

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./11:00a.m./
1:00 p.m./5:30 p.m.
Monthly Sensory Mass on the
second Sunday of every month at
the 1:00pm Mass

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

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

HOLY DAY MASSES: As Announced

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

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

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 11:00 AM on
Tuesday (5 days prior to publication).** Please
note: this deadline can change due to holiday office
closings.

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**Assisted hearing devices are available
from the Sacristy staff at all services**

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



"The community of disciples were of one heart and one mind"
— Acts 4:32

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 52 men and women into the Catholic community 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 the great feast of Divine Mercy Sunday, I am reminded of all the gospel parables relating to loving and serving the least, the most despicable, those that our dear Lord Jesus Christ sat at table with and welcomed into his friendship. 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.

Our almsgiving and sacrifices were an important part of Lent. Many thanks to all who supported the Bishop's Lenten Appeal for the work of the church. More will be sending in their pledges to add to the generous response of the parish and the diocese. Through our Lenten Basket we also supported Operation Starfish and Catholic Relief Services in a beautiful way. THANK YOU. Enjoy the Second Week of Easter. May you experience the Risen Christ in your heart each day. Below is a poem I love, especially during Divine Mercy Sunday.

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*

Love and Blessings,
Msgr. Bob Cilinski, Pastor

Date Night

FOR COUPLES

A Family Approach to Stewardship

**Saturday,
April 18th**
6:30-8:30 PM
Nativity Cafeteria



Register Online:

nativityburke.org/mem-date-night/

Patricia Molseed



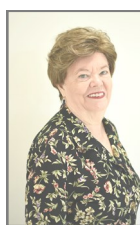
Dinner & Childcare Provided

Contact: Anna Lisa Licud
marriage@nativityburke.org

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - April 12, 2026

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is the Feast of Divine Mercy, or Divine Mercy Sunday

The Holy Hour and Devotion takes place today 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. Please see the Nativity website for more information.



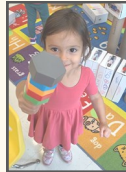
THANK YOU MAUREEN ANDERSEN AND BEST WISHES IN RETIREMENT!

After 14 years of serving Nativity parish as Sacristan and Liturgical Coordinator, Maureen Andersen will be retiring from her position. Maureen has served with dedication and has truly enjoyed and been personally enriched by working with staff and parishioners. Her years at Nativity have left it a better place to worship and a place for others to deepen a relationship with God. We are so grateful for Maureen's service and ministry. Maureen's last day is April 15. We welcome Karla Camino as our new Sacristan. She began working in early March and has shadowed Maureen during the past few weeks. She is a parent in our school and brings a wealth of experience of organizing and management of a business. She brings a joyful spirit and happiness of using her gifts in God's service at our liturgies. Karla is grateful for Maureen's guidance and assistance in her new position saying "Maureen is a great teacher!" Many blessings to Maureen in retirement and welcome to Karla in her new ministry.

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

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

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



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

Director of Youth Ministry

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

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

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

Requirements:


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

Submit cover letter and resume to:


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

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, our Facilities Manager Carlos Gutierrez and Assistant Antonio Infantes and Ann Rimkus who designed and formatted the Holy Week and Easter Mass programs, they were beautiful!



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



Thank you, Nativity parishioners, for supporting the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. As of March 25, our pledges and one-time donations total \$677,229 with about one in six of our Nativity families participating. That's 81% of our \$840,000 goal! We continue advancing but still need more families involved to get closer to our 100% participation goal. If you haven't yet pledged, there's still time. Please consider a sacrificial offering for the many blessings our good God has given you. Just use the QR code, online at www.arlingtondiocese.org/bls, or one of the BLA envelopes at Church. Your support helps the many charities, ministries, and programs throughout the Diocese and so much here at Nativity. Thank you once again and may God bless you for your sacrificial gift.

KOFC ANNUAL MULTI-CAR RAFFLE

1 WEEK TO GO Put down those tax forms and don't miss your opportunity to enter. The final deadline for tickets to be mailed is Tuesday, April 21st.


PLEASE MAIL STUBS DIRECTLY TO ALL SAINTS, DO NOT DROP OFF AT THE NATIVITY PARISH OFFICE!!

