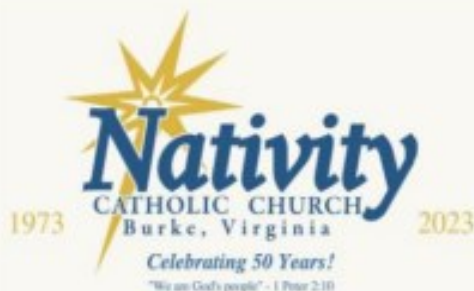
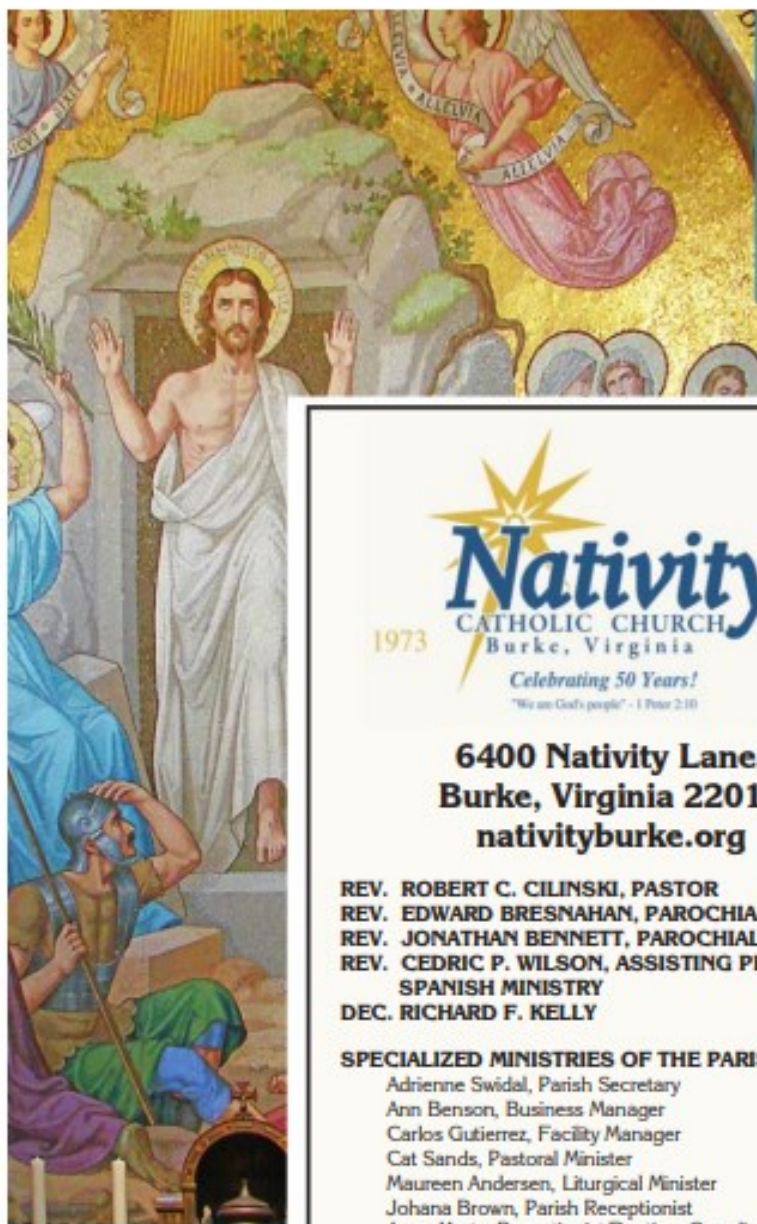


# 2nd Sunday of Easter



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



*"The community of believers were of one heart and one mind"*

My dear parishioners,

Happy Easter! The Easter celebration of 50 days is only one week old. The joy of Christ's resurrection continues to renew the whole world. I hope you are experiencing the new life and healing that Easter faith affords us. Be convinced of how God is working in your life to redeem and save. Good Friday always gives way to Easter... count on it!

