

HABEMUS PAPAM

God bless our new Pope!

POPE LEO XIV



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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. 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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your wedding date.

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

A Message from our Pastor Msgr. Bob Cilinski



"See, I make all things new!"
~ Rev 21:1-5

My dear parishioners,

Easter is a time to revitalize our membership in the flock of Jesus. The church needs each of us and we need the church. We follow Christ by belonging to the church of Nativity, registering here, coming to Mass weekly, receiving sacraments here, supporting parish activities, sharing its life, refreshing ourselves in our Catholic faith and sharing that faith with others.

The Risen Christ is truly with us and our parish is filled with life! Our 8th graders were Confirmed in April. Our 2nd Graders made their First Communion during May. We love you and are so proud of you! Yes, Nativity is a wonderful community in which to live because people are striving to live the new commandment, *"Love one another."*

Jesus makes all things new. With Jesus in our lives, something completely new occurs in our everyday life as we live the new Commandment of love. Newness often makes us fearful, including the newness that God brings us and the newness which God asks of us. Brothers and sisters, let us not be closed to the newness God wants to bring into our lives. Let the risen Jesus enter your life. He is life! He is close to you, He is with you and will give you the peace and strength you are looking for.

Love and Blessings,

Bob Cilinski

Msgr. Bob Cilinski
Pastor

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.

Deacon Christian Nojdzela will be ordained a priest on Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 11:00 am at the Cathedral of St Thomas More

Fr. Christian Nojdzela will celebrate a First Mass at Nativity on Sunday, June 15 at 11:00am. A reception will follow in the Fr. Martin Center where Father will give his first priestly blessing. A basket will be placed at the reception for cards and monetary gifts in support of Fr. Christian as he begins his priestly ministry. All are invited!



We give thanks to God for the selection of our new Holy Father. A perfect choice for our world and church at this time. Our school children cheered when they saw the American flag being held by well-wishers in the vast crowd in St Peter's Square, knowing that an American had been chosen Pope made them very proud.

Our Father Cedric Wilson, who assists at Nativity, is Augustinian. He went to the seminary with Pope Leo!

In taking the name Leo XIV, he reminds us of the church's social teaching, the dignity of the human person, and our solidarity as members of the human family. His personal ministry as a priest and bishop represents the church's presence here and throughout the world in serving the poor and needy. And he used to go by 'Fr. Bob' when he was a priest!

Let us unite in prayer and celebration for the Holy Father!

Msgr. Bob Cilinski,
Pastor

SUPPORT YOUR RETIRED PRIESTS

Areas of Support:

- St. Rose of Lima Priests' Retirement Villa
- Funds for future healthcare needs
- The Priests' Pension Fund

Our Priests at a Glance:

- Diocesan Priests: 176
- Retired: 29
- Retiring within 10 years: 22



"My retired brother priests and I are truly blessed to know of the care and compassion shown by parishioners through this special collection which helps to support us in our retirement years."

-Msgr. John Cregan



"Being retired and living at St. Rose of Lima Priest Retirement Villa is a great blessing. I am thankful for all who support us in our retirement."

-Fr. Truck Grinnell

DIOCESAN RETIRED PRIESTS' SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND!

This collection is an opportunity for you to give back to our retired priests who have given the greater part of their lives to serve each of you and our diocesan Church.

Currently there are 29 retired priests and an additional 22 diocesan priests who will retire in the next ten years. Please consider donating to this important collection.

Thank you for your kind support.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Nicholas Adams
Camila Alvarado
Eliana Anderson
Andre Apaestegui
Jesus Araoz Chavez
Theodore Argyros
Anna Atwell
Noah Balangue
Kaylan Barker
Mason Barrett
Grayson Beck
Charlotte Beegle
Isaac Bergeron
Leo Bishop
Alexander Bishop
James Boese
Henry Boyle
Niall Brideau
Matthias Brown
Caroline Browne
Maxwell Brust
Greyson Burrow
Jeshua Cardenas Reyes
Ames Carlson
Colton Cascadden
Lucy Castillo-Manzano
Henry Chan
Logan Clancy
Barrett Clarke
Madison Cordova
Alexa Cruz Larios
Ana Cuca
Elise Dailey
Douglas Danosos
Juliene Kylene David
Jayden Diaz
Nelly ElSeheami
Ella Engdahl
Noah Escamilla
Bella Estrada
Kennedy Evans
Ella Eways
Avery Fairgrieve
Margaret Fernandez
Sarah Fisher
Tyler Fox
Grace Friebele
Ryan Friebele
Miles Funk
Adrian Galicia
Yarden Garcia Panozo
Dominic Gentile
Caroline Giambastiani
Joseph Glorioso
Caleb Goldman
Kathleen Gollie
Finnegan Grandy