The drawings begin at 1:30pm Saturday, 25 April 2026, at All Saints Parish in Manassas. Thank you for your generous support of this year's raffle. Proceeds will benefit our parish and Knights of Columbus charities.

If you need more tickets or have questions, please contact
PGK Sam Northland @ 703-455-2186.






Peace in the Storm
Chronic Pain and Illness Support Group 

Tuesday, April 14 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm | Church Conf Room

Nativity Catholic Church is aware of the many challenges that chronic illness and/or chronic pain pose in the lives of our parishioners. All adult parishioners who have chronic pain or illness are invited to participate in a parish-based, small, faith fellowship group developed by the national ministry called The Peace in the Storm Project. We meet to reflect, pray, and deepen our understanding of God's love, presence, and purpose with and through health challenges within the context of our Catholic faith and parish community. Group participants will receive The Peace in the Storm Project **Discussion Guide** at no cost.



If you are interested in joining the group or for more information, please email Anna Lisa Licud at allicud@nativityburke.org or visit our parish website www.nativityburke.org/peace-in-the-storm/

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting for KOVAR after each Mass next weekend, April 18 and 19. KOVAR is a Virginia Knights of Columbus charity which assists people with intellectual disabilities. Knights will be at the back of the Church with baskets and can provide more information on KOVAR. You can donate as you leave Mass by cash or by check. All checks should be made out to KOVAR. You can also donate electronically through Nativity's on-line giving platform – OSV.

Join the Nativity Italian Heritage and Cultural Society on April 16 at 7:00 pm for a thrilling, inciteful and true story of an Italian family's journey coming to America

Anthony DeSantis will share the story of his family when he talks about his book "The Stowaway in First Class".

He adapts his father's immigration tale from print to film. The event will include highlights from the book, a Q&A, giveaways and book signings. Books are not sold on-site. They can be ordered online on Amazon or Barnes & Nobles for signing.

Date: Thursday, April 16, at 7:00pm
Place: Nativity School Cafeteria

Social hour with wine and snacks will follow. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Join as a member or come as a guest for \$5.00. You don't need to be Italian to join. Just have a love for the culture.



MASS INTENTIONS & MASS SCHEDULE
"We are God's People"
1 Peter 2:10

Monday, April 13

7:30 am † John Veletto
12:00 pm † C.K. Quan

Tuesday, March 14

7:30 am † Lynne Fazio Silkman
12:00 pm † Deceased Members of the Daza-Gomez Family

Wednesday, April 15

7:30 am † Maria Cristina Sian
3:00 pm † Robert Thorne (*Burke Healthcare*)

Thursday, April 16

7:30 am † Charles Hummel
12:00 pm † Richard Stanfill

Friday, April 17

7:30 am † Phyllis Nicholl

Saturday, April 18

7:30 am † Alonso Nieto Orozco
5:00 pm † Hoa Ngo
7:00 pm † Ana Saba Larrain

Sunday, April 19

7:00 am † Peter Palermo
9:00 am Special Intention for Ronnie and Nancy Stanfill
11:00 am † Pattison Kuntz
1:00 pm Nativity Parishioners
5:30 pm † Mary Ann Salas Gener

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

Car Raffle Tickets

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE RAFFLE TICKETS IN OUR MAILBOX OR AT THE PARISH OFFICE AFTER FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH.

WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THEY WILL ARRIVE IN TIME TO ALL SAINTS CHURCH FOR THE RAFFLE ON APRIL 25TH.

PLEASE MAIL THEM DIRECTLY TO ALL SAINTS IN MANASSAS. THANK YOU!

Monthly Sensory Mass: Sunday, April 12 at 1:00pm

In an effort to embrace and welcome the neurodiverse members of our community, Nativity Catholic Church is hosting a monthly Sensory Mass on the second Sunday of every month at the 1:00 pm Mass. All are welcome to attend!

A special invitation is extended to any person in need of sensory accommodations. A sensory Mass requires a welcoming stigma-free environment and accommodations to help reduce over-stimulation and sensory overload. We also invite you to join us after the Sensory Mass for coffee, donuts, and fellowship in the cafeteria. If you would like to learn more about the Monthly Sensory Mass please email Tracey Hulen, Disability Inclusion Coordinator at thulen@nativityburke.org.

