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SUNDAY MASSES: 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass in Spanish 7:00 a.m./9:00 a.m./11:00 a.m./ 1:00 p.m./5:30 p.m.

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

#### HOLY DAY MASSES: As Announced

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

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

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

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Easter 2024



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During The Easter Season, I reflect on how blessed we are as followers of Christ to live in a diocese that has been given abundant blessings. Our Risen Lord invites us to take those blessings and walk in newness of life as his sons and daughters, each and every day.

As we celebrate our 50th anniversary as a diocese, we are renewed in the joyful hope of witnessing and celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Now strengthened in this hope-filled faith, we can better respond to his call to witness to the Risen Lord with greater authenticity, to follow his commands, and willingly proclaim our faith and the truth of the Gospel boldly and lovingly.

By relying on God and trusting in his grace, may we strive daily to live in Christ Jesus, who rose from the dead, bringing a message of new life in him. Jesus Christ is risen today; he is victorious, and his victory is ours. For this reason, we sing 'Alleluia! Alleluia!'

Please be assured of a special remembrance in my prayers for you and your family. May our risen Lord shower his abundant blessings upon you at Easter and always.

Sincerely in Christ, Michael 7. Surlidge

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge Bishop of Arlington

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

All Mass Intentions are fully booked through the end of June 2024. We will open up the Mass Intentions Calendar for July-December 2024 sometime in May. Please watch the bulletin for the announcement of the exact opening date of our Mass Intention Scheduling Calendar. If you have any questions, please reach out to akenner@nativityburke.org. Thank you!

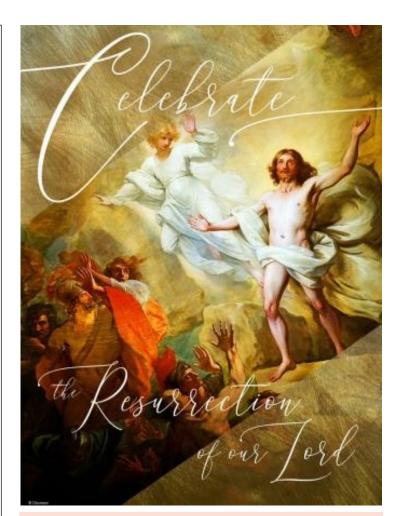


#### 2024 Bishop's Lenten Appeal "Behold, I make all things new"

Thank you, Nativity parishioners, for your continuing strong support for this year's Bishop's Lenten Appeal. As of March 21, our pledges and donations amount to \$669,477 but with only about 15 percent of registered families pledging. If you have not yet participated, Easter is the perfect time to make a sacrificial

offering at any amount that works for you and your family. See www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or just scan the QR code for easy access. Your support helps so many charities, ministries, and programs. Thank you!





The Parish Office will be closed all day on Sunday, March 31st and Monday, April 1st

#### Join us in praying the Divine Mercy Novena leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th

The Second Sunday of Easter, April 7th, is the Feast of Divine Mercy, or Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Divine Mercy Novena is prayed nine days prior to Divine Mercy Sunday, it started on Good Friday, March 29th. The Novena will be prayed daily after the morning Mass or Morning Prayer Service, except on the Easter weekend, when the Novena prayers are said at home (check schedule).

"I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw there from strength and refreshment and whatever grace they have need of in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death" (Diary, 1209).



The Holy Hour and Devotion on Sunday, April 7th is from 2:45 to 3:45 pm. Please join us in Eucharistic Adoration and in praying/singing the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Prayer cards, rosaries and information pamphlets will be provided. "Jesus I trust in You!" See the Nativity website for more information. Divine Mercy Adoration & Chaplet will be livestreamed.

