

5TH SUNDAY of Easter



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nativityburke.org**

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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/>

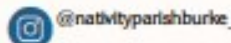
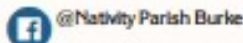
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you are engaged, and at least six months prior to
your wedding date.

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**



My dear parishioners,

25 Years ago, Fr. Richard Martin, then pastor of Nativity Catholic Church, had an idea to make the Lenten sacrifice more meaningful. He thought that if every family in the parish could do something to save 50 cents a day for the 40 days of Lent, we would have enough to make a significant difference in the lives of the poor. Today, our Operation Starfish ministry has certainly made a difference; perhaps more of a difference than Fr. Martin had even dreamed of. With the completion of our newest project in Haiti, Nativity Village at Bas Fossé, we will have provided new homes for 1,552 needy families.

To celebrate 25 years of Operation Starfish, in 2023 we have worked with Food For The Poor and CEPUDO to open a new clinic in El Celirio, Honduras. This rural village has a single nurse, working out of her pickup truck, to serve the medical needs of 3,500 people. Operation Starfish is funding the clinic construction and Stella Marina is providing birthing and newborn kits. Food For The Poor is managing the project, with CEPUDO handling operation and staffing of the new clinic.

Fr. Martin has guided this beautiful ministry since its inception in 1998. His spirit continues to inspire us as we make a difference, one family at a time. It has been a blessing to me to have been able to see first-hand the good that our parishioners are doing. It has also been a privilege to be able to expand Operation Starfish to Jamaica and now Honduras, creating more opportunities for our younger faithful to participate in this ministry.

The spirit of this parish is one of service to those in need, across the street and around the world. Our commitment to each other and to the poor serves as a counterpoint to all that is negative around us. The light of the Nativity star shines year-round from our hearts out into the world.

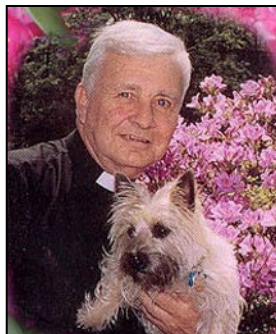
This 25th anniversary weekend, as we welcome our friends from Food For The Poor to worship with us, let's remind ourselves of the presence of Christ in our midst. And let's remind ourselves of the obligation to take Him with us wherever we go. As Pope Francis says, *"When God comes, he always calls us out of our house. We are visited so that we can visit others; we are encountered so as to encounter others; we receive love in order to give love."*

May God continue to bless us with the opportunity to serve the poor.

Love and Blessings,

Fr. Bob Cilinski

Fr. Bob Cilinski
Pastor



**On This Date in Nativity History
9 May 2014**

On this date, Nativity held the Mass of Christian Burial for Pastor Father Richard Martin, who died from complications from diabetes the preceding Saturday. The day preceding the Mass, parishioners and others stood in the midday heat for hours in a line that extended out of the church and well into the surrounding grounds to view Father Martin's casket and share condolences with his family. Parochial Vicar Father Bill Korpi described that day in these words: *"Well, it turned out that on the day of the viewing we were supposed to start at 11:00am and by 10:00am there were people who couldn't even get into the church, and they were standing outside. By the end of the day the line was wrapped around our building a couple of times... We were trying to get them inside because it was a blistering hot day.... The funeral director estimated that 20,000 people came through that day. I thought we'd get 5000 and we got 20,000 people... The viewing started at 11:00am, and the line never ended the entire day, there was never even a small break in the line. The last people came through at 11:00pm at night. People were still coming in when I said, "Okay that's it." It was the most amazing thing."*

The next day the Mass was scheduled to begin at 12:00 noon, preceded at 11:00am by music by the combined Nativity choirs and cantors. Many parishioners attended the daily Mass that day that began at 7:30am, and stayed in their pews after that Mass concluded so they would have a seat. The church was packed to beyond capacity, and via closed circuit television the Mass was televised to hundreds more in the school cafeteria. Attendance that day was estimated at more than 5,000.

This historical note is the 48th of a weekly bulletin feature leading up to Nativity's fiftieth anniversary, 11 June 2023.

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.

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS & 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 in the Church vestibule and Parish office starting this weekend.

Mother's names will be placed on the Altar during the month of May. Novena Mass Schedule:

Sunday, May 14	7:00 AM
Sunday, May 14	1:00 PM
Sunday, May 14	5:30 PM
Monday, May 15	7:30 AM
Tuesday, May 16	7:30 AM
Thursday, May 18	7:30 AM
Friday, May 19	9:00 AM
Saturday, May 20	5:00 PM
Saturday, May 20	7:00 PM



OPERATION STARFISH 1998 – 2023 MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR 25 YEARS

“Poverty calls us to sow hope...” - Pope Francis



This year Nativity Catholic Church marks the 25th year of Operation Starfish, our international ministry to the poor. Begun in 1998, with Fr. Richard Martin’s vision to make the Lenten sacrifice more meaningful, Operation Starfish has created an unmatched opportunity to encounter the poor and make a difference in their lives. By the time Fr. Martin died in 2014, our parish, working with Food For The Poor, had developed 9 Nativity Villages in Haiti and 3 greenhouse projects in the Dominican Republic.

When Fr. Bob Cilinski became Nativity’s Pastor, he led an Operation Starfish mission trip to Haiti in 2015 to dedicate Good Shepherd Village in memory of Fr. Martin. He also broke ground on a new medical facility – the “Operation Starfish Clinic,” in Good Shepherd Village. Fr. Cilinski returned to Haiti in 2017 to bless the new homes in Nativity Village at Despuzeau and to break ground for a new school there. Fr. Cilinski also initiated Operation Starfish mission trips to Jamaica for Nativity’s College and Young Adult Ministry.

