

Behold, I Am with you Always

-Mt. 28:20

Nativity

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Burke, Virginia

1973

2023

Celebrating 50 Years!

"We are God's people" - 1 Peter 2:10

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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/>

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

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

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



"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.

New priest assignments were announced this week in the Diocese of Arlington. Our Fr. Chris Hayes, after four years with us at Nativity, is moving to become the parochial Vicar at St. Timothy's in Chantilly, VA. We are so grateful for his ministry of teaching and sanctifying, always reminding us of the presence of the divine in our lives. We wish Fr. Hayes many blessings as he begins his new assignment and will celebrate with him before he leaves at the end of June.

Fr. Tony Bennett, a newly ordained priest, has been assigned to Nativity. We welcome him as he begins to share in priestly ministry with us in his first assignment. We pray for him and his seven other classmates being ordained on June 3, 2023.

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

Love and Blessings,
Fr. Bob Cilinski
Fr. Bob Cilinski, Pastor

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAY MAY 21



On June 10-11, Nativity will celebrate our 50th Anniversary! You and your family are invited to attend any Mass that weekend in honor of the anniversary. There will be a Donut Sunday reception in the Father Martin Center after all the Sunday morning Masses, and a lunch reception after the 11:00am Mass. Bishop Burbidge will celebrate the 11:00am Mass and stay for the reception, along with other special guests.

If you plan on attending the 11:00am Mass reception, please let us know for planning purposes and RSVP at:
<https://nativityburke.org/50th-anniversary-celebration/>

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY 1:00PM MASS ON JUNE 11TH

**On This Date in Nativity History
Winter 2003-2004**

In early 2004, another "first": a parishioner received Holy Communion with a low-gluten Host. They had been diagnosed with celiac disease, an immune system reaction to gluten, a protein found in wheat. For celiacs, eating gluten triggers an immune response in the small intestine that causes discomfort and, over time, serious complications that require surgery. The only treatment is to avoid eating anything containing gluten. The number of people affected is impossible to confirm since most celiacs are not aware of the cause of their condition. For centuries, the Church allowed Communion only with a Host made from gluten. When the parishioner asked Nativity Pastor Father Martin for a solution to the problem, he could not help because parishes could not use gluten-free Hosts, and he was unaware of any alternative. The parishioner wrote to Arlington Bishop Paul Loverde to ask that he give Father Martin permission to use gluten-free Hosts. Fortunately, the preceding July 2003, bishops had received a letter from Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (the future Pope Benedict XVI), then Director of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, explaining that low-gluten Hosts (i.e., Hosts made with very small amounts of gluten) were permitted for celiacs. The November 2003 News Letter from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat for the Liturgy advised that low-gluten Hosts (0.01% gluten) were permitted for Communion and were now available for purchase from the Benedictine Sisters Altar Bread Department in Clyde, Missouri. Here was the solution. For some years, the parishioner's need was treated as unique. The parishioner had to acquire their own supply of low-gluten Hosts and provide them to the parish; make special arrangements with each celebrant to be sure he knew to treat their Host separately; and receive Communion apart from other communicants, awkward for all concerned. Now, the issue is treated in a much more systematic and formal way. The parish acquires the low-gluten Hosts (there are now several sources of these), and a supply of consecrated Hosts is always available in the Tabernacle.

In the photo, Benedictine Sister of Perpetual Adoration Marie Jona Yoo pours batter on a hot plate used to bake low-gluten altar breads.



This historical note is the 50th 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. The book will be available for purchase during our fiftieth anniversary celebration this June.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flower Book is open with several dates still available. This is a thoughtful way to honor a loved one, living or deceased. If you are interested, please stop by the parish office to sign up. You can now also go online and reserve flowers on our website at: <https://nativityburke.org/altar-flowers/>.

4TH ANNUAL

CORPUS CHRISTI

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Sunday, June 4

3:00 PM

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE
SEE THE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS**

WWW.NATIVITYBURKE.ORG



The Second Collection this weekend will be for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)

The CCC is a vitally important initiative in helping to spread the Good News! Half of the collected funds remain in the Diocese of Arlington to support local communications projects. The other half supports the collective communication work of the bishops of the United States as well as other national projects in the U.S. and around the world. To learn more about the CCC please visit www.usccb.org/ccc. Thank you for your support!

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.