#### <u>ANNANNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN</u> EASTER MEMORIALS We thank the following who have helped decorate our Easter Sanctuary with their flower donations: NAME IN MEMORY OF / WITH SPECIAL INTENTION FOR Kathy McHugh Philip McHugh, Kathleen McHugh, Bob McHugh Vince and Carol Ann Occhipinti Mr. & Mrs. Alexander J. Rohan, and Mr. & Mrs. Vincent E. Occhipinti Joanne Lynch David Lynch Mary Louise Kolodziej The Kolodziej, Trzok, Borrelli and Cantu Families Richard and Karen Golinowski Catherine & Karol Golinowski, Joseph Bowers, Jr., Clarence Boone, Michael Santiago, Gigi Hanna and Andrea Olivieri Carol Denny Zaven and Toni der Boghossian Parents & Grandparents Mary Ann and David Holtmann The Holtmann and Cuomo Families Sabrina Hartzog Earl and Mary Hartzog Anonymous Graciano and Carmen Morales The Pizzo Family Deceased loved ones who have gone before us Carole Hartzog Philip Hartzog Your Loving Daughter, Mandy (Boo) My Mom, Generous Heart, Loving Spirit Carole Hartzog Clarice and Roger Duthiers Karen Snee Tom Snee Mr. and Mrs. John W. McGillvray Jr. Our deceased family members Frank, forever my Love My Beloved Wife, Henrietta Kathleen Stone Ashley Jean Stone Mike and Ann Stubbs Sam Gensel Sabrina Hartzog Franck and Gislaine Bayard Mary Ann Yankosky Len Yankosky The Bisset Family Arthur Donald Bills, Pat and Al Bisset The O'Grady Family Robert DeVito Karl & Sheila Posh, Lloyd & Evelyn Reinhard, The Reinhard Family Janice Jaekle and Brian O'Neill Mr. and Mrs. Timothy McDonald and Mrs. Maria McDonald, Mr. David Zeiler Family Pat Connell The Connell, DiPalma and Martin Families Nimette Yousif The Yousif Family Susan and Edward Bond and Family Carolyn Makurat and Lois Bond



### YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER CAMPS



#### **VACATION BIBLE CAMP**

Current K-4 graders 8:45am - 12pm | \$40 per camper

#### CAMP ON THE EDGE

Current 5-8 graders 1:30pm - 4:30pm | \$40 per camper

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** Monday June 17 - Friday, June 21

**VBC: 8TH GRADERS - ADULTS COTE: 10TH GRADERS - ADULTS** \$10 t-shirt fee for teen volunteers\*

Childcare provided for volunteers!

**Registration opens soon** contact: vbc@nativityburke.org

#### **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION COURSE**

- Are you a Catholic adult who hasn't received the Sacrament of Confirmation?
- Do you know someone who fits this bill?
- Have you been asked to be a Godparent or a sponsor but are missing this key Sacrament?
- Do you feel like you want to know more about your faith, but aren't really sure where to begin?

Nativity proudly presents a Confirmation preparation course, for any baptized Catholic adult who would like to complete the sacraments of initiation and prepare for Confirmation (happening right here at Nativity on May 19th). Additionally, if you're a person beginning or growing in your faith and would like to know more, you are most certainly welcome!

You are invited to a 5-week "crash course" presented by the priests of the parish. The cost is free, the benefits are lifelong.

- When? Tuesday nights beginning April 9th from 6:30PM to 8:00PM
- Where? Fr. Ready room (unless otherwise noted)
- Who? Any Catholic Adult 18+ who has not received Confirmation and Any other person would like to know more about their faith.
- How? Please RSVP to frbresnahan@nativityburke.org and we will see you on April 9th!

Annual Multi-Car Raffle \*\*TWO WEEKS TO GO\*\*

Thank you to those who have already returned all the tickets you have sold. Where else can you get a chance to win all four 2024 vehicles from Ourisman Ford of Manassas (Ford Escape,

Mustang, Ranger Truck and Bronco Sport) plus up to \$40,000 in cash prizes for only \$5. Please mail your sold ticket stubs and

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.

#### **Knights of Columbus Frenchy Cyr Memorial Scholarships**

Last year, Nativity's Knights of Columbus Council 7992 awarded six Cyr Memorial scholarships for Catholic secondary school tuition (grades 9-12), totaling \$6000. Scholarships were awarded to: Hannah Ly (Nativity School), and Liam Ginty attending Saint John Paul the Great High School, Jennifer Dee and Sophia Cassidy attending Bishop Ireton High School, Mackenzie Boland (Nativity School) attending Bishop O'Connell High School, and Teagan Kelly (Nativity School) attending Saint Paul VI High School for their exemplary academic performance, sustained school and community involvement, and outstanding Church and religious activity participation.

Again, this year six \$1000 scholarships will be awarded with at least one scholarship awarded to a Nativity eighth-grade student. All other entrants, including eighth-grade students, will compete for the remaining five scholarships. Entrants must be registered parishioners at Nativity, or a son, daughter, or grandchild, of an active member of Council 7992.

Application forms are available on the Parish web site and in the Parish office. Application submissions are due no later than midnight, Friday, April 26, 2024. Scholarship awardees will be announced in late May or Early June. Questions, please contact Dave Zivich, at davezivich@gmail.com.