Today, there are 12 Nativity Villages in Haiti with a 13th under construction. When Nativity Village at Bas Fossé is completed in late 2023, 1,552 families will be living in new homes, with clean water, sanitation, education, healthcare and small businesses. Fish4Hope and Stella Marina have grown out of Operation Starfish to provide specialized aid in fish farming and midwife support. Operation Starfish has provided health centers, hurricane and earthquake relief, large scale reforestation, agricultural projects, deep sea fishing co-ops, cholera relief, hospital equipment, food security, medical student scholarships in Jamaica and Haiti, sewing co-ops, primary school scholarships, and vocational training. We are truly “sowing seeds of hope” as Pope Francis calls us to do.

In our 25th year of service, we recognize the extreme difficulties the people of Haiti are facing – gang violence, failed government, hunger and disease. We are committed to our sisters and brothers in Haiti. Speaking to Bishop Ogé Beauvoir, Fr. Cilinski said “We will not abandon you!” So we will continue to build homes in Nativity Village at Bas Fossé this year. We will build 2 schools there and install a water distribution system. We will continue to fund the operation of St. Anthony Clinic, support our Nativity Sewing Centers and school scholarship program, fund midwife training and ship birthing and newborn kits. We will also continue our medical scholarship program in Jamaica.

In addition, in 2023 Operation Starfish is working with Food For The Poor and CEPUDO to open a new clinic in El Celirio, Honduras. This rural village has a single nurse, working out of her pickup truck, to serve the medical needs of 3,500 people. Operation Starfish is funding the clinic construction and Stella Marina is providing birthing and newborn kits. Food For The Poor is overseeing the project, with CEPUDO handling operation and staffing of the new clinic.

Please join us this weekend as we commemorate 25 years of Operation Starfish!

STELLA MARINA COLLECTION

May 6 & 7

IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPERATION STARFISH WEEKEND, WE WILL BE COLLECTING DONATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING **NEW ITEMS ONLY** TO SUPPORT THE VILLAGE IN HONDURAS WHERE WE ARE BUILDING A NEW HEALTH CLINIC:

- Soccer Balls & Jump Ropes
- Dolls
- Coloring Books & Crayons
- School Supplies
- Vitamins for Kids
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Soap & Shampoo
- Combs & brushes
- Shaving Razors
- Deodorant
- Flip Flops
- Plastic Rosaries



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL:
meg@stellamarina.org

AT ALL MASSES
IN THE NARTHEX
Saturday, May 6
Sunday, May 7



From Abortion to
Life-Affirming Medicine

DR.
BRUCHALSKI

Prolife Speaker



May 13th in the Nativity Catholic
Church Cafeteria
6:00–6:30 PM Refreshments
6:30 Speaker with Q&A
Followed by a book signing

For More Information and to Register,
<https://nativityburke.org/dr-bruchalski/>
or email jsturgeon@nativityburke.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!



OPERATION STARFISH

1998 - 2023

Making a Difference for 25 Years





Making a Difference

In 1998, Nativity Catholic Church began a ministry to the poor of Haiti. Fr. Richard Martin called it "Operation Starfish." Until Fr. Martin's death in 2014, Nativity worked with Food For The Poor to develop "Nativity Villages," with housing, clean water, sanitation, schools, clinics and small businesses throughout Haiti. Fr. Bob Cilinski expanded Operation Starfish to Jamaica and Honduras and brought more young adults into this ministry. Today, Operation Starfish has:

- 1,552 homes in Haiti
- 13 Nativity Villages in Haiti
- 4 fishing villages in Haiti
- 3 fresh water fish farms in Haiti

- 4 medical scholarships in Jamaica
- 4 greenhouses in the Dominican Republic
- Fish 4 Hope to spur small business
- Stella Marina to make childbirth safer

2023 Projects

- **construct a medical clinic in Honduras**
- **complete Nativity Village at Bas Fossé**
- **operate St. Anthony Clinic at Prolongé**
- **provide medical scholarships in Jamaica**
- **provide school scholarships in Haiti**
- **operate 3 sewing centers in Haiti**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

operation-starfish@nativityburke.org

703-455-2400

**Fr. Sikora Ladies' Auxiliary Group
Interest Meeting May 16**

All wives, adult daughters, and widows of any of our Knights of Columbus members at Council 7992 are cordially invited to attend a special interest meeting on May 16 at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Ready room. Come hear about the possibility of forming a Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary group and opportunities to participate! Please address any questions to Phyllis Giasson at gfamily1999@gmail.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 22 | WESTFIELDS GOLF CLUB CLIFTON, VA

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MAY 15



Thank you for your support of the Fiesta on Saturday! It was a wonderful event full of music and dancing, food and drinks, GREAT company and GENEROUS donations! We can't wait to see you again next year!

Winners of the 50/50 and Class Basket Raffles!

- 50/50 - Cheryl Lobo
- PreSchool & Pre-K - Khan Nguyen
- Kindergarten - Kelly Bishop
- First Grade - The Stegmaier Family
- Second Grade - The Duller Family
- Third Grade - The Sidebottom Family
- Fourth Grade - Eric Slee
- Fifth Grade - Jen Behan
- Sixth Grade - The O'Malley Family
- Seventh Grade - The Burke Family
- Eighth Grade - The Browne Family

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. To assist us as a Lunch/Recess Monitor, or Substitute Teacher, please contact Rich Godwin at (703) 455-2300, or rgodwin@nativityschool.org.



A Message from the Creation Care Ministry

In his first pastoral letter, Peter challenged his readers to be living stones of the church, that is, to allow themselves to be built into a dwelling place for God's own spirit. What does that then look like for us in today's world? In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis offers us a vision that encourages, motivates, nourishes, and gives meaning to our individual and communal lives. In contrast to the vapid consumerism of our day, he leads us to see that the possession of many things does not make us happy. Indeed, if we follow his lead, we can create a lifestyle that is both prophetic and contemplative – and happy.