Adult Confirmation Classes

Class 1: Tuesday 21 April
Class 2: Tuesday 28 April
Class 3: Tuesday 5 May
Class 4: Tuesday 12 May
Class 5: Tuesday 19 May
From 7:00-8:00 PM in the Fr. Ready Room

For all those who have not received their Confirmation but have been Baptized in the Catholic Church, we invite you to this 5 week preparation course ending with Confirmation with Bishop Burbidge on May 31st.

Please call the parish office to speak with Fr. Bennett about enrolling for the class or for more details visit: <https://nativityburke.org/adult-confirmation-program/>.

ATTENTION PLEASE - MASS TIME CHANGE: NEXT SATURDAY, APRIL 18th

Please note that the morning Mass on Saturday, April 18th has been changed from 9:00 am to 7:30 am to accommodate for the two Confirmation Masses (at 10:00 am and 1:30 pm). Please be advised of a very busy parking lot that day!

Honduras Mission Trip 2026



July 12-18, 2026

This mission trip is designed for College-age and Young Adult parishioners to visit our newest partnership in Honduras through Operation Starfish.



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

THE EIGHT ANNUAL

NATIVITY

Golf Tournament

Please join Fr. Bob for a great day of golf to support the Youth Programs at Nativity Parish, including Nativity School, Religious Education, Youth Ministry, and CYO Sports.

Can't join us that day? Please consider sponsoring a hole or donation to one of our many other sponsorship opportunities.

Registration and sponsorship information are on the Nativity website at: <https://nativityburke.org/golf/>

MAY

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WESTFIELDS GOLF CLUB CLIFTON, VA

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MAY 15

[HTTPS://NATIVITYBURKE.ORG/GOLF/](https://nativityburke.org/golf/)

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



TWO WORDS: "THE NATIVITY YARD SALE IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!"

During your annual spring clean-up and before tossing out your former "treasures", please consider storing them in a corner of your garage or basement for donation to the Annual Yard Sale. The Nativity Annual Yard Sale for Charity sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Father Vincent S. Sikora Council 7992, is Saturday, June 27, 2026. Collections will begin Thursday, June 18, 2026 and continue through Wednesday June 24, 2026. Your donations are tax-deductible and sincerely appreciated.

NATIVITY STARS

GALA & AUCTION

Saturday, May 16, 2026 | 6:30 pm | Fr. Martin Center

Derby-Inspired Cocktail Attire | 21+ Event

Cocktail Reception • Heavy Appetizers • Live & Silent Auction • Heads or Tails Game • Class Basket Raffle • Class "Horse Race"

Every dollar raised supports Nativity's Christ-centered STEM education and helps provide new technology for our students and teachers.

Optional Whiskey Tasting: Elevate your night with curated samples of premium whiskey and a keepsake glass to remember the evening.

Open to the Nativity Parish and School community, along with their family and friends.

Follow us on Instagram @nativitystarsgala for updates, sneak peeks, and event details!



Tickets & info: <https://www.nativityschool.org/gala>

Knights of Columbus Frenchy Cyr Memorial Scholarships

Last year, Nativity' Knights of Columbus Council 7992 awarded seven Cyr Memorial scholarships for Catholic secondary school tuition (grades 9-12), totaling \$7000.

Scholarships were awarded to: *Hannah Ly* and *Anthony Licud* (Nativity School) attending *Saint John Paul the Great High School*, *Elizabeth Marzluff*, *Abigail Hoenle*, and *Ian Marzluff* attending *Bishop Ireton High School*, *Mackenzie Boland* attending *Bishop O'Connell High School* and *William Moorhouse* attending *Gonzaga College High School* for their exemplary academic performance, sustained school and community involvement, and outstanding Church and religious activity participation.

This year six \$1250 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 24, 2026. Scholarship awardees will be announced in late May or Early June. Questions, please contact Dave Zivich, at davezivich@gmail.com or 703-598-0698.



Tea in the Garden

A HIGH TEA PARTY FUNDRAISER BENEFITING
OUR NATIVITY SISTERS

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

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

OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND GUESTS
TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES:
APRIL 25-26, AND MAY 2-3

TICKETS: \$45/PERSON.
\$48.00 IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD

SEATING IS LIMITED, RESERVE EARLY TO SIP, SAVOR,
AND CELEBRATE IN BLOOM! PERFECT FOR
A MOTHER'S DAY TREAT!

