



# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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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.  
Monthly Sensory Mass on the  
second Sunday of every month at  
the 1:00pm Mass

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

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

**HOLY DAY MASSES:** As Announced

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

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

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

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Announcements for the bulletin  
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**A Message from our Pastor  
Msgr. Bob Cilinski**



*"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age"*

My dear parishioners,

Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus did return to heaven in triumph and glory. The Ascension is affirmed in the creed of the church, *"He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father."* Jesus is now the universal Lord of every nation. Every part of the world comes within his redeeming, healing embrace.

The Ascension is not about Jesus' absence but about a different kind of presence... His spiritual, sacramental presence. Christ is with us always through faith, the sacraments, prayer and the life of the Church. People will now encounter Jesus through the life of the Church. That is why Jesus gave us the great commission to baptize all nations. And, finally, Jesus returned to heaven to *"prepare a place for us."* Our destination is the same and we should be united in knowing that we are all striving for heaven.

Happy Ascension.... and next Sunday, Happy Pentecost.

Love and Blessings,  
*Bob Cilinski*  
Msgr. Bob Cilinski  
Pastor

As part of our commitment to building a welcoming and supportive parish community, we invite you to take a moment to read the new pew cards featuring our Family Ministry and Disability Inclusion Ministry.

These ministries serve families in all stages of life and help ensure that every person feels seen, supported, and included in the life of the Church.

After reviewing the cards, we kindly ask that you leave them in the pew so others may also learn about these important ministries and the resources available within our parish community.

**SECURITY MINISTRY**

This month we began a Security Ministry at Nativity. Its purpose is to create a safe, welcoming environment during our worship.

A highly trained, discreet two-person team will be present at every Sunday Mass. They will combine professional security practice with a ministry heart, preventing issues and responding effectively when needed.

One change is: **when Mass begins the side doors of the church will be locked.** You can always go out, but those coming to Mass will use the front doors in the Narthex. It provides good protection and is now a best practice for houses of worship.

We are grateful to our security ministers for their service while we all participate in Mass and care for one another. Thank you.

*Attention Please!*

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**CALENDAR OPENING FOR**  
**July 1 thru December 31, 2026**

The JUL-DEC 2026 Mass Intentions Calendar will open on Wednesday, May 20 at 9:00 am. We are limiting the requests to 5 intentions per family/household per calendar year.

You can visit the parish office to schedule intentions. The online portal to schedule Mass Intentions will open on Tuesday, May 26 at 9:00 am. Please be patient & courteous as we try to honor all requests. Unfortunately we are not able to take phone requests. If you have additional questions, please email Ana Gonzalez at [agonzalez@nativityburke.org](mailto:agonzalez@nativityburke.org).  
<https://nativityburke.org/mass-intentions/>

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT MINISTRY**

**Couples' Mini- Retreat  
with Fr. Daniel Hanley**



**CONNECTION - COMMUNICATION - FAITH - LOVE**

**SATURDAY, MAY 30TH | 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM**

**NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*Mass - Brunch*

*Speaker & Breakout Sessions*

*Adoration - Childcare Offered*

Registration Link:

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



**The Importance of Sunday Mass**

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



Looking for a meaningful way to give back to our parish community? Become a catechist volunteer and help nurture the faith and growth of our children. Your time and guidance can make a lasting difference in their lives.

## VOLUNTEER CATECHIST NEEDED

### FOR OUR UPCOMING 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR!

- Catechists
- Assistant Catechists
- Office Assistants
- High School Catechist Assistants
- Substitutes (catechists)
- SPRED Volunteers

There is a  
50%  
RE tuition  
discount for  
catechists for  
their year  
commitment.

It is a Diocesan and Parish requirement that we perform background checks on all our volunteers working with children.

To sign up, please visit our website:  
<https://nativityburke.org/re/volunteer>  
or scan the QR-Code



[nativityburke.org](https://nativityburke.org)

### St. Lucy Summer Food Drive: Saturday, June 6th from 9:00AM-1:00PM

The St. Lucy Summer Food Drive will support Catholic Charities in its campaign against hunger in the Diocese. The St. Lucy truck will be parked at the rear of the church parking lot nearest Old Keene Mill Road (like in the previous food drives). During that time, you can drive to the truck and our team will take any donations from your vehicle (please place your donations in your trunk for safe and easy removal). Catholic Charities also accepts monetary donations, especially grocery gift cards (Giant, Safeway, etc.); any donation is welcome!

Please make any checks out to CCDA, with "St. Lucy Project" in the memo line. We can always use help with loading donations; if you'd like to volunteer, please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D49ADAE29A6FE3-stlucy1>. If you would like to help hand out the blue bags after Mass on May 30th and 31st, please join us in the narthex after Communion. If you have questions, please email the St. Lucy Team at [nativity.stlucyteam@gmail.com](mailto:nativity.stlucyteam@gmail.com). Thank you and may God bless you!



