



THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT

PSALM 23:1



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

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

HOLY DAY MASSES: As Announced

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

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

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

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

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



*“The Lord is my shepherd. He guides me in right paths.”
~ Ps 23:3*

My dear parishioners,

Alleluia! Our celebration of Easter continues. Easter is a season that lasts fifty days and we should take advantage of every day to celebrate.

During the Easter season our scripture readings draw our attention to appearances of Jesus after His resurrection, the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, and His promise to send the Holy Spirit as His enduring presence and source of animation in the Church.

During the Easter season we will celebrate the First Communion of so many of our children in May; and we will remember the birthday of the church at Pentecost. Alleluia. Let us rejoice! Our celebration of Easter continues!

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, the words of Pope Francis in His inaugural Mass on March 19th 2013, reminds us to be “protectors” of those entrusted to us, especially in this year of St. Joseph the patron of the universal church.

“The vocation of being a ‘protector’, however, is not just something involving us Christians alone; it also has a prior dimension which is simply human, involving everyone. It means protecting all creation, the beauty of the created world, as the Book of Genesis tells us and as Saint Francis of Assisi showed us. It means respecting each of God’s creatures and respecting the environment in which we live. It means protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about. It means caring for one another in our families ... It means building sincere friendships in which we protect one another in trust, respect, and goodness. In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it.”

We are all called to be Good Shepherds. Happy 4th week of Easter!

Love and Blessings,

Fr. Bob Cilinski
Fr. Bob Cilinski
Pastor

Knights of Columbus KOVAR Collection

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting for KOVAR after each Mass the weekend of April 27 and 28. Please consider donating. 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.



MOTHER’S DAY CARDS AND MASSES

A Novena of nine Masses will be said during the month of May for Mothers, living and deceased. Spiritual Bouquet cards may be found at the back of the Church and Parish office starting April 22nd. Mother’s names will be placed on the Altar during the month of May.

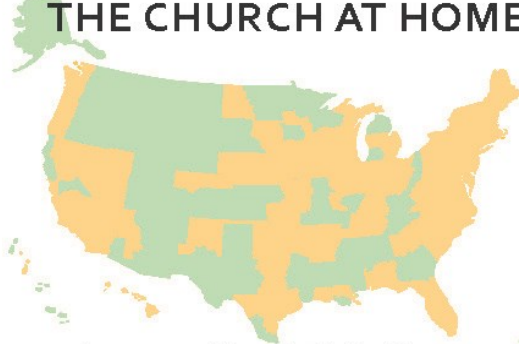
NOVENA MASSES

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| Sunday, May 12 | 7:00AM |
| Sunday, May 12 | 9:00AM |
| Sunday, May 12 | 11:00AM |
| Monday, May 13 | 7:30AM |
| Tuesday, May 14 | 7:30AM |
| Thursday, May 16 | 7:30AM |
| Friday, May 17 | 7:30AM |
| Saturday, May 18 | 9:00AM |
| Saturday, May 18 | 7:00PM |

Good Shepherd Sunday

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME



Over **40%** of U.S. dioceses struggle to meet basic pastoral needs.

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CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions. Please be generous, thank you!

JOIN THE NATIVITY EXTENDED CARE TEAM
Love working with Children? Creative with fingerprint?
Like to sift sand? The following qualifications are necessary:

- A LOVE of children and a ‘Can-Do’ Attitude
- Afternoon availability, 2:30pm-6:00pm
- Diocesan compliance to work with kids

To apply, please contact: **Jen Behan, Director at jbehan@nativityschool.org**



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 29, 2024. Collections will begin Saturday, June 22, 2024 and continue through Wednesday June 26, 2024.** Your donations are tax-deductible and sincerely appreciated.

Marriage Enrichment Ministry Celebrating Marriage

Couples’ Mini-Retreat

with Deacon Richard Kelly

Saturday, May 11th

9 AM- 1:30 PM

Nativity Catholic Church

Mass & Prayer / Brunch / Speaker / Break Out Sessions



REGISTRATION LINK

<https://nativityburke.org/mem-mini-retreat/>

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

LOVE & RESPECT
 Marriage Program

SCHEDULE

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

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

LOCATION: SCHOOLS TEACHER’S LOUNGE
 Registration Link
<https://nativityburke.org/mem-program/>
 Anna Lisa
marriage@nativityburke.org

Nativity Stars
GALA
and Auction

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

CLASS BASKET & 50/50 RAFFLE TICKET SALE THIS WEEKEND!

