and Cookies: We are providing coffee and cookies following Sunday morning Masses. Volunteer on the linktree.

Handy Knights Ministry: If you are unable to perform basic maintenance tasks or small repairs in your home due to health or other factors, call the "Handy Knights." You can reach us at handyknightsofnativity@gmail.com.

The Fraternal Committee: Brothers helping brothers in need of assistance: Brothers and the families of living and deceased brothers in need of a helping hand, contact Br. John Landy at navy8@yahoo.com or 703-250-1492.

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! Simply go to <https://info.kofc.org/us.html> and enter our council #7992 for local information and to register. E-membership for the first year is free using the new code "blessedmcgivney". Please email our Deputy Grand Knight at PMDELATTE@gmail.com or the Grand Knight at tjskg7992@gmail.com if you have any questions.



THE LAETARE BENEFIT SUPPORTING THE CLOISTERED NUNS OF ST. DOMINIC'S MONASTERY ON SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

The Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge and members of the Host Committee cordially invite you to attend a benefit for the Cloistered Nuns of St. Dominic's Monastery. The Laetare Benefit is our annual fundraising dinner for the cloistered nuns of St. Dominic's Monastery in Linden, VA in the Diocese of Arlington.

As cloistered nuns, they depend on the charity of the people of God for their existence. They have needs for everyday items such as food and healthcare, and are building a Chapel at the Monastery. Please show your support and join us for a reception, dinner, raffle, and auction which will be held on Sunday, March 19, 2023 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Avenue East, Vienna, VA. Seating is limited. RSVP by March 1, 2023. Tickets are \$200 each and table sponsorships are available, starting at \$2,000 for ten. Please send a check payable to Friends of St. Dominic's Monastery, 524 N. Pitt Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, or to purchase tickets online through Faith Direct, please point your camera at the QR code and click to be taken to the registration page or visit <https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=6b435666-9d01-45a3-a805-101015e8e5f6>

For more information, please email: friendsofstdominicsmonastery@gmail.com



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl meeting for this month will be held on Monday morning, March 20th at 9:30am in the Fr. Ready room. All are welcome!



A Message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry

Posted on our website at <https://nativityburke.org/service/creation-care/> under Resources, is the annual Lenten Creation Care calendar, created by Virginia Interfaith Power & Light (VAIPL). VAIPL collaborates among people of faith and conscience to grow healthy communities by advancing climate and environmental justice. The calendar provides weekly themes and daily actions for the seven weeks of Lent. The theme for Week 4 is "Environmental Justice Lightens the Load. What is environmental justice?"

While Pope Francis never uses the phrase "environmental justice" in his 2015 encyclical "Laudato Si', on Care for Our Common Home," he makes references to cases that fit it: health hazards to the poor from exposure to atmospheric pollutants; developed countries exporting solid waste and toxic chemicals to developing countries; multinational companies employing less stringent environmental standards than in their home countries.

The line, "Hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor," from Laudato Si' has become a central tenet in Catholics' approach to environmental issues. Environmental destruction, including that which accompanies warming global temperatures, impacts poor and marginalized communities often first and more acutely. Care for creation is a moral obligation, in particular to the poor and to future generations. What can you do this Lent to make a difference?



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 Easter Sanctuary, please fill in the bottom of this flyer and drop it by the parish office after any Mass, **no later than Friday, March 31st**. Your gift will be acknowledged in the Easter Bulletin. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY** and return the entire sheet – **do not cut**.

Thank you,
Fr. Bob Cilinski

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Saturday, March 25, 2023
11:00 AM

*Please arrive **NLT 10:30 am** to allow adequate time for parking and seating
Candidates, Dames, and Knights of the Order of Malta
will provide prayer petitions to be taken to Lourdes in May*

Please RSVP to Brian Newsome, KM
nova.malta.mass@gmail.com
Or call 323-505-8846

Please provide:
Name(s) of those attending the Mass and
Contact email address or telephone number



GROW IN FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP. BUILD VIRTUE. HAVE SOME FUN!

Quo Vadis and FIAT Camp lotteries open March 1-31.

Quo Vadis and FIAT Camps are great opportunities for Catholic high school students (current 9-12 graders) to have fun while deepening their faith and exploring their vocations.



Quo Vadis (for boys) ❖ July 9-13
Staffed by Arlington seminarians,
priests and religious



FIAT (for girls) ❖ July 16-20
Staffed by religious sisters and
Catholic lay women

Both are held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD.
Cost is \$280, includes private room and all meals. Financial aid is available.



