

JESUS *was taken up into* HEAVEN



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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/>

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

A Message from our Pastor Msgr. Bob Cilinski



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION

"Then he led them (out) as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.

They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God." ~ Luke 24:50-53

My dear parishioners,

The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus into heaven is one of victory and glory. Jesus triumphantly returns to heaven to prepare a place for each of us. *"The strife is o'er, the battle won."* It would be a mistake to interpret the Ascension as the absence of Christ from the world. Jesus is now with us in a new way, in His Church and in the Holy Spirit. The Christ spirit is making of the world a new creation. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said, *"we go to heaven to the extent that we go to Jesus Christ and enter into him. Heaven is a person. Jesus himself is what we call 'heaven.'"*

Recently, new clergy assignments were announced in the Diocese of Arlington. Fr. Ed Bresnahan has been named pastor of St. Leo Catholic Church in Fairfax. He is ready to assume this new responsibility, and we are happy for his promotion. At the same time, we will miss him greatly. He has generously served us with joy, enthusiasm, and love.

Nativity will now again be blessed with a newly ordained priest, soon-to-be Fr. Jordan Evans. He is young, and also has lots of joy for the gospel and will bring his gifts and new energy to Nativity. He will be ordained with Deacon Christian on June 7.

This summer, a new transitional deacon will also join us at Nativity. Deacon Sean Mazary will finish his last year of formation at Mount St. Mary's Seminary and be ordained a priest next June 2026. The new assignments begin June 26. I'm glad we have another month together with Fr. Bresnahan. Please join me in congratulating him!

Let us lift our prayers for Fr. Bresnahan, soon-to-be Fr. Evans, soon-to-be Fr. Christian, Deacon Sean, and each priest beginning new assignments this year.

Love and Blessings,

Bob Cilinski

Msgr. Bob Cilinski,
Pastor

FR. BRESNAHAN - FAREWELL MASS

Fr. Bresnahan will celebrate the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, June 22 at Nativity followed by a reception in his honor as he prepares to become the pastor at St Leo's in Fairfax. A basket will be available for cards and monetary gifts as is customary as a way of thanking and supporting him in his priesthood. All are welcome!

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, teething, 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.



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

June 3	Fr. Jonathan Bennett	2 years
June 8	Deacon Richard Kelly	23 years
June 12	Fr. Edward Bresnahan	15 years

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!



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!

This Weekend - Support the Catholic Communications Campaign Second Collection

Your gift to the Catholic Communications Campaign helps amplify the voice of the Church and bring the Gospel message to more people through powerful, modern means. This national campaign plays a vital role in supporting the Diocese of Arlington's Office of Communications, helping us engage our community through news, events, and digital outreach. With the Diocese of Arlington retaining 50% of funds raised within the diocese, your donation directly funds local key initiatives including website enhancements, new studio equipment for audio and video recording, social media strategy and implementation, and improved coverage of diocesan news and events. These efforts allow us to better share stories of faith, hope, and service—reaching Catholics where they are, and inviting others into a deeper relationship with Christ.

Please prayerfully consider contributing to this important campaign. Together, we can continue to build a vibrant, connected, and informed Catholic community.

We invite you to contribute generously at your parish or donate online at bit.ly/CCC-CDA-2025.



ST. LUCY FOOD DRIVE
Feeding the Hungry; Nourishing the Soul



**PLEASE
DONATE**

--- SATURDAY, JUNE 7th | 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

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.

Three 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 21st. We 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 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. Contact Linda at lindaloffredo@gmail.com for more information.

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

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.

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

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, June 2nd

7:30 am † Roger Lemieux

Tuesday, June 3rd

7:30 am † Santiago Machado

12:00 pm † Clarence Kuntz

Wednesday, June 4th

7:30 am † Richard J. O'Brien

3:00 pm † Francisco Fredrickson (Sunrise)

Thursday, June 5th

7:30 am Special Intention for the Moriarty Family

12:00 pm † Madeline & John Casazza

Friday, June 6th

7:30 am † Edward Cilinski

9:30 am † Teresa Elston

Saturday, June 7th

9:00 am † Georgette Wassif

5:00 pm Special Intention for Angelo Franco

7:00 pm † Alvaro Padua Vallejo

Sunday, June 8th

7:00 am † Jairo Gustavo Vargas

9:00 am Special Intention Mr & Mrs James McLaughlin

11:00 am † Patrick & Agnes Lachance

1:00 pm † Sandra Bishop (Sensory Mass)

5:30 pm † John Daniel "JD" Gray

In prayer, let us remember
the sick and deceased of the parish
visit nativityburke.org for the Priest Mass Schedule
<https://nativityburke.org/mass-intentions/>

Monthly Sensory Mass | Sunday - June 8 At 1:00 pm - Nativity Catholic Church

In an effort to embrace and welcome the neurodiverse members of our community, Nativity Catholic Church is hosting a monthly Sensory Mass on the second Sunday of every month at the 1:00 pm Mass. All are welcome to attend! A special invitation is extended to any person in need of sensory accommodations.