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



TRIVIA NIGHT

Test Your Knowledge • Win Prizes & Bragging Rights (Top 3 Teams!) • Have Fun!

Proceeds benefit Nativity Catholic School
Open to Parish & School Community

Saturday, April 25
7:00 – 9:00 PM (Doors open 6:30 PM)
Fr. Martin Center (Gym)

EVENT DETAILS

- BYO Food & Drinks (Alcohol Permitted!)
- Decorate Your Table
- Solo Players Welcome!

PRICING

- Table of 8 - \$80
- Individual - \$15

Register at: <https://nativitytrivia.givesmart.com>

Sponsored by Nativity School PTO/ 21+



Nativity Catholic Church



Gathering for Caregivers of Family Members with Special Needs

Caregivers of loved ones with special needs (of all ages) are invited to join us for a time of community, encouragement, and spiritual support. This gathering will include small group conversations, a presentation from a fellow caregiver, and space to connect with other parish families navigating similar journeys. Caregivers include those caring for family members with special needs such as sensory processing challenges, ADHD, autism, or intellectual, physical, and developmental disabilities, etc. We consider caregivers to be any relative who is walking alongside a family member with special needs. **Caregivers must register in advance to attend.**



SCAN ME!

Sunday, April 19th 7:00-8:30 pm Father Ready Room

nativityburke.org/caregivers-gathering/



CATHOLIC FOUNDATION ARLINGTON

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

Assembly of CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS

Quarterly luncheons with national speakers, diocesan clergy and local lay leaders

Network with Catholic leaders in a welcoming community

Engage directly with Bishop Burbidge

The **Assembly of Catholic Professionals** is a new initiative to deepen the connection between faith and professional life in the Diocese of Arlington. The Assembly brings together Catholic business and professional leaders from across the diocese to build community, grow spiritually, and support the Church's mission. Through quarterly luncheons, members build relationships with one another and engage directly with Bishop Burbidge, diocesan clergy, national speakers, and local lay leaders in a setting of fellowship and formation.

BECOME A MEMBER!
catholicarlington.org/acp



2026 SCHEDULE

Quarterly Luncheon 11am-1pm

APRIL 28, 2026
Westwood Country Club
ANDREW V. ABELA
*Founding Dean, Busch School of Business
Catholic University of America*

JUNE 17, 2026
Westwood Country Club
JACOB CICCARELLI
*CEO & Co-Founder
Truthly*

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026
Westwood Country Club
CARDINAL SEÁN O'MALLEY
Archbishop Emeritus of Boston

DECEMBER 7, 2026
Archer Hotel, Tysons
KERRY ALYS ROBINSON
*President & CEO
Catholic Charities USA*

YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFE TEEN: GRADES 9-12
DINNER - FELLOWSHIP - PRAYER & FORMATION
Sundays | 6:30-8:30 p.m.



EDGE: GRADES 6-8
Fridays twice a month
6:30-8:00 p.m.
See website for full schedule



BASH 2026
Registration is now open for BASH. BASH will take place at Bishop O'Connell High School on Saturday April 25th. This opportunity is open to middle schoolers in grades 6th-8th. Registration is required.

YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER CAMPS
Signups are now available for Vacation Bible Camp and Camp On The Edge. VBC and COTE run Tuesday June 30th-Friday July 3rd. Registration is required. Visit the parish website for more information!

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

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

Pro-Life Corner

**Virginia March for Life –Richmond
Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026**

All Nativity parishioners are welcome to join us and other Virginians of faith and conscience as we march for life at our state capitol! This year we are planning to carpool and join in on the free Engage Training. Contact rickloffredo@outlook.com for carpooling or questions. Schedule (times are approximate):



- 7:30am – Mass at Nativity (Optional)
- 8:10am – Carpool departure for Richmond
- 10:00am – Rally at the Bell Tower (101 9th St., Richmond)
- 11:00pm – Virginia March for Life!
- 12:30pm – Engage Training (lunch provided)!*
- 2:30pm – Carpool departure for Nativity
- 4:30am – Return to Nativity