The Holy Spirit, through our shepherds, is calling the whole Catholic Church together in a way we have not seen in 83 years. This summer, we will all gather in Indianapolis from July 17 to 21 for an event different from anything you've experienced before. More than just a retreat or conference, the National Eucharistic Congress is the Church's moment—a moment that will define a whole generation of Catholics.

All Congress attendees will gather together in Lucas Oil Stadium for a powerful general session each day, where we will experience the revival Our Lord desires to accomplish. These transformative moments will be led by the world-class speakers, including Montse Alvarado, Sister Miriam James Heidland, Fr. Josh Johnson, Bishop Robert Barron, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Mother Adela Galindo, Sr. Josephine Garrett, Fr. Boniface Hicks, Sr. Bethany Madonna, Matt Maher, Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart, Cardinal Christopher Pierre, Gloria Purvis, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Chris Stefanick, and so many more. See the full list of Eucharistic Congress speakers. We firmly believe God is calling us together for a new Pentecost and that Jesus is about to unleash the fire of his love upon our nation. Members of our parish family who make the trip will bring this holy fire back home and set our faith community ablaze! Whether you can come for all five days or only one, we hope you can join us at the National Eucharistic Congress! Get your pass at EucharisticCongress.org.

And if you can't make Indianapolis this summer, then consider participating in the Eucharistic Pilgrimage that's heading there! In keeping with this vision, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will accompany Jesus from city to city, lighting hearts on fire along the way. When they meet at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, all these flames will blaze together. The Seton Route will go through Washington DC, stopping overnight at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. You can join the procession or just stop by to visit Our Eucharistic Lord on June 8th and 9th. Explore the interactive map to follow the four routes across the United States and register for one of the many free events coming to our area.

	MASS INTENTIONS We are God's People" 1 Peter 2:10
<u><i>Monday, April 1s</i></u>	<u>t</u>
7:30 am	† George Castleman
<u>Tuesday, April 21</u>	<u>ud</u>
7:30 am	† Ofelia Vallejo
12:00 pm	† Chuck Glasson
<i>Wednesday, April</i>	<u>l 3rd</u>
7:30 am	† Virginia Maggi
3:00 pm	† Ann Diecke <i>(Burke Healthcare)</i>
<u>Thursday, April 4</u> 7:30 am 12:00 pm	† Martin Hermes † Andrea Olivieri & Lina Olivieri
<i>Friday, April 5th</i> 7:30 am	† Mario Iannacone
<u>Saturday, April 6</u>	<u>th</u>
9:00 am	† Virginia Maqgi
5:00 pm	† Charles Giasson
7:00 pm	† Andres & Nelida Delgado Rosa
<i>Sunday, April 7th</i> 7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm 5:30 pm	<ul> <li>† Joseph E Masci</li> <li>† Don Funai</li> <li>† Cara Abbruscato</li> <li>† Scott DeMariano Parishioners</li> </ul>

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

#### **IN MARY'S FOOTSTEPS - A GROUP FOR WIDOWS**

We are a group of women who share the experience of the loss of our beloved husbands and join together in faith and fellowship. Our meetings are on the second Monday of the month at 11:00am in the church *"training room"*. We have gathered for lunches or dinners out, retreats at the Benedictine Monastery, museum tours, etc. Please feel free to join us at our next meeting on April 8th at 11:00am. For further information, please contact Cat Sands at csands@nativityburke.org. God bless you!

#### We need Cookies for the next Prison Kairos Weekend April 17-21

<u>Please drop off Cookies in the kitchen at the Nativity Office by</u> <u>Tuesday, April 16 at the latest</u>. The types of cookies that are generally acceptable are: Oatmeal, Peanut Butter, Molasses, Chocolate Chip, Ginger & Sugar. Cookies should be between 2" and 2-1/2" in diameter and not more than 1/2" thick. It is very important not to use icing, sugar or any other type of coating on the outside of the cookie. Do not add any kind of fruit or nuts to the cookies.

<u>The Key Ingredient:</u> Pray individually or as a family. Ask God to use your cookies as a source of His love to shine on the prisoners and staff on the Kairos weekend.

<u>Packing the Cookies:</u> Bag thoroughly cooled cookies in a quart sized Zip Lock bag, a dozen cookies to a bag. Label each bag with the cookie type inside. Visit https://www.mykairos.org/docs/kpmi/cookies.pdf.



