

# Easter

## Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

## Domingo de Pascua de La Resurrección del Señor



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Adrienne Swidal, Parish Secretary  
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Sara Prince, Youth Choir Director/Cornerstone Choir  
Natacha Hines, Gift Shop

#### MINISTERS OF OUR SCHOOL:

Maria Kelly, Principal  
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Sister Mary Attilia Todaro, A.R., M.R.E.  
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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/>

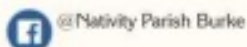
**MARRIAGE POLICY:** Please contact the Church as soon as  
you are engaged, and at least six months prior to your  
wedding date.

**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](mailto:bulletin@nativityburke.org).

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Easter 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the Risen Lord, who fills us with his love and consolation, be with you during this Sacred Season of Easter!

The same Lord who was raised from the dead in Jerusalem and inspired the great acts of heroism in the early Church seeks to inspire you, today. He offers us all that we need to evangelize our culture, to raise holy families, to comfort the afflicted and vulnerable, and to serve his glorious Church.

Reflecting on the great gifts we have been given by God — particularly in the Sacraments — may we also rejoice with those who will be received into the Catholic Church this Easter. We congratulate them, their godparents, sponsors and families, and thank them for their witness, especially as the Church invites all of us to renew our baptismal promises.

Inspired by the Holy Spirit who continues to enliven his Church, never ceasing to bestow us with his grace and love, may we be a Christian people united in the Resurrection and our Risen Lord.

Through the intercession of Our Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, her spouse, may he bless you and your families with his peace at Easter and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington

### PARKING SAFETY REMINDER

For the safety of all, please **DO NOT** park in fire lanes or in the travel lanes of the driveways at Nativity. In case of emergency, first responder vehicles must have access to our buildings. Knowing that parking is at a premium at our Easter Sunday Masses, your cooperation and concern for other's safety is appreciated.

**THANK YOU!**

### The Importance of Sunday Mass

As the body will die without food, the soul will expire without nourishment. As Catholics, that spiritual nourishment comes at the Sunday Eucharist. The Lord's Day is essential for our faith. Make Sunday Mass the heart of your week.



**The 2023 Bishop's Lenten Appeal**

The Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) is an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family and support programs, ministries, and services that no single individual or parish could offer by itself. After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider supporting the BLA this year. Please go online to: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla), scan the QR code, or text "BLA" to 703-260-9800 to make a donation. As of March 23, our pledges and donations amount to \$576,492 but with just about 14 percent of parishioners participating. Please help our parish come closer to our BLA goal of 100 percent participation at whatever amount is right for you and your family. Thank you.



**"In Mary's Footsteps" a group for Widows**

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 11th at 10:30am in the church training room. We join together in faith and fellowship to support each other as we go forward without our husbands beside us here on earth. Our group provides a welcome place to talk about our husbands, pray for them and join together in activities. Meetings are typically held on the second Monday of the month but our April meeting will be held on a Tuesday because of the Easter holiday. Please feel free to join us. God bless you! For more information, please contact Cat Sands at [csands@nativityburke.org](mailto:csands@nativityburke.org).

**Join us in praying the Divine Mercy Novena leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday on April 16th**

Join us in praying the Divine Mercy Novena for nine days and celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion!

The Second Sunday of Easter is the Feast of Divine Mercy, or Divine Mercy Sunday (April 16). There will be a Holy Hour and Devotion on Sunday, April 16th from 2:45pm to 3:45pm. 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.

The Divine Mercy Novena is prayed nine days prior to Divine Mercy Sunday, beginning on Good Friday, April 7th. This is prayed after daily morning Mass at Nativity, except for the weekend, when the Novena prayers are said at home. See the Nativity website for more Divine Mercy information at [nativityburke.org](http://nativityburke.org).



**John Paul the Great Summer Camps June - August 2023**  
JP Summer Camps registration is now open! Sign your elementary and middle school-age children up for a variety of athletic and enrichment camps during the summer months. For registration visit: <https://www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/summeractivities>

**KOVAR Collection**

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting for KOVAR after each Mass on the weekend of April 22 and 23. KOVAR is a Virginia Knights of Columbus Charity established in 1971 to provide financial assistance through grants and home loans to tax exempt organizations providing training and assistance to citizens with intellectual disabilities. KOVAR depends on the Knights of Columbus Councils at each Parish to raise its funds. Please consider donating. New this year, you can donate on-line, through Nativity's on-line giving platform – OSV. As it is a new "Fund" it is at the bottom of all of them. You can also donate by cash or check on the weekend of April 22 and 23. Thank you!

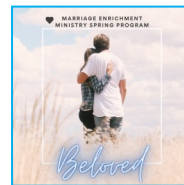
**MEM Spring Marriage Program: Beloved**

The Marriage Enrichment Ministry spring program will be using the program, Beloved (on Formed). We will be completing the first six sessions together. In 12 stunning sessions, Beloved uncovers the mystery and the meaning of the Sacrament of Marriage. Beloved invites all couples to experience firsthand the wonder, mystery, and joy behind that first "I do" - whether you said it last year or many years ago. We will meet in the Nativity school teacher's lounge from 7:00-8:45 PM on the following dates:

- April 14 - Does Marriage Matter
- April 21 - Entering the Story of Marriage
- April 28 - Love Revealed
- May 5 - Total Gift of Self
- May 12 - A Sacramental Bond
- May 19 - Real Challenges, Real Love

**Schedule**

- 7:00 PM Opening Prayer and potluck dinner
- 7:20-8:00 PM watch the video for the week
- 8:00 PM Group/couple discussion
- 8:30 PM Wrap Up



*Please bring an appetizer, main dish, or a dessert to share. Come in through the school & religious education entrance. Turn right and walk down the hallway as if going to the school chapel. The teacher's lounge is the room to the right before the chapel. Miss a session and want to watch it at home?*

*Login to Formed (our parish has a subscription), and go to "Beloved."*

**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.

## EASTER MEMORIALS

We thank the following who have helped decorate our Easter Sanctuary with their flower donations:

### NAME

Sue Hansen  
 Mark and Lise Harvey  
 Thomas J. Snee  
 Sabah Yousif  
 Mr. & Mrs. John McGillvray  
 Eleanor H. Redican and Family  
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 The Hartzog & Bayard Families  
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 The Birden Family  
 The Brandt Family  
 Kathy McHugh  
 The Reinhard Family  
  
 John Mernah Family  
 The Bonner Family  
 David and Joanne Lynch  
 Mary and Peter Bisset  
 Carol Denny  
 Virginia G. Lago  
 The Hunter Family  
 Kathleen and Phil Puckett  
 Bob and Mary Orr  
 Mary Ann and David Holtmann  
 Kitty Murdock  
  
 Mary Ann Yankosky and Team Yank  
 Your Loving Daughter, Mandy (Boo)  
 Frank, Forever My Love  
 Angela Bonaccorsy  
 Barbara, Stan & Debbie Zagalak  
 Carole and Sabrina Hartzog  
 Carole and Sabrina Hartzog  
 Edward and Susan Bond and Family  
  