Nativity Italian Heritage & Cultural Society

May is cheesy with the Nativity Italian Heritage and Cultural Society. We'll be talking Italian cheeses with Diane Welland, dietician, food writer and cheese expert. We'll sample several delicious cheeses and discuss buying, eating, cooking & nutritional benefits. Join us for this tasty and cheesy event.

Date: Thursday, May 25
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Nativity School Cafeteria

All are invited. Guests are always welcome for a \$5 guest fee. Hope to see you there!

**ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA
29TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS**

The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, invites you and your guests to attend the 29th Annual Memorial Mass Sunday, the 21st of May, 2023 at 4:30pm in the Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception 400 Michigan Ave, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017

Together with the priests of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, please join in prayer as the men and women who are serving or have served in the Armed Forces, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, are honored.

The schedule of events will be as follows:
Sacrament of Penance at 3:00 – 3:35pm, Rosary at 3:35pm
Solemn Vespers at 4:00pm, Holy Mass at 4:30pm

To attend, please register at <https://www.milarch.org/memorialmass/>

**Nativity is a tithing community
Giving back a portion of God's blessings in gratitude**

**Religious Education Registration
for 2023-2024 classes**

NOW OPEN

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

Women of Nativity Annual Baby Shower

JUNE 3 & 4



ALL MASSES

It's that time again. A chance for you to say "we support you before and after your baby is born" to the expectant mothers out there. To help, the Women of Nativity is holding its annual Baby Shower after all Masses on June 3rd and 4th. This year they will support: the MaRiH Center, Catholic Charities Pregnancy and Adoption Services, A Woman's Choice, ECHO, Lorton Community Action Center, Stella Marina, Divine Mercy, Tepeyac and Hope In Northern Virginia. Your contributions will help ensure that these organizations can continue to support expectant mothers.

Donations may be placed in the Pack N' Play in the Narthex from May 27th - June 4th. If you prefer not to shop, you can drop a donation in the bucket in the Narthex after Masses on June 3rd and 4th.

Requested items (must be new unless otherwise mentioned): Disposable and Pre-folded cloth diapers, diaper pins, diaper bags, waterproof pads, wipes, receiving blankets, onesies, sleepers, hooded towels, wash cloths, bibs, socks, hats, pacifiers, boys and girls clothing/sweaters/jackets up to 3T, Gift Cards (Amazon, Walmart, Target, Uber), Similac Advance formula, bottles, baby lotion and wash, shampoo, rash ointment, Lovies, self-care/pampering items for new moms (like lotion, facial, nail, spa type things)
 Large items (can be gently used): Pack N' Plays, pack and play sheets, umbrella strollers, Boppy and nursing pillows.

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



Cub Scout Pack 1101

Pack 1101 provides craft, skill, and family activities for Nativity's boys and girls in grades K-5. Dens meet once per month from September to May in order to work on advancement requirements, crafts, skills, skits, and songs. There is also one Pack meeting per month where Dens gather to share their activities and receive recognition for their accomplishments.

The highlights of the year include the Pinewood Derby where Scouts race their handmade cars and the Blue and Gold Banquet where the Pack celebrates the birthday of both Scouting and Pack 1101. Additionally, Scouts are afforded a number of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors on nature walks and family camping trips.

Meeting Time: Dens meet 1-2 times a month from September to May

Location: Nativity Cafeteria

Please contact Matt Hezel (Cub Master) at Matt.hezel@gmail.com or Josh Goldman (Pack Committee Chairman) at joshua.a.goldman@gmail.com if you are interested or have any questions.



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)



Christian unity may be closer than you think! Please join us for our Northern Virginia celebration of the observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and Ecumenical Prayer Service on Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00pm at St. Ann Catholic Church, 5300 10th Street N, Arlington, VA. Bishop Burbidge will be joined by religious leaders from the United Methodist Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia for an evening of prayer and discussion.

The Nativity Religious Education Program Needs Volunteers for the 2023-2024 School Year

Please prayerfully consider assisting this vital program in our church. Volunteers (like you!) are the good witnesses of the Catholic faith that the youth of our parish need. Available positions: Catechists, Assistant Catechists, Office Assistants, High School Catechist Assistants, SPRED Volunteers, and Substitutes Catechists. There is a 50% RE tuition discount for the children of catechists during their year of commitment.

