

PENTECOST



**6400 Nativity Lane,
Burke, Virginia 22015
nativityburke.org**

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SUNDAY MASSES: 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass in Spanish
7:00 a.m./9:00 a.m./11:00 a.m./
1:00 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
**must be submitted in writing by 11:00 AM on
Tuesday (5 days prior to publication).** Please
note: this deadline can change due to holiday office
closings.

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

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



*“There are different forms of service, but the same Lord.”
- Cor 12:4*

My dear parishioners,

Pentecost is a great day in the life of the church. It is a celebration of Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit to the church and to each of the baptized.

Before Pentecost, the disciples were frightened, behind locked doors. After they received the Holy Spirit, they became confident and courageous. They were set on fire and the doors were opened and they went out with a sense of mission and purpose. The Holy Spirit is for every life and every age a source of renewal. The Holy Spirit of God is with us, *"in our heart He takes up his rest."* St. Cyril of Alexandria said it this way, *"with the Holy Spirit within us it is quite natural for people who had been absorbed by the things of this world to become entirely other-worldly in outlook, and for cowards to become people of great courage."*

I give thanks to God for sending the Holy Spirit to our Nativity Parish that has allowed God to accomplish wonderful things through us. Let us always count on the gifts of the Holy Spirit to guide us. Rejoice today... the last day of the Easter Season.

Love and Blessings,
Bob Cilinski
Msgr. Bob Cilinski
Pastor

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.

Four years ago, this Apostolate came to Nativity, and now we have Seven Sisters Apostolate prayer teams praying for our priests 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 on Saturday morning, June 6th. We may need a few more women willing 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 in prayer for your priest. The most ideal place to pray your Holy Hour is before the Blessed Sacrament exposed during Eucharistic Adoration, at any Catholic Church, or before the Tabernacle is also fine. For more information, contact Linda at lindaloffredo@gmail.com.



**Please note changes in Mass schedule for Monday, May 25:
Morning Mass will be at 9:00 am instead of 7:30 am
There will not be a noon Mass**

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.

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](https://nativityburke.org/mem-mini-retreat/marriage@nativityburke.org)





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



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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, teethers, 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.
Can be gently used: Pack N' Plays (with bassinet feature), strollers and baby monitors.

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

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. Thank you and may God bless you!




ST. LUCY FOOD DRIVE

Feeding the Hungry; Nourishing the Soul

PLEASE DONATE

--- SATURDAY, JUNE 6th | 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

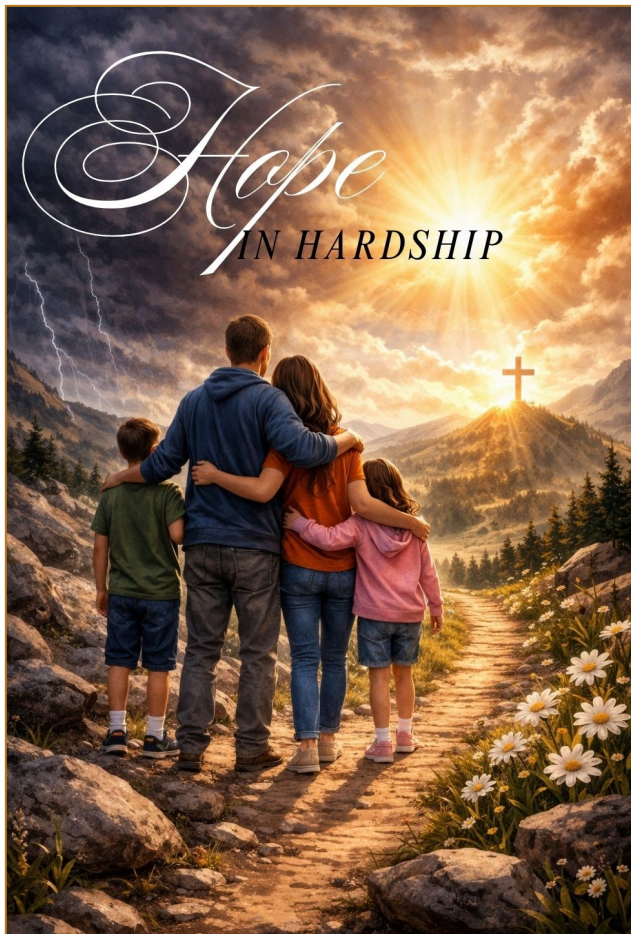
Please no glass containers

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

Are you registered in the Parish?