Jadie Guevara
Luke Gulino
Caleb Hamlyn
Aria Harris
Joseph Hawkins
Kevin Hernandez
Romah Hernandez
Colin Hines
Scott Hollingsworth
Connor Hoppock
Patrick Hovatter
Adrianna Ingenito
Logan James
Kaylee Jimenez Lemuz
Grayson Johnson
Miles Johnson
Olivia Kania
Elijah Kavuma
Marvella Kavuma
Alice Keller
Wyatt Kelley
Emily Klaric
Elizabeth Klein
Lillian Kummerer
Maia Kupsky
Zayeer Laureano
Zion Laureano
Gabriela Le Febure
Catherine Leahy
Samuel Lescovitz
Evangeline Luque
Maximus Mace
Isaiah Mannon-James
Ayla May
Amalia McMahon
Rose McMahon
Tara McShea
Sophia Medina Fernandez
Elle Merkl
Lori Miller
Riley Minier
Gabriel Monteforte
Bianca Morales Corrales
Joshua Morales Munayco
Oliver Moreno
Aidan Motsinger
Sebastian Muriel
Adelaide Myers
Lucia Brooklyn Nguyen
John Nobles
Jeanelle Nunez Luque
Isabell Reagan Occidental
Brinlee Ortiz
Lukas Osorio Hoffman
Victoria Parada
Lucy Patrick
Victor Pavelko
Amias Paz
Michael Pereira
Emma Pezzini
Kellan Phillips
Jackson Phung
Ryan Phung
Elsie Powers

James Prociuk
Etta Proctor
Avery Quante
Callie Quante
Abigail Quispe
Stephanie Quispe
Nicholas Ramirez Villa
Ryan Rawlings
Santiago Rayco Orrillos
Bethany Reed
Brian Reed
Ashley Reyes Cruz
Michael Rodman
Penelope Rose
Viviana Rose
Eliam Ruano Anco
William Russell
Garrett Sadowski
Summer Sakran
Charles Sante
Hana Schiller
Reese Seiling
Declan Sharpes
Madison Sheeran
Alaina Shelton
Emma Silva
Andrew Sinclair
Ella Son
Evan Stohler
Alexa Suarez Pinaya
Cooper Takacs
Liliana Toledo
Hanna Torgersen
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Kyle Von Kattengell
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Cory Williams
Bennett Wills
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Arianna Yanes
Lourdes Zando
Jonah Zummo





Thank you to all the individuals and businesses who contributed to our success for the Nativity High Tea Party:

Boyd & Parker Events Catering, Sweet Adelines Musical Program Nancy Rodriguez, Cup and Crown Tea Program, Debbie Doyle Harpist, Rick's Clicks Photo selfie station, A Bit More Specialties Cookie favors, Fania Jimenez Flyers and promotion

Thank you for the auction donations: Sister Donatella for the Handmade throw, Madonna Rabatin for the Quilted wall hanging, and Donna Delaney for the Specialty Mother's Day Cake. Thank you to all who donated silent auction purses and hats. A big thank you to the vendors that participated. Additionally, thank you to the Dames' time, talent, and treasure donations!

A special THANK YOU to Dame Debbie Moreau for the tea party back drop, fabulous decorations, flowers, jewelry, set-up, clean up, and all your time and talent that she donated to make this event PERFECT!

And finally, Thank you to Sister Mary Attila and Sister Donatella for their service to our Nativity community.

We look forward to seeing you next year.



Pray the Pro-Life Rosary with Us!

When: Usually Fridays after Nativity's 7:30am Mass.

Where: 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church.

Join Nativity in peacefully praying the Pro-Life Rosary on the sidewalk in front of the Falls Church abortion facility for mothers in need and for the protection of human life.

Contact rickloffredo@outlook.com to join us!