## ST. LUCY FOOD DRIVE

Feeding the Hungry; Nourishing the Soul



# PLEASE DONATE

--- SATURDAY, JUNE 6<sup>th</sup> | 9AM-1PM ---

Nativity Parish Parking Lot

A "Drive-By/Drop-Off" food drive  
Please place your donations in your trunk

### FOOD ITEMS MOST NEEDED

- Canned Meat (tuna and chicken)
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Canned Pasta (ravioli)
- Hearty Soups
- Cereal & Oatmeal
- Canned Veggies
- Canned Fruit

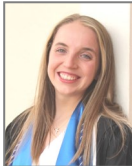
**Please no glass containers**

DRIVE UP AND DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS! THE ST. LUCY TEAM WILL ASSIST YOU!

**GIFT CARDS AND MONETARY GIFTS ALSO ACCEPTED**  
Checks can be made out to "CCDA" with "The St. Lucy Project" in the memo

Dear parishioners,

I am happy to announce that Grace Carroll has been chosen to become the Director of Youth Ministry at Nativity. She will begin her new position in the latter part of May.




Grace grew up in Leesburg, Virginia and attended Christopher Newport University and received her Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies with a minor in Childhood Studies and Psychology.

At Christopher Newport she was a Student Ambassador and served as Catholic Campus Ministry President and Campus Minister. Her ministry experience has included being a Youth Ministry Missionary at All Saints in Manassas, Virginia where she built meaningful relationships with middle and high school students with a focus on discipleship.

She planned and led large and small groups and faith based discussions. She is organized and has strong communication and public speaking skills as well as one on one conversations. She collaborates with staff, volunteers, and parents in supporting the teens spiritual and personal growth.

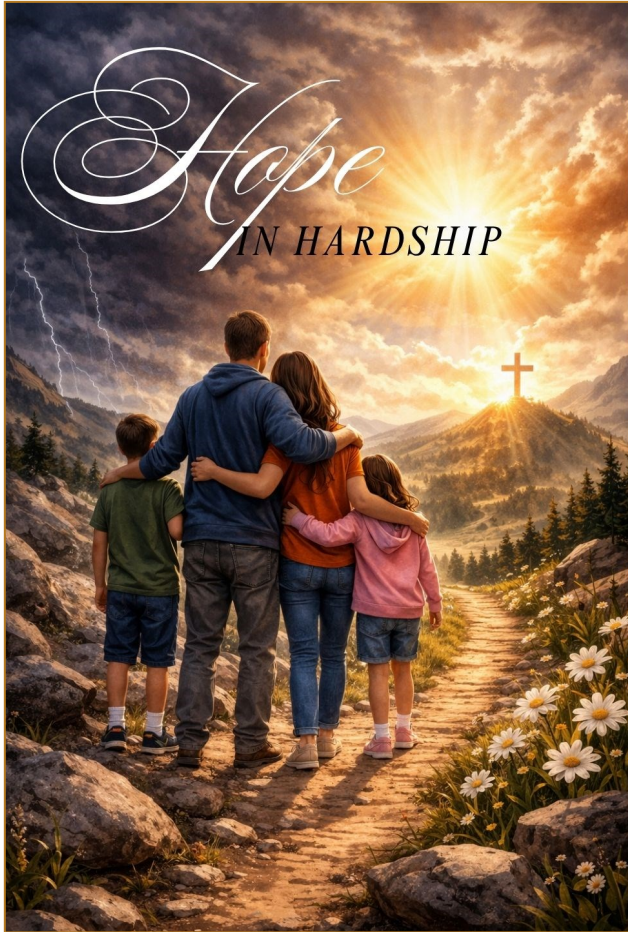
Grace is strong in organizing events, planning retreats and service projects, managing logistics and group dynamics. Most importantly Grace is passionate about bringing young people to Christ and she is honored to serve in the Nativity Youth Ministry Program with Claire, Fr. Jordan, Fr. Bennett and our wonderful volunteers. Please join me in welcoming Grace to the Nativity staff!

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:



The next Prayer Shawl meeting will be held on Monday morning, May 18th at 9:30 am in the Fr. Ready room. This ministry is open to all members of our community!

It provides a tangible sign of our prayers and concern to the critically ill. Members lovingly craft shawls, which are subsequently blessed by a priest, and shared with those in need.



**FAMILY MINISTRY**  
Nativity Catholic Church

*Mary Lenaburg*

Acclaimed Catholic author and speaker Mary Lenaburg will come speak at Nativity! Mary wrote the celebrated books "Be Brave in the Scared" and "Be Bold in the Broken". Her husband, Jerry, will also join us for Q&A.