Join us after all the Masses this weekend for our class basket and 50/50 raffle sale, as part of the Nativity Stars Gala! Each class has put together a unique and exciting basket filled with goodies and treats. Raffle Drawing will take place at the Gala on 4/27/24 - Need NOT be present to WIN!

1 Ticket: \$10 - 3 Tickets: \$25 - 7 Tickets: \$50 - 15 Tickets: \$100

Auction Items Open for Bidding April 22nd!

Auction Items will open for bidding on April 22nd @ NOON and remain open until 8pm the night of Gala.

Follow us on Instagram for all Gala details and updates!

 @nativitystarsgala

<https://nativityschool.org/gala>




BASH!

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024
3:30-8:30PM

Who: middle schoolers in grades 6-8
What: music, games, inspirational speakers, confessions, a Vigil Mass for Sunday, and more!
Where: Bishop O'Connell High School, transportation provided
Cost: \$25, includes bus transportation, dinner, snacks, t-shirt, and more

 REGISTER HERE

nativityburke.org/bash
 Registration closes May 1 at 11:00am

Contact: Rebecca Judge, Director of Youth Ministry
cymnativityburke.org

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



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

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
 Monday June 17 - Friday, June 21


Childcare provided for volunteers!

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



Registration is now open on the website
 contact: vbc@nativityburke.org

DONUT SUNDAY
 THIS WEEKEND



Knights of Columbus Frenchy Cyr Memorial Scholarships

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

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

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

Please join Father Bob for 18 holes of golf, including driving range, beverages, lunch following play, and awards in our tournament to benefit the youth of Nativity Parish.
The Seventh Annual Nativity tournament is Monday, May 20, 2024 at Westfields Golf Club, Clifton, VA.
 Can't join us that day? Please consider sponsoring a hole or one of our many other sponsorship opportunities.

THE 9TH ANNUAL NATIVITY PARISH

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday May 20, 2024 Westfields Golf Club, Clifton, VA

TO BENEFIT YOUTH PROGRAMS AT

Nativity

Format: Scramble, Captain's Choice

Check-in: 6:45-7:30am

Shotgun Start: 8am

Fee: \$185 per player; \$740 per foursome

Includes: Breakfast, 18-holes of golf, cart, range balls, beverage cart tickets, lunch following play, awards ceremony

Awards: Winning Teams, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, Hole in one contest and more!

Available: Mulligans, Raffle Prizes

Website: <https://nativityburke.org/golf/>

Contact: msinclair@nativityburke.org

Deadline: May 15, 2024

National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage through D.C.

June 8 - 9, 2024

Make your summer plans now to participate in the Eucharistic Pilgrimage that's heading to our area on the way to Indianapolis this summer! In keeping with the vision of the National Eucharistic Revival, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will accompany Jesus from city to city, lighting hearts on fire along the way. When they meet at the National Eucharistic Congress in July in Indianapolis, all these flames will blaze together. The Seton Route will go through Washington DC, stopping overnight at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. You can join the procession or just stop by to visit Our Eucharistic Lord on June 8th and 9th. Go to <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/> to explore the interactive map and follow the four routes across the United States. Register for one of the many free events coming to our area.

Diocesan Jubilee Festival: Saturday, June 8, 2024

Bishop Burbidge invites you to the Diocesan Jubilee Fest at Warren County Fairgrounds in Front Royal, Virginia on Saturday, June 8, 2024! Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Diocese of Arlington with your parish family and thousands of faithful from across northern Virginia. Kick off the festival giving thanks to God with the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, celebrated by Bishop Burbidge. Following Mass, enjoy live music by headliner Celtic rock band, Scythian. This is a free event for all ages! Registration is required to receive a complimentary meal. Visit arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-fest to learn more and register!

4th Sunday of Easter - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese. If you are considering such a vocation, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

MASS INTENTIONS

"We are God's People"

1 Peter 2:10

Monday, April 22nd
 7:30 am Special Int. for Ava Galik

Tuesday, April 23rd
 7:30 am † Mary Kelliher
 12:00 pm † Dennis and Mary Treanor

Wednesday, April 24th
 7:30 am † Marjorie Moore
 10:00 am † Nelda Kastner (*Heatherwood*)

Thursday, April 25th
 7:30 am † Simone McGinley
 12:00 pm † Martha Burneo

Friday, April 26th
 7:30 am † Jenny Hatfield
 9:00 am Parishioners

Saturday, April 27th
 9:00 am † Andrea Olivieri
 5:00 pm † Henrietta T. Critelli
 7:00 pm † Maria Concepcion Alvarado

Sunday, April 28th
 7:00 am † Percy Lujan
 9:00 am Parishioners
 11:00 am † Hershilieda Gaerlan Roa
 1:00 pm † Aurora R. Quintos
 5:30 pm † Chris White

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

Couple to Couple League

Postpartum Class

Sunday, May 5th from 1-3 pm

St. Raymond of Penafort

Information and Registration:
<https://ccli.powerappsportals.com/en-US/>
 Select "Postpartum|English| Onsite," then enter your zip code.