Peace in the Storm Chronic Pain & Illness Support Group

**Thursday, May 22 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm
in the Fr. Ready Room**

All adult parishioners who have chronic pain or chronic illness are invited to participate in a parish-based, small, faith fellowship group.

We meet to reflect, pray, and deepen our understanding of God's love, presence, and purpose with and through health challenges within the context of our Catholic faith and parish community. Group participants will receive The Peace in the Storm Project Discussion Guide at no cost.

To register or for more information, please see the parish website, scan the QR code, or email Anna Lisa Licud at aliquid@nativityburke.org.



Knights of Columbus George Getek Memorial Pro-Life Scholarships for High School and College/Trade School Students

Eight awards will be awarded to students who best exemplify the traits of the pro-life spirit through their respective essay/artistic responses and efforts.

- Two \$500 1st-place scholarships* and two \$150 Runner-up scholarships* to college/trade school students

- Two \$250 1st-place scholarships* and two \$100 Runner-up scholarships* to high school students will be awarded.

*The two scholarships at each award level (e.g., two 1st-place finishers) will be given as follows:

- One to a daughter of a Nativity parishioner (or a registered parishioner herself)
- One to a son of a Nativity parishioner (or a registered parishioner himself).

More details and application forms are available on the Parish website, <https://nativityburke.org/category/upcoming-events/>. Application submissions are due no later than midnight, May 31st, 2025.

Awards will be announced in June. Visit: <https://nativityburke.org/getek-memorial-scholarship/>

NATIVITY ITALIAN HERITAGE & CULTURAL SOCIETY MAY MEETING: THURSDAY, MAY 22 AT 7:00 PM IN THE NATIVITY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN WITH:

"NAME THOSE FAMOUS ITALIAN AMERICANS"

FROM THE SCREEN, STAGE, POLITICS, ART, COOKING AND CULTURE. WE'LL HAVE PRIZES FOR FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PLACE FOR NAMING THE MOST FAMOUS ITALIAN AMERICANS CORRECTLY AND WE EVEN HAVE A TIEBREAKER.

SO COME AND JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN AND STAY AFTERWARDS TO SOCIALIZE WITH YOUR FRIENDS.

SOCIAL HOUR WITH WINE AND SNACKS FOLLOWS. IF YOU CAN, PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER OR DESSERT TO SHARE. GUESTS CAN ATTEND FOR \$5.00.



The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Monsignor Bradican Division, invites all Catholic men of Irish descent to join the oldest and largest Irish Organization in America.

We welcome new members to celebrate our Irish heritage and live our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. For more information, please contact Bill Canavan at wcanavan@cox.net.

Fall Festival 2026 Kick-off Meeting - May 28 at 7:00pm Room 203 - Nativity School

The Nativity Fall Festival committee is hosting a kick off meeting to start planning for this year's festival. We are in need of additional committee members to contribute to the success of the event.

If you are interested and would like to learn more, please come to the meeting! Email Steve & TusaRebecca Pannucci at fallfestival@nativityburke.org for more information.

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 28, 2025. Collections will begin Saturday, June 21, 2025 and continue through Wednesday June 25, 2025.**

Your donations are tax-deductible and sincerely appreciated.

Church Of the Nativity Parish Yard Sale for Charity

Saturday, June 28 - 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 WEBSITE FOR ACCEPTABLE/NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS
PLEASE—ALL DONATED ITEMS MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION!**

Donation Drop-off Hours

Saturday, June 21	9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Sunday, June 22	2:00 PM-5:00 PM
Monday, June 23	10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Monday June 23-Wed. June 25	6:00 PM-9:00 PM
Thursday/Friday, June 26-27	NO DROP OFFS!

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



MASS INTENTIONS & MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday, May 19th

7:30 am Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 20th

7:30 am Special Intention in Thanksgiving
12:00 pm Special Intention

Wednesday, May 21st

7:30 am † John Anthony Casazza
3:00 pm † Mohamed Zahran (*Burke Healthcare*)

Thursday, May 22nd

7:30 am † Barbara Boyd
12:00 pm † David Lynch

Friday, May 23rd

7:30 am † Philip Rifice
9:00 am Special Intention for the Khoddami Family

Saturday, May 24th

9:00 am † Stephen Piraino
5:00 pm † Lisa Celestino
7:00 pm Special Intention for Leo Olivera

Sunday, May 25th

7:00 am † Sara Llanos
9:00 am † Soledad Morales
11:00 am † Robert DeVito
1:00 pm Parishioners
5:30 pm † Joe Beres

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

The Gift Shop urgently needs new volunteers!