For more information, please visit our website, or email: nativity.ccd@nativityschool.org



Memorial Day Mass and holiday cook-out



Monday, May 29 at 11:00am

Fairfax Memorial Park Cemetery

9900 Braddock Rd, Fairfax VA 22032



Severe Weather plan: Mass to be held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church





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.**

NO HANDS BUT YOURS MINISTRY

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 D.C. AND NORTHERN VIRGINIA EVERY SUNDAY MORNING, RAIN OR SHINE. FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT THE NATIVITY PARISH WEBSITE OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN DAILY/SUNDAY RUNS, PLEASE CONTACT JOHN RUBINO AT: JOHN.ALBERT.RUBINO@GMAIL.COM.

<http://nativityburke.org/service/no-hands-but-yours/>



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



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.



MASS INTENTIONS

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

- Monday, May 22nd
7:30 am † Marshall Levitan
- Tuesday, May 23rd
7:30 am † Mrs. Trieu
12:00 pm † John Anthony Casazza
- Wednesday, May 24th
7:30 am † Francisca Claire
10:00 am † Special Int. for Oriane (Heatherwood)
- Thursday, May 25th
7:30 am † Harvey Tabion
12:00 pm † Pope Benedict XVI
- Friday, May 26th
7:30 am † Michael Brensy
9:00 am † Stephan Bruce
- Saturday, May 27th
9:00 am † Dorothy Visco
5:00 pm † Paul Focht
7:00 pm † Celia & Jorge Calero
- Sunday, May 28th
7:00 am † Mr. William "Butch" Scheufele
9:00 am † Dottie Andrews
11:00 am † Robert DeVito
1:00 pm † Ernie Weeks
5:30 pm † Tim Coughlin

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

DIOCESAN FAMILY FESTIVAL
Rejoicing in One God, One Family

SATURDAY, JUNE 10 | 4-8:30 P.M.
MASS WITH BISHOP BURBIDGE AT 4 P.M.

- FREE HOT DOGS & PUPUSAS*
- FACE PAINTING & VENDORS*
- GAMES, RIDES & INFLATABLES



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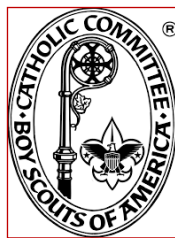
26 Fairground Rd, Front Royal, VA 22630

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating

* DONATIONS FOR FOOD VENDORS GREATLY APPRECIATED

**Catholic Scouting
Religious Emblem Blessing & Presentation**

Please join in congratulating the youth of our Parish who have completed the work for and will receive their Catholic Scouting Religious Emblems from Fr. Bob at the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, 4 June. The Church established the Religious Emblem programs to bolster youth from the Girl Scouts, Campfire, Cub Scouts, Scouting BSA, and the American Heritage Girls programs in their faith and Duty to God which is part of the each of the youth programs' oath or promise. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Sam Morthland, the Parish Religious Emblem Coordinator at spmorthland@gmail.com or at 571-594-1333.



ALTAR FLOWERS Donated by



The Hartzog Family
In Loving Memory of
Philip Hartzog

**CONGRATULATIONS
2023 GRADUATES**

*I keep my eyes always on the
LORD. With him at my right hand,
I will not be shaken.*

BATTLE OF THE SERVERS

Tuesday July 25 10:30 a.m.—2 p.m.

St. Leo Parish

3700 Blenheim Boulevard, Fairfax, VA 22030



**Come for the Prizes...
Stay for the fun!**

Congrats to
the 2022
winners,
St. John the
Evangelist
Parish!



Get your parish team together today!
Compete against other parishes for points and spirit.
Enjoy BBQ'd dogs and burgers with Bishop Burbidge.

Altar servers sign up through their parish, who then registers the group with the Office of Vocations. If a parish is not participating, servers can come with an adult chaperone(s), just advise the Office of Vocations.

Deadline to RSVP: Monday July 10.
Attendance is free.

Parish Registration information available next month

**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*

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!

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.

THE LIGHTNING THIEF

THE PERCY JACKSON MUSICAL

BOOK BY
Joe Tracz

MUSIC & LYRICS BY
Rob Rokicki

ADAPTED FROM THE BOOK
THE LIGHTNING THIEF BY
Rick Riordan

AUDITIONS: MAY 10-11

PERFORMANCES:

JULY 14 - 15, 2023

JULY 21 - 22, 2023

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THEATER MINISTRY**

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The Seven Sisters Apostolate

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call for women to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of our parish priests. It is a “holy wasting” or “lavishing of prayer” for their deeper conformity to Christ. This apostolate is relatively new, having started in 2010 in Minnesota by Janette Howe. During a walk one day, it occurred to Janette that the very least she might do in gratitude for her priests’ ever-generous pastoral care would be to offer a Holy Hour once a week for him. The rest is history! Learn more at sevensistersapostolate.org.