NATIVITY ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURAL SOCIETY

Fiats in the Nations Capital

Have you ever been curious about Italian cars? Come and join us on April 25, when Christopher Fumagalli, Walter Fortini and John Erskine of DC Fiats share their knowledge of Alfa Romeos and Fiats in the Nation's Capital. It is the largest and most active local Fiat Club in the Nation. This is sure to be an interesting evening for all.

Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Nativity School Cafeteria

As always, a social hour follows. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share, if you can. Join as a member or come as a guest for a \$5.00 fee

SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

PRACTICE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST & PARENT HOW TO HIGH SCHOOL

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024 9:00 AM-12:15 PM

7TH GRADE STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO SIT FOR THE PRE-HSPT AT JP ON MAY 18TH FROM 9:00 AM-12:15 PM.

PARENTS ARE INVITED TO STAY FOR PARENT HOW TO HIGH SCHOOL - A WORKSHOP ON PREPARING YOUR STUDENT FOR SUCCESS IN HIGH SCHOOL!

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!

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT MAY 10-12

Finding Jesus in the Virtuous Life: God's law orders us towards goodness-towards union with God Himself. His grace transforms us from within, ordering every aspect of our lives towards union with Him, and this is the essence of the virtuous life. This young adult retreat will be an opportunity to spend a weekend contemplating the "well-ordered life in Christ."

Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center, email: sandamiano@arlingtondiocese.org for more info.



A Message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry

Creation Care Ministry wishes to thank Youth Minister Rebecca Judge, Handy Knight Bob Colella, this year's teen WorkCampers and their parent volunteers for the opportunity to work together on a service day in preparation for WorkCamp this summer! Seven Creation Care Ministry volunteers worked alongside the workcampers in Nativity's St Kateri Habitats to refurbish the existing spaces with additional plants and leaf mulch. The St. Kateri Habitat program is a certification process for Catholic lands, including homes, that are using sustainable gardening techniques. Their website states, "Anyone can begin to transform their home, school, workplace, or parish church into a healthy habitat for people and wildlife. It can be as simple as planting a tree, cultivating a vegetable garden, or growing wildflowers for bees and butterflies." Our original St. Kateri Habitat space is in the front of the church in the parking lot and five parking lot islands in the back of the church are also now designated in this way. Collectively these spaces offer habitat to expand the biodiversity of Nativity's campus in support of Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si. Perhaps the most entertaining moments of the work camp day were when students took on the role of God, St. Francis and Sister Catherine in a conversation about how "Suburbanites" have replaced his intended biodiversity with green triangles of lawn. While the native plants that students planted take time to become established, ultimately they will benefit native pollinators and add beauty to our campus. First they sleep (grow roots), next they creep (present as small plants), and then they leap (see our front garden!) Students also used power tools and hard work to rebuild several of the vegetable gardens and refurbished the others under the careful eyes of Bob Colella, parent volunteers, and Creation Care vegetable garden leaders, Linda Nordstrom and Marilyn Dornier. Come to the base of the parking lot to take a look at their handiwork! The theme for the day was a quote from Bill Patenaude, board member of the St. Kateri Conservation Center and author of the Catholic Ecology blog. He said, "Perhaps, before we can care our global common home, we must first love and value and nurture our own corners of creation." Our church campus, our homes and the homes that the workcampers will assist with are indeed "our own corners of creation."

For more information: nativitycreationcare@gmail.com.

Prayer for Vocations

*O God, Father of all Mercies,
Provider of a bountiful Harvest,
send Your Graces upon those
You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor;
preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you.*

*Open the hearts of Your children
that they may discern Your Holy Will;
inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves
to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.*

*Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life
guided by Your Divine Word and Truth.*

*Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,
all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers
and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord.*

Amen.

Nativity Catholic Church

“My Journey Into Becoming”

Inspirational Book Talk by Author & Nativity Parishioner



Cynthia Encinas-Concordia

Transformational Life Coach, Published Author, & International Speaker

Cynthia is excited to share her story and new book “My Journey into Becoming” with our Nativity community. Come and hear Cynthia’s inspirational talk!