**When:** June 6 | 9:30 am  
**Where:** Nativity Cafeteria

*Breakfast and Childcare will be provided*

**RSVP**

<https://bit.ly/4bOOce1>



A Message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry

Laudato Si' Week is an annual global celebration commemorating Pope Francis 2015 encyclical Laudato Si, which calls for care of our common home and the promotion of integral ecology. In 2026, the week runs from May 17 to May 24, uniting Catholics across parishes, schools, universities, hospitals, religious communities, families, and individuals to reflect, pray and act on environmental and social issues. The theme for 2026, "From Hope to Action," emphasizes transforming hope into tangible ecological and community initiatives. Hope is not passive; it is lived through daily choices, community life, prayer and concrete acts of care. *"Hope would have us recognize that there is always a way out, that we can always redirect our steps. That we can always do something to solve our problems."* LS 61. This year's celebration reminds us that ecological conversion grows step by step—through relationships restored, creation protected, and communities strengthened. The next chapter of Laudato Si' begins with us, wherever we are. The week encourages participants to: Engage in ecological conversion through daily choices, prayer, and community life. Take concrete actions for integral ecology, such as sustainable practices, environmental education, or social justice initiatives. Laudato Si Week 2026 emphasizes that hope is active, and through collective participation, small individual actions contribute to a global impact for the care of our common home.

**Nativity is a tithing community**  
**Giving back a portion of God's blessings in gratitude**  
**"Each day with one heart—we are the hands of Jesus"**



Our senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. They have spent decades caring for those in need, but years of service for little or no pay have left many religious communities without sufficient retirement savings. Today, over 20,500 elderly religious depend on the Retirement Fund for Religious to help cover rising health care and medication costs, as well as daily living expenses. Your gift can help ensure they receive the care they deserve. Please give back to those who have given a lifetime.  
[retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org)

**ALTAR FLOWERS - Donated by**

Barbara, Stan and Debbie Zagalak  
In Loving Memory of  
Imogene Albrecht  
and  
Shirley Rebello  
In Loving Memory of  
Max Fernandes





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

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



Religious Education Class Registration Will open on May 11

Session Schedule

Session	Day	Time	Grades
1	Sunday	3:45pm-5:00pm	K-8
2	Sunday	7:00pm-8:15pm	K-8
3	Monday	4:45pm-6:00pm	K-8
4	Monday	7:00pm-8:15pm	K-8, OCIC, OCIC HS
5	Tuesday	4:45pm-6:00pm	K-8
6	Tuesday	7:00pm-8:15pm	K-8, HS Confirmation

Scan QR-Code to register



Classes start September 20th

Available Opportunities:

- Catechists
- Assistant Catechists
- Office Assistants
- High School Catechist Assistants
- SPRED Volunteers
- Substitutes (catechists)

There is a 50% RE tuition discount for catechists for their year commitment.

We Need Volunteers!

It is a Diocesan and Parish requirement that we perform background checks on all our volunteers working with children. We also ensure compliance with USSCB child protection guidelines under the Charter of the Protection of Children through an annual audit.

To register to volunteer, please visit our page or scan QR-Code



SCAN ME

Get in Touch

703-455-0372 nativity.ccd@nativityschool.org nativityburke.org/re/



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

Monday, May 18

7:30 am Mother's Day Novena  
12:00 pm † Special Intention for Christian Namata

Tuesday, May 19

7:30 am † Sam Gensel  
12:00 pm † Robert DeVito

Wednesday, May 20

7:30 am † William & Ellen Gelnaw  
3:00pm † Carmen Rosales Bajo (Burke Healthcare)

Thursday, May 21

7:30 am † Ann DiRenzo  
12:00 pm † John Anthony Casazza

Friday, May 22

7:30 am † Barbara Boyd

Saturday, May 23

9:00 am † Fernando Santiago Salcedo  
5:00 pm † David Lynch  
7:00 pm † Debora Rodriguez De Ortiz

Sunday, May 24

7:00 am † Stephen Piraino  
9:00 am Nativity Parishioners  
11:00 am † Marc Angelo Sanidad  
1:00 pm † Marshall A. Levitan  
5:30 pm Special Intention for Tanner Karakis

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

**ROSARY MINISTRY MEETING**

Please join us on Tuesday, May 19 from 1:00-3:00pm in the Fr. Ready Room. You don't need to be crafty! We will teach you to make Mission Rosaries that are sent all over the world. All supplies are provided! Most learn within an hour and then you are sent home with all the supplies you need to make more rosaries. Our meetings always begin with the recitation of the rosary. If you have any questions, contact the rosaryministry@nativityburke.org.



ASSOCIATES of SAINT JOHN BOSCO

**Scholarship Opportunity for HS Seniors and Undergraduates**

Graduating high school seniors and current undergraduates are invited to apply for a scholarship from the Associates of St. John Bosco (ASJB), a Catholic non-profit organization in Northern Virginia that helps students keep their Catholic faith in college. ASJB will be offering up to five (5) scholarships totaling \$40,000 to students from the Catholic Diocese of Arlington who seek to serve the Church in some capacity after they graduate from college. Students who will be pursuing a religious vocation, or work as a youth minister or Catholic school educator, among other careers, are invited to apply.