We need two volunteers for the Sunday 11:00 am Mass and two volunteers for the Sunday 5:30 pm Mass. Must be registered Nativity parishioners who usually attend those Masses. Willing to learn how to use the cash register and stay for half an hour after the Masses. If you are interested, please leave your name and telephone number at the gift shop or parish office.

Many Cookies, Many Thanks!!!

Thank you to all those who contributed home-baked and prayer-filled cookies in support of the Nativity Parish Prison Ministry. Team members participating in this weekend's Kairos prison retreat took over 300 dozen cookies with them which will certainly touch the hearts of the imprisoned.

Once the appeal for help went out, several parish ministries (SPRED, Family Ministry, Cursillo, Rosary Ministry, Walking With Purpose), the 7th grade religious education students, and other parishioners stepped up.

I wish you could be there to see the look in the eyes of those who have been locked away from love as they receive this outpouring of cookies and kindness. May God bless you all!



St. Lucy Summer Food Drive to support Catholic Charities in its campaign against hunger in the Diocese will take place on:

Saturday, June 7th from 9:00AM-1:00PM

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 31 May and 1 June, please join us in the narthex after Communion. If you have questions, please email the St. Lucy Team at nativity.stlucyteam@gmail.com. Thank you and God bless you!

Women of Nativity - Annual Baby Shower Weekend of May 31st and June 1st

It's that time again! Come help the Women of Nativity support expectant mothers. We're holding our annual Baby Shower after all Masses on May 31st/June 1st.

This year we've added Mary's Comfort, a new maternity home in Springfield, to our list of supported agencies that includes the MaRiH Center, Catholic Charities Pregnancy and Adoption Services, A Woman's Choice, ECHO, Lorton Community Action Center, Divine Mercy, Tepeyac and Hope in Northern Virginia. Your contributions will help ensure that these organizations can continue to support expectant mothers and their newborns.

Donations may be placed in the Pack N' Play in the Narthex from May 24th – June 1st. If you prefer not to shop, you can drop a donation in the bucket in the Narthex after Masses on May 31st and June 1st.

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

Large items: Car seats (new only). Pack N' Plays (with bassinet feature also) and strollers can be gently used.

If you have questions, please contact Angela Coghlan at acoghlan@verizon.net.

Please join us for our May Meeting on May 20th from 1:00-3:00pm in the Father Ready Room at Nativity

Need something to do with your children over the summer? Can they count to 10 and string beads? Then you should join the Rosary Ministry and learn how to make Rosaries. This is a great family activity and you will be helping to get Rosaries into praying hands all over the world! All supplies are provided! You may know Pope Francis instituted the Season of Creation (*September-October*) to encourage good stewardship of resources and kindness to one another in doing so.

In his memory — and because every day is really a celebration of God's creation — plenty of green/white rosary kits are available, both with and without cut twine.

Please help us make as many green rosaries in all different shades of Green in memory of the Pope. If you have any questions you can contact us at rosaryministry@nativityburke.org



The Car Ministry accepts vehicles, reconditions them and then provides them as a gift to low-income families referred by pastors and social agencies. Click on the "*Donate your Car*" link on the Car Ministry's website, www.carministry.org, or contact the charity's Director, Larry Gordon at 703.237.8479 for more info.



ART, DRAMA, MUSICAL THEATRE CAMPS for K-12 in a Catholic setting

Since 2004, Spotlight on the Arts Summer Camps has offered Broadway Spotlight, Drama Bootcamp, Art Explorer, and Arts & Crafts Fun Camps to hundreds of Diocesan families and friends. This July 7th - 18th young people are invited to experience top level instruction as they engage in creative fun through Acting, Visual Art, Music, and more!

The camps are taught by professional Catholic educators very accomplished in their area of expertise. Each week concludes with either an Art Showcase or a Theatrical Performance by the campers. Through May 31st, all campers will receive a free t-shirt. Additionally, there are discounts for families that enroll 3 or more kids!

Learn more and register at www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com.



Share Your Heart — Teach a Child



Our Religious Education Program Needs Volunteers— Will You Answer the Call?