Monday, May 20 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm | Fr Ready Room

Immobilized by trauma, Cynthia found a way to break free and move forward. She shares her notes on her transformational journey into manifesting her life dream. Cynthia has become a force of influence in her career as a life coach and intends to expand the horizon of her positive impact in her books.

Learn more about Cynthia: www.dreamtorise.info

Please join us for our April Rosary Meeting. April 21st from 2:00-3:30pm in the Father Ready Room. We will be teaching those interested in learning how make rosaries. We will also be making blue "Mary" rosaries. Please see the Rosary Ministry page on the parish website for more information.

Called & Chosen 8th Grade Vocations Event - May 7

All 8th graders of the diocese are invited to the Go Forth: Called & Chosen event with Bishop Burbidge on Tuesday May 7, at All Saints Catholic Church in Manassas. The program begins at 10:00 am and includes a vocations rally, Mass, and lunch, and concludes by 1:30 pm. All 8th graders must be accompanied by an adult; space is limited to 8th graders and their chaperones.

Please arrive early so all can be seated before 10:00 am.

For more information or to RSVP contact the Office of Vocations, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514 by Tuesday, April 30. (8th graders in Catholic schools will be coming with their classes.)

WORKCAMP 2024
CONTRACTORS NEEDED

WorkCamp is a week-long service opportunity for youth of our Parish to serve those in need throughout the Diocese. We are seeking people with home repair and maintenance skills who are willing to commit some of their time and talents to teaching young people and improving the lives of fellow Virginians in need.



DECKS, RAMPS, WINDOWS, FLOORING, ROOFS, & MORE
NO PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

JUNE 24-27 IN WINCHESTER, VA

To volunteer, contact our WorkCamp team (wc@nativityburke.org)
Visit arlingtondiocese.org/workcamp for more info

John Paul the Great HS - Spring Musical
Friday, April 26 - Sunday, April 28, 2024

The JP Fine Arts department will debut its spring musical, Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, on Friday, April 26th with shows running through Sunday, April 28th! Tickets are available for purchase here: <https://jpthegreat.booktix.com/>

YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFE TEEN: GRADES 9-12

DINNER - FELLOWSHIP - PRAYER & FORMATION

Sundays | 6:30-8:30pm

HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS

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

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



EDGE: GRADES 6-8

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



BASH: REGISTER TODAY

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

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

[See website for full schedule](#)

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

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

SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS

~ SUMMER CAMPS ~

JULY 8-19, 2024

Manassas, VA | Burke, VA

SpotlightSummerCamps.com

BROADWAY SPOTLIGHT

DRAMA BOOTCAMP

ARTS & CRAFTS FUN

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Join Us for a Magical Evening

Get ready to be whisked away to Paris as our talented students bring to life the beloved musical production of Disney's THE ARISTOCATS KIDS!

Date: Friday, May 03, 2024 Time: 7:30 p.m. (Doors open at 7:00 p.m.) Location: Fr. Martin Performing Arts Center @ Nativity Catholic School - 6398 Nativity Lane, Burke. Admission is FREE, and no tickets are required! Bring your family and friends for an evening filled with music, laughter, and the timeless charm of Disney magic. Don't miss this paw-some opportunity to support our students and experience the joy of live theater. We can't wait to see you there!



**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.
 Contact Mrs. Shannon Murphy, our Registrar, for more information, at (703) 455-2300 and/or smurph@nativityschool.org.

Upcoming Dates At-A-Glance!

- April 23 - 6th Grade Field Trip
- April 23 - ACRE Testing for 5th & 8th Graders
- April 24 - 4th Grade Field Trip
- April 26 - Half Day; 12:00 pm DISMISSAL
- April 27 - Auction Gala - 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm
- May 1 - First Communion Rehearsal 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
- May 2 - School Play for Students - 2:00 pm
- May 3 - Half Day; 12 pm DISMISSAL
- May 3 - School Play - 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Join us at Nativity to see how your child would spend his/her days here - learning, praying, sharing, loving, and laughing. We may be just the school for which you've been searching!

Yes, Catholic education is worth the investment! Nativity Catholic School is committed to making Catholic education accessible to those who desire it, and offers financial assistance to make their dream come true. Contact Mrs. Shannon Murphy, our Registrar, for more information, at (703) 455-2300 and/or smurph@nativityschool.org.

Sick / Homebound Visits

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL



Council Meetings - 1st and 3rd Tuesday. First meeting is a business meeting, the second meeting of the month is devoted to faith formation. Rosary 7:15 PM; meeting at 7:30 PM. Fellowship follows. Meet in the Nativity school cafeteria.