How do I get in on this?

The registration lottery will be open the month of March. See the videos and photos from past years, get more information and register for the lottery at ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis or ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT.

BE RENEWED:

Developing a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit

*You are invited into a more profound,
life-giving relationship with the Holy Spirit.
Enhance your Lenten journey!*

*Friday, March 24 from 6:30 – 9 pm and
Saturday, March 25 from 9:30 am – 4 pm*

*St Mary of Sorrows Parish Center,
5222 Sideburn Rd, Fairfax 22032*

This free workshop will feature:

- *Video Presentations with Fr. Dave Pivonka*
- *Personal testimonies*
- *Time for reflection*
- *Small group discussions*

*To register or for more information
email your name and phone number to
Logsoffireprayergroup@gmail.com or
call 703/425-0086*

Hosted by St Mary's Logs of Fire and Nativity's Love is Given prayer groups

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

3rd Sunday of Lent

Sunday March 12

Ex 17:3-7
Ps 95:1-2,6-9
Romans 5:1-2,5-8
John 4:5-42

Monday March 13

2 Kings 5:1-15b
Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4
Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday March 14

Daniel 3:25,34-43
Ps 25:4-5ab,6,7bc,8-9
Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday March 15

Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9
Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday March 16

Jeremiah 7:23-28
Ps 95:1-2,6-9
Luke 11:14-23

Friday March 17

Hos 14:2-10
Ps 81:6c-11ab,14,17
Mark 12:28-34

Saturday March 18

Hos 6:1-6
Ps 51:3-4,18-21ab
Luke 18:9-14

What do you thirst for? Thirst happens when we lack something vital. Water is essential for survival, and our bodies signal us when it's time to drink fluids to stay healthy.

Likewise, water is necessary for our spiritual survival, albeit a different sort of water – the living water, which we first received from the baptismal water that purifies us for eternal life.

The Holy Spirit is the Giver of Life. One of the biblical symbols that represents the presence of God's Spirit is life-giving water. Therefore, we can surmise that Jesus wanted to give the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Samaritan woman. Why? It would still be a while before the Holy Spirit descended upon everyone at Pentecost.

She needed the truth; the Holy Spirit is Truth, and Jesus wanted to give her what she needed for salvation and then share this new life with the people around her.

We only get thirsty when we haven't had enough to drink. Spiritual thirst shows itself in many forms: addictions, loneliness, despair, frustration, self-indulgence, or any other feeling or behavior that's triggered when we lack something that we need or want. And why would we lack anything spiritually? Because, like the woman at the well, we sometimes fail to realize that Christ is with us. We need to receive a spiritual healing.

How does God give us this healing? He pours his love into us with all sufficiency, but to drink of it, we have to listen openly, like that woman, ready to be changed by the truth.



Reflect & Discuss:

- † In the first reading, why did a physical thirst turn into a sin? How does this happen today?
- † In Romans 5, grace and hope are mentioned as gifts we receive when we have been "justified by faith" (i.e., when we've repented of our sins and sought forgiveness). How do grace and hope quench our thirsts? How do they help us resist sin?
- † The woman at the well eagerly received what Jesus said. Even though he confronted her about her sins, she drank it all in and then, without shame, excitedly told others about her encounter with the Messiah. What need was filled by the truth? What does this teach about how we can help others hear the truth?

Lenten Activity:

What sin or unhealthy habit do you need to overcome so that Jesus is free to quench your thirsts? What will you do this week to hand it over to Christ?

EL POZO QUE, TODOS, TENEMOS

3º de cuaresma (A)

Javier Leoz



Nos preocupa, sobre todo en España, la escasez de agua. Miramos hacia el cielo deseando que, el Señor, la envíe abundantemente porque, sin ella, es difícil vivir y, sin ella, todo –personas, animales y valles- se resecan.

1. Lo mismo que la tierra tiene sed, algo parecido le ocurrió a Jesús. Estaba cansado, sediento y... pedía agua. Al borde de un pozo, la Samaritana, quería quedarse en lo superficial (que también es importante) pero Jesús le ofrece otro agua que es surtidor de paz y de vida interior, de felicidad y de dicha.