***From Bishop Burbidge’s Respect Life Director, Amy McInerney,** *“Great news! You don’t have to pack your lunch on Virginia March for Life Day! Lunch is included if you attend one of the four training sessions following the March at 12:30pm on April 22. [Engage Training] helps us learn to build the 51% “No” vote coalition we need to defeat the abortion amendment.*

Our goal is to get 10,000 people to Richmond this year so that we send a loud and clear signal that this amendment is not aligned with the values of a majority of Virginians. I know I can count on you to spread the word and mobilize your parish. May God reward you this Holy Week for all your prayer, fasting, and action in defense of life!”

Register for March at <https://marchforlife.org/virginia/>. Within that webpage you can register for Engage Training. If you prefer, join the Holy Spirit Bus and return directly after the March, check here: <https://marchforlife.org/va-bus-info-find-a-ride/>.

Gabriel Project: Pregnancy Outreach for Expectant Mothers. Offers emotional, spiritual, material, and financial support through a pregnancy helpline and parish-based volunteer “Angel” Support, helpforpregnantwomen.org, 866.444.3553.

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

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

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

JOIN CUB SCOUTING!!

Pack 1101 invites all boys and girls K through 5th graders to join Cub Scouting. Learn new crafts, skills, and participate in fun activities such as the Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, nature walks and family camp outs. Den meetings are once or twice per month from September to May at Nativity. For more information, contact Dave Zivich at davezivich@gmail.com.



Pray the Pro-Life Rosary and Witness with Us!

When: Friday mornings after the 7:30 am Mass
Where: 900 S. Washington St, Falls Church, VA.

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

You are invited to make rosaries with us on Sunday, April 19th from 2:00-3:30pm in the Fr. Ready Room

We begin our meetings with reciting the rosary Then we will teach you how and provide you with all the supplies you need to make Mission Rosaries. These are sent all over the world. Help us put rosaries into the hands of people who need them! For more information email rosaryministry@nativityburke.org.

JP Summer Camps - Register Today!

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School's summer camp registration is now open! Check out this year’s camp offerings and sign up today! For rising 2nd to 9th graders, JP summer camps are a great way to spend your summer! John Paul offers both Athletic and Enrichment Camps and its premier day camp, Camp Quintessential. Go to jpthegreat.org/summercamp to learn more about what JP is offering!



NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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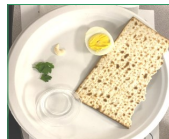
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Nativity Students Serving Up An Important Lesson



A retelling of the story of the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt, The Seder is a favorite Lenten tradition here at Nativity School. Filled with history, symbolism, and reverence, this story is drawn right from the Book of Exodus in The Hebrew Bible. Gathered together on Holy Thursday, we commemorated a Jewish ritual service and ceremonial meal held the first night or first two nights of Passover.



Each middle school student plays a part in its presentation: 8th grade provides and prepares the food; 7th grade sets the table, and 6th grade leads us in prayer, presents the readings, and directs the drama of the Coming of Elijah. Our 5th grade gets involved, too, by cleaning up afterward.

See photos ~ The Seder plate we serve; our 6th-grade Elijah, the Prophet, holding his staff.

Seventh Grade Performs Living Stations

One of the most cherished events of our most Holy Week is "Living Stations of the Cross." Performed by the Seventh Grade 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 gathered in the Church several times throughout the Lenten period, culminating in the emotional drama of Living Stations the week of Easter.



Important Upcoming Dates ~

April 13 - 17 - DFE

May 25 - No School/Memorial Day

At Nativity, faith fills us. Love lives here. Nativity Stars are filled with the Holy Spirit! Join us to see how your child would spend his or her days here - learning, praying, sharing, and laughing. We may be just the school for which you've been searching! Contact us at www.nativityschool.org, (703) 455-2300, or smurph@nativityschool.org.



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

Join the Knights! The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. Join today at https://www.kofc.org/joinus. As we continue to celebrate Blessed Michael J. McGivney's Beatification, please enter the Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY to join online for free. Please email our Deputy Grand Knight, Vince Augelli, at dgk7992@nativityburke.org or the Grand Knight, Michael Bender at gk7992@nativityburke.org with any questions.