Linktree Universal Sign-up Link - Volunteer for an event! Scroll down to view all events.
https://linktr.ee/fr_sikora_council_7992.

27 & 28 April, KOVAR After Mass Collection: Volunteer on Link Tree.

19 May, Wives Appreciation Dinner: Link Tree link coming soon.

7 June, School End of Year BBQ: SUG is coming soon. Nativity Yard Sale is on Sat, 29 June. We will have several volunteer opportunities on separate, yet equally important SUGs. Please consider volunteering.

Yard Sale Area Leads: Dedicated coordinators, area leads, and assistant area leads. To make the yard sale run as efficiently as possible, we are asking area leads or assistant leads to commit to supporting the collection period as well as the date of the sale. Volunteer on Link Tree.

Yard Sale Collections: The collection period will run from June 22th through June 26st. SUG is coming soon.

Yard Sale Tent raising: Needs brawns and brains & maybe a spectator or two for encouragement. SUG is coming soon.

Date of sale: Too many needs to list. SUG is coming soon.

Clean-up: SUG is coming soon.

Food for Others: Volunteer for food distribution to the poor. Occasionally deliver Thursday or Friday evenings. For Thursdays, contact Br. Mark Sawyer at sawyerkoc7992@verizon.net. For Fridays, contact Br. Matt Stockburger at mstock_w@yahoo.com.

Name Tags: Email Vince Augelli at VaKC23@gmail.com.

Food for Others: Volunteer drivers & vehicle support for food distribution to the poor. Occasionally deliver Thursday or Friday evenings. For Thursdays, contact Br. Mark Sawyer at sawyerkoc7992@verizon.net. For Fridays, contact Br. Matt Stockburger at mstock_w@yahoo.com.

Name Tags: Email Vince Augelli at VaKC23@gmail.com.

Sunday Mass Coffee and Cookies: We are providing coffee and cookies following Sunday morning Masses.

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JUNE 20, 2024 AT 6:30PM

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Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge
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Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

4th Sunday of Easter



Sunday, April 21

Acts 4:8-12
Ps 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29
1 Jn 3:1-2
Jn 10:11-18

Monday, April 22

Acts 11:1-18
Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4
Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday, April 23

Acts 11:19-26
Ps 87:1b-7
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 24

Acts 12:24 – 13:5a
Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, April 25
St. Mark, Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b-14
Ps 89:2-3,6-7,16-17
Mk 16:15-20

Friday, April 26

Acts 13:26-33
Ps 2:6-11b
Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, April 27

Acts 13:44-52
Ps 98:1-4
Jn 14:7-14

As a child, I always loved hearing about Jesus the Good Shepherd and seeing pictures of our Lord holding His staff in one hand, surrounded by a herd of fluffy sheep, and with one wayward sheep always curled around His shoulders. I was comforted by this image of Jesus, who loved all His sheep, even those who lost their way and took off in the wrong direction.

This parable offers a much deeper meaning to me now as an adult. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who laid down His life to help me – a sinner who is so prone to going astray. He suffered, died on the cross, and rose from the dead to lead me and all of God’s children (His sheep) on the right path to heaven.

He knows me by name and restores my soul with grace from the Sacraments. He safeguards my steps from the snares of the Evil One through the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit alive in the one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church. He sometimes allows me to make wrong turns, but because I know and love Him, I can trust that

He is always right there, ready to bring me back into the fold.

Through the living waters of Baptism and the gift of the Holy Spirit, Christians are called and empowered to become like Jesus and be good shepherds, too. In His image, we must forgive those who are lost and do our part to bring them back into God’s embrace. We must live our lives in joy and compassion for others – especially the poor, the downcast, and the lost – who most need God’s mercy.

Trusting in the wise voice and directions of the Good Shepherd, we must never be afraid to speak God’s truth and wisdom with love and grace to correct those who are astray and having trouble finding their way. As worthy shepherds, we must pray for courage to stay loyal to Christ, the Good Shepherd, in our everyday thoughts, words, and actions, whether alone, with family, at work, at church, in politics, in science, or interacting with media.

Remember that Jesus and the Church have been associated with controversy from the beginning, but He promises victory in the end. We must hold on tightly in faith, help others know and love Christ, and shepherd them into the loving gate of our Savior.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † In which areas of your life do you most need shepherding to stay on the right path to heaven?
- † How are you being a good shepherd to the poor, downcast, and lost?
- † What are some ways we can hear the voice of the Good Shepherd? How can we protect ourselves from being snatched by Satan?
- † How do we lay down our lives for others when we are a good shepherd?