## DATE NIGHT

#### Marriage, Faith & Life With Adult Children



#### • 5 PM Mass

- 6 PM Light Dinner • 6:30- 8:30 Speakers and Fellowship
- Childcare Provided



#### **Registration Link** https://nativityburke.org/april-date-night/ Anna Lisa 571-208-2821 marriage@nativityburke.org Marriage Enrichment Ministry

🔁 Saturday, April 20th

6:00- 8:30 PM

#### **ECHO Food Room Most Needed Items Collection NEXT weekend!**

• Choose sizes appropriate for our average family size of four.

• Include an assortment of food to ensure a variety of items • ECHO continues to see a deficit of several thousand pounds a month between food donated and food given to clients. Any donation, large or small, is most gratefully welcomed. Last month we collected 1,389 lbs!

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

Tin Fish (tuna, sardines, salmon etc.), Spaghetti Pasta and Sauce, INSTANT Coffee (many clients do not have coffee makers), Can Tomatoes, Baked Beans, Can Fruit, Bag Rice (Clients prefer white, jasmine or basmati), Instant (Box) Potatoes, Crackers, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Ramen, Hot Chocolate, can milk, shelf stable milk Can Meat (chicken, Spam, chili, small hams, beef stew etc.), Juice (Bottles or box), Tea (green, herbal or black), Spices (garlic, onion, cinnamon, salt, pepper), Healthy Snacks, Masa (Corn) Flour, Lentils, Bag Beans (black, red or garbanzo preferred), Lemon or Lime Juice, Jelly and Honey, Tortillas, Cooking Oil, Brown Paper Bags, Reusable Grocery Bags, Children's Toothbrushes, Laundry Detergent, Toilet Paper, Deodorant, Shampoo, Bath Soap, Facial Tissues, Dish Soap, Paper Towels, Band Aids, Baby Wipes, Diapers -Sizes 3, 4, 5, Sanitary Napkins, Shaving Cream/Razors.



#### A Message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry

Our celebration of the resurrection enlivens our hope, as we celebrate life transformed from death. When it comes to the fate of our planet, it can be easy to fall into despair. An Easter practice might then be to ask ourselves, inspired by a question posed by marine biologist Ayana Elizabeth Johnson, "What if we got this right?" What if we got right our ideas and work about how to care for creation correct? What might our world look like? Can we allow ourselves to be moved from a place of possibility, trusting in God's grace? This Easter Season, let us cultivate an Easter imagination – one that sees from the lens of hope instead of despair – that we might help bring resurrection joy to all beings on God's planet. Have a Blessed Easter!

(Christina Leano, Laudato Si Movement)

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



March 31, 2024



All tickets, stubs & monies are **due by Tuesday, 23 April to All Saints Catholic Church**. The drawings will be held during the All-Saints Catholic Church Fair on Saturday, 27 April. If you need more tickets or have questions, please contact PGK Sam Morthland @ 703-455-2186 or at kofc7992carraffle@gmail.com



### Kids in Today's Society

Join us April 11 at 6:30 pm in the Father Martin Center for "Kids In Today's Society" presented by MPO Tony Capizzi and PFC Liam May with Fairfax County Police Department. We welcome PARENTS of Nativity School students and parishioners. MPO Capizzi and PFC May will discuss current trends in social media, narcotics, and mental health concerns in the teen population. The class provides guidance for parents to talk to their children and find resources if their kids are dealing with any of these challenges. They will also bring items that demonstrate what kids use to conceal their contraband and show off what some of the contraband looks like. It is important to note that this presentation is <u>for PARENTS only</u>.

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

#### Tough Topic Series - Responding in love to challenging Gender Identity and Same-Sex Attraction cultural issues – April 5th and April 13th

Are you unsure of what to say when confronted by a tough topic? Do you want to be accepting and loving of everyone but aren't sure how? Want to know what the Church says about some of the most difficult social issues of our day?

Join us where we learn to speak the truth in love on the remaining 2024 Tough Topics sessions from 6:00-9:00pm at St. John the Beloved Catholic Church in the parish hall, 6420 Linway Terrace, McLean, VA 22101.