If you are not receiving mail or emails from the parish, chances are you are not registered. You are free to stop by the Parish Office to fill out a registration form to become a registered member of Nativity Parish or go online to: nativityburke.org and download one. Registration is required to be a



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>

ALTAR FLOWERS - Donated by

Joanne Lynch
In Loving Memory of
David J. Lynch



JULY 13-24, 2026

SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS
~ SUMMER CAMPS ~
SpotlightSummerCamps.com
Manassas, VA | Burke, VA

BROADWAY SPOTLIGHT
DRAMA BOOTCAMP
ARTS & CRAFTS FUN
ART EXPLORER

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC): We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associate group.) Meet us for: Spring Dance at Epiphany Church (June 6); Thursday lunches (June 11 & 25); dining out in Shirlington (June 14); outdoor Stations of the Cross at Nativity Church (June 17); dance at Greenspring (June 19); picnic at Lake Accotink (June 21); serving meal at Christ House (June 27); mini-golf (June 30). For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.

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!

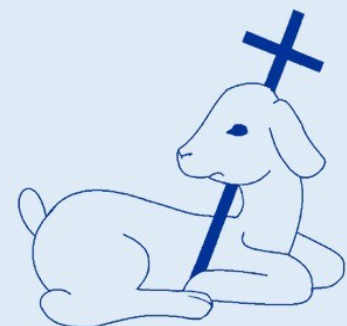


CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026 FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Janssiel Albuquerque
 Maxwell Alejandro
 James Allen
 Santiago Alvarado
 Joseph Anderson
 Alexander Arce
 Sofia Attard
 Mary Balzano
 Mariana Barrett
 Elizabeth Becker
 Romal Bonner
 Finley Brennan
 Nia Brown
 Amelia Bucks
 Lucas Burke
 Isabelle Casey
 Lorenzo Castedo
 Josephine Castonguay
 Ryan Chisholm
 Riley Creed
 Molly Cribbs
 Gryphon Crooks
 Sebastian Cross-Aldana
 Daphne Cuca
 Brielle Cunanan
 Juliana De Guzman
 Maximillian Downie
 Hannah Dunbar
 Ethan Estrada
 Lucia Estrada
 Vera Evans
 Evan Farrell
 Camden Fedok
 Archer Festog
 Bennett Filler
 Connor Finerfrock
 Austin Formagus
 Brayden Geary
 Angelo Glorioso
 Everett Grubb
 Teagan Hanna
 Hannah Hawes
 Victoria Head
 Cullen Herchert
 Vera Hernandez
 Sophie Hodges
 Henry Holliday
 Addison Hynes
 Brayden Iskrzak
 John Judge

Elizabeth Kisiel
 Kiera Kovack
 James Lam
 Connor Langan
 Callie Laster
 Emilia Leahy
 Madeline LeBlanc
 Audrey Leutbecker
 Ava Lewis
 Benjamin Lewis
 Maximilline Loeffert
 Amelie Lopez-Candelario
 Caroline Lord
 Alonzo Macedo Cincotta
 Ethan Mai
 June Martin
 Walter May
 Savannah McCormick
 Nora McCullough
 Kelly McKeon
 Carlos Menacho
 Lucas Metellus
 Matthew Morales Munayco
 Elvis Moreira-Catinac
 Isabella Morelli Rivera
 Henry Morgan
 Luke Mueller
 Luke Nagy
 Galileo Paolo Namata
 Neo Namata
 John-Paul Navarro McElwain
 Jeronimo Navas Chaparro
 Joseph Nguyen
 Isaac Nguyen
 Jayden Nguyen
 Michael Nielson
 Madison O'Brien
 Audrey Oh
 Mya Ortuño Bonilla
 Anna Maria Pannucci
 Joseph Pereira
 Kiera Phung
 Katherine Pounder
 Thomas Pyryt
 Matthew Ragnetti
 Declan Ranson
 Nathan Regan
 Alessio Renzi
 Quinn Rogers
 Lucas Ros
 Adriana Ruano Ponce
 Luca Ryan