Visit [www.asjb.org/scholarship-program](http://www.asjb.org/scholarship-program) to find the application and to learn more. Deadline is May 18, 2026.



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



Thanks again for your continued support of our Bishop's Lenten Appeal. As of May 5, our pledges and one-time donations total \$795,334 so close to our \$840,000 goal.

To reach this milestone, we still need parishioners who haven't given to join in at any amount. If you haven't participated in this year's campaign and now want to, check this link [www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla), scan the QR code here, or just respond to Bishop's Burbidge's request you received in the mail. Your support greatly helps the many charities, ministries, and programs throughout the Diocese and so much right here at Nativity. Thank you once again and may God bless you for your sacrificial gift.

# NATIVITY

## Italian Heritage & Cultural Society May Meeting

The Nativity Italian Heritage & Cultural Society welcomes everyone to join us on May 28 at 7:00 pm with our own Ed Passarelli. His career as a trial attorney at the Department of Justice will provide a Case Study of the Mafia in America.

Ed originates from Youngstown, Ohio; a city with nicknames including Steel City to Crimtown USA. He will focus on Youngstown with illegal gambling to Mafia gang wars and Cosa Nostra in places like Pittsburgh and Cleveland. And finally will address the ultimate demise of the Mafia.

Date: Thursday, May 28 at 7:00 pm  
Place: Nativity School Cafeteria

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



### Pray the Pro-Life Rosary and Witness with Us!

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

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



Opening Fall 2026  
Alexandria, Virginia

Chesterton Academy of Christ the King will be opening at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Alexandria this fall. Chesterton high schools have a strong Catholic identity anchored in daily school Mass, a rigorous classical curriculum, screen-free discussion-based learning, and affordable tuition. Our 2026-2027 tuition rate of \$13,900 will be locked in for our founding families, and need-based financial aid is available. Interested students and their families are invited to learn more about the school while enjoying afternoons of ice cream and fellowship on our campus at monthly "Sundaes on Sundays" events throughout the spring and summer. Visit [Chesterton-ChristTheKing.org](http://Chesterton-ChristTheKing.org) to learn more, RSVP for our next event, and to apply.



20  26

# SUMMER CAMPS



BE GREAT THIS SUMMER!

Basketball, Field Hockey, Cheerleading, Baseball,  
Camp Quintessential & More!

Register Today!



Questions?

Email [camps@jpthegreat.org](mailto:camps@jpthegreat.org) or  
Call 703-445-0246

# DIOCESAN FESTIVAL

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

**"All things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them." (John 17:10)**

Jesus invites us into a profound sharing of His life and mission. Those called to priesthood and consecrated life participate in this intimate union, offering their lives so that Christ may be glorified in the world. Pray for openness and discern God's invitation in your life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

**Church Of the Nativity  
Parish Yard Sale for Charity  
Saturday, June 27 - 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

**\*NEW\* Early Jewelry Sales, Friday 5-8 PM  
\$10 Admission, Limited First 100 Shoppers**

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!**

**Donation Drop-off Hours**

Thursday, June 18-Friday June 19	6:00 PM-9:00 PM
Saturday, June 20	9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Sunday, June 21	2:00 PM-5:00 PM
Monday, June 22	10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Monday June 22-Wed. June 24	6:00 PM-9:00 PM
Thursday/Friday, June 25-26	<b>NO DROP OFFS!</b>

**Furniture Pick-Up Requests**

Call: 703-598-0698 or Email: nativityyardsale@gmail.com  
(First floor or walk-out level only!)

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

**Tax receipts provided**

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

**ACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

Linens/Clothing (clean, stain free)/Dishes/Cookware/Kitchen Items/Small Appliances (working)/Furniture (clean and undamaged)/ Household Goods/Electronics/Laptops/Laser Printers/Keyboards/Flat Screen TVs over 55"/Sporting Goods/Toys/Games/Books/DVDs/CDs/Vinyl LPs/Jewelry/Collector Items/Artwork/Tools: Handheld, Power/Electrical/Plumbing/Shelving/Storage Containers/Outdoor Furnishings/Garden Pots, Planters/Office Supplies/Craft Items/Pet Crates

**NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

**CLOTHES**

Undergarments (boxers/briefs/panties/bras)  
Shoes/Footwear

**FURNITURE**

Computer Desks and Desks > 5-feet wide  
Dining Room Sets/China Cabinets  
Computers/Hardware/Ink Jet Printers/Network Hardware  
Metal Desks/Drawers/Filing Cabinets/Safes  
Multi-Function Workout Stations  
Bookcases over 6' Tall  
Leather Sofas over 72"/Sofa Beds  
Upholstered/Pressboard/Motorized Furniture  
Beds (Any Size)/Head, & Foot Boards/Bed Rails/Mattresses  
ALL Entertainment Centers