What does it mean to volunteer your time to teach a child?

- It means being the reason a child smiles with pride after learning something new.
- It means lighting a spark that could grow into a lifelong passion.
- It means showing a child that they matter—that someone believes in their future.

When you volunteer to teach, you're not just giving your time—

You're giving love, faith, and the priceless gift of learning about God's love.

Our Religious Education Program is in need of caring, committed volunteers to teach religious education and help guide children in their faith journey.

You don't need to be a theologian—just someone with a kind heart, a little patience, and a love for sharing God's Word.

★ Your presence could be the turning point in a child's spiritual life.

Are you ready to be that someone?

Sign up today to join our program and inspire young hearts in faith and love.

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

For Questions, email us at: nativity.ccd@nativityschool.org

We need:

- Lead Catechists
- Assistant Catechists
- Office Volunteers
- SPRED Volunteers



NOTE: All volunteers working with children must complete Diocesan Paperwork and background check.

YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFE TEEN: GRADES 9-12

DINNER - FELLOWSHIP - PRAYER & FORMATION

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



EDGE: GRADES 6-8



Twice a month: Sunday 3:30-5:00 p.m.
& Friday 7:00-8:30 p.m.

See website for full schedule

WORKCAMP CONTRACTORS NEEDED

We are still in need of 3 adult contractors for WorkCamp this June - adults 21+ with basic home repair and maintenance skills. You do not need to be a licensed contractor in the professional sense. You would need to be available from Monday, June 23 - Thursday, June 26. Contact wc@nativityburke.org for more info.

See website for full schedule

Before attending, please register for the 2024-2025 year of ministry using our free, online forms.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER CAMPS

Tuesday, June 17 - Friday, June 20



VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Current K-4 graders 8:30am - 12:00pm | \$50 per camper

CAMP ON THE EDGE

Current 5-8 graders 1:30pm - 4:30pm | \$50 per camper

At capacity for grades 5-7 - some spots left for grade 8

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

VBC: 8TH GRADERS - ADULTS
COTE: 10TH GRADERS - ADULTS

\$10 t-shirt fee for volunteers*

See website for volunteer schedule

Childcare
provided for
VBC
volunteers!

Register on the website today!
contact: vbc@nativityburke.org



Jesus and the EUCHARIST



Every Wednesday
thru June 18 | 7:00pm
Fr. Ready Room

Open to all Adults in the Parish

Join us for this dynamic small group study designed to help you connect with your fellow parishioners as you immerse yourself in the beauty of our faith, hear from some of the most brilliant voices in Catholicism, and explore the mystery of the Eucharist anew!

For more information, please see our parish website or contact email alicud@nativityburke.org

2025 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL ABOUNDING IN HOPE!

Happy Easter Season blessings and thank you for your continued support of our Bishop's Lenten Appeal! As of May 1, our pledges and one-time donations total \$763,271 with about 16% of our registered Nativity families participating. That's getting very close to our \$770,000 dollar goal, but we still need parishioners who haven't given to join in at any amount, no matter how large or small. If you haven't participated in this year's campaign and now want to, check this link arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code here or just respond to Bishop's Burbidge's and Msgr. Bob's request you received in the mail. Your support greatly helps the many charities, ministries, and programs throughout the Diocese and so much here at Nativity. Thank you once again and may God bless you for your sacrificial gift.



SCAN ME



A Message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry

It must be spring! In Creation Care News, thirteen ministry members visited the Thompson Wildlife Refuge on a "field trip" to enjoy God's Creation in the form of the wonderful spring wildflowers! This was followed by a visit to a Catholic-owned winery, featured in the Arlington Catholic Herald.

Both our St. Kateri gardens and our Fiacre Vegetable Gardens are now featured in the Catholic Garden Network. If you enjoy gardening, we are always in need of additional volunteers for weeding, watering, and harvesting.

Under the direction of Bob Colella, Rebecca Judge and others, the workcamp teens built a new garden composting area as practice for their upcoming projects. They also constructed several trellises from materials prepared and donated by Barry Basselgia. Thank you workcamp!

Thank you Creation Care Ministry members and Laurel Garden Club for planting the Fiacre Vegetable gardens for spring! All produce is donated to the parish ministry - No Hands But Yours and to a local special-ed teacher in a Fairfax County Title 1 School.