 Rick Klimkos  
  
 Mr. and Mrs. William Canavan  
  
 Mary C. Balberchak  
  
 The Golinowski Family  
  
 The Werner Family  
 Chuck and Carole Domasinsky  
 Marie Louise Kolodziej

### IN MEMORY OF/WITH SPECIAL INTENTION FOR

Robert Hansen  
 Tom Harvey, Richard Wurm and Vivian Riggs  
 Karen A. Snee  
 Nimette Yousif  
 Deceased Family Members and Friends  
 Deceased Members of the Hynes Family  
 COL Edward (Ned) Redican, USAF  
 Clarice & Roger Duthiers  
 Franck and Fifie Bayard  
 The Birden & Roach Families  
 Deceased Members of the Yarros Family  
 Philip, Kathleen and Bob McHugh  
 Karl A. and Sheila M. Posh, Janice D. Jeackle & Brian O'Neill, Lloyd D. and Evelyn M. Reinhard  
 Sally Mernah & Gloria Summers  
 Lu and John Rowley  
 Lynch & Bara Families  
 Bill Conley  
 Marie & Frank Denny  
 Natalie & John Lago  
 Daniel F. Hunter  
 John & Edna Wadsworth, Phil & Eva Puckett  
 Our Deceased Family Members  
 Cuomo and Holtmann Families  
 Jerry Murdock and all Deceased Members of the Caffi, Murdock, Pesce & Merriman Families  
 Len Yankosky  
 My Mom: Generous heart, loving spirit  
 My Beloved Wife, Henrietta  
 The Amato & Bonaccorsy Families  
 The Albrecht, Laskowski, Zagalak Families  
 Earl and Mary Hartzog  
 Philip Hartzog  
 Carolyn Makurat and Lois Bond  
  
 Frank & Lucy Klimkos, Joe & Angela Ruth  
 The Canavan and Fraticelli Family Members  
  
 Phyllis Balberchack, Daniel J. Balberchak Sr., Laura Balberchak  
 Le Soine  
 Joseph Bowers Jr., Karol & Catherine Golinowski, Clarence Boone,  
 Michael Santiago  
 Deceased Members of the Werner and Wine Families  
  
 The Kolodziej, Trzok, Borrelli and Cantu Families



**On This Date in Nativity History**  
**29 March 1982**

Nativity Council of the Knights of Columbus was officially instituted on March 29, 1982, the Centennial Founders' Day of the Order. The officers were installed a week later on April 6, following a Mass by the Council's first Chaplain, Father Frank Ready. Brother Clarence "Frenchy" Cyr was the first Grand Knight. The Nativity Council began with 57 charter Knights, of whom 32 were new members. The new Council set two goals: increase the Council's membership by involving more men from Nativity Parish, and charity. The Council's first charitable endeavor was to raise funds for the Knights of Virginia Assisting the Intellectually Disabled, or KOVAR. That first year's drive collected \$2,348. *(The recent photo below shows Knights Bill Canavan and Carlos Perez raising money for KOVAR.)*

Efforts to support Pro-Life work (particularly the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.) and the Northern Virginia Training Center (a State facility for the developmentally challenged) followed soon after. Other highlights of that first year included the Parish Picnic, a Columbus Day Dinner Dance, and an Open House membership drive, which brought in 19 new members. In November, Brothers built a specially designed playground for the 200 physically limited children at the Key School on Franconia Road. In December, the Council hosted the first CCD Teacher Breakfast for the 150 CCD teachers and their spouses to show their appreciation for the men and women who give so much of their time for the children of Nativity Parish.



*Our thanks to Mark Sawyer, Jason Hines, and other Nativity Knights for the information, and to Gene Del Polito for the photo.*

*If you have enjoyed this and other notes on Nativity history during the past ten months, you will want to own a copy of the parish history, entitled Nativity Parish, 1973 – 2023: A Faith Community's First Half Century. The book will be available for purchase during our fiftieth anniversary*



**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

**Monday, April 10th**

7:30 am † Michael & Marie Christopher

**Tuesday, April 11th**

7:30 am † Michael Callaghan  
 12:00 pm † Dennis & Mary Treanor

**Wednesday, April 12th**

7:30 am † Claude Larreur

**Thursday, April 13th**

7:30 am † John Veletto  
 12:00 pm † Deceased Members of the Yau Family

**Friday April 14th**

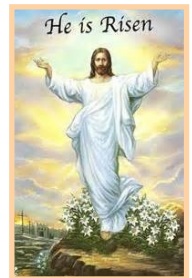
7:30 am † Maria Olimpia Flores

**Saturday April 15th**

7:30 am Parishioners  
 5:00 pm † John Noel Lawless  
 7:00 pm † Dora E. de Apire

**Sunday April 16th**

7:00 am † Estefania Pagan  
 9:00 am † Alfred Rossi  
 11:00 am † Nimette Yousif  
 1:00 pm † Fred Errico  
 5:30 pm † Edward D. Rawski



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



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Prayer Shawl meeting for this month will be held on Monday morning, April 17th at 9:30am in the Fr. Ready room. All are welcome!

**Annual Multi-Car Raffle**

**\*\*1 WEEK TO GO \*\*** Please don't wait until the last minute to sell yours. All tickets, stubs and monies should be postmarked by Monday, 17 April. Remember \$5 gets a chance to win all four 2023 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, 29 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.

*As a reminder, 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. Thank You!*



**SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS**  
 ~ SUMMER CAMPS ~  
 SpotlightSummerCamps.com  
 Manassas, VA | Burke, VA

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

**JULY 10-21, 2023**

# *Attention Parishioners*

**NEXT SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH, WILL BE  
NATIVITY'S ANNUAL CONFIRMATION  
CELEBRATION.**

**OUR REGULAR SCHEDULED 9:00AM  
SATURDAY MASS WILL BE MOVED UP  
AND CELEBRATED AT 7:30AM.**

**A SECOND CONFIRMATION MASS  
WILL TAKE PLACE AT 1:30PM.**

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE CHURCH &  
PARKING LOTS WILL BE VERY BUSY ON  
SATURDAY AND PLAN ACCORDINGLY.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE &  
UNDERSTANDING.**





# 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



SCAN ME

**DONATIONS STILL NEEDED!**  
The auction committee is still in need of a few items from our Amazon Wish List:

- Ice Cream Sundae & Gaga Ball w/ Fr. B: Maraschino Cherries, Chocolate & Rainbow Sprinkles, Ice Cream Sundae Syrups
- Color your World: 24 Count Crayons (12-Pack)
- Nintendo Switch for our Heads or Tails Game!

Scan the QR code to view/purchase any items.  
Purchase tickets to attend the auction or register to bid online at <https://nativityauction.givesmart.com>.  
Online Bidding OPENS Friday, April 21st! Purchase tickets to attend auction in-person or register to bid online at <https://nativityauction.givesmart.com>.