**SPORTING GOODS**

Motorized Fitness Equipment/Bowling Balls/Skis

**HOUSEHOLD**

Microwave Ovens/Large Appliances  
Unframed Mirrors/Framed Mirrors>24"/Glass  
Rugs (any size)  
Ceiling Fans and Lights/Chandeliers/Wall Lights  
Tile and Wood Flooring  
Cabinets, Windows, Doors, Window Shades

**BOOKS/TAPES:** No Text or Reference; VHS Tapes; Cassettes  
**MISC**

Pianos/Organs  
Tires/Flammables  
Medications/Cosmetics/Food  
Christmas Trees & Tree Stands/Used Christmas Lights  
Car Seats/Cribs/Baby Carriages  
Crutches/Raised Toilet Seats  
Unboxed Outdoor Lighting

**Iglesia de la Natividad  
Venta de patio parroquial para caridad  
Sábado, 27 de junio - 8:00 AM a 2:00 PM**

**\*NUEVO\* Ventas tempranas de joyería, viernes de  
17:00 a 20:00**

**Entrada de 10 \$, Primeros 100 Compradores Limitados**

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!**

**Horario de entrega de donaciones**

Jueves/Viernes, 18-19 de junio	6:00 PM-9:00 PM
Sábado, 20 de junio	9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Domingo 21 de junio	2:00 PM-5:00 PM
Lunes 22 de junio	10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Lunes 22-Mié 24 de junio	6:00 PM-9:00 PM
Jueves/Viernes, 25-26 de junio	<b>¡SIN DEVOLUCIONES!</b>

**Recogida de muebles**

Call: 703-598-0698 or Email: nativityyardsale@gmail.com  
(¡Solo en el primer piso o en el nivel de salida!)

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

**Recibos de impuestos proporcionados**

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

**ARTÍCULOS ACEPTABLE**

Ropa de cama/ropa (limpio, sin manchas)/Platos/Utensilios de cocina/Electrodomésticos pequeños (funcionando)/Muebles (limpios y sin daños)/ Artículos para el hogar/Electrónica/Portátiles/Impresoras láser/Teclados/ Televisores de pantalla plana de más de 55"/Artículos deportivos/Juguetes/ Juegos/Libros/DVD/CDs/LPs de vinilo/Joyería/ Objetos de colección/Obras de arte/Herramientas: Portátiles, eléctricos/Electricidad/Fontanería/Estantería/ Contenedores de almacenamiento/ Muebles de exterior/ Macetas, macetas/Materi de oficina/Artículos de manualidades/jaulas para mascotas

**ARTÍCULOS NO ACEPTABLES**

**ROPA**

Ropa interior (bóxers/calzoncillos/bragas/sujetadores)  
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Alfombras (de cualquier tamaño)  
Ventiladores y luces de techo/candelabros/apliques  
Pisos de baldosas y madera  
Armarios, ventanas, puertas, persianas

**LIBROS/CINTAS:** Sin texto ni referencia; Cintas VHS; Casetes  
**MISC**

Pianos/Órganos  
Neumáticos/Inflamable  
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Árboles de Navidad y soportes para árboles/Luces de Navidad usadas  
Asientos/cunas/carritos de bebé  
muletas/asientos de inodoro elevados  
Iluminación exterior sin caja

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## LIFE TEEN: GRADES 9-12

DINNER - FELLOWSHIP - PRAYER & FORMATION

Sundays | 6:30-8:30 p.m.



## EDGE: GRADES 6-8

Fridays twice a month

6:30-8:00 p.m.

See website for full schedule



## YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER CAMPS

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

[See website for full schedule](#)

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

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

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Married Couples: If you enjoy the warmth of summer, why not sign up for the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and bring some more warmth and intimacy to your marriage. It's a positive, simple, common sense, private experience between husband and wife that revitalizes your marriage. And, it is now Vatican Approved! Space is limited so make your reservation now! Upcoming experiences are:

- August 28-30, 2026 - Bristow, VA (lodging is on your own—couples return home each night)
- October 23-25, 2026 - Hampton, VA (lodging provided)
- November 6-8, 2026 - Emerald Isle, NC (lodging provided)
- February 12-14, 2027 - Waynesboro, VA (lodging provided)

For more information please call 757-690-1369 or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for your desired location.

## PRO-LIFE CORNER

### Resources For Caregivers Of Seriously Ill People

The Catholic Diocese of Arlington (Virginia) offers several spiritual, practical, and supportive resources for caregivers of seriously ill people (not limited to end-of-life/hospice situations). These focus on palliative care principles, parish-level support, Catholic Charities services, retreats, and hospital ministry. Palliative Care Initiative (Padre Pio Ministry to the Suffering) Fr. Stefan Starzynski (former Catholic Chaplain at Inova Fairfax Hospital) talks about his journey in healing, and what led him to create the Padre Pio Ministry to the Suffering, an informal extension of Catholic Diocese of Arlington (CDA) Hospital Ministry. "In today's world, people are taught that pain and suffering are bad and should be avoided or ended through medicines, pain killers or even death (suicide & euthanasia). Unfortunately, this attitude has led to addictions, despair and even anger at God for allowing this suffering.