Christina Saenz
 Emelyn Scarola
 Charlotte Senerchia
 Harrison Shaw
 Luke Shea
 Audrey Sheeran
 Cecilia Shelton
 Leonardo Siles
 Carson Simpson Ferreira
 Nolan Slee
 Ryan Slevinski
 Finley Smith
 Henry Smith
 Jordan Sommar
 Heather Soto
 Sienna Stohler
 Henry Stork
 Charlie Summers
 Thiago Tarqui
 Oliver Taylor
 Ella Toland
 Zoe Torres Lopez
 Aaron Uon
 Eleanor Urben
 Natalia Valenzuela Sehwoerer
 Andrea Vargas
 Brielle Velasco
 Kamila Vengale
 Benjamin Villa Padilla
 Liam Wampler
 Logan Welland
 Benjamin White
 Charles Wille
 Liliana Wills Fonseca
 Julianne Wilson
 Drin Xharra
 Valentina Yanes
 Eliana Yoder
 Maximus Yurgil
 Grace Zando
 Sebastian Zeballos Bialec
 Evelyn Zellman





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.

**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
Friday, June 19	10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Saturday, June 20	9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Sunday, June 21	2:00 PM-5:00 PM
Monday June 22-Wed. June 24	6:00 PM-9:00 PM
Thursday/Friday, June 25-26	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

Tax receipts provided

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



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



The BLA is an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family and support programs, ministries, and services that no single individual or parish could offer by itself. After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider supporting the BLA this year. Please go online: www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla, scan the QR code, or use a BLA envelope in church to make a donation. As of May 12, our pledges and donations amount to \$798,941 but with about 16 percent of registered parishioners participating. Please help our parish meet our \$840,000 BLA dollar goal. We're so close! Thank you.



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

Monday, May 25

9:00 am Special Intention for America's Sea Services, Navy, Merchant Marine, Marine Corps & Coast Guard

Tuesday, May 26

7:30 am Special Intention for Lilyana Namata
12:00 pm † Marc Angelo Sanidad & Teofilo J. Torres

Wednesday, May 27

7:30 am † Isabel Tanella
10:00 am † Pam Gurtis (Heatherwood)

Thursday, May 28

7:30 am † Dottie Andrews
12:00 pm † Louise Condry

Friday, May 29

7:30 am † Maria Aixa Martinez de Garcia

Saturday, May 30

9:00 am † Daniel Bracey
5:00 pm † Michelle Ann McKee
7:00 pm † Irma Cosme

Sunday, May 31

7:00 am † Elena R. Poblete
9:00 am † Rosann Byrnes
11:00 am Nativity Parishioners
1:00 pm † Marc Angelo Sanidad
5:30 pm † Jack Sullivan

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

Do you need a ride to a medical appointment or to go grocery shopping and are unable to drive? The Shepherd's Center—Fairfax Burke provides these services. Feel free to contact the Shepherd's Center Fairfax Burke at 703-323-4788 for information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Want to help make a positive impact to support marriages and families? Please help the Marriage Enrichment Ministry with cooking, setup, and/or cleanup on our next event on Saturday, May 30.

Opportunities for responsible high schoolers and 8th graders available. Please email Anna Lisa at marriage@nativityburke.org for more information.