APRENDE TU FE

Quien se sienta triste porque le parece encontrarse lejos de Cristo, tenga esperanza, Él no se va. Por: P. José Luis Richard | Fuente: Catholic.net



Le han matado a su Señor y ella no pudo socorrerle. Sus gritos en medio de la multitud no sirvieron de nada y en seguida los sofocaron con golpes y empujones. ¡No había podido hacer nada por Jesús! Seguirle en silencio y acompañarle de pie junto a la cruz. Y nada más.

Lloraba recordando, en cambio, lo bueno que había sido Jesús con ella aquel día en la casa de Simón, la paz que le había inundado siempre al lado del Maestro, su mirada bondadosa y limpia, aquella seguridad... Pero ya todo había acabado. Sus enemigos habían vencido y se habían deshecho de Él y ahora ni siquiera le permitían a ella unguir como era debido el cuerpo del Señor.

Ella había creído que ya nunca podría llorar más. Que, después de la muerte de Jesús, quedaría insensible a cualquier otro dolor. Pero sí, aquello era demasiado. ¡Ya no tenía a Cristo! ¡Ni siquiera su cuerpo! Se lo habían quitado. Sintió rabia, amargura, odio, nostalgia. Todo a la vez.

Se le aparecen de pronto unos ángeles, pero ella ni se inmuta. ¿Qué le importa todo si ha perdido a Cristo? Jesús en persona se le acerca. No le oye llegar. Él se insinúa. Nada: está tan inmersa en su desesperación que no distingue la voz de Cristo hasta que Él mismo se le revela.

Ella se arroja sin dudarle un instante a los pies de Cristo, los abraza llorando de alegría y en un instante cree entender todo lo que había pasado. Nosotros, mientras tanto, observémosla.

Ahí está María, de la que Jesús había expulsado siete demonios. Cristo le había perdonado sus muchos pecados porque ella había amado mucho. Y porque Jesús le había perdonado demasiado pensó que, en adelante, jamás podría decir que ella le amaba ya bastante.

Es una mujer y le ama como ella es: con sencillez, con naturalidad, con esos pequeños detalles que dejan la impronta de una alma delicada. No se le habían presentado oportunidades especiales, pero tampoco había perdido ninguna ocasión para demostrar a Jesús su cariño y su eterno agradecimiento por haberla salvado.

Con fina intuición esta mujer había experimentado que nada era comparable con la posesión de Cristo, con su amistad, con la paz que Él irradia. Y que, por ello, no existe peor tragedia que perderle o disgustarle.

Sólo se había equivocado en un detalle: creía que había perdido a Cristo, que se lo habían quitado. Y nadie pierde a Cristo "sin querer", como extraviamos un llavero o un reloj. María, en realidad lo llevaba muy, pero qué muy vivo en su alma. Por eso se había levantado de madrugada. Por eso lloraba.

Quien se sienta triste porque le parece encontrarse lejos de Cristo, tenga esperanza. Si estuviese tan lejos como el demonio le sugiere, ninguna pena le daría. Una de dos: o ya tiene a Cristo o lo está tocando ya. Bastará, como hizo María, darse la vuelta, actuar como si ya lo hubiese hallado y descubrir la presencia de Cristo que le dice: "No me buscarías, si no me hubieses encontrado ya".

Señor, permíteme encontrarte en mi búsqueda de cada día

La piedra angular de la vida

26 de abril...Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

La piedra rechazada por los maestros pasó a ser la piedra principal. Salmo 118:22

¿CÓMO PODÍA USARSE una piedra angular después de que los maestros habían decidido que no funcionaría? Un amigo que se dedica a la construcción me ayudó a encontrar la respuesta: el constructor decidió qué piedras funcionarían en términos de tamaño, color y ubicación. Pero incluso si el constructor había rechazado una determinada piedra, el cantero podía ayudar al constructor a reevaluar esa decisión. La decisión de usar algo antes rechazado puede surgir por el tamaño o el color determinado que le daría el edificio una fortaleza o belleza única más allá de lo típico.

Jesús, carismático y poderoso, representó una nueva manera de relacionarse con Dios y con los demás más allá de lo que gente había visto. Jesús, rechazado por la religión de los fariseos y maestros de "acá no pasó nada", fue "revaluado" por todo el que buscaba la vida hermosa que él prometió: la cercanía personal a Dios y el amor compasivo por los demás. Se convirtió en la piedra angular que mantendría unida una vida y una comunidad.