"We want to give hope and meaning to the suffering children of God. God sent His son Jesus to show us how suffering can be used for good, and like Mary, we can offer our suffering to Christ at the foot of the Cross. God wants to heal us, sometimes in body, but always in spirit, if we let Him. "The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him" (Romans 8:16-17). Through redemptive suffering, people can use their suffering for the good of others and the Church. "In order to console a soul in its sufferings, point out to it all the good it still can do" (St. Padre Pio). The Cross, and all those who are united to the Cross through their suffering, is the KEY to opening up the vaults of Heaven's graces and mercies. When suffering is accepted for the love of God, it is a means of personal salvation, purifying our souls, deepening our love, and leading us to true happiness and joy in our souls. Our personal suffering can also be used as a means of salvation for the Church and the world. "The suffering, having found the road to fulfillment in their pain, can then be encouraged to say, "I have a role to play in the Church and in the salvation of many." Through this, they can experience hope, joy and purpose of life in the midst of suffering. Their prayers can bring down many graces and blessings on the Church, and convert many souls. "One must not think that a person who is suffering is not praying. He is offering up his sufferings to God, and many a time he is praying much more truly than one who goes away by himself and meditates his head off, and, if he has squeezed out a few tears, thinks that is prayer" (St. Teresa of Avila)."

- A list of CDA Parishes assigned Various Health Facilities can be found at <https://padrepioministry.org/about-cda-hospital-ministry/table-of-parishes/>
  - Articles of Palliative Care and on Aging, the Terminally Ill, and Death with Dignity are available at <https://padrepioministry.org/palliative-care/palliative-care-links/>
  - To read about Saints to Help the Sick and Suffering, see <https://padrepioministry.org/about-cda-hospital-ministry/saints-for-the-sick/>
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington (ccda.net)**  
Catholic Charities is the main arm for practical help, serving those in need in diocese. Annual Retreat for People with Serious Illness and their Caregivers (retreat@ccda.net)  
Medical & Mental Healthcare: Mother of Mercy Free Health Clinics [ccda.net/find-help/medical-mental-healthcare/](https://ccda.net/find-help/medical-mental-healthcare/)  
Senior Services: St. Martin de Porres Senior Center (Alexandria) offers exercise, social activities, health presentations, meals, and referrals for seniors 60+ (helps reduce caregiver burden through community support). [ccda.net/find-help/senior-services/](https://ccda.net/find-help/senior-services/)

## Women of Nativity - Annual Baby Shower Collection Weekend of 6 & 7 June

Come help the Women of Nativity support expectant mothers.

We're holding our annual Baby Shower after all Masses on June 6th & 7th. This year your generosity will benefit the MaRiH Center, Catholic Charities Pregnancy and Adoption Services, A Woman's Choice, ECHO, Lorton Community Action Center, Divine Mercy, Tepeyac and the Options Care Center, formally known as Hope in Northern Virginia. Your kindness truly makes a difference for expectant mothers and their newborns in our local area!



**Donations may be placed in the Pack N' Play in the Narthex from May 30th to June 7th. If giving financially is easier, a donation bucket will be available in the Narthex after all Masses on June 6th and 7th.**

Requested items (must be new unless otherwise mentioned): Disposable diapers, wipes, diaper bags, changing pads, onesies, sleepers, swaddlers, boys and girls clothing up to 3T, receiving blankets, hooded towels, wash cloths, bibs, burp cloths, socks, hats, mittens, pacifiers, teething rings, rattles, bathtubs, bottles, baby lotion, wash, shampoo and detergent, rash ointment, infant grooming kits, sling style baby carriers, nursing pillows, board books, Gift Cards (Amazon, Walmart, Uber), Similac Advance and Total Comfort formula and breast pumps.

**New only:** Infant and convertible car seats and high chairs.

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If you have questions, please contact Angela Coghlan at [acoghlan@verizon.net](mailto:acoghlan@verizon.net).

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## Fiesta of Faith: Students Celebrating Cinco de Mayo

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Students enjoyed learning in creative ways across grade levels. It was fun! In Spanish class with Mrs. Dee, our Kindergarten students decorated colorful piñatas, our second grade students built 3-D Mexican party rooms, and our third grade students created beautiful Mexican mirrors. In MakerSpace with Mrs. Wade, our second graders also created piñatas! These hands-on projects helped bring the celebration to life while encouraging creativity, cultural understanding, and school-wide community spirit. Take a look!

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### Important Upcoming Dates ~ May 25 - No School/Memorial Day

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



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

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

**Volunteer for an event!** Scroll down to view all events, [https://linktr.ee/fr\\_sikora\\_council\\_7992](https://linktr.ee/fr_sikora_council_7992).