Last year, this Apostolate came to Nativity, and now we have Seven Sisters Apostolate prayer teams praying for Father Bob, Father Hayes, Father Bresnahan, and Father Wilson every day of the week! We also have a list of substitutes who are willing to offer a Holy Hour when called upon.

We will renew our commitment this summer, near the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We need a few more women to fill openings and be on the substitute list. It is simply just one hour a week, anytime during your day, an hour to spend with our Lord for your priest. The most ideal place to pray your Holy Hour is before the Blessed Sacrament exposed during Eucharistic Adoration, or before the Tabernacle at any Catholic Church is also fine. Contact Linda Loffredo at lindaloffredo@gmail.com for more information.

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	PM-5 PM	10AM - 4 PM; 6-9 PM	6-9 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!!)

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/>.



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.

Wives Appreciation Luncheon: Sunday, 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.

Mowing: An Injured Knight and his family need your help taking care of the lawn this summer. Sign up on Linktree.

Extended Care Planning and Estate Preservation Seminar: See you at 7:00pm on 30 May in the Fr. Ready room. All adult parishioners are welcome. Knights and their families are encouraged to attend. Refreshments provided.

Nativity School Field Day BBQ: 1 June 9:30am-2:00pm support our school kids by flipping some burgers and dogs. Sign up on the linktree. Email Br. Jack Emerson at tinmaus@gmail.com with any questions.

Yard Sale: URGENT need for area leads and assistant leads to commit to supporting the collection period as well as the date of the sale (June 15-24th). This is the council's second biggest charity fundraiser! 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.

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.

Name Tags: Email Warden Michael Bender at michaelbambender@hotmail.com to order.

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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! Simply go to <https://info.kofc.org/us.html> and enter our council #7992 for local information and to register. E-membership for the first year is free using the new code "blessedmcgivney."

WorkCamp 2023

The teens and adults of Nativity have been in formation since November, and our week away is just around the corner (June 17-23, 2023). Our hope is that you can start praying for us as we get ready to head to Winchester, Virginia for a week of intentional service and Christian community. If you would like to write any of the teens or adults notes, we would love that as well. Please drop them off at the Parish Front Office by Thursday, June 15, 2023. Thank you for your continued support and love as we venture out as disciples this summer.

Teens

Dylan Aranibar
Noah Beard
Michael Birden
Liam Caron
Hannah Engdahl
Jaren Riley Fontejon
Charlotte Gaeta
David Griffith
Sebastian Haworth
Gabriella Lazarte
Alex Lazarte
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Noah Mazzola
Austin Nguyen
Rachel Pryor
Sidney Resch
Simon Resch
Zach Smith
Megan Smith

Adults

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Stephen Resch - Adult Leader
Bill Birden - Homebase
Beth Monroe - Homebase
Mike Giardina - Contractor
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Khanh Truong - Kitchen Staff
Christine Birden - Nurse
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Marta Griffith - Security / Lunch Prep
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Marc Laverdiere - Security
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Rebecca Judge - Director of Youth Ministry
Brigid Williams - Stakeholder / Project's Office

Join members of St. John Neumann community in a Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 17th from 10:00AM-3:00PM. This is a family event with food, games, vendors and more!



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Small groups sessions

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- July 12: Holy Trinity (NEW location!)
- July 19: Basilica of St. Mary
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- 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

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Guys: Thursdays, 7:30-9:00pm | 2x / month

EDGE: GRADES 6-8

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See website for schedule



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- 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.



A Message from The Nativity Creation Care Ministry

Daisy Girl Scout Troop 52130 began their "Daisy Garden Journey" by planting vegetables into three of the Nativity Vegetable Garden beds on May 5, 2023. Marilyn Dorner and Linda Nordstrom, members of the Creation Care Ministry, were there to help the Daisies plant the veggies. They did a teaching moment on the life cycle of the plants, from seed in the soil to the flower returning to seed after pollination. They also demonstrated digging (without flipping soil all over their friends), dislodging the plant from the container, spreading the roots, and planting it properly into the soil. The girls received a demo of the rain barrel and learned the proper way to water the new plants. We look forward to seeing their harvest!