P. James Krings

Hechos 4:8-12 · Salmo 118:1, 8-9,21-23,26,28-29 · 1 Juan 3:1-2 · Juan 10:11-18

PASTORES CON OLOR A OVEJA IV de Pascua

IV de Pascua J. Leoz



El Papa Francisco ha reclamado a sus curas y obispos que sean pastores con olor a oveja. Cristo olió a nosotros y le crucificaron, y continuaba oliendo a nosotros cuando resucitó para salvarnos. La arrogancia mata y el amor salva. Ésta es la gran lección: estamos hechos de amor y esperanza aunque a veces nos ensombrecamos de odio y

de rabia.

1. Seguimos en este tiempo de la Pascua atónitos y deslumbrados por los fulgores de la Resurrección de Cristo. Antes de su resurrección ya nos dejó muchas pistas para que pensáramos qué significaba ser cristianos o discípulos suyos. No podemos quedarnos exclusivamente en el ser buenos, en afanarnos por un mundo mejor, en compartir algo de lo nuestro (eso lo puede realizar cualquiera que no sea creyente) para afirmar que nuestra vida cristiana ya es "como Dios manda". Hay que ir más allá.

El Buen Pastor, Jesús, espera nuestra adhesión hacia El. Implica el dejarnos guiar, seducir y regir por su cayado y por su voluntad. Tres huellas, del Buen Pastor, nos pueden ayudar a no alejarnos de El:

La Palabra: nos ilumina. Nos anima en tiempos de dificultades. Nos rescata de atolladeros en los que, por diversas circunstancias, nos hemos metido. La Palabra del Buen Pastor es siempre segura, certera, sabrosa. No escucharla nos lleva, en la mayoría de los casos, a un desconocimiento total de la personalidad y de la misión de Jesús.

La Oración: con la oración, el Buen Pastor, se relaciona personalmente con cada uno de los miembros de su rebaño. Con la oración, Jesús, nos señala la vía que hemos de escoger para no perdernos en las noches oscuras de la vida. Con la oración sentimos la necesidad de entrar en diálogo con Aquel que nos ama, que nos comprende y que nos quiere tal y como somos.

La Eucaristía: sin ella, los amigos de Cristo, nos debilitamos. El cristiano que no vive ni participa de la eucaristía corre un serio riesgo: ser un simple borrego. Se deja ordenar por lo dictados del mundo. Se alimenta exclusivamente por otros alimentos perecederos que la sociedad ofrece, para embellecer el cuerpo o agradar el paladar, pero en detrimento de la belleza del espíritu o del alma.

2. En un tiempo en el que escasean tanto los líderes, necesitamos de Alguien que presida y motive nuestra existencia. Que nos reconozca con nuestro propio nombre y apellidos. Que nos trate con cierta dignidad y delicadeza. Como Jesús nada ni nadie.

Será difícil alcanzar la meta que Jesús nos propone. Será ardua la tarea de que, los pastores que dirigen la Iglesia, seamos tal y como Jesús se nos mostró. Pero siempre nos quedará el empeño de no abandonar cuando "tantos lobos" intentan apagar la voz de la verdad de Dios y, otras veces, arremeter contra los pastores que — con pecados y virtudes — intentan/intentamos orientar la vida de nuestras comunidades cristianas.

Demos gracias al Señor, en este Domingo IV de Pascua, porque sigue encabezando nuestro peregrinar por esta tierra e, incluso, dando la vida por cada uno de nosotros.

(por los sacerdotes). Grande la misión que nos ha encomendado el Señor, y muy frágiles en muchas ocasiones nuestras fuerzas. Por nuestras debilidades, pecados e inseguridades. E igualmente por aquel que preside la Iglesia en la unidad: el Papa Francisco en la que nos invita a involucrarnos más y mejor, con más intensidad y sencillez, para llevar al Pueblo de Dios a la coherencia en la fe.

¿CUANDO MAS TE NECESITO, SEÑOR!