Each night will feature dinner, video presentation, and role-playing potential real-life conversations about each issue: *Friday, April 5th: Same-Sex Attraction Saturday, April 13th: Gender Identity* 

Tough Topics (www.toughtopics.life) is designed to help 7th-12th graders. The videos and role-playing scenarios included are something that has been sorely needed to help educate the minds and form teenage hearts as today's increasingly toxic culture presses down hard against our families and their children. It is endorsed by our Diocese and has received excellent reviews. These particular sessions are for teenagers with parents encouraged to attend as observers. Youth leaders from any parish are welcome to observe, 7th and 8th graders are required to bring their parents. Contact Michael Jacobeen to RSVP at mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org or (703) 356-5275.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

#### LIFE TEEN: GRADES 9-12

DINNER - FELLOWSHIP - PRAYER & FORMATION Sundays | 6:30-8:30pm

#### HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS

<u>GIRLS:</u> Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00pm, weekly

<u>GUYS:</u> Mondays, 7:00-8:30pm, 2x/month





#### EDGE: GRADES 6-8

Alternating Sundays | 3:30-5:00pm & Fridays | 7:00-8:30 pm

#### BASH: SAVE THE DATE

#### SATURDAY, MAY 4 | 3:30-8:30PM

Bishop Burbidge invites all middle school students (grades 6-8) of the Diocese to join him at BASH 2024! This event includes music, games, inspirational speakers, confessions, and a Vigil Mass for Sunday, with Bishop Burbidge as the principal celebrant. Registration coming soon.

#### See website for full schedule

Before attending, please register for the 2023-2024 year of ministry using our free, online forms.

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#### NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

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#### Nativity's Serial Kindness!

During the last week of our month-long celebration of Kindness, our school community gathered more than 300 family-sized boxes of cereal to donate to St. Lucy's Project, which supports the Diocese's efforts to feed those locally in need of a meal.



Big boxes of cereal – one of the most sought-after items – mostly Kellogg's Special K and Frosted Flakes; Chex Blueberry, Rice, and Chocolate (all Gluten Free); Cheerios Multi Grain, Apple Cinnamon, and Honey Nut; Cheerios Heart Healthy Gluten Free, Very Berry Gluten Free, and Quaker Life – were collected from throughout the classrooms and a 10-person team (see above!) assembled the cereal boxes in the school gym as part of a huge domino game. *(See our FB post for video of the action!)* 

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Is Your Child Turning 3 By the End of September? We've Got Just The Spot: In Our Classroom Email Jen Behan to schedule a tour of our classrooms, playground, and lunchroom – and to meet our teachers at jbehan@nativityschool.org. Please bring your child, too – we can't wait to meet you!

#### **Upcoming Dates At-A-Glance!**

- April 8 School Resumes
- April 9 School Pictures
- April 10 School Pictures
- April 11 School Pictures
- April 11 "Kids in Today's Society" Program 6:30-8:00 pm
- April 14 Book Fair Grand Opening! 8:30 am-2:00 pm
- April 15 Student Fellowship 1st Grade
- April 17 7th Grade Field Trip
- April 18 5th Grade Field Trip
- April 18 Panera Fundraiser
- April 19 PreK/Preschool Donuts w/Dad 8:30-9:30 am
- April 20 Jesus Day 2nd Grade Retreat 9:00 am-12:30 pm

Join us at Nativity to see how your child would spend his/her days here - learning, praying, sharing, loving, and laughing. We may be just the school for which you've been searching! 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. Contact Mrs. Shannon Murphy, our Registrar, for more information, at (703) 455-2300 and/or smurph@nativityschool.org.



**Council Meetings -** 1st and 3rd Tuesday. 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.

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

6 April - Adopt-A-Highway: Be a part of the Elite Eight.
7 April from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Easter Egg Hunt Helpers: We need four energetic volunteers. Volunteer on Link Tree.
20 April - Pilgrimage to Saint John Paul II National Shrine: All Knights & family members are invited to sign up.
21 April, Donut Sunday & Knights Recruiting Event: Volunteer on Link Tree.

**Food for Others:** Volunteer drivers & vehicle support for food distribution to the poor. Occasionally deliver 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.

Name Tags: Email Vince Augelli at VaKC23@gmail.com. Sunday Mass Coffee and Cookies: We are providing coffee and cookies following Sunday morning Masses.

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." Email: 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 navyy8@yahoo.com.

**3rd Degree Knights - Grow with 4th Degree:** participate in patriotic activities that promote Catholic citizenship. 4th Degree Assembly meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Nativity school cafeteria: 7:30 pm rosary, 7:45 pm business meeting followed by fellowship. If you are interested, please contact our Faithful Navigator Vince Augelli at fn2996@vakofc.org.

Join the Knights! The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. Join today! https://www.kofc.org/joinus and experience the Knights free for one year: Enter the Agent Code "CPEREZ", click "Add" and complete the form. Be sure to enter our council #7992 for local information when registering. Please email our Deputy Grand Knight at cokofc7992@gmail.com for more info.