### 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 Emilio Bruneo (Nativity School), Jennifer Dee and Stephanie Dee attending Bishop Ireton High School; and, Sophia Cassidy, Liam Ginty and Noah Ginty attending Saint John Paul the Great 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. One scholarship will be awarded to the Nativity eighth-grade student scoring the highest; all entrants, including eighth-grade students, will compete for the remaining scholarships. Entrants must be registered parishioners at Nativity, or a son or daughter, or grandchild, of an active member of Council 7992.

Application forms are available at the parish office and website at <https://nativityburke.org/frenchy-memorial-scholarship/>.

Submissions due no later than midnight, Friday, April 21, 2023. Scholarship awardees will be announced in late May or Early June. Questions, please call Dave Zivich, 703-598-0698.

### Marian Symposium

Please join as a diocesan family as we honor the Blessed Virgin in Year Two of our Golden Jubilee, "My Soul Rejoices in the Lord." The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services USA, and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), will be the guest speaker at a Marian Symposium on Saturday, April 29, at St. Bernadette Catholic Church in Springfield. The day will start with Mass at 9:00 a.m., followed by a coffee break, a talk and Q and A session at 10:30 a.m. and conclude with the recitation of the Rosary.

### K of C ANNUAL YARD SALE SEE FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION!

The Nativity Annual Yard Sale for Charity sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Father Vincent S. Sikora Council 7992, is **Saturday, June 24, 2023**. Collections will begin Thursday, June 15, 2023 and continue through Wednesday, June 21, 2023. Your donations are tax-deductible and sincerely appreciated!



### 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

NOW OPEN!  
on the parish website



### 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).



### FEATURED AUCTION ITEM OF THE WEEK

Picture this! A fabulous weekend getaway to the Big Apple, complete with a stay at the chic, boutique Hotel 50 Bowery and VIP passes to the world-renowned Tribeca Film Festival! Package includes: \*A two-night stay (king bed) for two people at the Hotel 50 Bowery \*VIP access (for two people) to Tribeca Film Festival programming from Friday, June 16 - Sunday, June 18 2023 to include the choice of : -Official Tribeca Film Festival In-Person Screenings (minimum 2) -Official Tribeca Film Festival Events, Immersive Exhibits & Tribeca Talks (minimum 2) -Official Tribeca Film Festival Post-Screening/Sponsor Parties (minimum 2).

***This PRICELESS item is ONLY available for bidding for in-person attendees!***

**Church Of the Nativity  
Parish Yard Sale for Charity  
Saturday, June 24—8:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

6398 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA  
*No strollers during sale -- All sales final*



Donations collected at the Nativity cafeteria/Fr. Martin Center (gym)

**SEE REVERSE FOR ACCEPTABLE/NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS  
PLEASE—ALL DONATED ITEMS MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION!**

Drop-off Hours

Thursday/Friday, June 15-16	6:00 PM-9:00 PM
Saturday, June 17	9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Sunday, June 18	2:00 PM-5:00 PM
Monday, June 19	10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Monday 6/19-Wed. 6/21	6:00 PM-9:00 PM
Thursday/Friday, June 22-23	<b>NO COLLECTIONS!</b>

Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
6/15	6/16	6/17	6/18	6/19	6/20	6/21	6/22	6/23
6-9 PM	6-9 PM	9 AM -2 PM	2 PM-5 PM	6-9 PM	6-9 PM	10 AM-4 PM; 6-9 PM	<b>NO drop-offs!!</b>	<b>NO drop-offs!!</b>

For more information please call: Dave Zivich 703-598-0698

Tax receipts provided

**Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Fr. Vincent S. Sikora Council 7992**

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Linens (clean)
- Dishware/cookware/kitchen items
- Clothing (clean; see non-acceptable list below)
- Small appliances (working)
- Electronics (working; see non-acceptable list below)
- Sporting goods/ Toys/games
- Furniture (clean/undamaged; see non-acceptable list below)
- Books/DVDs/CDs
- TVs—flat screen only!
- Tools
- Jewelry

NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Undergarments (boxers/briefs/panties/bras, etc.)
  - Shoes/footwear
  - Medications/Cosmetics/Food
  - Computer desks
  - Unboxed Christmas trees
  - Computers/hardware/printers/network hardware
  - Metal desks/drawers/filing cabinets
  - Desks > 5-feet wide
  - Microwave ovens/Large appliances
  - Unframed mirrors/glass
  - Mattresses/beds/Sofa Beds
  - Pressboard furniture
  - Upholstered furniture
  - Rugs (any size)
  - Pianos/organs
  - Tires
  - Skis
  - Flammables
  - Motorized fitness equipment
  - Multi-function workout stations
  - China cabinets
  - ALL Entertainment centers
- Furniture pick-up requests 703-598-0698 or davezivich@gmail.com

**(First floor or walk-out level only!!)**

**Iglesia de la Natividad  
Venta de patio parroquial para caridad  
Sábado, 24 de junio—8:00 AM a 2:00 PM**

6398 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA  
*No hay cochecitos durante la venta - Todas las ventas finales*



Donaciones recogidas en la cafetería/Centro P. Martin (gimnasio)

**VER REVERSO PARA ARTÍCULOS ACEPTABLES/NO ACEPTABLES  
POR FAVOR, ¡LOS ARTÍCULOS DEBEN ESTAR EN BUENAS CONDICIONES!**

Horas de entrega

Jueves/Viernes, 15-16 de junio	6:00 PM-9:00 PM
Sábado, 17 de junio	9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Domingo 18 de junio	2:00 PM-5:00 PM
Lunes 19 de junio	10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Lunes 6/19-Mié 6/21	6:00 PM-9:00 PM
Jueves/Viernes, 22-23 de junio	<b>SIN COLECCIONES!</b>

Jueves	Vie	Sábado	Sol	Mi	Martes	Miércoles	Jueves	Vie
6/15	6/16	6/17	6/18	6/19	6/20	6/21	6/22	6/23
6-9 PM	6-9 PM	9 AM -2 PM	2 PM-5 PM	6-9 PM	6-9 PM	10 AM-4 PM; 6-9 PM	<b>iiSIN drop-offs!!</b>	<b>iiSIN drop-offs!!</b>

Para obtener más información, llame al: **Dave Zivich 703-598-0698**

Recibos de impuestos proporcionados

**Patrocinado por Knights of Columbus Fr. Vincent S. Sikora Council 7992**

ARTÍCULOS ACEPTABLE

- Ropa de cama (limpia)
- Vajilla/utensilios de cocina/artículos de cocina
- Ropa (limpia; consulte la lista no aceptable a continuación)
- Pequeños electrodomésticos (en funcionamiento)
- Electrónica (en funcionamiento; ver lista no aceptable)
- Artículos deportivos/Juguetes/juegos
- Muebles (limpios / sin daños; ver lista no aceptable)
- Libros/DVDs/CDs
- Televisores: ¡solo pantalla plana!
- Herramientas
- Joyería