We at Nativity are still celebrating the initiation of over 30 men, women, and children into the Catholic Church at Easter. Today they share at Sunday Eucharist for the second time and are filled with appreciation for this beautiful gift. They in turn are our Easter gift as they bring to the Church new life and zeal.

During this time of Easter, containing within it is Divine Mercy Sunday on this day of Mercy, I am reminded of all the gospel parables relating to loving and serving the least, the most despicable, those that our dear Lord sought out and forgave. We are all sinners, and some require more love than others in order to be healed. In thanksgiving for the resurrection of our Savior, let us continue to love and forgive one another, especially those most in need of God's mercy. Below is a poem that I love, especially on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Love and blessings,

*Fr. Bob Cilinski*

Fr. Bob Cilinski  
Pastor



**All Times Are His Seasons**

God made sun and moon to distinguish seasons,  
and day and night,  
and we cannot have the fruits of the earth  
but in their seasons;  
but God hath made no decree to distinguish the seasons  
of his mercies;  
in paradise the fruits were ripe the first minute,  
and in heaven it is always autumn,  
his mercies are ever in their maturity.  
God never says, you should have come yesterday;  
he never says, you must come again tomorrow,  
but today if you will hear his voice,  
today he will hear you.  
He brought light out of darkness,  
not out of lesser light;  
he can bring they summer out of winter,  
though thou have no spring.  
All occasions invite his mercies,  
and all times are his seasons.

- John Donne



**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](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA) or just scan the QR code for easy access. Your support helps so many charities, ministries, and programs. Thank you!



**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th, 2024**

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



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. See the Nativity website for more information. *Divine Mercy Adoration & Chaplet will be livestreamed.*

“Jesus, I trust in You!”

**YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER CAMPS**  
**Tuesday, June 18 - Friday, June 21**



**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\*



**Registration opens soon**  
 contact: [vbc@nativityburke.org](mailto: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](mailto:frbresnahan@nativityburke.org) and we will see you on April 9th!*

**Annual Multi-Car Raffle \*ONLY ONE WEEK TO GO\***

Please don't wait until the last minute to sell yours. All tickets, stubs and monies should be postmarked by Monday, 15 April. Remember \$5 gets 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. The drawings will be held on Saturday, 27 April at All Saints in Manassas, VA. Please mail your sold ticket stubs directly to All Saints in the envelope provided. If you need more tickets or have questions, please contact PGK Sam Morthland @ 703-455-2186.

**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](mailto:davezivich@gmail.com).



# David's Eagle Scout Project

**-About the Project-**  
Asking the community to donate critical supplies for building Care Kits for Ukraine to provide help and comfort during the conflict.



Donation boxes can be found in Nativity Church narthex

## -Supply List-

Daily Multi Vitamins

Batteries (AAA, AA, DD)

Bar Soap

Protein Bars

Hand Warmers

Antibiotic Cream

Socks

**THANK YOU**

**ACCEPTING DONATIONS UNTIL APRIL 13**

## Nativity All-Day Prayer Vigil for Life -Thank You

It is said that the true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members. A huge THANK YOU to all of you who witnessed for life during Nativity's recent All-Day Prayer Vigil for Life (40 Days for Life Spring Campaign).

By supporting the vigil, you lived out the Gospel message for this noble cause by continually lifting up in prayer the most vulnerable—the weakest and most defenseless among us—the at-risk unborn and newly born babies, and their moms in crisis pregnancies—and for the conversion of those supporting abortion! And to those who could not attend in person, thank you for offering your prayers.

God has used 40 Days for Life to establish a proven track record of saving babies' lives, saving women from making a tragic mistake, and closing abortion facilities in over 1000 cities in 64 countries.