The Knights of Columbus of the Fr. Sikora Council would like to thank all parishioners who attended our St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance Celebration on 16 March. It was a fun event, made all the more so by your presence It was also a successful fundraiser where we raised over \$3500 that we will use to support the Nativity Youth Ministry, Nativity School Scholarships, the Cyr Scholarship program for Catholic high school students, and other worthy causes.





# **PVI Theatre Camp**

## June 24 – 28, 2024 (Monday – Friday) 9 a.m. – noon For rising 7th-9th graders

**Cost: \$160 per student if registered by May 1 \$180 per student after May 2** 

Register using QR code. Contact Mrs. Kathy d'Alelio kdalelio@paulvi.net or call 703-352-0925 x0622



St. Paul VI Catholic High School 42341 Braddock Rd, Chantilly, VA 20152



The Knights of Columbus - Ladies Auxiliary

Formed to assist and support the Knights, our Church and the four virtues of Charity, Unity, Sorority and Patriotism.
We are spouses, daughters, mothers, or sisters of Knights of Columbus who are in good standing or deceased.
Our fellowship and informational meetings are the First Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Ready Room. Contact kdelatte65@gmail.com for information or to be added to our email distribution list.

#### NO HANDS BUT YOURS MINISTRY

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 D.C. AND NORTHERN VIRGINIA EVERY SUNDAY MORNING, RAIN OR SHINE. FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT THE NATIVITY PARISH WEBSITE OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN DAILY/SUNDAY RUNS, PLEASE CONTACT JOHN RUBINO AT: JOHN.ALBERT.RUBINO@GMAIL.COM.



#### **Donate your Car**

The Car Ministry accepts vehicles, reconditions them and then provides them as a gift to low-income families referred by pastors and social agencies. Click on the "Donate your Car" link on the Car Ministry's website, www.carministry.org, or contact the charity's Director, Larry Gordon at 703.237.8479 for more info.

Gifts for Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF) Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost \$45,000 per seminarian. Please give generously! To donate, make checks payable to: *"Foundation for the CDA - SEEF."* Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Contact John French at john.french@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-3819 with any questions. Thank you!

Nativity is a tithing community Giving back a portion of God's blessings in gratitude

Join the Nativity School Extended Care Team Love Working With Children? Creative with Fingerpaint? Like to Sift Sand?

The following qualifications are necessary:

- A LOVE of Children!
- 'Can-Do' Attitude
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### GOOD NEWS

#### Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31 Acts 10:34a,37-43 Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

> Monday, April 1 Acts 2:14,22-33 Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11 Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 2 Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22 Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 3 Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4,6-9 Lk 24:13-35

> Thursday, April 4 Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab,5-9 Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 5 Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2,4,22-27a Jn 21:1-14

Saturday, April 6 Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1,14-15b,16-21 Mk 16:9-15 Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John accompanied Jesus on his final mission and were key witnesses to his inspirational teachings,

astonishing miracles, traumatic suffering, and excruciating death on the cross. They were three of Jesus' most intimate friends and, besides his mother, they seemed to know him the best.

We see in Scripture how Jesus tried to prepare those he loved for what was going to happen. Still, on that Easter morning when first confronted with the empty tomb, their human weakness and broken hearts gave way to sadness, suspicion, and fear. It would take them a little while before they would fully understand that Jesus had to rise from the dead through the saving power of God and then Scripture would be fulfilled.

When we love Jesus with all our hearts and are sincerely trying to follow him, we must trust him and the Holy Spirit to help us be patient and guide our understanding of things we

don't quite understand so we can stay in line with God's holy will for our lives.

Is life giving you challenges? Are people in your life disappointing you or has grief, pain, illness, or other misfortune come your way somehow? Everyone has crosses we must bear at different seasons of our lives, and we are called to carry them with faith and trust even when we don't understand everything just yet.



We are also called to love others and share our faith with them as well. Sometimes it is our very crosses that connect us to the people to whom we are being

led to share the Gospel of Christ! By holding intimately close to Jesus and trusting him, just as his closest disciples did in today's Gospel, we show what it means to be "Easter people." We know that God will turn our hurts and sacrifices into something beautiful in time and we, too, will rise.