ARTÍCULOS NO ACEPTABLES

- Ropa interior (boxers/calzoncillos/bragas/sujetadores, etc.)
  - Zapatos/calzado
  - Medicamentos/Cosméticos/Alimentos
  - Escritorios de computadora
  - Árboles de Navidad sin caja
  - Computadora s / hardware / impresoras / hardware de red
  - Escritorios/cajones/archivadores metálicos
  - Escritorios > 5 pies de ancho
  - Hornos microondas/electrodomésticos grandes
  - Espejos/vidrio sin marco
  - Colchones/camas/Sofás cama
  - Muebles de cartón prensado
  - Muebles tapizados
  - Alfombras (cualquier tamaño)
  - Pianos/órganos
  - Neumáticos
  - Esquí
  - Inflamables
  - Equipo de fitness motorizado
  - Estaciones de entrenamiento multifunción
  - Gabinets de China
  - TODOS los centros de entretenimiento
- Recogida de muebles **703-598-0698 or davezivich@gmail.com**

**(¡Solo en el primer piso o en el nivel de salida!!)**





## Father Vincent S. Sikora Knights of Columbus Council No. 7992 will award six Knights of Columbus, Clarence “Frenchy” Cyr Memorial Scholarships in Memory of the Council’s Charter Grand Knight

### ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

Six scholarships of \$1000 each, for Catholic secondary school education tuition will be awarded to the son or daughter of registered parish members or the son, daughter or grandchild of Council 7992 members who best exemplify the traits of perseverance, effort, and contribution to his or her community.

One scholarship will be awarded to the eight-grade student with the highest score and has been designated the Simon C. Kralik Memorial Scholarship; all entrants, including eight-grade students, will compete for the remaining scholarships.

### CRITERIA

1. The applicant must be a registered member of Nativity Catholic Church, Burke Virginia; or a daughter or son, or grandchild of an active member of the Fr. Vincent S. Sikora, Knights of Columbus Council No. 7992.
2. Entry is limited to those individuals who will attend Catholic secondary (high) school during the 2023-2024 academic year.
3. The scholarship award may only be used for Catholic secondary school tuition.



**DUE DATE**

**21** **APRIL**  
**2023**

**MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL NO. 7992, ATTENTION: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, P.O. BOX 10907, BURKE, VIRGINIA 22009 OR SEND ELECTRONICALLY TO DAVE ZIVICH AT DAVEZIVICH@GMAIL.COM. APPLICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PARISH OFFICE, THE NATIVITY PARISH WEB SITE AT: [HTTPS://NATIVITYBURKE.ORG/](https://nativityburke.org/) OR BY CONTACTING DAVE ZIVICH AT DAVEZIVICH@GMAIL.COM.**



**Council Meetings:** 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. The first meeting is a business meeting, and 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](https://linktr.ee/fr_sikora_council_7992)

**Catholic Financial Planning Seminars:** 11 April at St. Raymonds. Nativity Parishioners Welcome! Register on the linktree.

**Confirmation Receptions:** Volunteer to serve refreshments on Saturday, April 15 after the 10:00am and 1:30pm Confirmation Masses. Register on the linktree.

**Culture of Life:** Set aside Saturday, May 13 @ 6pm and then hold on to your seats as you hear Dr. Bruchalski reveal first-hand his witness of how the scales fell off his eyes as he was transformed from an abortionist to a preeminent pro-life OB/GYN through his encounters with a pregnancy support center, a morally upright neonatologist—and Mary and Jesus. Book signing, Nativity Father Martin Center.

**Adopt-A-Highway:** 15 April 10:00-11:30AM gathering the Elite Eight to cleanup your community. Sign up on the linktree.

**KOVAR:** Collect funds to support people with intellectual disabilities. April 22 and 23 we will be collecting funds after each Mass. On April 29 we will be collecting at Safeway. Many hands needed! Signup on the linktree. This year we have also added the ability to donate through Nativity's on-line giving platform – OSV.

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

**Name Tags:** Email Warden Michael Bender at [michaelbambender@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:navyy8@yahoo.com).

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



### Happy Easter from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry

What we celebrate this day is precisely the foundation of our faith. Jesus' resurrection calls us not only to receive the gift of new life, but also to bear witness to the possibility of a new lifestyle – one more in line with our call to be one family, caring for our common home that is meant to be shared by all. Our renewed baptismal promises commit us once again to grow toward the new heaven and new earth that has been announced and inaugurated. Each Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection and is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God, with self, with others and with creation. This knowledge compels us to be the good stewards of creation that God had intended from the very beginning. As we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, which brings us hope for new life for ourselves and the world, may we find new hope in the signs that our culture is becoming more aware of the need to care for the earth, our common home.  
*(adapted from catholicclimatecovenant.org)*

### 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!



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Ford Escape



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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](mailto:kofc7992carraffle@gmail.com)



**NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
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**Cast & Crew Do a Bang-up  
Job In Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Jr.**



Nativity Theatre Club's cast and crew recently presented the one-act musical, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Jr. – a very colorful, heart-warming, exciting performance, filled with team work and joy!

A heart-felt thank you to Kimberly Siepmann, the club's Director, and to Delaney Fetzer, Michele Sidebottom, Sarah Morgan and Chris Smith, as well as the many families and volunteers, who helped make this musical – including nearly 50 student actors – a brilliant success!

Michele Sidebottom, Club Crew Lead, said the kids worked on their singing with Ms. Fetzer (who is a fabulous singer!), and learned their dances from Sarah Morgan, a talented, local high schooler who choreographed the show. The actors worked with Mrs. Siepmann on their lines and their timing, all in an effort to make her vision come to life on the stage.

*"The Crew worked very hard with me to create all of the set pieces and get them into place,"* said Sidebottom, *"It's not easy to push a car on stage with 3 people in it, but the kids did it!"*

***We could not have done it without any one of you. Thank you!***

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

- April 13: Confirmation Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.
- April 15: Confirmation Mass, 1:30 p.m.
- April 15: Class Basket Raffle Ticket Sales
- April 16: Class Basket Raffle Ticket Sales
- April 17: School Resumes
- April 18: Student Pictures
- April 19: Panda Express Fundraiser, 4:00-9:00 p.m.
- April 19: Student Pictures
- April 20: Student Pictures
- April 21: Student Pictures
- April 21: School Rosary, 2nd Grade, 2:15 p.m.
- April 22: BASH (Middle School)

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**YOUTH MINISTRY**

[cym@nativityburke.org](mailto: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

**BASH! SATURDAY, APRIL 22**

Who: middle schoolers in grades 6-8  
What: music, games, inspirational speakers, confessions, Mass, & more!  
Where: Bishop O'Connell High School, transportation provided  
Estimated Cost: \$25 - registration opening soon



Pauline Books and Media  
**Risen Jesus Party!**

Saturday, April 15 11am-2pm  
(Saturday AFTER Easter!)

**Event Includes:**

- Storytime: 11:30am & 1pm
- Songs and a fun craft
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Coloring & Refreshments

For Kids ages 3-7



RSVP appreciated but not required

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# COLLEGE NIGHTS

Bridging the Gap of Faith



Student testimonials



Peer connections



Small groups sessions

- June 28: St. Mark's
- July 5: St. Michael's
- July 12: Holy Trinity (NEW location!)
- July 19: Basilica of St. Mary
- July 26: Holy Cross Academy

All rising college freshmen and transfer students may register for FREE at [ASJB.org](http://ASJB.org). All events begin at 7PM.