And lastly, congrats to Mrs. Byrnes and her Nativity School 4th graders for successfully planting the "Three Sisters" (beans, corn and squash) in the remaining Fiacre garden beds during Colonial Day. For more information about Creation Care Ministry: nativitycreationcare@gmail.com.

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

What to Know About the Annulment Process

Saturday, June 14

9am - 12pm

St. John the Evangelist
271 Winchester St., Warrenton, VA

Presented by:

Rev. Thomas Ferguson, JCL

Pastor, Good Shepherd Catholic Church
Judge, Tribunal of the Diocese of Arlington

The event is free, but please register at:
arlingtondiocese.org/annulmenthealing



Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life | 703.841.2550 | familylife@arlingtondiocese.org | arlingtonfamily.org

Pro-Life Corner:

IVF and the Christian Family - Fertility and in vitro fertilization (IVF) are incredibly sensitive topics and deserve to be treated with a spirit of accompaniment, compassion, and understanding. Bishop Burbidge encourages considering his pastoral letter: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/2025/01/22/the-christian-family-in-vitro-fertilization-and-heroic-witness-to-true-love/>
Help Deliver Baby Cribs through "Project Manger" - June 14th from 9:30am-Noon. Join us on at A Woman Choice Center, 6201 Leesburg Pike, #220, Falls Church. Only need to deliver new boxed cribs and packaged sheets in local area around Falls Church, no assembly required. Contact rickloffredo@outlook.com.

A Woman's Choice Center - Providing Compassionate Support - Free pregnancy, medical, educational, and support services for women and families. awomanschoicecenter.com, 703.538.4305

The Planned Parenthood Myth/Defund Planned Parenthood - "Planned Parenthood supporters insist that if the abortion giant loses its ~\$700 million taxpayer subsidy, women will lose access to basic health care. The reality is that the legitimate services Planned Parenthood claims to provide are overstated-and widely available elsewhere. Former Planned Parenthood manager Ramona Trevino recently joined The 40 Days for Life Podcast to expose how the abortion chain uses the "basic health care" myth as a cover for killing hundreds of thousands of babies every year." (40daysforlife.com)

Tepeyac Pro-Life OB/GYN - Faith-based Pro-life OB/GYN: restoring human person with modern medicine and healing of Christ. tepeyacobgyn.com, 703.273.9440.

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

Mary's Comfort of VA - Ensuring Expectant Mothers Shelter, Support and New Beginnings: Provides training in parenting and life skills, career coaching and educational advancement. maryscomfortva.org, 703.455.4500.

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

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

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

Marian Homes: Purchases and maintains affordable homes for individuals with intellectual disabilities. marianhomes.org/.



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Monday, May 19 – Golf Tournament
Monday, May 19 – Shakespeare Week Begins
Tuesday, May 20 – 6th Grade Field Trip
Tuesday, May 20 – 8th Grade Field Trip
Wednesday, May 21 – Kinder Field Trip
Thursday, May 22 – Charlotte's Web Debut
Friday, May 23 – Preschool/PreK Last Day
Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day - No School
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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

The next Prayer Shawl meeting will be held on Monday morning, May 19th 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.



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

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Nativity School Field Day: Thursday, May 29. Join the grill crew! SUG is pending.

End of School BBQ: Friday, June 6, last day of school at Nativity, the council will provide a BBQ. Join the grill crew! SUG is pending.

St. Lucy Food Drive: Saturday, June 7, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We need six able-bodied volunteers (three per two-hour shift) to lend a hand. See SUG on LinkTree. We will hand out blue bags after every Mass during the May31-June 1 weekend. Please consider joining us to help.

Food for Others: Volunteer for food distribution to the poor, delivered on designated Thursday or Friday evenings.

For Thursdays, contact Br. Mark Sawyer at sawyerkoc7992@verizon.net. Fridays, contact Br. Matt Stockburger at mstock_w@yahoo.com. Deliver food from Giant to the FFO warehouse Tuesday mornings; contact Br. Bob Colella robert.colella.86@gmail.com.

Nativity Ushers assist at collections: Volunteer for your Mass! Volunteer on Link Tree for a database of potential helpers!

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

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

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

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>. Your dues will be free for one year: Be sure to enter our council #7992 and the code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY when you register.