Greta Thunberg, the young environmental leader, has inspired youth, school students, and adults throughout the world to urge action to alleviate climate change. She began her mission by convincing her parents to live a more sustainable lifestyle. From there she challenges all of us to work on this, to pay attention to our lifestyle as it is impacting our whole human family. As individuals and as a community, we can make a difference by making changes in our own lives, in our own immediate surroundings. As people of faith and followers of Jesus, we must. *(Excerpted from Catholic Climate Covenant resources.)*



COMEDY & BBQ NIGHT

6.00-8:30 PM

20 MAY

Special Invitation
by the
**Knights of Columbus
and Marriage
Enrichment
Ministry**

REGISTER TO ATTEND:

<https://nativityburke.org/comedy-bbq-night/>



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 24, 2023. Collections will begin: **Thursday, June 15, 2023 and continue through Wednesday, June 21, 2023. Your donations are tax-deductible and sincerely appreciated.**

Rosary Ministry - May Meeting

All rosary makers are invited to come on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, May 9th at 1:00PM in the Fr. Ready Room. May is our month to honor Our Blessed Mother. Come and make rosaries while we learn about some of the Marian devotions and chaplets. Marian Chaplets and devotions may enrich our prayer life and honor Mary by asking for her special graces. Come and familiarize yourself with the Three Hail Mary Devotion, The Ten evangelical Virtues of Mary Chaplet, the Chaplet of Our Lady of Undoer of Knots and others. If you have a special devotion to Mary, come and share with us as we make blue mission rosaries together.



For more information contact us at rosaryministry@nativityburke.org



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



Congratulations to our Clergy on their Anniversaries of Ordination being celebrated in May and June:

May 12	Fr. Bob Cilinski	44 years
June 8	Deacon Richard Kelly	21 years
June 8	Fr. Chris Hayes	10 years
June 14	Fr. Wilson Korpi	15 years



MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, May 8th

7:30 am † Felicisima Buendia

Tuesday, May 9th

7:30 am Special Intention for Joan Crum
12:00 pm † Deceased Members of the Chu Family

Wednesday, May 10th

7:30 am Special Int. for The Batson Family

Thursday, May 11th

7:30 am † Gigi Hanna
12:00 pm † Richard William Smith

Friday, May 12th

7:30 am † K.K. Yung
9:00 am † Dannie Howard Nealey

Saturday, May 13th

9:00 am † Constance Kee
5:00 pm † Apolonia Rocha Rye
7:00 pm Special Intention for Huynh

Sunday, May 14th

7:00 am Mother's Day Novena
9:00 am † Major John Mark
11:00 am Parishioners
1:00 pm Mother's Day Novena
5:30 pm Mother's Day Novena

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

OPENING OF THE MASS INTENTIONS CALENDAR FOR THE SECOND HALF OF 2023 SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 17 AT 9:00AM

- Please note that we can only honor **5 Mass Intention** requests per year, per family/household.
- We are currently opening the calendar for Mass Intentions from July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 only.
- We try our very best to accommodate your requested dates. Please be aware that some dates might be unavailable (i.e. Novena Masses etc.) and that the calendar fills us quickly.
- In case of unavailability, we will try our best to schedule on the closest date possible.
- You can schedule Mass intentions by visiting the parish office or going to our website at: <https://nativityburke.org/mass-intentions/> to request an intention online.
- For online requests: they are **NOT** scheduled until you get a confirmation email or call to let you know that the requested date(s) is/are available and Masses have been scheduled.
- We are not able to honor phone requests.

We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding as we try to accommodate all requests. If you have any other questions, please email Ayse Kenner at akenner@nativityburke.org.

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Rob Rokicki

ADAPTED FROM THE BOOK
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Rick Riordan

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JULY 14 - 15, 2023

JULY 21 - 22, 2023

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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	NO COLLECTIONS!

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	NO drop-offs!!	NO drop-offs!!

For more information please call: Dave Zivich 703-598-0698
Tax receipts provided
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*The Music Ministry is sending out a call for a Pianist.
Candidates should be proficient in piano skills, reading music
and be able to accompany choirs or singers.
Please reply to cfischl@Nativityburke.org if interested!*

Annual Multi-Car Raffle Winners

Nativity parishioners continued our winning streak. We had three winners, two of smaller cash prizes and one person who won the \$20,000 top cash prize. Congratulations to our winners. The complete winner's list can be found at <https://allsaintsvachurch.org/giving/car-affle/>. Thank you again for your generous support of this year's raffle which will benefit the youth ministry, the parish building fund, and Knights of Columbus charities.

ECHO May Food Room Collection - May 6 & 7

Choose sizes appropriate for our average family size of four. Because of the wonderful generosity of our community, ECHO already has a more than ample supply of canned vegetables, stuffing mix, canned soup, and canned beans. However, we are short on many other items such as personal care products and the items listed below. ECHO cannot give our clients food whose expiration date is long past, open food, or repackaged food (no zip-loc bags). Any donation, large or small, is most gratefully welcomed, we collected 877 lbs on April 1 & 2!

Items requested: *Lemon or Lime Juice, Instant Potatoes, Tea (green, herbal, black), Tortillas, Juice (pouches or bottles), Cooking Oil, Spaghetti, Crackers, Hot Chocolate, Shelf Stable or Canned Milk, Sugar, Muffin/Cornbread Mix, Bag Rice, Box Rice, Bag Beans (Red or Black especially), Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Canned Meat (Spam is a favorite), Dates, nuts, dried fruit, granola bars and other healthy snacks, Laundry Detergent, Shampoo/Conditioner, Band Aids, Deodorant, Facial Tissues, Dish Detergent, Brown Paper Grocery Bags.*

POLICE AND FAITH COMMUNITY Ecumenical Safety Talk at Nativity

*Hidden in Plain Site
A Workshop for Parents of Teens
From 7:00-8:00pm on Wednesday, May 10th
in the Fr. Ready Room*

This presentation is great for parents, especially those with middle school and high school teens. All adults will find it interesting. For the month of May, School Resource Officer David Curcio and Community Outreach Officer Liam May will be presenting Hidden in Plain Sight (H.I.P.S.).