## BIBLE STUDIES AT NATIVITY PARISH (1/23)



**Tuesday morning Bible Study:** We meet from 10am to 11:30 am in Fr Ready room. This year we are looking at the Gospel and readings for Sunday, seeking to find within something which touches our lives and /or the world around us. Contact **Miya Johnson** [miyajohnson@verizon.net](mailto:miyajohnson@verizon.net)

**Tuesday evening Young Adult Bible Studies: 6 weeks in small groups.** At different times throughout the year, we offer 6-week long Bible studies where we'll encounter Jesus through the Gospels. We read three chapters of Scripture each week and come together to talk about it. You can register to do this either over Zoom or at a local coffee shop or restaurant, each group meeting at different dates and times. Register for the next Lent session beginning the week of February 26 at <https://nativityburke.org/ya-bible-study/> Contact **Alison Fram** [afam@nativityburke.org](mailto:afam@nativityburke.org)

**Wednesday morning and evening. Walking With Purpose: Meeting in person.** Walking with Purpose is a study program that aims to help bring women closer to Christ through Scripture. Meets weekly in person on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Register at <https://nativityburke.org/www/> OR Contact **Erin Barrett** [wwpnativity@gmail.com](mailto:wwpnativity@gmail.com)

**Thursday evening Bible Study: Meeting in person/virtually.** We just finished our study of the Catholic Epistles, James, 1 & 2 Peter, Jude, 1, 2 & 3 John, very short epistles sent out to the universal Church. We will next look at how the books in the bible were selected. Meets each Thursday from 7:30 – 9:00pm in person in the school's Art Room and virtually. Contact **Deacon Dick Kelly** [Deaconrfd@aol.com](mailto:Deaconrfd@aol.com)

**Friday morning Women's Bible Study.** Meetings are Friday Mornings from 9:30-11:30 AM. We are currently studying Hebrews through February 10th. Our last two studies will be on Christ's Passion (Feb 24-Mar 31) and the Sermon on the Mount (Apr 14-May 5). We are operating with a hybrid format of in-person and Zoom meetings. Register for the next session at <https://nativityburke.org/womens-bible-study-registration/> Contact **Camille Pryor** at [wbs@nativityburke.org](mailto:wbs@nativityburke.org)

**Viernes por la noche Estudio Bíblico: El estudio bíblico en español** "Little Rock" es un programa que ayudara a aumentar tu fe. Este ministerio está en nuestra parroquia de Natividad desde 2014, alentando a los fieles a tener una mejor visión de la Iglesia Católica y crear en ellos un interés mas profundo en las sagradas Escrituras. **Horario:** Viernes de 7:00-9:00 pm. Desde Septiembre 24, 2021 a Junio 3, 2022. Lugar: Salón Fr. Ready. Este ciclo estaremos estudiando: El evangelio según San Juan y las Cartas. Contactarse **Elba Pfeifer** [elbitabonita@aol.com](mailto:elbitabonita@aol.com)

**Saturday morning That Man Is You: Meeting in person.** A men's program that combines Scripture with the best research from science in an engaging interactive program that addresses the pressures and temptations facing Catholic men in our modern culture. Meets each Saturday 6:50 - 8:00 am in the Fr Ready room. Contact **Tim Yeager** [yeagertd@verizon.net](mailto:yeagertd@verizon.net) or **Bob Sands** [bob@sandmark.net](mailto:bob@sandmark.net).

**Saturday morning Men's Prayer and Reflection Group: Meeting virtually/in person.** Men of all ages – Join us in reading and reflecting on Sunday scriptures and discussing how it relates to our lives and helps us become better Catholic husbands, dads, family members and friends. We meet Saturdays from 8:00 – 9:00 am virtually and in-person in the Training/Cry Room at the back of church. Drop-ins are always welcome! Contact **Rick Loffredo** [rlickloffredo@outlook.com](mailto:rlickloffredo@outlook.com).



### Nativity's New Childcare Ministry

We are thrilled to introduce Nativity's new Childcare Minister, Mrs. Taylor Young. She will be responsible for childcare at various parish events where childcare is a blessing to families with young children. With great joy, Taylor will receive all the Sacraments of Initiation for the Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil this year!

A native of Colorado, she moved to Virginia in 2012 to help her sister with her two small children while their father was deployed. Taylor loves working with kids of all ages, but pre-school-aged children are her favorite. She currently works as an after-care coordinator at Prince of Peace Preschool.

Taylor's hobbies include crocheting, spending time with family, and attending sporting events. She is excited about the future and cannot wait to start her journey with Nativity's Childcare Ministry. Taylor lives in Woodbridge with her husband, Matt, and their two-year-old son George.

We will have one childcare ministry at Nativity to cover childcare for Walking With Purpose, the Young Family Ministry, Marriage Enrichment Ministry, and other ministries or parish events are needed. All childcare providers will be VIRTUS compliant, and we will have one set of policies and procedures to follow.

If you would like to volunteer with the childcare ministry or be a lead childcare provider, please email Taylor at [childcare@nativityburke.org](mailto:childcare@nativityburke.org).



*Every human life is sacred*  
every woman, every man, every child  
*born and unborn*



**We walk with mothers in need, women in crisis pregnancies, their children, and families**

*Consider our resources for free or low-cost prenatal and other medical care, financial assistance, baby items, mental health counseling, spiritual, and other confidential support*

*Find it all here:*



**We offer healing to women who have experienced abortion**

*Learn about Project Rachel After Abortion Care Ministry or visit a Catholic parish near you*



**We pray, fast, and advocate for laws that protect every human life, from conception until natural death**

*Join the Virginia Catholic Conference advocacy network at [vacatholic.org](http://vacatholic.org) to protect all life*



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!

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flower Book for 2023 is open with many dates 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/>.

### 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](mailto:DASF@arlingtondiocese.org)) or go online for more details and to download the preauthorization request form at:

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



**girl scouts**

**Girl Scout Leaders Needed!**

Join Girl Scouts!

PLEASE CONTACT [NATIVITYTROOP@GMAIL.COM](mailto:NATIVITYTROOP@GMAIL.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Troop volunteers help Girl Scouts become stronger, kinder, and braver than they ever thought possible. Troop leaders—and volunteers in other roles, like troop money manager or cookie chair—engage regularly with their Girl Scouts and guide them through activities, like earning badges, exploring the outdoors, or running their own business through the Girl Scout Cookie Program. Please sign up to volunteer!



**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](mailto:debbiemoreau@mac.com) or Rachel Hoover at [hooverrach@gmail.com](mailto:hooverrach@gmail.com). ECHO is located at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, VA 22150.

**ST. MARY OF SORROWS**  
**BIKE COLLECTION - Saturday, April 22**

Give spring-cleaning extra meaning: donate unused bicycles. St. Mary of Sorrows' annual bike collection is coming soon, on Saturday, April 22, 9:00 am to noon rain or shine behind the left side of the Parish Center at 5222 Sideburn Road, 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. We accept serviceable or nearly complete youth and adult bicycles (including tandems and recumbents); adult tricycles; bicycle spare parts, components, accessories and tools; and even serviceable, quality portable sewing machines.