¿Dónde tienes tú el cántaro? Respondería la Samaritana. Decía, reclamaba y hacía como tantas veces, lo hacemos nosotros cuando ponemos trabas e inconvenientes a Dios para que El no actúe en nuestras vidas. ¿De qué estamos sedientos? ¿Del agua cristalina y fresca? ¿O de algo más? El mundo, los hombres y mujeres de nuestro tiempo, están/estamos saturados de todo y, a la vez, de nada. Sentimos que no nos falta lo necesario para vivir y, en un sentimiento encontrado, percibimos que nos falta siempre un “algo” para ser felices.

Es entonces cuando, Jesús, entra en acción. No nos ofrece el agua embotellada o etiquetada que el negocio nos vende. Jesús, consciente de la sed del hombre, esa sed que no es apagada por la frescura del agua corriente, nos lleva a una fuente que calma nuestra ansiedad y sed de Dios. Entre otras cosas, sentarse junto al pozo de Jesús, implica –además- sentarse frente a la verdad de uno mismo. Y, esto, ¡cuánto nos cuesta!

2. Todos, también los que estamos preparándonos a los días santos de la Pascua, tenemos un pozo donde y en el que encontrarnos con el Señor.

. El pozo de la oración. En él, el Señor, nos moldea y nos habla. Es un pozo en el que, el corazón que busca a Dios, se abre de tal manera, que el Espíritu obra maravillas en él.

. El pozo de la Eucaristía. Cuando nos acercamos a ella sentimos que, además de mitigar la sed, el Señor nos alimenta y fortalece para seguir batallando en la vida.

. El pozo de la Palabra. Al acercarnos al pozo de la Palabra sentimos que el Señor nos interpela con la misma fuerza que a la Samaritana. Parece como si, ésta o aquella Palabra, estuviera expresamente indicada, dicha y diseñada para cada uno de nosotros. Como si Dios, al igual que lo obró en la misma Samaritana, tuviera especial interés en despertar nuestra sed por El y para El.

. El pozo de la Iglesia. Muchos hermanos nuestros, amigos y conocidos, prefieren buscarse sus propias fuentes para creer y esperar. Pero ¿Quién nos ha dado de beber, con pasión de madre y gratuitamente, el agua del Evangelio, del amor de Dios o de los sacramentos que incentiva y da vida a nuestra fe? El pozo de la Iglesia. En él nos sentamos para escuchar la Palabra; para ponernos en paz con Dios por el sacramento de la reconciliación; para recibir el pan de la Eucaristía o para compartir, lo mucho o lo poco que tenemos, con los más necesitados.

Frente a un mundo hambriento y sediento de lo superfluo, la Samaritana, representa esa parte interior, que todos nosotros poseemos, y que está llamada a despertar, cuidarse y descubrirse por el encuentro personal con Jesús.

Está bien que, como necesitados del agua natural, la pidamos a Dios pero, de igual manera, miremos un poco más allá; profundicemos bajo las aguas del simple pozo de nuestra existencia y... busquemos ese Espíritu que nos puede dar vida y tonificar totalmente, de arriba abajo, lo que somos, pensamos y realizamos.

TÚ, SEÑOR, ERES EL POZO DE AGUA VIVA

Soy caminante en busca de lo alto
y por ello tengo sed, no tanto de beber,
cuanto de llegar a Dios.

¡TÚ, SEÑOR, ERES EL POZO DE AGUA VIVA!

Mi camino, cansado y abatido,
son pasos que conducen hacia alguien:
¿Estarás al final, Jesús?

Mi camino, sabiendo que Tú esperas,
sé que será sendero que conducirá
entre pruebas y llantos
alegrías y penas, al pozo de la amistad

¡TÚ, SEÑOR, ERES EL POZO DE AGUA VIVA!

Sentarme junto a Ti, Señor,
es contemplar la grandeza y la pobreza de mi vida
es entender que, Tú, como nadie
pones sobre la mesa aquello que, de mi vida,
muy poco o nada, me interesaregonar ni ver.

¡TÚ, SEÑOR, ERES EL POZO DE AGUA VIVA!

¿Cómo me darás de ese agua viva?

¿Cómo la sacarás, Señor?

¿Dónde tienes un cántaro?

¡Ah! ¡Ya lo sé, Señor!

Yo soy el vaso y el cántaro
con los cuales sacarás, para mí y para los demás,
el agua viva que brota a chorros
de la fuente de tu costado.

¡TÚ, SEÑOR, ERES EL POZO DEL AGUA VIVA!