This presentation helps you learn the latest trends in risky behavior and communications skills to help you talk to your children. We include up-to-date statistics and local trends, and law enforcement officers will share the experiences they have had in our community, identifying risky behavior and helping to put kids on the right path to a healthy life.

Contact Jennifer Sturgeon for more information, or if you have any questions, contact PFC Liam May at: liam.may@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-277-2357.



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.

Shed cleanout: On 13 May 8:00AM-noon, help clean out the upper and lower shed. Sign up on the linktree.

Culture of Life: Set aside Saturday, May 13 @ 6:00pm and then hold on to your seats as you hear Dr. Bruchalski reveal 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 School Cafeteria. Contact rickloffredo@outlook.com with any questions.

Comedy Night: Sign up to help grill, set-up, serve and clean at this Marriage Enrichment Ministry event 20 May.

Wives Appreciation Luncheon: Sun, May 21, 2:00 PM at The Wine House. Wives' meal covered by the council.

Knights buy your ticket on the linktree (\$63). Buy early, there are limited spaces available.

St. John Paul II National Shrine Pilgrimage: Our Council has 10 slots reserved for an afternoon pilgrimage on Saturday, June 3. Sign up on the linktree.

Plan for your family's future: Join us for an informative live presentation from the Abbate Agency - Knights of Columbus about how to combine your faith and financial security. It will be preceded by a social sponsored by K of C Council #7992 & The Nativity Marriage Enrichment Ministry. All are invited to better their understanding of benefits available to Catholics. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to learn and to enjoy good company during the social! It is open to the entire community. 9 May at 7:30PM in the Fr. Ready Room.

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.

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.

Name Tags: Email Warden Michael Bender at 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.

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.

Mother's Day in the Park

Join us for a blessing of all Moms
a Celebration with Sundaes
from Baskin-Robbins

AND A RAFFLE

SUNDAY, MAY 14
AT 1:00PM

FAIRFAX MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY
NEXT TO THE CEMETERY OFFICE



Father Jeb Donelan – Bánica Mission
The Prince William Chapter of the
Catholic Business Network of Northern Virginia
Welcomes YOU to our next live event on
Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 5:30 -7:00 PM
Holy Family Parish – 14160 Ferndale Rd, Woodbridge, VA.

Fresh from his time as one of the priests in the Diocesan Mission in Bánica, Father Jeb Donelan will be sharing about his experiences there, and answering your questions about life in the mission field. Light refreshments and drinks will be provided as we network with Catholic businesses.

Members: \$25 / Non-member, door, or less than 48 hours before event: \$30.

The 2023 Bishop's Lenten Appeal

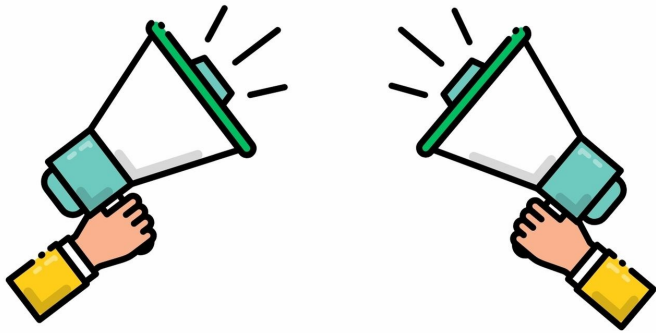


The Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) is an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family and support programs, ministries, and services that no single individual or parish could offer by itself. After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, if you have not already pledged a donation, please prayerfully consider supporting the BLA this year. Just go online: www.arlingtondiocese.org/bls or scan the QR code to make a donation of any amount. As of April 27, our pledges and donations amount to \$722,376 but with only 17 percent of registered parishioners participating. Please help our parish come closer to our BLA goal of 100 percent participation. Thank you and may God bless you!

DIOCESAN HEALING PRAYER SERVICE

On Tuesday, May 23 a Mass and Healing Prayer Service is scheduled for 7:30pm, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 14160 Ferndale Road, Dale City. Fr. John Melmer of St. John the Beloved Church of McLean will celebrate. Confessions will be available. This liturgy comes through the diocesan Catholic Healing Ministry. For more information, contact Grace Sims, 703-981-4620.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT



Religious Education Registration for 2023-2024 classes will open on May 20th

Please visit our parish website for all details and registration will be up on our Religious Education page nativityburke.org



girl scouts

Girl Scout Leaders Needed!

Join Girl Scouts!

PLEASE CONTACT 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!

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.




Associates of SAINT JOHN BOSCO

COLLEGE NIGHTS

Bridging the Gap of Faith

Peer connections

Student testimonials

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. All events begin at 7PM.

The Associates of St. John Bosco undergraduate scholarship opportunity

The Associates of St. John Bosco is pleased to offer three \$4,000 scholarships and one \$6,000 scholarship (the Vincent T. Vaccaro Education Scholarship) to undergraduate students who demonstrate an intense desire to live out their faith on their college campus and who seek to serve the Church in some capacity after graduation. Freshman scholarship funding may continue into the next three years if certain criteria are met and, if funding is available, for potentially \$14,000 to \$20,000 in total scholarship funding!

Please apply by
May 22 at asjb.org/scholarship-program

**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	NO COLLECTIONS!

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	NO drop-offs!!	NO drop-offs!!

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

Tax receipts provided

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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	SIN COLECCIONES!

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	¡¡SIN drop-offs!!	¡¡SIN drop-offs!!

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

Recibos de impuestos proporcionados

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ARTICULOS 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
- Esquíes
- 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!!)**



16th Annual "Pops Camp" For rising 7th-9th graders

Monday - Friday, August 7-11, 2023

Friday - 11 a.m. concert/potluck

For rising 7th, 8th or 9th instrumentalists with at least one year of instruction.