MARIAN HOMES, INC. for the intellectually disabled

DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT



SATURDAY - MAY 30

SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Nativity Catholic Church
6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA 22015
Parking Lot - Drive thru - from 10:00 am-12:00 noon

DONATIONS GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED
Proceeds will be for the benefit of the intellectually disabled

Bring your old documents, cancelled checks, paper,
manila folders, windowed envelopes, etc.

NO newspapers, magazines, card board

NO heavy metal objects, especially 3-ring binders

NO hard-drives, discs, tapes, etc.



Sick / Homebound Visits

Are you or someone you know sick and/or homebound for any reason? We can arrange home visits from the parish and provide prayer and the sacraments. We would love to bring God's Grace and Peace to anyone in difficult times.

Please contact Cat Sands, Pastoral Minister, at csands@nativityburke.org to schedule a visit.

JOIN CUB SCOUTING!!

Pack 1101 invites all boys and girls K through 5th graders to join Cub Scouting. Learn new crafts, skills, and participate in fun activities such as the Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, nature walks and family camp outs. Den meetings are once or twice per month from September to May at Nativity.

For more information, contact Dave Zivich at davezivich@gmail.com.



A Message from Nativity Creation Care Ministry

As part of the Mother's Day Pop-up market at the High Tea Garden Party on May 9, Creation Care Ministry appreciated the opportunity to share our passion for gardening with native plants with many visitors who stopped at the table to take some brochures and put their names in the give-away raffle. People were curious about the large utility bucket we had on display and learned about the environmental advantages of using a "mosquito bucket" instead of chemical mosquito repellents. <https://homegrownnationalpark.org/mosquito-bucket-challenge/>.

Although we also gave away 3 lovely plants donated from Linda Nordstrom's garden, the less than lovely bucket was the most desired prize.

It was great to realize how many folks want to know more about Virginia native plants and we look forward to coming back next year for more garden talk at the Garden Party benefit for the Nativity Sisters.

The MaRiH Center is a crisis-pregnancy in Alexandria that has been serving, loving, and walking with mothers in need for over 50 years. We are seeking volunteers who want to partner in our mission to provide confidential life-saving help to moms and their babies. If you feel called to volunteer, please call 703-370-4774 or visit our website at marih.org.

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



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.



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 to learn more, RSVP for our next event, and to apply.

2026 SUMMER CAMPS

BE GREAT THIS SUMMER!

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

Register Today!

Questions?
Email camps@jthegreat.org or
Call 703-445-0246

DIOCESAN FESTIVAL
★ CELEBRATING FAITH + FREEDOM ★

FREE REGISTRATION

arlingtondiocese.org/festival

SATURDAY, JUNE 13
BERRYVILLE, VA

NEED TO TALK?

Catholic Charities provides quality mental health services & counselors grounded in a Catholic understanding of the human person. "Nativity's Counselor" Ms. Marguerite Turner, MS, LPC 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.



Religious Education Class Registration

IS NOW OPEN!

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:

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- Assistant Catechists
- Office Assistants
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- Substitutes (catechists)

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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/



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 📷 [@nativitycym](https://www.instagram.com/nativitycym)

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/
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/



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.

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In one of our most beautiful traditions, our second and eighth graders recently guided us through a very special devotion honoring Mary -- **our May Crowning**.



Our second graders, who had just received their First Holy Communion, and our eighth graders, who had recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation, pooled their talents to help us honor our Mother. After leading the church in a decade of the Rosary, they reverently placed a crown of flowers atop Mary's head.

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

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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 or the Grand Knight, Michael Bender at gk7992@nativityburke.org with any questions.