Entra, Señor, en el pozo de mi alma:
es hondo, como el de la Samaritana
con fragilidades, como la vida de la Samaritana
con sed de agua limpia, como la de la Samaritana
con sed de Dios, como la de la Samaritana
Entra, Señor, en el pozo de mi alma
Y que, como la Samaritana, pueda decir también
He estado con Jesús... y sabe todo lo que he hecho

Amén.

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Marzo 11 | 10:00 am – 1:00 pm | Art Room

Marzo 18 | 10:00 am – 1:00 pm | Fr. Ready Room

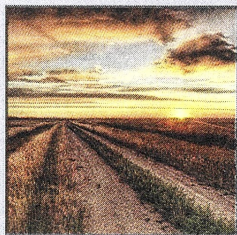
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Abril 1 | 10:00 am – 1:00 pm | Art Room

Actitudes de espíritu propias de la cuaresma cristiana

Teófilo Cabestrero, cmf - Martes, 17 de febrero de 2015
Vivir la cuaresma como entrada en la resurrección de Cristo, a través de la participación y asimilación de sus sufrimientos y su muerte, incluye una serie de actitudes de espíritu, entre las que cada comunidad y cada creyente debe discernir las que ha de encarnar sobre todo, según el estado de su fe. Citemos algunas:

1. **búsqueda sincera del verdadero Dios vivo**; realista y profunda; superando ideas falsas y purificando la fe. Hasta aceptarle en su auténtico papel en la propia vida personal, familiar, social;
2. **descubrir a Jesucristo como "salvador" efectivo**, como única solución definitiva de la propia existencia, de la existencia de todos y de toda la historia. Conocerle mejor y aceptarlo más vivamente;
3. **sincera conversión**; con todas las consecuencias; cambio de mentalidad y de vida en lo que haga falta. Abrir el alma, la fe, la esperanza, el amor y la vida, al dinamismo de la muerte y resurrección de Cristo; y, a su luz y con su fuerza, purificar, quemar, arrancar lo que sea preciso arrancar en el propio vivir egoísta;
4. **sellar el encuentro con Dios en Cristo y con los hermanos**, en los sacramentos de la pascua de Cristo: confesión hecha a fondo; redescubrimiento y renovación del propio bautismo; eucaristía viva y fraterna;
5. **vitalizar las "prácticas religiosas"**, el culto: sinceridad y vida: encuentro siempre nuevo con Dios, con Cristo, con los hermanos;
6. **llevar a la vida diaria la fe y la vivencia de los sacramentos y del culto**: amar de verdad, servir, ayudar, solidarizarse con los demás, especialmente con los que sufren y con los más necesitados; vivir al impulso del Espíritu de Cristo que es el amor sin límites, y comprometerse en la acción de promover a los hombres hacia la libertad, la justicia, la paz, la dicha y la verdadera existencia que corresponde a la dignidad humana; hacer que, a través de nosotros, actúe en el mundo la muerte y la resurrección de Cristo;
vivir todo eso de forma que nuestra fe, nuestro amor y nuestra acción, nos sitúen responsablemente en la Iglesia responsable y servidora del mensaje y el amor de Cristo; procurar no agriar más las distancias y divisiones dentro de la Iglesia, no contribuyendo ni a la parálisis de la Iglesia cómodamente situada, ni a la disgregación de la Iglesia en grupos sectarios; siendo, más bien, fermento de unidad futura en la fraternidad de la Iglesia que vive pobre para los pobres en el incesante don de sí por el Espíritu del amor sin límites.



-¿QUIERES VIVIR LA CUARESMA?

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-**No seas sordo a la Palabra de Dios.** Procura asistir todos los días a la Eucaristía. Si, te resulta difícil, procura cada día leer un momento la Palabra de Dios

-**No pienses que, en todo, llevas la razón.** La conversión exige un cambio de corazón, de mente, de actitudes: humildad.

-**Reza un poco más.** La meditación es saludable e, incluso, necesaria para el ajeteo que llevamos. ¿Cuánto hace que no te has retirado en un silencio prolongado en el interior de una iglesia?

-**Confíesate.** Uno, desde dentro, no puede ver la fachada de su propia casa. El sacramento de la reconciliación te hará ver la grandeza que Dios ha puesto en ti y la fragilidad que, sin querer o queriendo, existe en ti.

-**Haz una obra de caridad.** No caviles con los que están en la distancia. A veces, el ayudar a los que nos quedan lejos, se puede convertir en válvula de escape para no comprometernos con los que tenemos cerca.