Javier Leoz

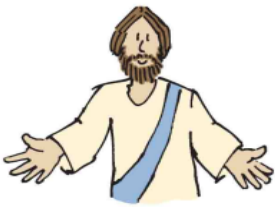
Te asomas, despertándome de mi letargo cristiano
y me pones en guardia frente a tantas cosas
que debilitan y distorsionan mi amistad contigo.
Cuando más ten necesito, Señor,
eres cayado en el que me apoyo para sujetarme
nunca caer y siempre levantarme.
Cuando, veo que mi nombre se pierde el abismo
suenas tu voz clara y nítida: ¡AMIGO!
Y, compruebo una y otra vez,
que eres Pastor que guarda mis pensamientos en el día
y hasta veía mis sueños entrada la noche.
Sí, Jesús.
Siempre surges en el momento oportuno
Conoces mi vida como nadie
y, a pesar de estar tan llena de brumas
la pones sobre tus hombros
para, una y otra vez, redimirla de sus pecados y dolencias.
Y es que, Tú, Señor,
como Pastor diligente, oportuno y puntual
te haces el contradictorio cuando más te necesito.
Si, debilitado por mis esfuerzos, pienso en abandonar
me elevas sobre tus hombros
me cubres con tus brazos
y me rodeas con tus Palabras de liberación.
Si, paralizado por mis errores, miro al fracaso
susurras palabras de consuelo a mis oídos.
¡Yo estaré contigo todos los días!
Y es que, Tú, Señor,
como Pastor que conoces mis atajos y mis dudas
te presentas cuando más te necesito.
Si, confundido por mil ideas, temo desertar
me confirmas en la fe verdadera: *¡YO SOY!*
Si, añorando poder y riquezas,
dirijo mis ojos hacia el escaparate del mundo
me llevas ante el tesoro de tu amor.
Y es que, Tú, Señor,
como Pastor, no quieres que — aún siendo débil oveja —
me pierda y me vaya lejos de tu rebaño.
Por eso y por tantas cosas, Señor,
te doy gracias
bendigo tu nombre
avanzo en tus sendas
proclamo tu Palabra
y, hoy como ayer, te digo:
¡TÚ ERES EL BUEN PASTOR!
Apareces siempre
cuando más te necesito
Amén.

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Jesus said that other "sheep" would listen to Him and come into His "sheep pen."

Use the code and fill in the blanks below.



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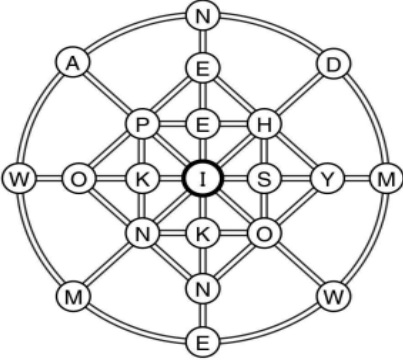
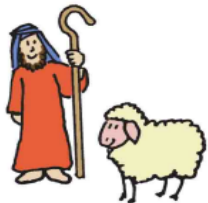
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Use the letter wheel to learn what Jesus said about His sheep.

Follow the arrows from letter to letter to find what Jesus said. Begin in the middle.



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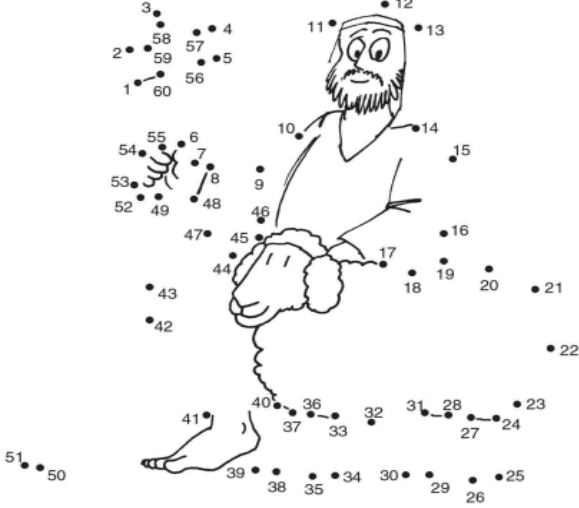
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The Shepherd and His Flock

How does Jesus describe Himself?

Connect the dots.



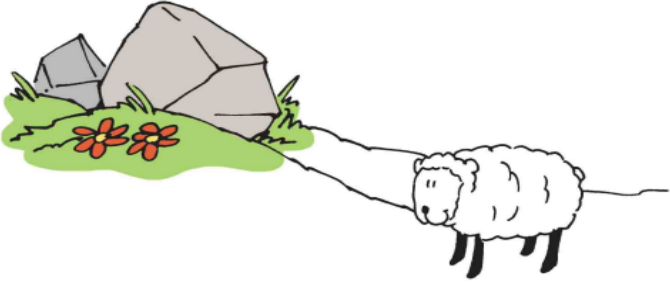
The Good _____.

Shepherds who don't value their sheep run away when wolves come. But what does the Good Shepherd do?

Find the answer to each math problem. Use the code to find what the Good Shepherd does.

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