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

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

**Cathedral of Saint Thomas More Pilgrimage:** On 30 May, we will take a tour of the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More. We will meet, form carpools and depart Nativity at 8:15 AM. We'll attend the morning Mass and Rosary at 9:00 AM. We'll take a guided tour of the Cathedral at 9:50-10:45 AM and return to Nativity shortly thereafter.

**18-27 JUN: YARD SALE – All Knights on Deck!** SUGs live for area leads and volunteers. Collections begin 18-26 JUN; final setup 25-25 JUN. Area leads and asst. leads are needed to guide teams in the sorting, and pricing of donated "treasures" during this period in preparation for our June 27th day of sale. Please support this annual event!

**Prayer Requests:** Prayer requests will stay active for one month. Prayer update (health, location, contact, etc.) status is deeply appreciated. Send an updated request for continued support. <https://forms.gle/LiPCRmzfyRnYEU8s5>

**Name Tags:** If you have not received your name tag, email our Warden, Dan Thomas, at [warden7992@nativityburke.org](mailto:warden7992@nativityburke.org).

**Nativity Ushers assist at collections:** Volunteer for your Mass! Volunteer on LinkTree to maintain a database of potential helpers!

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

**Handy Knights Ministry:** Parishioners unable to perform basic maintenance tasks or small home repairs due to health or other factors, contact the "Handy Knights." Email [handyknightsofnativity@gmail.com](mailto:handyknightsofnativity@gmail.com).

**The Fraternal Committee:** Brothers helping brothers in need of assistance. Brothers and their families (living and deceased) in need of a helping hand, contact Br. John Landy at [navyy8@yahoo.com](mailto:navyy8@yahoo.com).

**3rd Degree Knights - Grow with 4th Degree:** Participate in patriotic activities that promote Catholic citizenship. 4th Degree Assembly meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Nativity school cafeteria. 7:30 pm rosary, 7:45 pm business meeting followed by fellowship. If you are interested, please contact our Faithful Navigator Murray Rupert at [fn2996@vakofc.org](mailto:fn2996@vakofc.org).

### 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 visits Nativity to counsel clients in-person on Thursdays from 10:00am-6:00pm. She is available 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](mailto:mmturner@ccda.net).

**Fiesta de la Ascensión, verdadera esperanza  
Cristo no sube solo, somos parte suya, y por lo tanto,  
algo nuestro ya está en la casa el Padre.**

**Por: Alberto Ramirez Mozqueda |**

**Fuente: Catholic.net**



Los niños de hoy están acostumbrados a oír de los viajes espaciales, a naves que viajan a velocidades que escapan a la imaginación y que tocan países insospechados con otras costumbres y otras formas de vida. Por eso podrían quedarse con la impresión de que Cristo en su Ascensión a los cielos, se hubiera adelantado al tiempo, subiendo en su propia nave hasta desplazarse hasta el mismísimo cielo.

Tenemos que decir entonces de entrada que el cielo y el espacio de las estrellas, los astros, los asteroides y los cometas, un mundo vastísimo, es otro totalmente distinto del que nos presentan los evangelistas que afirman que Cristo subió al cielo, donde “Dios habita en una luz inaccesible” (1 Tim 6.16), lo cual quiere decir que nosotros mismos estaremos invitados a subir con Cristo pero no precisamente a un espacio o a un lugar sino a una situación nueva si vivimos en el amor y en la gracia de Dios.

La fiesta de la Ascensión del Señor es entonces la fiesta de la Verdadera esperanza para los cristianos y en general para todos los hombres, pues cuando Cristo envía a sus apóstoles al mundo, quiere hacer que su mensaje llegue precisamente a todos los hombres, rotas ya las barreras y todas las fronteras, hasta hacer de la humanidad una sola familia salvada por la Sangre de Cristo. Cristo no sube solo, somos parte suya, y por lo tanto, algo nuestro ya está en la casa el Padre, esperando la vuelta de todos para sentarnos con Cristo a ese banquete que se ofrece a todos los que fueron dignos de entrar al Reino de los cielos.

La fiesta en cuestión comenzó a celebrarse hasta el siglo VI pues los siglos anteriores se consideraba como una sola festividad tanto la Resurrección de Cristo como su misma Ascensión, pero se pensó en celebrar ésta última como la plena glorificación de Cristo, su exaltación a los cielos, el sentarse a la diestra de Dios Padre, su constitución como Juez y Señor de vivos y muertos y por lo tanto con poder para enviar a su Iglesia al mundo a hacerlo presente en sus sacramentos, en su Eucaristía, descubriéndole en los pobres y los marginados del mundo, comprometiéndose seriamente con ellos como él lo hizo con cada uno de los actos de su vida, pero sobre todo con su muerte en lo alto de la cruz.