-**Ama a la Iglesia.** Nunca como hoy necesita de cristianos y de católicos que arrimen el hombro. Recuerda la palabra de Jesús: "Rema mar adentro". Tus manos son necesarias.

-**Defiende con pasión y con convencimiento tus motivaciones religiosas.** Si almuerzas, en el trabajo, o comes en un restaurante ¿sabes que puedes dar testimonio de lo que eres? ¿Cómo? Guardando vigilia: una imagen o un gesto vale más que mil palabras!

-**Vive con más austeridad estos cuarenta días.** Márcale un pequeño programa para que, la Cuaresma, deje en ti poso abundante.

-**No caigas en la tentación de pensar "lo de la Cuaresma es una tontería".** Cuando no tenemos razones o no queremos entrar por un camino, buscamos mil excusas. ¿Jesús no se merece un acompañamiento especial camino del Calvario? ¡Piénsalo!

-**Si estás enojado con alguien, no lo dudes, pide perdón.** Si no te lo aceptan tu habrás cumplido y, el peso de la conciencia, no residirá tanto en ti cuanto en aquellos que no ejercieron la misericordia contigo. ¡Te sentirás muy bien!

-**¿Tienes rencor contra alguien?** ¿Estás decepcionado con alguien por algo? ¡Olvidalo! Da un paso hacia adelante. Si Dios, siendo como somos, nos perdona. ¿Cómo no vamos a ofrecer en la misma medida, el perdón y la comprensión a los que nos rodean?

-**Manifiesta públicamente tu fe.** Promueve, con signos y palabras, lo que dices creer. Invita a alguien a la Eucaristía. Incluso, si llega la hora del Angelus, rézalo. Tal vez te miren...lograrás, entre otras cosas, ser diferente. Serás bienaventurado;

-**No dejes de acudir cada domingo a la Eucaristía.** Sin ella, a muchos cristianos, les ocurre lo mismo que aquel beduino: "pasaba por una fuente y, mirándola, no quise beber; más adelante exhausto y sin fuerzas...me di cuenta de lo necio que fui por haber despreciado aquel manantial de agua fresca"
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The people came with the woman.
Jesus stayed with them for 2 days.
What did the people do?

Find the answer to each math problem.
Check the code for the letter.

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M = 14 N = 16 R = 18 S = 20 V = 22 Y = 24

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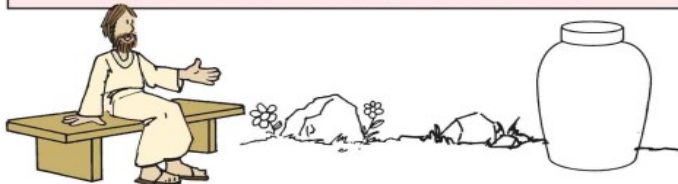
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Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water
will be thirsty again, but those who drink
the water I give them will never thirst."
Jesus offered something special to the woman.
What was it?

Write these words in alphabetical order on the graph below.
The second letter of each word in order will answer the question.
(We've done the first word for you.)

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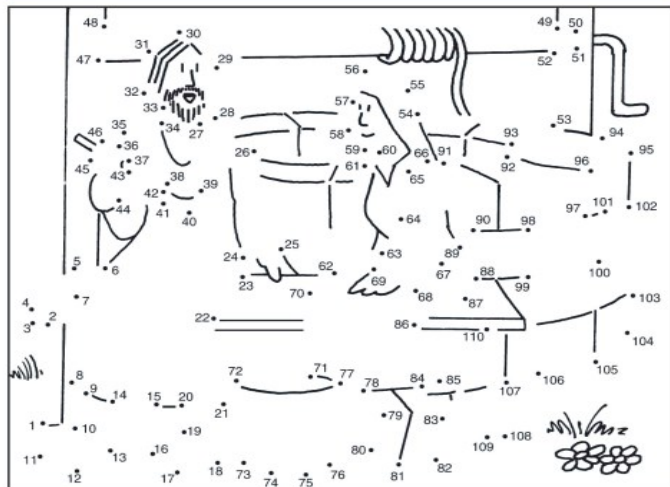
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Jesus Talks With a Samaritan Woman

Jesus was passing through Samaria on His way to Galilee.
He stopped at Jacob's well. A woman came to draw water
from the well. Jesus spoke to her. She was surprised!

Connect the dots to finish the picture.



Then the woman went back to the town.
What did she tell the people?

Use the code to find out.

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3	E	R	D	B	G
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