A Sensory Mass requires a welcoming stigma-free environment and accommodations to help reduce over-stimulation and sensory overload. The Mass will include softer music, dimmer lighting, pictorial resources, and self-regulation tools for those with special needs. Families are encouraged to bring any regulation tool (noise reduction items, quiet fidgets, flexible seating items, weighted objects, etc.) that can support focused attention and provide comfort to a person so they can feel safe in their environment and they can better participate in the Holy Mass.

JUNE NATIVITY ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURAL SOCIETY EVENT

WHEN: MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025 AT 7:00 PM

PLACE: FR. MARTIN CENTER

Mark your calendars for June 2nd! The Nativity Italian Historical Cultural Society is hosting a viewing of 'Seven Fishes' in the Father Martin Center at 7:00 pm. It's a great way to kick off the summer season and enjoy some Italian culture!

As usual a social hour will follow in the School Cafeteria after the Movie. Bring an appetizer, desert or Wine to share, if you can.

Members are free and guests are \$5.00.



Religious Education Class Registration

Opens June 1st

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

Scan QR-Code to register



Early tuition discount ends on August 1st!

We Need Volunteers!

Available Opportunities:

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

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

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/



A Message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry

In honor of the end of Laudato Si week:
 Creator God, we give thanks for You—for your coming among us and all that you created.
 Thank You for the magnanimous gift of creation itself, which heralded the birth of Your Son.
 Thank You for every aspect of creation, as every bit of its goodness and order reveals You.
 Thank You for the love that You manifest in creation.
 We thank You for the gift of Your love beyond measure, and we thank You for bestowing on us the gift to love in return.
 Thank You for the sustenance, strength, and peace that Your creation gives us.
 Thank You for our place within the fabric You have woven.
 Thank You for the unique gifts bestowed on each of us, and especially for the gifts of resilience and beauty in our poorest sisters and brothers.
 We ask that You increase our capacity to love, that You give us the resolve to love in deeds and not simply in words.
 We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.
 (Laudato Si Movement)

Peace in the Storm Chronic Pain and Illness Support Group New evening sessions!

**Thursday, June 5 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm
in the School Teacher's Lounge**

Next afternoon session: Thursday, June 12, 12:15 -2:15 pm

Nativity Catholic Church is aware of the many challenges that chronic pain and illness pose in the lives of our parishioners. We understand how these conditions can lead to questions of faith, too, and want you to know that you are not alone!
 All adult parishioners who have chronic pain or illness to participate in a parish-based, small, faith fellowship group developed by the national ministry called The Peace in the Storm Project.
 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.**



If you are interested in joining the group, or for more information, please see the parish website or email Anna Lisa Licud alicud@nativityburke.org.



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.

Pro-Life Corner:

New Pro-Life Scholarships for High School & College/Trade School Students

The Knights of Columbus will award eight George Getek Memorial Pro-Life Scholarships to High School and College/Trade School students. The purpose of this initiative is to further build up the culture of life at Nativity from the "ground-up." Application submissions are due no later than midnight, Saturday, May 31, 2025. Check it out at:
<https://nativityburke.org/getek-memorial-scholarship/>

Coercion, Pain, and Botched Abortion: What They Experienced as Teens

"Every day, Planned Parenthood facilities commit abortions on teens. Some have already become victims of abuse and coercion when they step inside Planned Parenthood's doors, only to be further coerced into having their children killed by Planned Parenthood staff. Live Action has conducted significant investigations into Planned Parenthood's willingness to aid abusers and sex traffickers and even coerce young women into having abortions." See Live Action report below.
www.liveaction.org/news/coercion-pain-botched-abortion-teens-planned-parenthood/

Help Defund Planned Parenthood, the Nation's Largest Abortion Provider

As reported by liveaction.org: Over the past decade, Planned Parenthood has reported a 20% increase in abortions performed in its facilities, while its legitimate healthcare services have drastically declined. Despite this, taxpayer funding to the organization has skyrocketed to nearly \$800 million annually, reaching the highest levels in history. Planned Parenthood claims to prioritize healthcare, but its own reports tell a different story:

- Abortions have increased to a record 402,230 children killed annually, while other services like prenatal care, cancer screenings, and contraceptive services have plummeted.
- The organization's client numbers have dropped by 30%, and the number of facilities has decreased by 25% over the past decade.
- Meanwhile, Planned Parenthood has accumulated billions in assets and profited over \$178 million in just one year. Planned Parenthood does not serve the needs of the majority of American women and families. A recent analysis revealed that its female clients represent only 2% of the U.S. female population of reproductive age. Furthermore, the organization has been accused of multiple abuses, including Medicaid fraud, misleading marketing, failure to report child sexual abuse, and discrimination.