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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.

The Associates of St. John Bosco (ASJB), a Catholic non-profit in the diocese founded by Fr. Christopher Vaccaro, has opened its scholarship application for all current and rising college students.

This year, ASJB has more than doubled their scholarship offerings! ASJB will be awarding up to \$40,000 to up to five worthy recipients who seek to serve the Church in some way after they graduate from college. Applicants must be residents of the Diocese of Arlington. Students may apply by May 19, 2025, by visiting: www.asjb.org/scholarship-program.

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Matthew 5:16

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The Knights of Columbus - Dames Auxiliary

Come join the Nativity Dames! We are the wives, sisters, daughters, mothers of the men in the Knights of Columbus. Our purpose is to support and assist our Fr Vincent Sikora council. Our fellowship and information meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm, in the Fr Ready room. The next meeting is August 3. For more info, please contact RoseAnne Zivich at brzivich@aim.com.



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ECHO sponsors some financial aid scholarships for students who attend Northern Virginia Community College and who live in ECHO's service area. The scholarships of \$1,000 each can be used toward tuition, books and supplies. Preference is given to students whose families are clients of ECHO, but the scholarships are not limited only to client families. The process for students to apply can be found at nvcc.edu/admissions/financialaid/index.html. Even if a person is not yet enrolled at NVCC, there is no cost to get a student ID login to find out more about scholarship opportunities.



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¿Iglesia accidentada o enferma?

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Javier Leoz

Lo señala la primera lectura de este domingo; Pablo y Bernabé animaban a aquellas primitivas comunidades cristianas y, entre otras cosas, les recordaban que creer en Jesús no siempre iba a ser algo dulce al paladar. Tal vez, Pablo, intuía que en el horizonte de la naciente Iglesia la fortaleza de los cristianos y su valentía a la hora de profesar la fe iba a ser determinante para que el mensaje del cristianismo siguiese adelante.



1. Hoy, esta lección, sigue estando de total actualidad en el marco en el que nos encontramos. La Iglesia, una y otra vez, está siendo sometida a un constante examen ¿Es fiel al Señor? ¿Es reflejo del Evangelio? Si San Pablo apareciese entre nosotros nos recordaría de nuevo aquello que, en la primera lectura, acabamos de escuchar: “hay que pasar mucho”. “El que algo quiere algo le cuesta” (dice un viejo refrán). La vida cristiana, tesoro escondido y perla preciosa para millones de personas, ha de tener una consecuencia: el testimonio vivo y convencido de lo que somos. El amor, como distintivo o la confianza en Dios, como seguridad, han de ser —entre otros muchos— los apoyos o muletas para perseverar y morir como lo que somos: cristianos. El Papa Francisco, recientemente afirmaba: “Prefiero una Iglesia accidentada (en referencia a su encuentro con el mundo) a una Iglesia enferma (aquella que se cierra en sí misma)”.

2. ¿Hay que pasar mucho? Tampoco es cuestión de exagerar. Nos cuesta ser signo de contradicción. Si comparásemos un poco la situación un tanto light en la que vivimos muchos católicos con aquella otra, radical y nítida, de los primeros cristianos, comprenderíamos que no es tanto lo que estamos sufriendo por nuestra fe (por lo menos en la mayoría de los países). La Iglesia, desde el mismo momento de su nacimiento, ha estado y lo sigue estando, sujeta a una constante purificación (y eso es bueno). Siglos después, con tantos acontecimientos y contradicciones, con luchas y pesares, con persecuciones o aplausos, seguimos apostando por Aquel en el que están puestas nuestras esperanzas y por el que, muchos de nosotros, ponemos la cara: Cristo.

¿Hay que pasar mucho? ¡Lo suficiente y justo! Defendiendo, sin temor ni temblor, nuestros ideales cristianos. Ofreciendo buenas obras y desparrramando lo mejor de nosotros mismos, aún a riesgo de ser tildados de débiles o necios.

¿Hay que pasar mucho? ¡Claro que sí! No renunciando a lo que es esencial en nuestra fe y en nuestra identidad como cristianos. No somos ninguna “ONG”. Nuestro resorte y sustento está en Cristo que, entre otras muchas más cosas, es fuente de la bondad y del bien que realizamos en pro de los demás.