- Jazz Studies \$50: 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Quite popular secondary offering that introduces improvisational techniques while preparing music for concert.
- Pops \$100: 9:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Daily itinerary includes full group and sectional rehearsals plus snack.

Register using the QR code.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Jan Siegfried at jsiegfried@paulvi.net



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



PVI Theatre Camp

June 19 – 23, 2023

(Monday – Friday)

9 a.m. – noon

For rising 7th-9th graders

Cost:

\$150 per student, if registered by May 1

\$180 per student, after May 2

Register using QR code.

Contact Mrs. Kathy d’Alelio
kdalelio@paulvi.net or call
703-352-0925 x0622



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

Called by Christ!



WEEKEND DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN (AGES 18-40)

June 16-18

Cost: \$100 includes private room and all meals

Register with the Office of Vocations by June 5:

vocations@arlingtondiocese.org
(703) 841-2514

Sponsored by the Office of Vocations, with the Trappist-Cistercian Sisters from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Crozet, VA.



NEED TO TALK?

Catholic Charities provides quality mental health services & counselors grounded in a Catholic understanding of the human person. “Nativity’s Counselor” Ms. Marguerite Turner, MS, LPC is back at Nativity counseling clients in-person and is available on Thursdays from 10:00am-6:00pm to talk with any parishioners who may be struggling.

To set up an appointment, please contact Marguerite at 703-454-2415 or mmturner@ccda.net.



Pastoral Care

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.

WORKCAMP 2023

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 19-22 IN WINCHESTER, VA**
- To volunteer, contact your Parish Stakeholder or Director of Youth Ministry!
- Visit arlingtondiocese.org/workcamp for more info.



NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

nativityschool.org



PTO Sponsors Yearly Nativity Auction

It was a FIESTA – an evening of food, fun, and fellowship – where we met new friends and reconnected with old ones. As we danced the Cha Cha Cha and the Salsa (and more!) to the classic music performed by local Latin band, ‘Sol Y Rumba,’ we raised funds to update our science lab, increase our mathematics manipulatives, and fund student enrichment activities, such as school field trips and scholarships.

It was a wonderful evening! A BIG Thank You to our PTO for its constant support – and to our very generous school community – your commitment means a great deal to us.



Upcoming Dates At-A-Glance!

- May 8-12: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 8: 1st Communion Breakfast Grades 2&8
- May 9: 8th Grade Spanish Exam
- May 9-11: NWEA Testing Grades 3-7
- May 10: Chipotle Fundraiser 4:00 p.m.
- May 12: May Crowning at Mass
- May 13: International Seaperch Competition
- May 16: Piano Recital 6:30 p.m.
- May 17: 4th Grade Field Trip
- May 17: Battle of the Books Competition
- May 18: 2nd Grade Field Trip
- May 18: Charlotte’s Web Performance 2:00 p.m.
- May 22: Parish Golf Tournament
- May 23: Shakespeare Performance 2:00 p.m.
- May 24: 8th Grade at PVI for Shakespeare
- May 24: 4th Grade Colonial Days
- May 26: Preschool/Pre-K Last Day
- May 26: 12 NOON Early Dismissal
- May 26: 7th & 8th Grade Dance 7:00 p.m.
- May 29: Memorial Day - No School
- May 30: Principal/Teacher of the Day
- May 31: Grades 7th & 8th Field Day

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER CAMPS

We are currently recruiting adult and teen volunteers for our two summer camp programs, Vacation Bible Camp and Camp on the Edge. Consider joining our team! Register to volunteer on the parish website.



CHILDREN’S ROSARY NEWS

Our next event (and the ONLY meeting in May) is Saturday, May 20 at 4:00pm for the Annual May Crowning. We will meet at the statue outside the school entrance for a Rosary and May Crowning. Rain location is in the School Chapel. Wear your Sunday’s Best or 1st Communion attire for those who have just received the sacrament for the 1st time!

June, July, August: We will be on summer break. Meetings will resume in September on the SECOND and FOURTH Saturdays of each month (we added a second meeting time this year and will continue this rhythm next year), barring holiday weekends. We will meet in the School Chapel at 4:00pm. This is also a LOCATION CHANGE, we no longer meet in the Training Room.

2022 ORDINATIONS



Congratulations to Rev. Peter St. George, Rev. Peter Clem, Rev. Daniel Reuser, Rev. Mauricio Portillo, Rev. Daniel Rice, Rev. John O'Farrell, Rev. Philip Briggs, Rev. Robert Renner

THEY HAVE ANSWERED THE CALL. WILL YOU?



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CONTACT: John French, Office of Development • john.french@arlingtondiocese.org • (703) 841-3819



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl meeting for this month will be held on Monday morning, May 15th at 9:30am in the Fr. Ready room. All are welcome!

Interpreters Needed for Our Mother of Mercy Free Clinic

MoM's mission is to provide free, quality healthcare to low-income individuals who are uninsured or under-insured in the Diocese. The majority speak Spanish. The Clinics are in need of Virtual Interpreters to help improve communication between the client and medical providers. All interpreting services will be remote via Zoom. Training provided. If you can help one 4-hour shift a month, please register here: <http://bit.ly/VolunteerMotherofMercy>.



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!

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>

Christian unity may be closer than you think.

Join us for our Northern Virginia celebration of the prayer service for the

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023

Tuesday, May 23 at 7pm

St. Ann Catholic Church, 5300 10th St N, Arlington, VA



DO GOOD; SEEK JUSTICE.
(Isaiah 1:17)



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2023

Welcoming all Christians,
led by these church leaders:

Most Reverend Michael Burbidge
Catholic Diocese of Arlington

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson
Virginia Conference, The United Methodist Church

Bishop Leila Ortiz
Metro DC Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The Right Reverend E. Mark Stevenson
The Episcopal Diocese of Virginia

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

Padayon Pagsayaw

The Filipino/American Community Ministry, in collaboration with the Leyte Dance Theater, proudly Presents 90 Minutes of fun, culture, friendship, pure energy, and love in song, music and dance at, "Padayaw Padayon Pagsayaw" non-stop dancing on Saturday, May 20 at 4 p.m. (doors open at 3:00 p.m) at West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road, West Springfield, VA 22152! General admission is \$40. Payment may be made in advance or at the door. Online payments are acceptable. Please confirm reservation by mailing checks payable to Filipino/American Community Ministry no later than Monday, May 1 with your name and contact info to: Filipino/American Community Ministry, 1106 Jackson Court, Falls Church, VA 22046. For more information contact the Office of Multicultural Ministries at mcm@arlingtondiocese.org or call 703.841.3881.