If all of this weren't enough, Planned Parenthood has also positioned itself as one of the foremost providers of so-called "gender affirming care," offering cross-sex hormones to minors, as young as 16 years old, with little to no evaluation. The facts are clear: Planned Parenthood's services are declining, their profits are rising, and their abuses are mounting. It is unjust and unethical for American taxpayers to continue funding this organization at over \$1.9 million every single day. It's time to hold Planned Parenthood accountable. Read the full report at:

www.liveaction.org/case-for-defunding-planned-parenthood/. Ask Congress to take immediate action to defund Planned Parenthood. Contact info@liveaction.org, (510) 854-9867.





BE NOT AFRAID

COURAGE is a confidential Apostolate that assists men and women with same-sex attractions (SSA) who have made a commitment to strive for chastity. Through our Apostolate, members receive pastoral support in the form of spiritual guidance, community prayer, and fellowship.

To learn more about Courage, please contact the chaplain at courage@arlingtondiocese.org.

To learn more about EnCourage, an Apostolate that provides support to parents of SSA children, please contact the chaplain at encourage@arlingtondiocese.org.

LEARN MORE AT COURAGERC.ORG



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

The next Prayer Shawl meeting will be held on Monday morning, June 16th 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.

FATHER'S DAY MASSES

A Novena of nine Masses will be said during the month of June for fathers, living and deceased. Spiritual Bouquet cards may be found at the back of the Church or Parish office. Father's names will be placed on the Altar during June.

NOVENA MASSES

Sunday, June 15th	7:00AM
Monday, June 16th	7:30AM
Tuesday, June 17th	7:30AM
Wednesday, June 18th	7:30AM
Thursday, June 19th	12:00PM
Friday, June 20th	7:30AM
Saturday, June 21st	7:00AM
Sunday, June 22nd	1:00PM
Monday, June 23rd	7:30AM

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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



ECHO Collection this weekend Food Room Most Needed Items

ECHO's Food Room continues to break records. May 3/4 we collected 750 lbs!

- Choose sizes appropriate for our average family size of four.
- Include an assortment of food to ensure a variety of items.
- We are short on many other items such as personal care products and the items listed below.

ECHO's policy is to not give expired, open or repackaged food to clients. PLEASE do not bring these items or glass jars!!

Protein Items, e.g., can chicken, Spam, chili, Tin Fish (tuna, sardines, salmon, etc.), Canned Fruit, Bagged Beans (black, red, or garbanzo preferred), Lentils, Spaghetti (pasta and sauce) Instant and Ground Coffee, Canned Tomatoes, Tomato (paste and Tomato Sauce), Baked Beans, Bagged Rice (white, jasmine or basmati), Instant (Box) Potatoes, Crackers, Ramen, Can milk, shelf stable milk, Boxed Pasta, Juice (Bottles or box), Tea (Green, Herbal or Black), Healthy Snacks, Spices (garlic, onion, cinnamon, salt, pepper), Masa (Corn) Flour, Boxed cereal, Lemon or Lime Juice, Jelly and Honey, Tortillas, Cooking Oil, Brown Paper Bags, Reusable Grocery Bags.
Children's Toothbrushes, Laundry Detergent, Toilet Paper, Deodorant, Shampoo, Facial Tissues, Dish Soap, Paper Towels Body/Hand Lotion, Band Aids, Shaving Cream/Razors, Diapers.

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!



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.

Winter Jackets in June?

Yes, ECHO currently has a low inventory of men's winter jackets. While we won't be distributing them immediately, we need to have them on hand for distribution starting in late August. We want to make sure people are prepared before the weather turns cold. If you have any warm jackets to spare, please consider donating them to ECHO now. Our Clothing Department also needs men's short sleeve tops as well as spring and summer jackets for both sexes and in all sizes. And, as ever, donations of new socks and underwear are deeply appreciated. ECHO's Housewares Department could really use functioning vacuum cleaners and microwaves as well as frying pans and flatware.

ECHO's Donation Door, 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, is open from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm on weekdays and from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings plus one Saturday morning a month.

2025 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL ABOUNDING IN HOPE!

Thank you and congratulations Nativity parishioners for your outstanding support of our 2025 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA).