## Easter Thanks

Thank you to all who made our Easter Masses so wonderful! The Church was decorated beautifully and the choirs sang in joyous praise! The Liturgical Ministers, alter servers, lectors, ushers, greeters, Knights of Columbus, parking attendants, Art and Environment committee members, Eucharistic Ministers, musicians, singers, choir directors, facilities director and parish staff, we could not have done it without all of your help! A special thank you to Vickie Sands for heading up the Arts and Environments Committee and Ann Rimkus who designed and formatted the Holy Week and Easter Mass programs, they were beautiful!

## 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](mailto:john.albert.rubino@gmail.com).

## Parents Prepared

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



Presented by:



Associates of **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 [www.asjb.org/parents-prepared](https://www.asjb.org/parents-prepared).

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.

*Nativity Stars*  
**GALA**  
*and Auction*

Dancing Through the Decades (50s-80s) | April 27, 2024

**CLASS BASKET & 50/50 RAFFLE TICKET**  
**SALE APRIL 13/14 & 20/21**

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**AUCTION ITEM OF THE WEEK-Religious Ed. Registration for TWO!**



The mission of Nativity's Religious Education (RE) Program is to proclaim Christ's message and help students apply it to their lives to foster community, prayer, worship, and the desire to serve the Lord.

**Bid to receive registration for TWO students (from same family) in the RE Program for the 2024-2025 School Year.**

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**Follow us on instagram for all Gala details and updates!**

[@nativitystarsgala](https://www.instagram.com/nativitystarsgala)


<https://nativityschool.org/gala>





**National Eucharistic Congress**  
**Indianapolis, Indiana**  
**from July 17-21, 2024**

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](http://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**

**Monday, April 8th**  
7:30 am † Sandra Baker

**Tuesday, April 9th**  
7:30 am Special Int. for Victoria Mayfield-Mayo  
12:00 pm † Andrea Olivieri

**Wednesday, April 10th**  
7:30 am † Deceased Members of the Christopher Family

**Thursday, April 11th**  
7:30 am † Olga and Ramon Gonzalez  
12:00 pm † Sophie Young

**Friday, April 12th**  
7:30 am † Lucila Punzalan  
9:00 am † Michael Daniel Foley

**Saturday, April 13th**  
9:00 am † Catherine Golinowski  
5:00 pm Parishioners  
7:00 pm † Jorge Calero

**Sunday, April 14th**  
7:00 am † John Veletto  
9:00 am † Joseph Zambrano  
11:00 am † Lisa Celestino  
1:00 pm † Lillo Glorioso  
5:30 pm † Thomas Michael Senerchia

**In prayer, let us remember  
the sick and deceased of the parish  
visit [nativityburke.org](http://nativityburke.org) for the Priest Mass Schedule**

Do you need a ride to a medical appointment or to go grocery shopping and are unable to drive? The Shepherd's Center-Fairfax Burke provides these services. Feel free to contact the Shepherd's Center Fairfax Burke at 703-323-4788 for information.

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

Please drop off Cookies in the kitchen at the Nativity Office by Tuesday, April 16 at the latest. 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.

*The Key Ingredient:* 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.

*Packing the Cookies:* 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*



**Craig & Anne  
Bowden**



**John & Cheryl  
Ostrowski**



**Charlie & Ann  
Rinkus**

**Look forward to:**

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

-  Nativity Catholic Church School Cafeteria
-  Saturday, April 20th
-  6:00- 8:30 PM




**Registration Link**  
<https://nativityburke.org/april-date-night/>  
 Anna Lisa 571-208-2821    [marriage@nativityburke.org](mailto:marriage@nativityburke.org)  
 Marriage Enrichment Ministry

### ECHO Food Room Most Needed Items Collection THIS 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

The St. Fiacre vegetable garden at Nativity is coming to life in these early days of spring. A Creation Care member and her two children helped plant collard greens and broccoli in one of the beds and another bed was planted earlier with lettuce and kale. The remainder of the beds are still fallow as we anxiously await the replacement of two of the beds by an Eagle Scout, who was "rained out" on March 23. The remainder of the beds closest to the parking area will be replaced by our Work Camp youth in mid-April. If you or your children are interested in helping plant or maintain the beds, please contact [nativitycreationcare@gmail.com](mailto:nativitycreationcare@gmail.com). We look forward to another productive season for the food insecure!