Volunteer for an event! Scroll down to view all events, https://linktr.ee/fr_sikora_council_7992.

Knights, are you receiving the Grand Knight Newsletter? If not, go to: <https://NativityBurke.flocknote.com/NativityKnights> to sign up.

Widow Support: **Updated** We need drivers to support rides to appointments. See SUG for details!

18 April: Upper & Lower Shed clean-up

18 April: Confirmation Celebration Day Reception

18-19 April: KOVAR Collection. Please sign up to help with the collections after Mass. SUG is live!

25 April: Adopt-A-Highway. Join your brother Knights as we clean up Old Keene Mill Rd! SUG is live!

28 April: Healing Mass - Catchers

8 & 9 May: Dames - High Tea Party

Prayer Requests: Prayer requests will stay active for one month.

Prayer update (health, location, contact, etc.) status is deeply appreciated. Send an updated request for continued support.

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Name Tags: If you have not received your name tag, email our Warden, Dan Thomas, at warden7992@nativityburke.org.

Nativity Ushers assist at collections: Volunteer for your Mass!

Volunteer on LinkTree to maintain a database of potential helpers!

Sunday Mass Coffee and Cookies: We are providing coffee and cookies following Sunday morning Masses. See info on LinkTree.

Handy Knights Ministry: Parishioners unable to perform basic maintenance tasks or small home repairs due to health or other factors, contact the "Handy Knights." Email handyknightsfnativity@gmail.com.

The Fraternal Committee: Brothers helping brothers in need of assistance. Brothers and their families (living and deceased) in need of a helping hand, contact Br. John Landy at 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 Murray Rupert at fn2996@vakofc.org.

Mary's Comfort, a local maternity shelter in Springfield, VA, is a volunteer-driven nonprofit providing an enriching home for women facing a crisis pregnancy, along with supportive help and guidance for mother and baby. Since opening our first home in 2024 we have assisted six pregnant women. With your support, we can grow our services and expand our programs. If you'd like to join our team of dedicated volunteers or make donation, please visit our website https://www.maryscomfortva.org/ or email us at maryscomfortva@gmail.com. If you know a mother who could use our help, please refer her to us. Thank you and God bless!



A Message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry

In Catholic theology and tradition, oak trees symbolize strength, endurance, faithfulness, and the steadfastness of virtue. Did you know that in the mid-Atlantic region, oaks are also by far the best plants at supporting food webs? Oaks support far more caterpillar species (bird food) than any other plant. Doug Tallamy, a renowned entomologist and conservation writer, tells us preserving biodiversity on our planet will take more than parks. Tallamy has coined the term, “homegrown national park,” a call to action to replace half of the green lawns of privately owned properties in the US with 20 million acres of native plantings.

Why? Tallamy says that “we are at a critical point of losing so many species from local ecosystems that their ability to produce the oxygen, clean water, flood control, pollination, pest control, carbon storage, etc., that is, the ecosystem services that sustain us, will become seriously compromised.”

So, what can we do? Spring is here and the garden is calling us. Grass maintenance requires substantial resources of time, money and water. Could you reduce yours by half over time? Start with planting a native oak tree. Over time, fill in with native shrubs and perennials that attract birds, pollinating butterflies and bees, and more.

Space too small? Plant a smaller tree like a native cherry and add goldenrods, asters and sunflowers—all considered keystone plants in supporting local food webs and recreating ecosystems. Even your balcony can make a difference if it includes native plants. National Wildlife Federation’s Native Plant Finder (<https://www.nwf.org/NativePlantFinder>) provides lists of the best choices of plants for any area. God’s creatures will thank you for providing life giving habitat.

**160th Women’s Cursillo Retreat - April 16 - 19
Missionhurst Retreat Center,
4651 25th Street, Arlington, VA 22207**

Cursillo (cur SEE yo) is a lay Catholic movement that takes its name from Cursillo de Cristiandad, Spanish for “short course on Christianity.” It has been endorsed by every Pope since John XXIII. This 3-day retreat is an opportunity to examine your faith, deepen your relationship with Christ, and continue – or begin – your faith journey with the love and support of the community.

You will: Grow spiritually - Make new friends - Experience Christ’s unlimited love

More information can be found on the Arlington Diocese Cursillo website: <https://www.arlingtoncursillo.org/>.