Our Lady of Fatima and the Fall of Communism

JOIN US FOR A
GOLDEN JUBILEE PRESENTATION



This multimedia presentation by Steve Hemler and Craig Turner of the Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America (CAINA) provides a fascinating look at the events that led to the fall of communism in Russia and Eastern Europe and their links to Our Lady of Fatima, including the key role of Pope St. John Paul II.

These Golden Jubilee presentations will be on



Steve Hemler

[TUESDAY]
[MAY 23]

St. Mary of Sorrows, Fairfax

7:30 pm

[THURSDAY]
[MAY 25]

St. John the Evangelist, Warrenton

7:30 pm

[SATURDAY]
[JUNE 10]

St. Patrick, Fredericksburg

10:00 am



Craig Turner



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For more, see:

[https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/golden-jubilee-all-events/.](https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/golden-jubilee-all-events/)

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday May 7

Acts 6:1-7
Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19(22)
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

Monday May 8

Acts 14:5-18
Ps 115:1-4,15-16
John 14:21-26

Tuesday May 9

Acts 14:19-28
Ps 145:10-13ab,21
John 14:27-31a

Wednesday May 10

Acts 15:1-6
Ps 122:1-5
John 15:1-8

Thursday May 11

Acts 15:7-21
Ps 96:1-3,10
John 15:9-11

Friday May 12

Acts 15:22-31
Ps 57:8-10,12
John 15:12-17

Saturday May 13

Acts 16:1-10
Ps 100:1b-3,5
John 15:18-21

Today's Gospel reading ends with a very astounding verse: "Whoever believes in me will do the works I do, and greater far than these." What does he mean? How can we do the same – and *greater* – miracles that Jesus himself did?

The answer is found in the context of the entire chapter. Jesus is explaining his close relationship with the Father. Remember, Jesus was (and still is) both human and divine. We need to look at these verses with that in mind. How did he serve the Father as the Son of *Man*? And how did he serve the Father as the Son of *God*?

The "works I do" come from his human nature: He loved, he taught, he conversed with a listening heart, he dined with others, he worked hard at his job, he took his ministry very seriously. "Whoever believes in me will do the works I do" – he is our example of what it means to be a

holy human. We will love others as he loves them, teach the faith to others, listen to those who need someone to understand them, work hard at our jobs, offer a helping hand when we see a need, etc. There's nothing supernatural about it. It's being who we are: human children of a loving Father.

The "greater" works come from his divine nature: He did the supernatural works of his Father. "Whoever believes in me will do the works of the Father." We are called to be the Father's conduits of miracles in our world today.

When Jesus united himself to us as a human, he showed us how to rise above our human limitations. Now, through the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, we are united to Christ's divine nature so that

we can continue the works of the Father. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, any disunity is removed. We can love the unlovable after they've pushed us past our human limits. We can be conduits of the supernatural. We can do everything that God asks of us, despite our inadequacies.



Reflect & Discuss:

- † Make a list of your gifts and talents. Then reflect on how each of these are the human works of Jesus for the world today. How has the Father also worked through you supernaturally?
- † Name some of the good works being done in your parish or group: How do these reflect the human nature of Jesus?
- † Name some of the ways that your parish or group shows the Father's supernatural nature to the world.
- † How can we become better able to do the "greater works" of the Father?

V Domingo de Pascua, Ciclo A**Juan 14, 1-12: La respuesta cristiana a la pregunta humana más inquietante****Autor: P. Raniero Cantalamessa, ofmcap****Sitio Web: P. Raniero Cantalamessa, ofmcap****Hechos 6, 1-7; 1 Pedro 2, 4-9; Juan 14, 1-12**

En el libro del Génesis se lee que después del pecado Dios dijo al Hombre: «Con el sudor de tu rostro comerás el pan, hasta que vuelvas al suelo, pues de él fuiste tomado. Porque eres polvo y al polvo tornarás» (Gn 3, 19). Cada año, el miércoles de Ceniza, la liturgia nos repite esta severa advertencia: «Recuerda que polvo eres y en polvo te has de convertir». Si dependiera de mí, haría desaparecer de inmediato esta fórmula de la liturgia. Justamente ahora la Iglesia permite sustituirla con la otra: «Convertios y creed en el Evangelio». Tomada a la letra, sin las debidas explicaciones, aquellas palabras son de hecho la expresión perfecta del ateísmo científico moderno: el hombre no es más que una polvareda de átomos que se resolverá, al final, en otra polvareda de átomos.

El Qohélet [Eclesiastés. ndt], un libro de la Biblia escrito en una época de crisis de las certezas religiosas en Israel, parece confirmar esta interpretación atea cuando escribe: «Todos caminan hacia una misma meta; todos han salido del polvo y todos vuelven al polvo. ¿Quién sabe si el aliento de vida de los humanos asciende hacia arriba y si el aliento de vida de la bestia desciende hacia abajo, a la tierra?» (Qo 3, 20-21). Al final del libro, esta última terrible duda (quién sabe si hay diferencia entre la suerte final del hombre y la del animal) parece resuelta positivamente, porque el autor dice que «vuelva el polvo a la tierra, a lo que era, y el espíritu vuelva a Dios que es quien lo dio» (Qo 12, 7). En los últimos escritos del Antiguo Testamento empieza, es verdad, a abrirse camino la idea de una recompensa de los justos después de la muerte, y hasta la de una resurrección de los cuerpos, pero es una creencia aún bastante vaga en el contenido y no compartida por todos, por ejemplo, por los saduceos.