### 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](mailto:smurph@nativityschool.org).



**LOVE & RESPECT**  
 Marriage Program

**SCHEDULE**

- 6:30 pm — Potluck Dinner
- 6:55 pm — Welcome and opening prayer
- 7:00 pm — Video presentation
- 8:00 pm — Small group discussion
- 8:20 pm — Closing prayer & dismissal

**FRIDAYS,  
 APRIL 5, 16, &  
 26TH  
 6:30-8:30 PM**

LOCATION: SCHOOLS TEACHER'S LOUNGE

Registration Link  
<https://nativityburke.org/mem-program/>  
 Anna Lisa  
[marriage@nativityburke.org](mailto:marriage@nativityburke.org)



# ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH



## Multi Car Raffle

plus \$40,000 in Cash Drawings

**Only 1 WEEK 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



**OURISMAN**  
— FORD OF MANASSAS —



Ford  
Ranger Truck



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

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](mailto:kofc7992carraffle@gmail.com)

**Retrouvaille: A marriage help program for struggling couples**

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. It is a lifeline of hope and healing for struggling marriages. Retrouvaille of Northern Virginia will be holding two programs in 2024. The dates are April 26-28 and October 18-20. For more information about Retrouvaille, please visit our website at [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org). For details about the Northern Virginia weekends, please call 703-351-7211 or email [registernova@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:registernova@helpourmarriage.org).



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Prayer Shawl meeting for the month of April will be held on Monday morning, April 15 at 9:30am. All are welcome, hope to see you there!



**NATIVITY SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR GRAND OPENING NEXT SUNDAY!**

April 14, 2024  
8:30 am to 2:00 pm in the Fr. Martin Center  
JOIN US!

**Tough Topic Series - Responding in love to challenging Gender Identity and Same-Sex Attraction cultural issues – 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](http://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](mailto:mjacobeen@stjohncatholicmclean.org) or (703) 356-5275.

**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](mailto:csands@nativityburke.org). God bless you!

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**LIFE TEEN: GRADES 9-12**

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

**HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS**

GIRLS: Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00pm, weekly

GUYS: 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.

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

**SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS**  
~ SUMMER CAMPS ~  
JULY 8-19, 2024  
Manassas, VA | Burke, VA  
[SpotlightSummerCamps.com](http://SpotlightSummerCamps.com)

**BROADWAY SPOTLIGHT**  
**DRAMA BOOTCAMP**  
**ARTS & CRAFTS FUN**  
**ART EXPLORER**





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[nativityschool.org](http://nativityschool.org)



**Seventh Graders Passionately Portray Stations of the Cross**

One of our most cherished events during our most Holy Week is the “Living Stations of the Cross.” Performed by the Seventh Graders here at Nativity School, our Living Stations re-enactment is always a reverent, very moving, personal dramatization of the Passion of Christ.



In preparation for Good Friday observance and the Easter celebration, we journey through the Stations of the Cross as a school community, gathering in the Church several times throughout the Lenten period, culminating in the emotional drama of Living Stations the week of Easter. *You will find more photos on our school Facebook page.*



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Email Jen Behan to schedule a tour of our classrooms, playground, and lunchroom – and to meet our teachers at [jbehan@nativityschool.org](mailto: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

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**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](https://linktr.ee/fr_sikora_council_7992).