If you are interested and would like to learn more, feel free to contact Laura Laverdiere at lauralaverdiere@msn.com.

EMAIL & TEXT SCAM ALERT - PLEASE BEWARE

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

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**IN MARY'S FOOTSTEPS
A Group for Widows**

In Mary’s Footsteps is a faith and fellowship group that focuses on the continuing journey of widows. Meetings are usually held on the second Monday of every month. They include prayers offered for our beloved husbands, time to talk about them and our needs moving forward. Our next meeting is **April 13th at 11:00 in the Father Ready room.**

Contact Cat Sands at 703-455-2400 or csands@nativityburke.org for more information.



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.

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“Each day with one heart—we are the hands of Jesus”

COME VISIT THE NATIVITY GIFT SHOP!



The Nativity Gift Shop has a lot of new merchandise! We have a large selection of cards and gifts for Confirmandi and Holy Communicants.

We also have beautiful Holy Communion veils available. Each one is hand made and one of a kind! Special requests will be considered, in the past we have transformed wedding veils as well. For more information and pricing, please contact Natasha Hines at the gift shop or leave a message for her at the parish office.

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PVI Music is hosting Honor Band & Strings for students in grades 5-8

The goal is to bring together the most passionate, self-disciplined grade school musicians for evenings of community building, fellowship, and fun music-making. All instruments are eligible, including strings, brass, woodwinds, percussion, guitarists, and pianists.

Rehearsals from 6–7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 23; Thursday, April 30; Tuesday, May 5

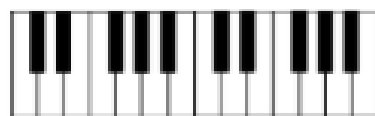
The concert is on Thursday, May 14, at 6 p.m.

Cost is \$100 per student.



Register by April 16

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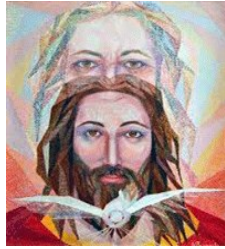
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Jesucristo, muestra de la misericordia del Padre
Reflexiones Pascua
No te preguntes ya, oh hombre, por qué tienes que sufrir tú; pregúntate más bien por qué sufrió él.



Por: De los sermones de San Bernardo |
 Fuente: www.la-oracion.com

Dios, nuestro Salvador; hizo aparecer su misericordia y su amor por los hombres. Demos gracias a Dios, pues por él abunda nuestro consuelo en esta nuestra peregrinación, en éste nuestro destierro, en ésta vida tan llena aún de miserias.

Antes de que apareciera la humanidad de nuestro Salvador, la misericordia de Dios estaba oculta; existía ya, sin duda, desde el principio, pues la misericordia del Señor es eterna, pero al hombre le era imposible conocer su magnitud. Ya había sido prometida, pero el mundo aún no la había experimentado y por eso eran muchos los que no creían en ella. Dios había hablado, ciertamente, de muchas maneras por ministerio de los profetas. Y había dicho: Sé muy bien lo que pienso hacer con ustedes: designios de paz y no de aflicción. Pero, con todo, ¿qué podía responder el hombre, que únicamente experimentaba la aflicción y no la paz? "¿Hasta cuándo - pensaba- irán anunciando: «Paz, paz», cuando no hay paz?" Por ello los mismos mensajeros de paz lloraban amargamente, diciendo: Señor, ¿quién ha dado fe a nuestra predicación? Pero ahora, en cambio, los hombres pueden creer, por lo menos, lo que ya contemplan sus ojos; ahora los testimonios de Dios se han hecho sobremanera dignos de fe, pues, para que este testimonio fuera visible, incluso a los que tienen la vista enferma, el Señor le ha puesto su tienda al sol.