¿Hay que aguantar? ¡Claro está! La fe no se impone pero, tampoco, se renuncia a ella a la primera de cambio. No ha sido nunca fácil creer y, en los tiempos que vivimos donde todo se relativiza y hasta se trata a Dios de “tú”, se hace necesario un volver a las fuentes de la fe. A interrogarnos sobre si, nuestra vida cristiana, es algo real o solamente un maniquí que no sirve para nada, ni dice nada a nadie porque no existe como tal.

Que el Señor, en este tiempo de la Santa Pascua, nos ayude a descubrir la razón y el motor de nuestra fe: su Resurrección. Cerrarnos en nuestros prejuicios, en si los tiempos pasados fueron mejores o peores... sólo nos llevará a una parálisis en nuestra acción evangelizadora.

POR TI, SEÑOR

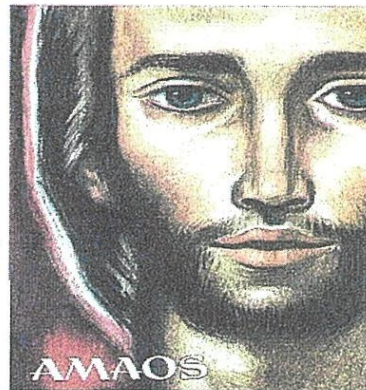
Daremos razón de tu nombre,
aunque, el hablar de Ti,
nos cause desasosiego o incomprensión
Ofreceremos, nuestras manos abiertas,
aún a riesgo de ser tratados como ilusos
de que, lo que damos o hacemos,
no sirve de nada ante un mundo
en el que sólo se valora lo que se paga
POR TI, SEÑOR

Miraremos al cielo buscando un rasgo de tu presencia
Miraremos hacia el duro asfalto
para llevar tu Buena Noticia
la alegría de tu ser resucitado
tu Palabra, como aliento y vida
tu rostro que tonifique nuestra triste existencia.
POR TI, SEÑOR

Amaremos, aún no siendo amados
Y, en medida rebosante y sin cuenta,
colmaremos y calmaremos
los corazones que necesitan paz
las almas que se han tornado en tibias
los pies que se resisten a caminar
los ojos que se han quedado en el vacío
POR TI, SEÑOR

Mantendremos, eternamente nuevo,
el mandamiento que Tú nos dejaste:
amar, sin mirar a quién
amar, sin contar las horas
amar, con corazón y desde el corazón
amar, buscando el bien del contrario
amar, buscándote en el hermano
POR TI, SEÑOR

Javier Leoz





On that night, Jesus spoke to His disciples about God being glorified and commanded them to love one another.

Find seven hidden letters in the picture. Unscramble them and use the word to fill in the two blanks below.



“If God is glorified in Him, God will _____
the Son in Himself, and will _____
Him at once.”

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Jesus told His disciples that He would be leaving them soon. He gave them special instructions.

Fit the words from the list into the puzzle.
Write the words on the lines.

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YOU	KNOW	COMMAND
ONE	LOVE	ANOTHER
ALL	HAVE	DISCIPLES
ARE	MUST	
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“A _____ I give _____:
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By _____ My _____
if _____.”



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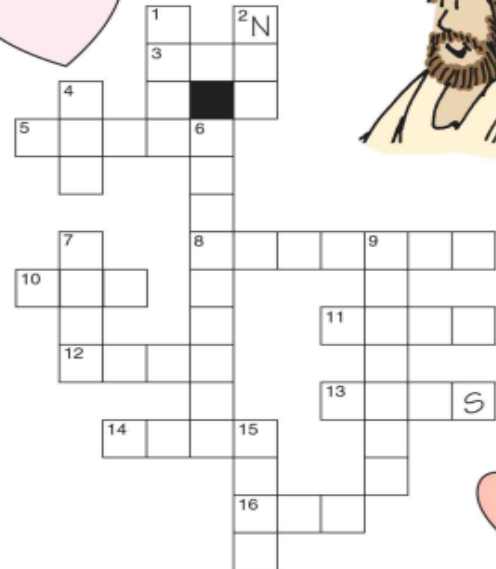
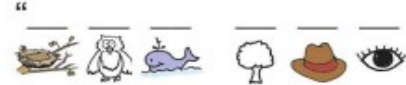
Jesus Gives a New Command



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