The Bike Collection Committee always welcomes adult volunteers and teenagers with adult partners to help to set up, collect donations, process the bikes for shipment, and assist loading the truck for transport. No experience needed; on-the-job training provided! To volunteer, please email or call Maria Story at [ferstory@gmail.com](mailto:ferstory@gmail.com) or 703 459 6108 in advance. Helping at this event is a great way for youth to earn service hours and for all to minister to the poor.



**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](mailto: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 September 21 - September 24).

**NATIVITY - BAPTISM PROCEDURES**

We are currently scheduling group Baptisms on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 2:00 pm in the Church for registered Nativity Parishioners. To register at Nativity Parish, please call the Parish Office for a parish registration form.

**TO SCHEDULE A BAPTISM**

**Step 1: Paperwork**

To begin the process, please first complete our Baptism Application which can be picked up from the parish office or downloaded from our website at:

<https://nativityburke.org/baptism/>

**Please bring the following to the Parish Office:**

1. Copy of child's Birth Certificate
2. A certificate of eligibility for your Catholic godparents. Please review our Godparent Requirements. Godparents who are registered members of Nativity DO NOT need to provide a certificate.
3. Completed Baptism Application. Scheduling the date of the Baptism will take place ONLY after these items are received.

**Step 2: Preparation for New Parents**

If this is your first child (congratulations!), in addition to providing the above paperwork, parents must attend a Baptism Prep class. Godparents are welcome, too. Register Online for our Baptism Prep class at: <https://nativityburke.org/baptism/#preparation>

**Step 3: Nativity Schedules the Baptism Date**

At this point, please call our Baptismal Coordinator, Anna Marty, to review your paperwork, discuss any questions, and schedule the date and time of the Baptism. She is available Monday - Wednesday at the parish office, please call 703-455-2400 or email [amarty@nativityburke.org](mailto:amarty@nativityburke.org).

**PLEASE NOTE: We cannot schedule anything before we have ALL paperwork completed and turned in!**

**Marriage Preparation Procedures**

- ◆ Nativity requires at least six months of marriage preparation prior to the wedding, beginning with your initial contact with your parish priest.
- ◆ Most couples will be asked to take the FOCCUS premarital inventory. It is a tool designed to help engaged couples learn more about themselves and their relationship.
- ◆ Each couple marrying in the Diocese of Arlington is required to attend a marriage preparation conference such as Engaged Encounter or Conference for the Engaged.
- ◆ Nativity strongly encourages couples to attend Natural Family Planning (NFP) classes. This method of fertility respects the integrity of your marriage and the dignity of the spouses.
- ◆ The preparing priest or deacon can assist you in preparing the liturgy, readings, music, and other elements for your wedding.

**For more information please visit:**

<https://nativityburke.org/marriage/#schedule-wedding> or  
<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/family-life/marriage/catholic-marriage-preparation/>



# Amazing Retreat Experience!!

**Sign up for the 33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat!**

**Dates**

**April. 25**

**May 2,9,16,23,30**

**Time**

**Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00pm**

**Consecration Date**

**May 31: Feast of the Visitation**

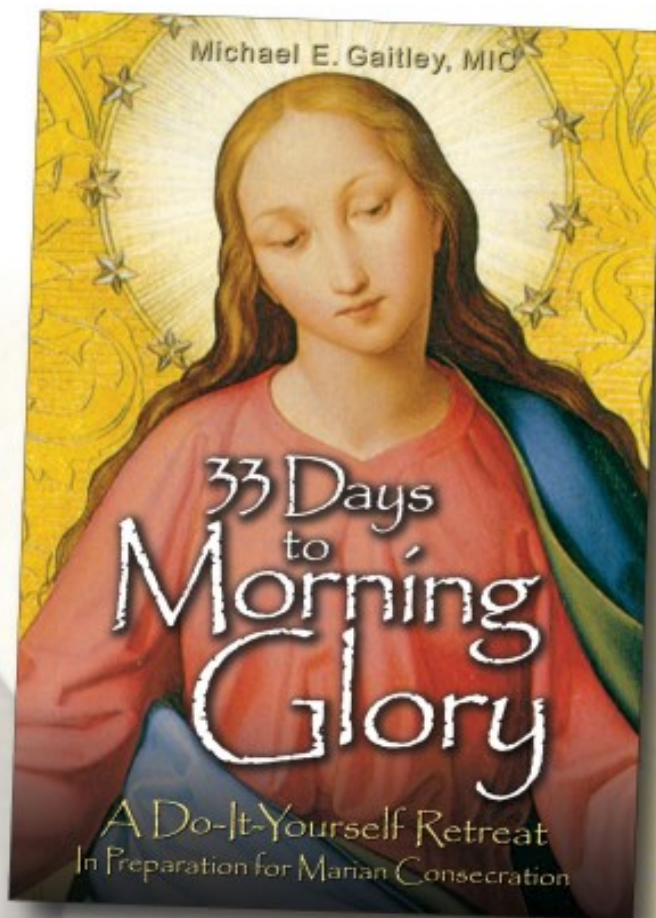
*33 Days to Morning Glory* is a 33-day journey to consecration to Mary, using the spiritual wisdom of four giants of Marian spirituality: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and Blessed Pope John Paul II.

The retreat will include:

- Six weekly readings from the book, *33 days to Morning Glory*.
- Six weekly DVD lessons (30 minutes each).
- Group sharing on readings.
- Conclude sessions with Marian consecration on the Feast of Our Lady.

**Free Registration**

**Free will donation is much appreciated!**



*"In these pages I met the gentle Mother I have loved for so long. In reading this book, I hope that you get the chance to meet her and come to rely on her as I do...I fully recommend it to you as one of the best books on Mary!"*

**Immaculée Ilibagiza**

Author of *Left to Tell* and *Our Lady of Kibeho*

**Space is limited so please call us for more information or to register at:**



**1025 King St  
Alexandria, VA 22314**

**Tel: 703-549-3806**

[alexandria@paulinemediamedia.com](mailto:alexandria@paulinemediamedia.com)



### 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 11:00 a.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](http://www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations).



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Keep in touch with Nativity via email



Stay up-to-date with Nativity via our Parish Flocknote Email!