- 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.
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- 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](mailto: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](mailto:fn2996@vakofc.org).  
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Questions? Contact Mrs. Jan Siegfried at  
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# Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

## Divine Mercy Sunday

### Sunday, April 7

Acts 4:32-35  
 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
 1 Jn 5:1-6  
 Jn 20:19-31

### Monday, April 8

#### Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10  
 Ps 40:7-11  
 Heb 10:4-10  
 Lk 1:26-38

### Tuesday, April 9

Acts 4:32-37  
 Ps 93:1-2, 5  
 Jn 3:7-15

### Wednesday, April 10

Acts 5:17-26  
 Ps 34:2-9  
 Jn 3:16-21

### Thursday, April 11

#### St. Stanislaus

Acts 5:27-33  
 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20  
 Jn 3:31-36

### Friday, April 12

Acts 5:34-42  
 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14  
 Jn 6:1-15

### Saturday, April 13

Acts 6:1-7  
 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19  
 Jn 6:16-21

Divine Mercy Sunday is one of the Church's most inspiring and comforting feast days. In today's Gospel, Christ's compassion and love shine when he appeared to his disciples in the locked Upper Room on that first Easter evening after he rose from the dead.

Frightened and confused, his friends were shaken following the traumatic events they had just experienced, and they huddled in fear and confusion. They had received a report that Jesus had risen and was alive! What would Jesus say to them now? Would he be angry with their denials, betrayal, and fear?

When our Lord appeared to them, he immediately put them at ease with his words of grace, "Peace be with you." He gifted them with the Holy Spirit and gave them the power and mission to forgive sins.

Thomas, who missed the first appearance of Jesus, was filled with questions and doubts. Jesus showed much patience and compassion, just as he did with the other disciples, and

he continues to do for us. Jesus greeted him with peace and offered Thomas another chance, the experience of touching his wounds to help him believe, which won his heart for Christ.

Although Jesus affirms faith without sight, sometimes even the most passionate and faith-filled souls experience fear, doubts, failures, confusion, and setbacks. God's unlimited mercy and

love are unstoppable; he will continue pursuing souls and giving them more opportunities to trust in him and experiences to win their hearts. At the heart of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a powerful prayer was offered by Jesus to St. Faustina, which has seen many miracles unfold and brought people to conversion:



*Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement*

*for our sins and those of the whole world. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Jesus, I trust in You.*

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † Do you only feel at peace when things are going the way you want them to? How do you feel God's peace in difficult times?
- † Is there someone who needs mercy and forgiveness from you?
- † How does society's tendency towards lack of faith affect your faith and inner peace?
- † How do the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist give you the peace of Christ?
- † How can you offer the peace of Christ to others?



## Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia. Segundo Domingo de Pascua 76

"La humanidad no conseguirá la paz hasta que no se dirija con confianza a Mi misericordia" (Diario, 300)

La Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia tiene como fin principal hacer llegar a los corazones de cada persona el siguiente mensaje: Dios es Misericordioso y nos ama a todos ... "y cuanto más grande es el pecador, tanto más grande es el derecho que tiene a Mi misericordia" (Diario, 723). En este mensaje, que Nuestro Señor nos ha hecho llegar por medio de Santa Faustina, se nos pide que tengamos plena confianza en la Misericordia de Dios, y que seamos siempre misericordiosos con el prójimo a través de nuestras palabras, acciones y oraciones... "porque la fe sin obras, por fuerte que sea, es inútil" (Diario, 742).

Con el fin de celebrar apropiadamente esta festividad, se recomienda rezar la Coronilla y la Novena a la Divina Misericordia; confesarse -para la cual es indispensable realizar primero un buen examen de conciencia-, y recibir la Santa Comunión el día de la Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia.

La esencia de la devoción

La esencia de la devoción se sintetiza en cinco puntos fundamentales:

1. Debemos confiar en la Misericordia del Señor.

Jesús, por medio de Sor Faustina nos dice: "Deseo conceder gracias inimaginables a las almas que confían en mi misericordia.

Que se acerquen a ese mar de misericordia con gran confianza. Los pecadores obtendrán la justificación y los justos serán fortalecidos en el bien. Al que haya depositado su confianza en mi misericordia, en la hora de la muerte le colmaré el alma con mi paz divina".