#### Reflect & Discuss:

- How can you share the love of Christ by helping someone you know carry their cross?
- What can you do to allow Christ to carry more of the load of your cross? Can you recognize when Christ is working through others to help carry your cross?
- When something bad in your life turned out good, how did this affect your faith in God? How have you experienced a time when you saw and believed as the disciple John did?
- Think about a time when you prayed, and things did not go as you wanted. As God always brings something good out of bad for those who believe and have faith, what good things did you discover?

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# Parents Prepared

What's Around the Corner for your Child Going to College?

Presented by:



SAINT JOHN BOSCO

# Join Us!

Who: For the Parents of Junior and Senior Highschoolers When: May 14, 2024 @ 7PM Where: Basilica of St. Mary Lyceum (313 Duke Street)

To attend for free, please register at <u>www.asjb.org/parents-prepared</u>.

The college campus is vying for the souls of our Catholic young people. Come learn about the current situation on college campuses all across the country, and how you as a parent can prepare now to help your child faithfully live out their next four years of college. ¡HAS PODIDO, SEÑOR! Domingo de Pascua Javier Leoz



¡Feliz Pascua de Resurrección creyentes en Cristo muerto y resucitado!

¡Feliz Pascua hinchas de un Jesús que, vencedor, nos trae el trofeo de vida para todos!

Respondamos, desde el graderío de nuestra Iglesia, con cánticos, aleluyas, sonrisas y júbilo, optimismo e ilusión, fe y esperanza: ¡HA RESUCITADO! ¡HA TRIUNFADO!

1)Estamos en Pascua. Ahora sí; este es el zumo del fruto que se exprimió ante el silencio de unos, complacencia de otros, la complicidad de unos o la cobardía de otros. Cristo, muerto en el madero, nos gana a todos y nos catapulta en una vida sin término. ¿Caemos en la cuenta de tan gran Misterio? Que, nuestra fe, no es una fe de muertos ni en la muerte. Que, nuestra fe, está coronada por el triunfo de un Cristo que al resucitar nos inyecta, ahora más que nunca, una infusión de vida eterna. Estamos llamados a eso: a la vida. Estamos llamados a despertar de este mundo, que aún pareciéndonos un sueño, es algo pasajero y nada comparable con la realidad del cielo.

Hoy, en esta mañana florecida por la luz de Cristo, apostamos fuerte por Aquel que nos lo ha dado todo. Hoy, en estas horas refulgentes y celestes, levantamos también nuestra victoria: ¡Cristo es nuestro futuro! Ahora, aunque lloremos, sabemos que nuestro llanto no será definitivo. Ahora, aunque la muerte siga sorprendiéndonos, sabemos que es un traje de quita y pon. Ahora, aunque la prueba nos sobrecoja, sabemos que no será la que tenga la última palabra. ¡Dichosa mañana de resurrección que nos trae tan gran noticia!

2. Esta noticia es la que sostiene nuestra vida cristiana. Y, esta crónica resucitadora, es la que se ha de sostener en nuestra memoria hoy y siempre. No estamos llamados a la muerte sino a la vida. Nuestra fe, por si lo olvidamos, es triunfante y no derrotista. Tiene futuro, no se queda en el presente. Mientras tanto, ante un Cristo que nos sorprende con una fuerza arrolladora que viene del Padre, damos gracias por haberle encontrado. Le damos las gracias por habernos hecho de los suyos a pesar de nuestras negaciones, traiciones, mediocridades y deserciones.

No olvidemos que, la salvación que Jesús nos ha traído, ha sido precisamente para los que creemos que la necesitamos. Para todo aquel que, humildemente, pone en Dios su esperanza, en la cruz sus ojos y en la resurrección su horizonte. Tal vez por eso, muchos hoy, seguirán sin escuchar este mensaje pascual: están tan sumidos en sus pequeñas resurrecciones (gotas de vida que pronto se evaporan) que no ven la necesidad de alzar sus ojos hacia aquella otra vida resucitada y resucitadora que les ofrece el mensaje pascual.

Tal vez por eso, porque algunos son felices viendo como los topos (bajo lo placentero de la tierra) no se preocupan de exponer su piel, sus sentimientos y su corazón ante la luz que nos trae el Evangelio de un Jesús que muere y nos invita a resucitar de esta tierra que, a veces, nos mata. FELIZ PASCUA DE RESURRECCIÓN, HERMANOS! Dirijamos nuestros ojos, nuestro pensamiento, nuestro corazón y todo nuestro ser hacia el cielo y, todos juntos, proclamemos y cantemos y ensalcemos el poder de nuestro Dios:

LO HAS RESUCITADO, SEÑOR! NOS HAS RESUCITADO A TODOS!