Ahora, por tanto, nuestra paz no es prometida, sino enviada; no es retrasada, sino concedida; no es profetizada, sino realizada: el Padre ha enviado a la tierra algo así como un saco lleno de misericordia; un saco, diría, que se romperá en la pasión, para que se derrame aquel precio de nuestro rescate, que él contiene; un saco que, si bien es pequeño, está totalmente lleno. En efecto, un niño se nos ha dado, pero en este niño habita toda la plenitud de la divinidad. Esta plenitud de la divinidad se nos dio después que hubo llegado la plenitud de los tiempos. Vino en la carne para mostrarse a los que eran de carne y, de este modo, bajo los velos de la humanidad, fue conocida la misericordia divina; pues, cuando fue conocida la humanidad de Dios, ya no pudo quedar oculta su misericordia. ¿En qué podía manifestar mejor el Señor su amor a los hombres sino asumiendo nuestra propia carne? Pues fue precisamente nuestra carne la que asumió, y no aquella carne de Adán que antes de la culpa era inocente.

¿Qué cosa manifiesta tanto la misericordia de Dios como el hecho de haber asumido nuestra miseria? ¿Qué amor puede ser más grande que el del Verbo de Dios, que por nosotros se ha hecho como la hierba débil del campo? Señor, ¿qué es el hombre para que le des importancia, para que te ocupes de él? Que comprenda, pues, el hombre hasta qué punto Dios cuida de él; que reflexione sobre lo que Dios piensa y siente de él.

No te preguntes ya, oh hombre, por qué tienes que sufrir tú; pregúntate más bien por qué sufrió él. De lo que quiso sufrir

por ti puedes concluir lo mucho que te estima; a través de su humanidad se te manifiesta el gran amor que tiene para contigo. Cuanto menor se hizo en su humanidad, tanto mayor se mostró en el amor que te tiene, cuanto más se abajó por nosotros, tanto más digno es de nuestro amor. Dios, nuestro Salvador -dice el Apóstol-, hizo aparecer su misericordia y su amor por los hombres. ¡Qué grande y qué manifiesta es esta misericordia y este amor de Dios a los hombres! Nos ha dado una grande prueba de su amor al querer que el nombre de Dios fuera añadido al título de hombre.

2º Domingo de Pascua - A
Evangelio de la Misa: Jn 20,19-31 -
Tomás el incrédulo

El Evangelio de esta día está lleno de enseñanzas: 1º El saludo de Cristo a los Apóstoles al aparecerseles después de resucitado: Paz a vosotros; ¿cabe mejor saludo?; 2º Les concede el poder de transmitir la paz de Dios por el sacramento de la Penitencia o Confesión; ¡qué gran regalo para nuestra vida!; 3º Les da la gran lección de la humildad, del todo necesaria para vivir la fe en su persona y en su mensaje. Fue Tomás, el incrédulo, el objetivo directo de esta lección, pero va dirigido a todos. También a nosotros.

Oración para cada día de la semana

Señor, que te mostraste, ya resucitado a tus amigos más íntimos, los Apóstoles, ofreciéndoles el don maravilloso de la paz de Dios.

Yo también quiero esa paz en mi alma, para que siempre contribuya a la paz y el entendimiento en los hogares, a la paz y alegría en las diversiones y en el mundo del trabajo, a la paz y felicidad de todos en la vida social.

Que no olvide la gran lección: solo con la paz interior en el corazón, que me proporciona tu perdón y tu amor, puedo ofrecer a otros este don y hacerlo realidad en la vida.

También enseñas que esa paz pasa muchas veces por la Confesión, es decir por el reconocimiento de los propios pecados y debilidades personales con el consiguiente arrepentimiento, también personal, y el perdón de Dios que en este caso nunca falta.

Que acuda frecuentemente a este sacramento, y que sea de verdad apóstol de la Confesión, con mi ejemplo y con mis consejos.

¡Cuántas excusas simples e injustificadas para retrasarla, o despreciarla!

¡Cuánto tiempo perdido en la Iglesia y en los apostolados de la Iglesia por no acercarse los cristianos con más frecuencia a la Confesión, consintiendo no estar siempre en gracia de Dios!

Tú me enseñas, Señor, que la fe auténtica se da solo en los que viven en gracia de Dios, y están unidos a Ti por el amor.

Por eso te pido, Señor, que no me acueste ningún día en pecado mortal.

Señor, que cuando dude, o me surjan dificultades para creer, diga con más humildad y confianza, como Tomás: Señor mío y Dios mío.

Y con esta súplica te abordo hoy para que renueve en el corazón tu paz, tu misericordia y tu amor.

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