La Ascensión tiene lugar en Galilea, donde Jesús comenzó su ministerio público pero no fue tanto un dato meramente geográfico, sino para hacerles entender a sus apóstoles que Jerusalén ya no era el centro de religiosidad y de culto, sino que desde ahora él se constituía en Aquel por el que se podía tener libre acceso al Padre. Galilea sería como un símbolo de una humanidad que vive una nueva esperanza y una nueva acogida por el Buen Padre Dios, invitándonos a romper toda esclavitud, pues él ya no quiere más sirvientes sino hijos.

Cristo tuvo mucho cuidado antes de su subida de darles poder a sus Apóstoles para hacerlo presente en el mundo, pero también afirmó, y con un verbo en presente que él estaría con ellos siempre, hasta el fin de los tiempos. Esa es la gran alegría de los cristianos, poder unirse desde ahora al Salvador sin tener que esperar hasta el momento final, y hacerlo como discípulos del único Maestro, que quiere a la humanidad unida en su Amor.

**7° Domingo de Pascua - A**

**Evangelio: Mat 18,10-20 - La Ascensión del Señor**

Por fin ha llegado el momento de la despedida. Jesús sube al cielo en presencia de sus amigos más íntimos, los Apóstoles. Su misión terrena había terminado. Ahora son ellos los que tienen que proseguirla. Y para ello les despide comunicándoles por fin plenos poderes para que evangelicen por el mundo entero, y a los que crean los bauticen en el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo.

Con pena, pero con esperanza en el promesa del Espíritu Santo se retiran a sus tareas, hasta que el Espíritu de Jesús les transforma y les lanza por el mundo.

**Oración para cada día de la semana**

*Señor, Jesús, que ascendiste a los cielos en presencia de tus discípulos.*

*Quiero colocarme a su lado para contemplarte subiendo a las alturas, y sobre todo para escucharte los últimos consejos o consignas que les dejaste.*

*Sin duda van dirigidas, de alguna manera, a todos los cristianos, aunque en primer lugar son los apóstoles y sus sucesores, obispos y sacerdotes los destinatarios inmediatos.*

*Señor, me siento urgido a mirar siempre al cielo y a esperar confiadamente tu ayuda y tu bendición, pero sobre todo me siento comprometido a ser apóstol y evangelizador en el mundo que me toca vivir.*

*Ninguna excusa me aparta, Señor, del camino de la santidad y del apostolado.*

*En primer lugar te pido ser apóstol con mi trabajo bien hecho, santificado y santificador, con mi vida ordinaria, compuesta ciertamente, como no puede ser menos, de “pequeas cosas”, pero que quiero hacer “grandes” por mi ilusin, alegría y amor de Dios.*

*Señor, que cuantos me vean comportarme o escuchen mis conversaciones, puedan decir: este lee la vida de Jesucristo.*

*Precisamente porque el ambiente social no hace fácil vivir como un auténtico cristiano, te pido, Señor, fortaleza, valentía y perseverancia en el bien, y sobre todo la alegría en los labios y en la cara porque Tu estás en mi corazón.*

*Es la hora de los valientes, de los santos.*

*Estas crisis sociales son motivadas, en parte, porque carecemos de santos.*










*Cuenta, Señor, con mi pequeñez, pero con mis mejores deseos y propósitos de ser fiel a mi vocación cristiana.*

**Padre Segismundo Fernandez Rodríguez**



After this, the disciples worshiped Jesus. Where did they go next?

Write the word on the lines and read the answer.

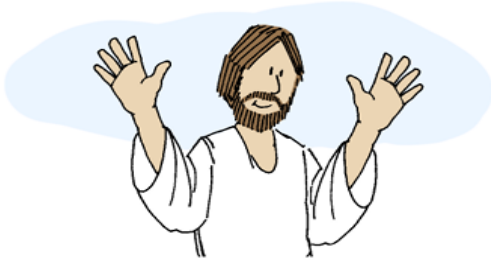
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What happened next?

Fit the missing words into the crossword puzzle. Then transfer the words to the lines below and read.

led	hands	lifted	blessing
out	taken	blessed	vicinity
left	heaven	Bethany	

When He had \_\_\_\_\_<sub>4</sub> them \_\_\_\_\_<sub>5</sub> of the  
 \_\_\_\_\_<sub>9</sub> of \_\_\_\_\_<sub>6A</sub>,  
 He \_\_\_\_\_<sub>8</sub> up His \_\_\_\_\_<sub>3</sub> and  
 \_\_\_\_\_<sub>10</sub> them. While He was  
 \_\_\_\_\_<sub>6D</sub> them, He \_\_\_\_\_<sub>2</sub> them  
 and was \_\_\_\_\_<sub>7</sub> up into \_\_\_\_\_<sub>1</sub>.



**The Ascension of Jesus**

Jesus was with His disciples. What did He say to them?



Unscramble the missing words, then read.

"I am \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ you  
 \_\_\_\_\_ giong \_\_\_\_\_ nesd  
 what my \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_;  
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 but \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ until  
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