En este contexto podemos valorar la novedad de las palabras con las que empieza el Evangelio del domingo: «No se turbe vuestro corazón. Creéis en Dios; creed también en mí. En la casa de mi Padre hay muchas mansiones; si no, os lo habría dicho; porque voy a prepararos un lugar. Y cuando haya ido y os haya preparado un lugar, volveré y os tomaré conmigo, para que donde esté yo, estéis también vosotros». Contienen la respuesta cristiana a la más inquietante de las preguntas humanas. Morir no es --como estaba en los inicios de la Biblia y en el mundo pagano-- bajar al Seól o al Hades para llevar allí una vida de larvas o de sombras; no es --como para ciertos biólogos ateos-- restituir a la naturaleza el propio material orgánico para un ulterior uso por parte de otros seres vivos; tampoco es --como en ciertas formas de religiosidad actuales que se inspiran en doctrinas orientales (con frecuencia mal entendidas)-- disolverse como persona en el gran mar de la conciencia universal, en el Todo o, según los casos, en la Nada... Es en cambio ir a estar con Cristo en el seno del Padre, ser donde Él es.

El velo del misterio no se ha levantado porque *no puede* suprimirse. Igual que no se puede describir qué es el color a un ciego de nacimiento o el sonido a un sordo, tampoco se puede explicar qué es una vida fuera del tiempo y del espacio a quien aún está en el tiempo y en el espacio. No es Dios quien ha querido mantenernos en la oscuridad... Nos ha dicho, sin embargo, lo esencial: la vida eterna será una comunión plena, alma y cuerpo, con Cristo resucitado, compartir su gloria y su gozo.

El Papa Benedicto XVI, en su reciente encíclica sobre la esperanza (*Spe salvi*), reflexiona sobre la naturaleza de la vida eterna desde un punto de vista también existencial. Comienza observando que hay personas que no desean en absoluto una vida eterna, que incluso tienen miedo. ¿Para qué sirve --se preguntan-- prolongar una existencia que se ha revelado llena de problemas y de sufrimientos?

La razón de este temor, explica el Papa, es que no se logra pensar en la vida más que en los modos que conocemos aquí abajo; mientras que se trata, sí, de vida, pero sin todas las limitaciones que experimentamos en el presente. La vida eterna --dice la Encíclica--, será sumergirse en el océano del amor infinito, en el cual el tiempo --el antes y el después-- ya no existe. No será un continuo sucederse de días del calendario, sino como el momento pleno de satisfacción, en el cual la totalidad nos abraza y nosotros abrazamos la totalidad.

Con estas palabras el Papa alude tal vez, tácitamente, a la obra de un famoso compatriota suyo. El ideal del *Fausto* de Goethe es de hecho precisamente alcanzar tal plenitud de vida y tal satisfacción que le haga exclamar: «Detente, instante: ¡eres tan bello!». Creo que ésta es la idea menos inadecuada que podemos hacernos de la vida eterna: un instante que desearíamos que no acabara nunca y que --a diferencia de todos los instantes de felicidad de aquí abajo-- ino terminará jamás! Me vienen a la memoria las palabras de uno de los cantos más amados por los cristianos de lengua inglesa: «Amazing grace». Dice: «Y cuando allí hayamos estado diez mil años, / brillando como el sol, / el tiempo que nos queda de alabar a Dios / no será inferior que cuando todo comenzó» (*When we've been there ten thousand years, / Bright shining as the sun, / We've no less days to sing God's praise / Than when we've first begun.*)

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La Resurrección de Jesús: nuestro rescate El impresionante hecho de la Resurrección de Jesucristo es mucho más que un acontecimiento milagroso

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Y si Cristo no resucitó, de nada les sirve su fe: ustedes siguen en sus pecados. Y, para decirlo sin rodeos, los que se durmieron en Cristo están totalmente perdidos. 1 Corintios 15:17 y 18

El impresionante hecho de la Resurrección de Jesucristo es mucho más que un acontecimiento milagroso. Sus implicaciones son incontables y reales para la vida de todos los que hemos creído en su nombre y en la grandeza de su divinidad. Haber sido levantado de la tumba por el poder del Padre significa que ahora nosotros, los creyentes, seguidores de Jesús, tenemos un fundamento sólido e inamovible para nuestra fe.

Si nuestra esperanza en Cristo se termina con la vida presente, somos los más infelices de todos los hombres. Pero no, Cristo resucitó de entre los muertos, siendo Él primero y primicia de los que se durmieron. Un hombre [Adán] trajo la muerte, y un hombre [Jesús] también trae la resurrección de los muertos. (1 Corintios 15:19-21)

Lo que hemos aprendido de nuestra Iglesia es la base sobre la que, como cristianos, edificamos nuestra vida, instituímos nuestra familia y trazamos nuestro destino. Asimismo, podemos esperar, a partir de la gracia que se ha derramado sobre nosotros con el sacrificio de Cristo en la cruz, el ser rescatados de situaciones difíciles en las que no es suficiente nuestra capacidad humana.

Podemos ser liberados de la desesperación, cuando vivimos momentos en los que las circunstancias nos han rebasado y no tenemos más el control: el esposo o la esposa se ha marchado de casa; hemos perdido el empleo y tenemos deudas que pagar; un miembro de la familia está gravemente enfermo; un hecho climatológico ha destruido nuestra casa, u otras terribles situaciones.

Asimismo, Dios puede consolarnos de la tristeza, cuando hemos tenido una pérdida importante, o cuando los problemas de la pareja o la familia van a extremos que emocionalmente nos lastiman. Cuando David fue sanado y rescatado de la muerte, escribió: *"Tú has cambiado mi duelo en una danza, me quitaste el luto y me ceñiste de alegría."* (Salmos 30:12). Porque toda tragedia, toda situación dolorosa pasará, y si confiamos y nos aferramos a Dios, Él nos consolará de toda tristeza.