- Volunteer for an event!** Scroll down to view all events, 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.
- 12 JUN: Nativity School - End of Year BBQ:** Calling all grillmasters and servers! Come on out and support the Nativity school during this fun-filled year-end celebration! SUG is live!
- 17 JUN:** Yard sale tent raising! Come on out and help raise the tent in support of the #1 Yard Sale in the DMV! Slots are limited, sign up now!
- 18-27 JUN: YARD SALE – All Knights on Deck!** SUGs live for area leads and volunteers. Collections begin 18-26 JUN; final setup
- 18-25 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.
- 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 handyknightsfnativity@gmail.com.
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The Assembly of Catholic Professionals has been established by Bishop Burbidge as a ministry of the Catholic Foundation to deepen the connection between faith and professional life in the Diocese of Arlington. This new initiative brings together Catholic business and professional leaders from across the diocese to build community, grow spiritually, and support the Church's mission.

The Assembly welcomes all professionals who seek to integrate their Catholic faith into daily life. Through quarterly luncheons, members build relationships with one another and engage directly with Bishop Burbidge, diocesan clergy, national speakers, and local lay leaders in a setting of fellowship and formation.

Each event features remarks from Bishop Burbidge and a keynote speaker—prominent professionals in Church, business, law, government, media, or sports—reflecting on how their Catholic faith has shaped them and offering their own perspective on the faith in their field.

Upcoming ACP Events

- June 17, 2026 - 11am-1pm - Westwood Country Club - Vienna Speaker: Jacob Ciccarelli, CEO of Truthly
- September 24, 2026 - 11am-1pm - Westwood Country Club - Vienna Speaker: Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, Archbishop Emeritus of Boston
- December 7, 2026 - 11am-1pm - Archer Hotel - Tysons Corner Speaker: Kerry Robinson, Catholic Charities USA

For more information and to register, visit:

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/development/the-foundation/programs-1/assembly-of-catholic-professionals>



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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.



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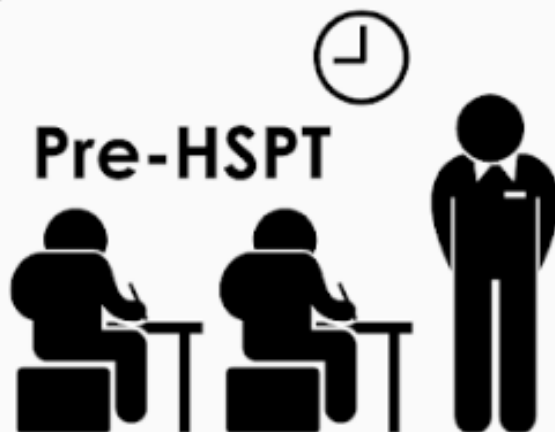
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When: Tuesday, July 21, 2026, from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 30, 2026, from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Where: St. Paul VI Catholic High School
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Register: <https://qrco.de/Pre-HSPT>

Contact: admissions@paulvi.net



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**Apertura del calendario del 1 de julio
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**El calendario para las Intenciones de Misa abrió el
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Estamos limitando las solicitudes a 5 intenciones
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**El portal en línea para programar Intenciones de
Misa abrirá el martes 26 de mayo a las 9:00 a.m.**

**Les pedimos paciencia y cortesía mientras
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Los pechos que tu creaste.*

*Te llaman Paráclito,
Don de Dios altísimo,
Fuente viva, fuego, amor
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*Tú, don septenario,
Dedo de la diestra del Padre,
Por]El prometido a los hombres
Con palabras solemnes.*

*Enciende luz a los sentidos
Infunde amor en los corazones,
Y las debilidades de nuestro cuerpo
Conviértelas en firme fortaleza.*

*Manda lejos al enemigo,
Y danos incesantemente la paz,
Para que con tu guía
Evitemos todo mal.*

*Danos a conocer al Padre,
Danos a conocer al Hijo
Y a Ti, Espíritu de ambos,
Creamos en todo tiempo.*

*Que la gloria sea para Dios Padre,
Y para el Hijo, de entre los muertos
Resucitado, y para el Paráclito,
Por los siglos de los siglos.
Amén.*

¡LA CUMBRE DE LA PASCUA: PENTECOSTÉS! Por Javier Leoz

¡Lo hemos conseguido! Culminamos, con la Solemnidad de Pentecostés, los cincuenta días que han estado traspasados por el gran acontecimiento de la Resurrección de Jesucristo. El pasado Domingo, en su Ascensión, nos quedábamos sin perder de vista el cielo y, a la vez, con el firme compromiso de llevar adelante la tarea que Cristo nos encomendó. ¿Seremos capaces?