2. La confianza es la esencia, el alma de esta devoción y a la vez la condición para recibir gracias.

"Las gracias de mi misericordia se toman con un solo recipiente y este es la confianza. Cuanto más confie un alma, tanto más recibirá. Las almas que confían sin límites son mi gran consuelo y sobre ellas derramo todos los tesoros de mis gracias. Me alegro de que pidan mucho porque mi deseo es dar mucho, muchísimo. El alma que confía en mi misericordia es la más feliz, porque yo mismo tengo cuidado de ella. Ningún alma que ha invocado mi misericordia ha quedado decepcionada ni ha sentido confusión. Me complazco particularmente en el alma que confía en mi bondad".

3. La misericordia define nuestra actitud ante cada persona.

"Exijo de ti obras de misericordia que deben surgir del amor hacia mí. Debes mostrar misericordia siempre y en todas partes. No puedes dejar de hacerlo ni excusarte ni justificarte. Te doy tres formas de ejercer misericordia: la primera es la acción; la segunda, la palabra; y la tercera, la oración. En estas tres formas se encierra la plenitud de la misericordia y es un testimonio indefectible del amor hacia mí. De este modo el alma alaba y adora mi misericordia".

4. La actitud del amor activo hacia el prójimo es otra condición para recibir gracias.

"Si el alma no practica la misericordia de alguna manera no conseguirá mi misericordia en el día del juicio. Oh, si las almas supieran acumular los tesoros eternos, no serían juzgadas, porque la misericordia anticiparía mi juicio".

5. El Señor Jesús desea que sus devotos hagan por lo menos una obra de misericordia al día.

"Debes saber, hija mía que mi Corazón es la misericordia misma. De este mar de misericordia las gracias se derraman sobre todo el mundo. Deseo que tu corazón sea la sede de mi misericordia. Deseo que esta misericordia se derrame sobre todo el mundo a través de tu corazón. Cualquiera que se acerque a ti, no puede marcharse sin confiar en esta misericordia mía que tanto deseo para las almas".

La Santa Sede decreta día de la Divina Misericordia

Una propuesta de Santa Faustina Kowalska

La Congregación para el Culto Divino y la Disciplina de los Sacramentos publicó el 23 de mayo del 2000 un decreto en el que se establece, por indicación de Juan Pablo II, la fiesta de la Divina Misericordia, que tendrá lugar el segundo domingo de Pascua.

La denominación oficial de este día litúrgico será «segundo domingo de Pascua o de la Divina Misericordia».

Ya el Papa lo había anunciado durante la canonización de Sor Faustina Kowalska, el 30 de abril: «En todo el mundo, el segundo domingo de Pascua recibirá el nombre de domingo de la Divina Misericordia. Una invitación perenne para el mundo cristiano a afrontar, con confianza en la benevolencia divina, las dificultades y las pruebas que esperan al género humano en los años venideros».

Sin embargo, el Papa no había escrito estas palabras, de modo que no aparecieron en la transcripción oficial de sus discursos de esa canonización.

Santa Faustina, que es conocida como la mensajera de la Divina Misericordia, recibió revelaciones místicas en las que Jesús le mostró su corazón, fuente de misericordia y le expresó su deseo de que se estableciera esta fiesta. El Papa le dedicó una de sus encíclicas a la Divina Misericordia («Dives in misericordia»).

Los apóstoles de la Divina Misericordia están integrados por sacerdotes, religiosos y laicos, unidos por el compromiso de vivir la misericordia en la relación con los hermanos, hacer conocer el misterio de la divina misericordia, e invocar la misericordia de Dios hacia los pecadores. Esta familia espiritual, aprobada en 1996, por la archidiócesis de Cracovia, está presente hoy en 29 países del mundo.