Otra situación de la que nuestro Señor puede levantarnos es el fracaso. Si nos sentimos derrotados por haber cometido un error grave o por haber hecho una decisión equivocada y las consecuencias están sobre nosotros, el sentimiento es desolador. Pedro negó a Jesús, no una sino tres veces. Sin embargo, Jesús lo perdonó cuando vio su arrepentimiento profundo, lo hizo un hombre nuevo, firme y lleno del poder de Dios. Así también podemos recuperarnos y ser restaurados, cualquiera que sea la situación.

El rey David cometió adulterio y asesinato, arrastrado por una baja pasión, y esto lo colocó bajo una culpa terrible que lo apartó de Dios. Pero cuando confesó su pecado, recibió alivio y perdón. Hasta que no lo confesaba, se consumían mis huesos, gimiendo todo el día. Tu mano día y noche pesaba sobre mí, mi corazón se transformó en rastrojo en pleno calor del verano. Te confesé mi pecado, no te escondí mi culpa. Yo dije: *"Ante el Señor confesaré mi falta". Y tú, tú perdonaste mi pecado, condonaste mi deuda. (Salmos 32:3-5) La culpa puede ser un opresión insoportable, pero Jesús con su muerte y resurrección ganó para nosotros el perdón, no importa cuán grande haya sido nuestro pecado. Pero si confesamos nuestros pecados, él, que es fiel y justo, nos perdonará nuestros pecados y nos limpiará de toda maldad. (1 Juan 1:9)*

Al morir en la cruz, Jesús cargó sobre sí toda enfermedad. Él soportó el castigo que nos trae la paz y por sus llagas hemos sido sanados (Isaías 53:5b). Como hijos suyos, podemos reclamar esta promesa y hacer nuestra la sanidad a la que tenemos acceso. Sus heridas, su sangre derramada, su agonía, su muerte y resurrección fueron el precio que Él pagó para que nosotros hoy podamos gozar de sanidad.

Gracias a Dios que nos mostró su poder y su plan para nosotros cuando resucitó a su Hijo Jesucristo y lo sentó a su diestra en los lugares celestes. Ahora podemos venir a Él para recibir perdón, liberación, sanidad, consuelo, restauración y, cuando muramos... vida eterna.

Dios está presente en la historia de tu vida Jesucristo Al volver la vista atrás en la propia vida podemos descubrir la presencia de Dios que nos acompaña y cuida con mano de Padre.

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¡Sí! La historia nos habla de la presencia y del amor de Dios para la humanidad y para cada hombre personalmente. Desde el inicio de la creación, cuando Dios creó al hombre a su imagen y el hombre rechazó esta amistad por su desconfianza y desobediencia, la historia nos muestra el esfuerzo del hombre para volver a encontrar la felicidad que tenía al principio pero había perdido.

También nos habla de la presencia continua de Dios que ayuda al hombre a descubrir que su verdadera felicidad sólo se encuentra en Él. Podemos ver todo esto en concreto en el Antiguo Testamento, que es nada más que la historia del Pueblo Escogido de Israel y nos habla, como la historia de tantos otros pueblos, de reyes, de guerras, de héroes y de traidores, pero, también, de manera explícita, de la presencia perenne y de la acción favorable de Dios hacia "su" Pueblo.

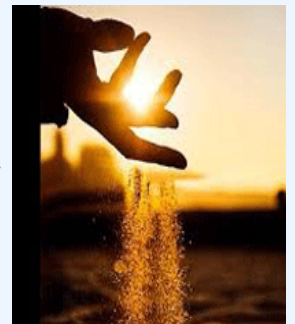
Pero el instante definitivo de la historia ha llegado hace más de 2000 años cuando Dios se ha hecho hombre, en la Persona de Jesucristo, y ha querido vivir y compartir la vida humana en todas sus realidades cotidianas de la familia, del trabajo, del amor y del sufrimiento. La vida de Jesucristo no sólo ha marcado al mundo durante unos años, sino que su influencia ha venido perpetuándose hasta hoy. Además, varias de las páginas más importantes y más bellas de la historia, después de Cristo, han sido escritas por discípulos suyos, tal como San Francisco de Asís y Santo Teresa del Niño Jesús, o más cercano, por San Juan Pablo II.

Desde que Dios quiso entrar en el tiempo no sólo la historia de un Pueblo está acompañada por la presencia de Dios, sino toda la humanidad, así como cada persona. Al volver la vista atrás en la propia vida y en la propia historia personal, muchos pueden descubrir también esta presencia divina que les acompaña y les cuida con mano de Padre.

El Pueblo de Israel supo descubrir la especial intervención de Dios en su historia, y cómo la bendición que Dios dio a los judíos era un bien para toda la humanidad. Con Cristo se hizo realidad la promesa: Dios entró en la historia y quiso rescatar a los que vivíamos en las tinieblas del pecado y del error (Ef 5,8; Col 1,13-14). Por eso la historia tiene un sentido sagrado: cada momento puede quedar redimido por Cristo, o puede seguir manifestando las tinieblas del pecado.

A pesar de que alguno tenga motivos para pensar que hay más pecado que santidad y que el cristianismo ha fracasado después de más 2000 años de historia, lo cierto es que el perdón de Dios sigue disponible para todos los que lo acojan. Pablo de Tarso se convirtió cuando perseguía a los cristianos.

También hoy cada hombre o mujer puede cambiar su vida cuando llegue a esta certeza: Cristo "me amó y se entregó a sí mismo por mí" (Ga 2,20).





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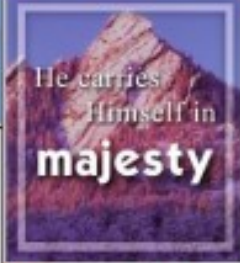


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