1.- Pues precisamente por eso, porque la debilidad en multitud de formas, puede imponerse a nuestra buena voluntad, Pentecostés es la confirmación y el aliento que necesitamos. Es la madurez de la Iglesia. Es el punto "0" desde donde arrancamos para movernos por nosotros mismos, sin más tutores que la presencia del Espíritu Santo. Hoy, como todo bebé recién nacido, gemimos por alguien que nos empuje, que nos alimente o nos sostenga. Alguien que, en definitiva, nos vaya conduciendo por los mil caminos de la vida. ¿Quién es ese Alguien? Ni más ni menos que el Espíritu Santo.

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2.- Por eso mismo, la fiesta de Pentecostés, puentea lo que no es importante. Aquello que nosotros, demasiado mediatizados por nuestras formas de ver y de entender la Iglesia, el Evangelio o a Jesús mismo, convertimos en máximo cuando es mínimo. El Espíritu nos urge a velar por la unidad, a vivir en comunidad o –por lo menos- a trabajar para que la comunidad sea un fiel reflejo del inmenso amor que Dios nos tiene.

Hace algún tiempo, en el marco de un programa televisivo, era entrevistada una religiosa. Cuando se le preguntaba sobre al amor de Dios, ella, contestó: "no sirve de nada hablar del amor de Dios, si la gente con la que convivimos no nota que amamos, que les amamos, que nos desvivimos amando". Sólo, el Espíritu, es capaz de promover en nosotros una cultura que aliente e impulse a sembrar nuestro mundo con ese amor que nace de Dios y a Dios vuelve.

Si el Espíritu Santo es inicio de muchas cosas, entre ellas de la misma Iglesia, ¿cómo no vamos a dar cabida y cobertura en este día de Pentecostés a este "dulce huésped del alma"? ¿No será que estamos demasiado vacíos porque, al Espíritu, lo hemos convertido en un extraño? ¿No será que nuestra fe es cansina y con muchas telarañas, porque al Espíritu, lo hemos alojado en el sótano de nuestra existencia?

3.- Hoy, hermanos, los que fuimos bautizados, los que hemos compartido tantos momentos buenos con Jesús; los que hemos sido formados y alentados por su Palabra...somos confirmados, autorizados y renovados por la efusión del Espíritu Santo. Siempre es bueno recordar aquella leyenda del árbol engreído en medio del desierto. Pensaba que, lo más importante, era él. Creyó, incluso, que sin su sombra agonizarían beduinos y ovejas que descansaban durante el recio sol por el día o dormían, durante la crueldad del frío, por la noche. Pronto, muy pronto, aprendió una gran lección: valía más, mucho más, el agua que el beduino echaba sobre sus raíces, cada vez que recostaba su cabeza en la madera de su tronco, que toda la sombra que le regalaba.

4.- Así nos puede ocurrir a nosotros. Sin el Espíritu, sin su frescura, sin su agua, sin su fuego, somos ramas secas, árboles sin fruto o con frutos dañados. Que el Espíritu Santo nos conduzca por los caminos de Cristo. Que nos ayude a dar con esa clave para una nueva evangelización. Que no pensemos tanto "en la sombra que damos" cuanto en el cobijo que nos da esta tercera persona de la Santísima Trinidad.

Que todos los dones y todas las gracias de las que disponemos, sean un motivo para agradecer a ese GRAN AMIGO INVISIBLE que tanto hace por nosotros. ¡Feliz Pascua de Pentecostés!



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