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Mercy through a Mother's Eyes

Contemplating the Cross and Resurrection with Mary through Art and Music

Featuring artist Maria Brock and Catholic Charities

May 3, 2023 · 7:00pm

Saint Robert Bellarmine Chapel, GMU - Fairfax



Queen of Peace, House of Gold

Imagining Mary our Shelter in Art, Ministry, and Music

Featuring artist Caitlin Solan and Catholic Charities Margaret of Cortona House

May 19, 2023 · 7:00pm

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Mount Vernon



Icon of Wisdom

Images of Our Lady in Art, Sound, and Care for the Elderly

Featuring artist Veronica Royal and Catholic Charities Saint Martin de Porres Senior Center

June 16, 2023 · 7:00pm

Saint Agnes Catholic Church, Arlington



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Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

Ascension Sunday

Sunday May 21

Acts 1:1-11
 Ps 47:2-3,6-9
 Ephesians 1:17-23
 Matthew 28:16-20

Monday May 22

Acts 19:1-8
 Ps 68:2-3b,4-5acd,6-7b
 John 16:29-33

Tuesday May 23

Acts 20:17-27
 Ps 68:10-11,20-21
 John 17:1-11a

Wednesday May 24

Acts 20:28-38
 Ps 68:29-30,33-36b
 John 17:11b-19

Thursday May 25

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
 Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11
 John 17:20-26

Friday May 26

St. Philip Neri
 Acts 25:13b-21
 Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20b
 John 21:15-19

Saturday May 27

Acts 28:16-20,30-31
 Ps 11:4-5,7
 John 21:20-25

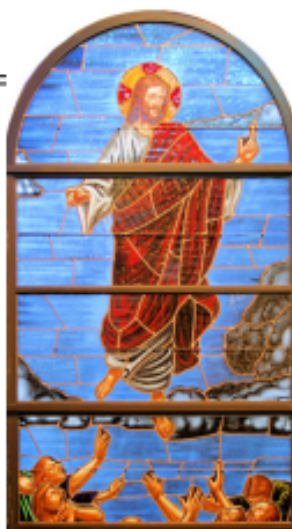
In the Gospel reading, Jesus states the Great Commission. He still repeats it today and at the end of every Mass when, through the priest, he sends us on our way. "Go," he says. "Go and make disciples wherever I send you."

A disciple is a student. Think of people you know who are mere followers of Christ, people who claim to believe in Jesus but who are not learning how to imitate Christ, adult Catholics who stopped their religious education a long time ago. Their faith is not enough to change the world, because they live more like the world than like holy representatives of Christ. Or they live more miserably, less joyfully than those who know how much Jesus cares about them. Or they are unpleasant to be around, because they have not developed enough humility to exude Christ.

You are called to disciple them! Jesus has commissioned you to do it. And it's not impossible to do. Take apart the word "commission" to see

that you are "with" ("co") Jesus on his "mission". He says, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to Me" in the context of the Great Commission. This means that, when we share in Christ's mission, we share in his power.

If we are more than mere followers and have been disciples learning how to be fully alive in the Holy Spirit of Christ, he will give us the words and the opportunities to teach others to observe and understand what he has commanded.



With Christ, we can change hearts by teaching the people around us what it means to be a follower of Christ who also learns from Christ. We teach first by our example, but unless this is backed up with explanations of why we follow Christ, those whom we hope to influence will make no new discoveries about God's love, the benefits of God's commandments, or the need for God's merciful forgiveness.

"Behold!" he adds as an exclamation point on the Great Commission, "I am with you always. Together we will change the world, one disciple at a time."

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Are you just a follower of Christ or are you also a student of his ways, his truths, and his commandments?
- † What can you do to learn more?
- † How does it feel to be a partner of Jesus in his mission of evangelization?
- † How have others evangelized you? What did they do that inspired you to become more active in your Christian faith?

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 Aquél 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.

7º 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



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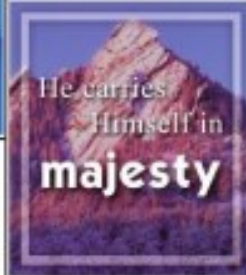


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