Que el grito, que desde hace veinte siglos decimos los cristianos ¡Resucitó! ¡Aleluya, aleluya!, siga cruzando fronteras y continentes. Pero, sobre todo, que nosotros vivamos y estemos convencidos de la presencia del Señor resucitada y resucitadora.



Pascua 2024

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Durante este Tiempo de Pascua, reflexiono sobre lo bendecidos que somos como seguidores de Cristo por vivir en una diócesis a la que se le han concedido abundantes bendiciones. Nuestro Señor Resucitado nos invita a tomar esas bendiciones y caminar en una vida nueva como sus hijos e hijas, día tras día.

Al celebrar nuestro aniversario no. 50 como diócesis, nos renovamos en la gozosa esperanza de ser testigos y celebrar la resurrección de nuestro Señor. Ahora, fortalecidos en esta fe llena de esperanza, podemos responder mejor a su llamado a dar testimonio del Señor resucitado con mayor autenticidad, a seguir sus mandatos y a proclamar gustosamente nuestra fe y la verdad del Evangelio con firmeza y amor.

Que, apoyándonos en Dios y confiando en su gracia, nos esforcemos cada día por vivir en Cristo Jesús, que resucitó de entre los muertos, llevando en él un mensaje de vida nueva. Jesucristo ha resucitado hoy; es victorioso, y su victoria es nuestra. Por esta razón, cantamos '¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya!'

Por favor, tengan la seguridad de que los recordaré de una manera especial a usted y a su familia en mis oraciones. Que Nuestro Señor Resucitado derrame sus abundantes bendiciones sobre ustedes en Pascua y siempre.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

Michael 7. Burkidge

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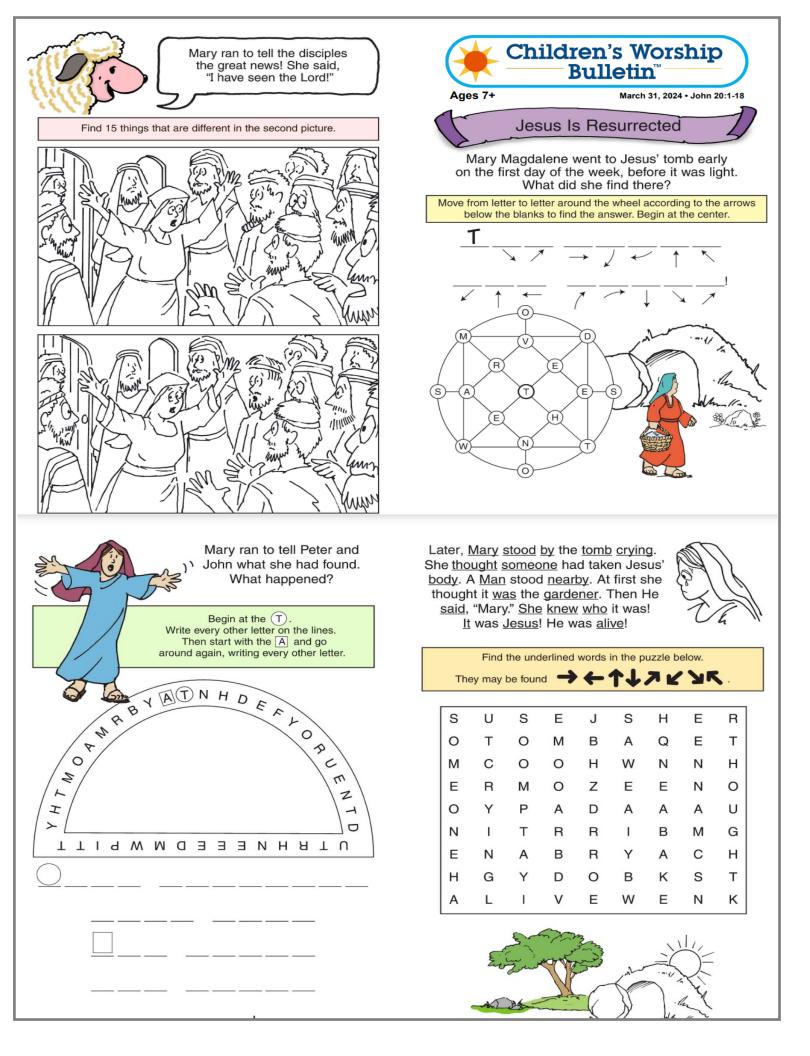
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