We send a weekly (short!) email with upcoming events, and occasional updates

Scan the QR Code below

Or sign up on our website: [nativityburke.org/email-and-text/](http://nativityburke.org/email-and-text/)

Scan the QR Code with your phone camera, a QR Code Reader App, or Google Lens



**Questions?**

Contact Mary Castellano  
Nativity's Social Media Coordinator  
[socialmedia@nativityburke.org](mailto:socialmedia@nativityburke.org)

### 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](mailto:csands@nativityburke.org)

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## Easter Sunday

### **Easter Sunday April 9**

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

### **Monday April 10**

Acts 2:14,22-33  
Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11  
Matthew 28:8-15

### **Tuesday April 11**

Acts 2:36-41  
Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22  
John 20:11-18

### **Wednesday April 12**

Acts 3:1-10  
Ps 105:1-4,6-9  
Luke 24:13-35

### **Thursday April 13**

Acts 3:11-26  
Ps 8:2ab,5-9  
Luke 24:35-48

### **Friday April 14**

Acts 4:1-12  
Ps 118:1-2,4,22-27a  
John 21:1-14

### **Saturday April 15**

Acts 4:13-21  
Ps 118:1,14-15b,16-21  
Mark 16:9-15

Are you ready to proclaim the Good News about how Jesus has helped you? What holds you back? Do you hesitate because you don't yet understand how the deaths in your life (the sacrifices, the lost hope, the broken relationships, etc.) have been resurrected into new life?

Such hesitation was the mental state of the disciples on the first Easter morning, as depicted in the Gospel of John.

The attitude of Peter in the reading from Acts is quite a contrast! The disciples now know their calling: They were empowered and commissioned to testify that Jesus is the Savior, and they fully embraced this vocation.

Do you understand how Jesus is turning your tragedies and other difficulties into triumphs and great blessings?

To "testify" means to share the truth based on your own experiences. Peter specifically proclaimed that everyone who believes in Jesus receives forgiveness of sins. Of course he did! Peter knew first-hand what it's like to need and then receive Christ's forgiveness.

We will not understand much about how our sufferings have led us to a new and blessed life until we start talking about it. The first inklings of insight awaken when we discuss it within our close, holy friendships, like Mary of Magdala did when she ran to Peter and John after discovering the empty tomb. They, in turn, told the other disciples.

It was while they were together – in community – that Jesus appeared and revealed his resurrection to them. Later, after having lots of time to talk about it with friends, the Holy Spirit



empowered them to go out and evangelize the world by sharing their experiences with anyone willing to listen.

### **Reflect & Discuss:**

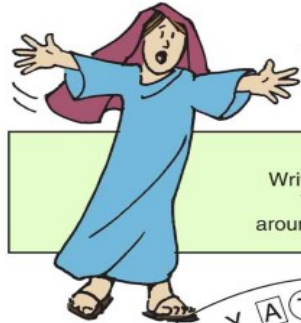
- † The empty tomb doesn't immediately make sense. What has been confusing to you during your faith journey? What has caused you to feel empty and frightened? Where might Jesus be in this?
- † How have your own experiences of being forgiven enabled you to feel more compassionate toward others? Does that change the way you talk to them about God and church and other spiritual or moral issues?
- † What is the biggest change that Jesus has brought into your life? What were you like before this change? How did God intervene? What were the results? This is your testimony. Practice sharing it by telling the story to your community of friends.





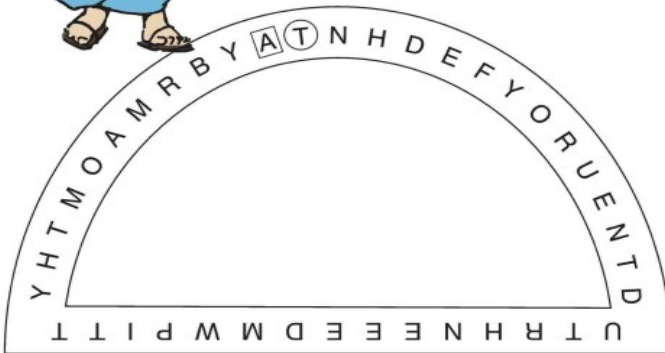
Mary ran to tell the disciples the great news! She said, "I have seen the Lord!"

Find 15 things that are different in the second picture.



Mary ran to tell Peter and John what she had found. What happened?

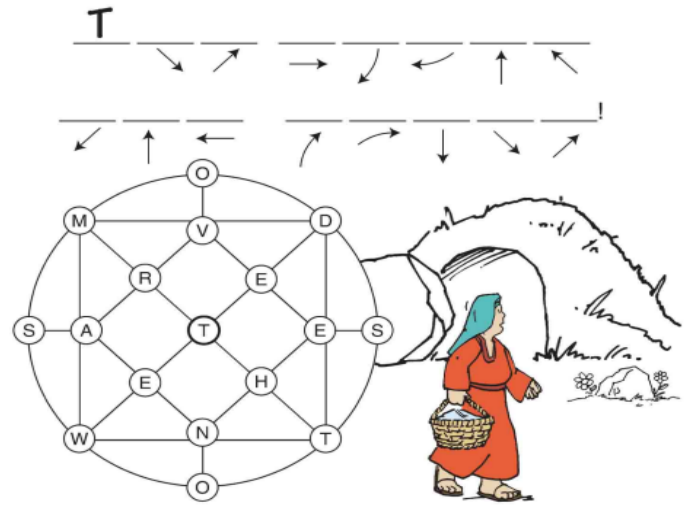
Begin at the **T**.  
Write every other letter on the lines.  
Then start with the **A** and go around again, writing every other letter.



**Jesus Is Resurrected**

Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb early on the first day of the week, before it was light. What did she find there?

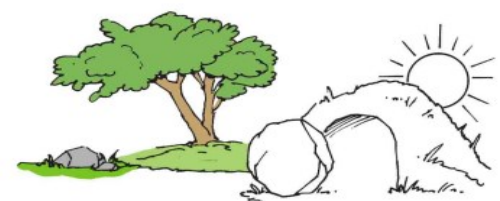
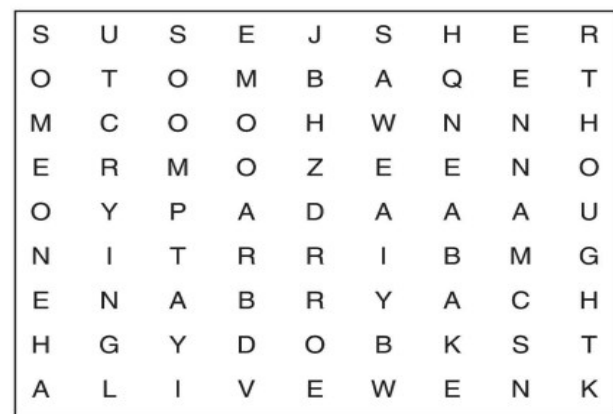
Move from letter to letter around the wheel according to the arrows below the blanks to find the answer. Begin at the center.



Later, Mary stood by the tomb crying. She thought someone had taken Jesus' body. A Man stood nearby. At first she thought it was the gardener. Then He said, "Mary." She knew who it was! It was Jesus! He was alive!



Find the underlined words in the puzzle below. They may be found **→ ← ↑ ↓ ↗ ↘ ↙ ↚**.





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## Pascua de 2023

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

¡Que el Señor Resucitado, que nos llena con su amor y consuelo, esté con todos ustedes durante esta Santa Temporada de Pascua!

El mismo Señor que resucitó de entre los muertos en Jerusalén e inspiró los grandes actos de heroísmo en las primeras épocas de la Iglesia, se propone inspirarlos a ustedes hoy. Él nos ofrece todo lo que necesitamos para evangelizar nuestra cultura, formar familias santas, consolar a los afligidos y vulnerables y servir a su gloriosa Iglesia.