El decreto vaticano aclara que la liturgia del segundo domingo de Pascua y las lecturas del breviario seguirán siendo las que ya contemplaba el misal y el rito romano.



Thomas was not with the disciples that night, so they told him what happened. He said that he needed to see the nail marks to believe it.

A week later they were together again in a locked room. Jesus came and stood among them again.

Use this code to fill in the blanks below.

= A	= E	= L	= O	= S	= V
= B	= G	= M	= P	= T	= Y
= D	= I	= N	= R	= U	

Jesus said to Thomas,



Thomas said,



What did Jesus say?



Find the words that Jesus said. Write the letter on the line that follows the one given in the alphabet.

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V H S G X N T !

A R S G D E A S G D Q

G   A   R R D M S L D

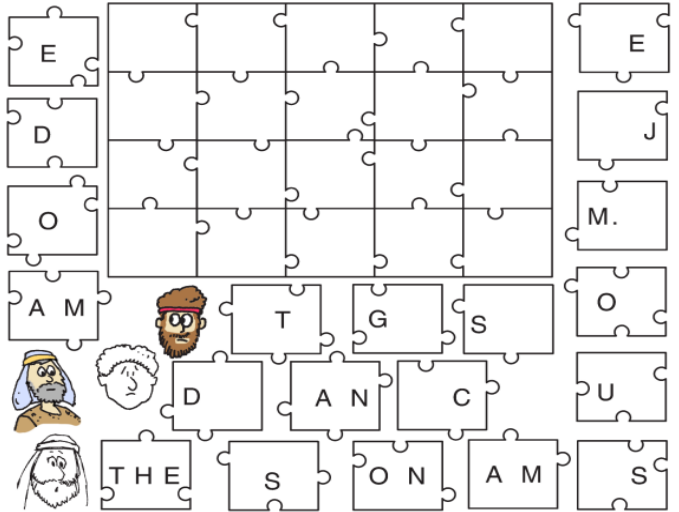
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## Jesus Appears to His Disciples

On the evening of the first Easter, the disciples were locked in a room together, out of fear. What happened?

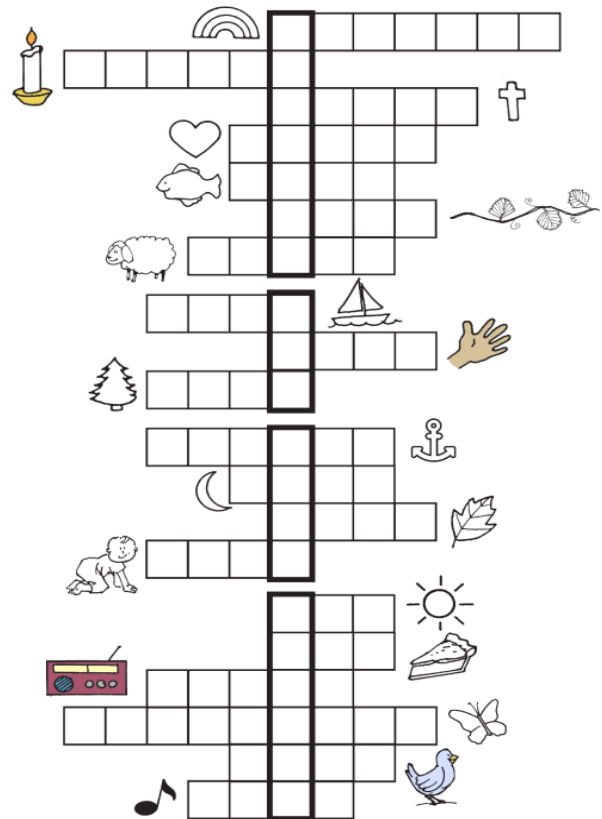
Fit the pieces into the puzzle to find what it was.



Write the name of each picture in the boxes. The letters in the darker boxes will spell the answer.

Jesus breathed on the disciples and said,

" \_\_\_\_\_ "



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