Que al reflexionar sobre los grandes dones que hemos recibido de Dios — particularmente en los Sacramentos — también nos regocijemos con quienes serán recibidos en la Iglesia Católica en esta Pascua. Les hacemos llegar nuestras felicitaciones a ellos y a sus padrinos, patrocinadores y familias y les agradecemos su testimonio, particularmente en un momento en que la Iglesia nos invita a todos a renovar nuestras promesas bautismales.

Inspirados por el Espíritu Santo que sigue vivificando su Iglesia y nunca cesa de concedernos su gracia y amor, que seamos un pueblo cristiano unido en la Resurrección y en Nuestro Señor Resucitado.

Por intercesión de Nuestra Bienaventurada Virgen María y de San José, su esposo, que el Señor los bendiga a ustedes y a sus familias con su paz en la Pascua y siempre.

Fielmente en Cristo,

Monseñor Michael F. Burbidge  
Obispo de la Diócesis de Arlington



**¡ABRAMOS LOS OJOS!  
¡HA RESUCITADO!**  
Domingo de Pascua  
Javier Leoz



Hermanos, seguimos celebrando la alegría y el gozo inmenso de la Vigilia Pascual: ¡Ha resucitado el Señor! ¡Aleluya! ¡Feliz Pascua 2008! ¡El Señor ha pasado de la muerte a la vida! ¡Aleluya!

Hoy, amigos, con la Resurrección de Cristo, esta mañana nos trae una gran alegría: el día eterno que estamos llamados a disfrutar todos. Estamos alegres porque, la victoria de Cristo, nos trae una forma nueva a la hora de entender y comprender el mundo, las personas, la vida, el amor, la justicia, etc.

Para vivir esta realidad, como el discípulo, hemos de aventurarnos y asomarnos al sepulcro. Es decir; si tenemos ojos para tantas cosas del mundo, ¡cómo no los vamos a tener para asombrarnos ante el acontecimiento de la Pascua de Resurrección!

¿Qué existe el dolor? ¿Qué nos sacuden sucesos que enturbian nuestra felicidad? ¿Qué no todo marcha bien? ¡Por supuesto! Pero, la Resurrección de Cristo, nos da la fuerza necesaria para dar luz a esas situaciones. La Resurrección de Cristo no nos resuelve de un plumazo todo aquello que atenta a nuestro bienestar, pero nos sitúa por encima para que seamos capaces de enfrentarnos y darle solución.

En este día de Pascua damos gracias a Dios por tres cosas fundamentalmente:

Primero: porque su Resurrección es motivo de esperanza. Porque el horizonte de nuestra existencia, con la claridad de la Pascua, se hace más risueño, creativo, emprendedor y –sobre todo- invitados a disfrutar lo que Jesús para nosotros conquista: la vida de Dios.

Segundo: su Resurrección es una razón para cambiar en aquello que haga falta. La cuaresma, entre otras cosas, pretendía generar en nosotros un cambio y a mejor. ¿Lo hemos conseguido? ¿Cómo está nuestra oración? ¿Nuestra relación con los demás? ¿Nuestra vida personal? A la luz de la Pascua, queridos amigos, se ve más necesario que nunca un cambio de actitudes y de forma de ser. A Pascua reluciente, vida resplandeciente. Ojala alejemos de nosotros aquello que nos impide ser “pascuas” nuevas. Es decir; pasos convencidos, abiertos, generosos, comprensivos, perdonadores, orantes, etc.

Tercero: su Resurrección nos empuja a dar testimonio de su presencia real y misteriosa. No nos podemos quedar enganchados a la cruz, ni entre sollozos, recogidos en el sepulcro. Nuestra vivencia de la Pascua nos hace saltar de alegría y, sobre todo, conscientes de una gran misión y de un gran pregón: ¡Ha resucitado! Desde luego, un cristianismo de segunda, temeroso, vergonzante y tímido no es el fruto de la Pascua.

El abrir los ojos y contemplar el sepulcro vacío implica, además, llenar el corazón de la presencia de Cristo Resucitado. ¿Seremos capaces de transmitir la gran verdad de nuestra fe en todos nuestros ambientes? Hoy, en millones de campanarios, voltearán enloquecidas las campanas que anuncian la Resurrección de Aquel que es su Señor. ¿Voltearán nuestras gargantas? ¿Sonarán nuestras voces? ¿Expresarán nuestros cantos el meollo y el núcleo de nuestra fe cristiana? Sí, amigos, es el momento de acabar de hacer preguntas. Lo que hemos visto y oído en estos días de la Semana Santa ha acabado en un final feliz (iba a decir casi en un final de película donde vence el bueno). Pero ahora falta el final. Y, en ese final, vemos que la muerte ya no es el final del camino. Y que, por lo tanto, en ese “no final” Jesús nos ha metido a todos nosotros para que tengamos vida y en abundancia. ¿La recogemos?

**¡FELIZ PASCUA DE RESURRECCIÓN!**

**¡ABRÉME LOS OJOS, SEÑOR!**

Señor; también yo, en el amanecer de esta jornada  
con el alma tomada por la penumbra  
pero con el corazón inquieto  
me he acercado hasta el lugar donde creía y me dijeron  
se encontraba tu cuerpo amarrado entre vendas, sudarios  
y desfigurado por los sucesos de estos últimos días.  
Más, cual ha sido mi sorpresa, Señor,  
cuando al cruzarme con María Magdalena  
con Simón Pedro y con Juan  
me han dicho que, no tenga prisa,  
que tu losa no está centrada...  
que la piedra de tu sepulcro se encuentra movida  
y que abra los ojos para la gran sorpresa que me espera

**¡ABREME LOS OJOS, SEÑOR!**

Pues quiero verte para nunca más perderte  
Porque, después de correr hasta tu sudario  
necesito certezas para comprender  
y gritar al mundo que ¡creo! ¡creo! ¡y mil veces creo!  
Que has vuelto para devolvernos vida abundantemente  
Que, a partir de hoy, la asignatura pendiente de la muerte  
ha sido resuelta y superada por el Maestro que más enseñó  
con palabras de amor  
con gestos de humildad  
con milagros y promesas felizmente cumplidas.

**¡ABREME LOS OJOS, SEÑOR!**

Quiero, sin temor ni temblor,  
y aunque algunos me digan lo contrario  
asomarme y ver el vacío que tu triunfo  
sobre la muerte ha dejado.  
Quiero, con la emoción de los discípulos  
y de la mano de Santa María Virgen  
comprender y creer que, era cierto,  
¡Has resucitado! ¡Lo has hecho por nosotros!  
**¡ABREME LOS OJOS, SEÑOR  
PARA VERTE Y NUNCA PERDERTE!**

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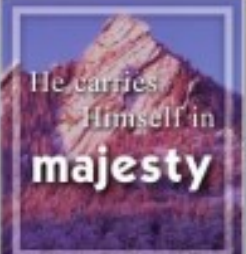
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