As of May 15, our pledges and one-time donations total \$790,731. That exceeds our parish dollar goal of \$770,000, with 17% of all Nativity registered households participating.

Your support for BLA 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.



www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code



**ATTENTION ALL
COLLEGE STUDENTS**



GMU CATHOLIC CAMPUS
MINISTRY PRESENTS:

THURSDAY NIGHT GATHERINGS

**THURSDAYS 7-9PM
IN JUNE AND JULY**

St. Robert Bellarmine Chapel
4515 Roberts Rd
Fairfax, VA 22032



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gmuccm.org @catholic.patriot

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.

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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, at 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.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS VOLUNTEER DOCENT AT THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
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YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER CAMPS
Tuesday, June 17 - Friday, June 20



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

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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!

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NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival



Jesus and the EUCHARIST

Every Wednesday
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One of Third Grade's most endearing traditions is staging the play, 'Charlotte's Web,' for all of us. Every year, we look forward to our Third Graders telling the tale of a young pig and his friend – Charlotte, the spider – as Charlotte and Wilbur and friends teach us all a lesson in friendship, perseverance, and loyalty. It's a sweet story, written by E.B. White., in 1952, yet timeless.

Brilliantly performed, dear Third Graders! And, to Ms. Fetzter, yet another theatrical masterpiece to add to your portfolio. Our heartfelt thanks.



Important Upcoming Dates ~

Sunday, June 1 – Int'l SeaPerch Competition
 Monday, June 2 – Chick-fil-A Fundraiser Begins
 Monday, June 2 – Student Council Elections
 Monday, June 2 – End-of-Year Party, Kindergarten
 Tuesday, June 3 – Yearbooks Distributed
 Wednesday, June 4 – Kindergarten Graduation!
 Wednesday, June 4 – 8th Grade Awards Banquet
 Thursday, June 5 – Pass-It-On Ceremony, 9:00 am
 Thursday, June 5 – 8th Grade Walk of Honor, 9:45 am
 Thursday, June 5 – Move-Up, Grades 1st -7th
 Thursday, June 5 – End-of-Year Class Parties, 1:30 pm
 Thursday, June 5 – 8th Grade Graduation!
 Friday, June 6 – Last School Mass, 9:30 to 10:45 am
 Friday, June 6 – Last Day of School, 11:00 am Dismiss
 Friday, June 6 – PTO End-of-Year Celebration, 11:15 am

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Linktree Universal Sign-up Link - Volunteer for an event! Scroll down to view all event. https://linktr.ee/fr_sikora_council_7992.

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.

Linktree Universal Sign-up Link:

Volunteer for an event! Scroll down to view all events. https://linktr.ee/fr_sikora_council_7992

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

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 on linktree.

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@yakofc.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.

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC):

We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associate-membership group.) Come on out with us to: dinner in Occoquan (June 1); Outdoor Stations at Nativity Church (June 4); Spring Dance at Epiphany Church (June 7); Thursday lunches (June 12 & 26); square dancing (Tuesdays); Father's Day breakfast at Arlington K of C (June 15); musical play (June 15); walk at Claude Moore Park (June 18); Annual Picnic (June 22); serving meal at Christ House (June 28). For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.

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Fri. June 27 | 8:30am

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Sat. July 19 | 8:30am

Our Lady of Hope, Potomac Falls

Sat. August 16 | 8:30am

St. John Bosco, Woodstock

Mon. August 25 | 6:00pm

Corpus Christi, Aldie

Sat. Sept. 27 | 8:30am

St. John the Evangelist, Warrenton

Sat. October 18 | 8:30am

St. Patrick, Fredericksburg

Tues. October 28 | 9:00am



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Fr. Daniel Hanley is the fourth of six children from a Catholic family. He was ordained in 2005 and has served as parochial vicar in several parishes in the Arlington Diocese.

Fr. Hanley has also served as teacher and faculty member at the North American College in Rome and is currently the coordinator of the blessed Stanley Rother House of formation at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Maryland.



Retreat cost is \$499. Financial assistance may be available.
For more information or to register, please contact Deacon Maines:
mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org or visit our website at ArlingtonDiocese.org/Retreat

¿LA META? ¡EL CIELO!

VII Pascua (ASCENSION)

Javier Leoz

“Hablen ustedes un poco más del cielo....que no nos dicen nada”. Así se expresaba una joven al finalizar una misa por un fallecido. Y es que, queriendo o sin querer, ocultamos verdades como un templo o, por lo menos, se diluyen como el azúcar en el agua. Lo cierto es que, así como es fácil hablar de las cosas de la tierra ante el auditorio, no lo es tanto hablar de aquello que no conocemos pero en lo que sí creemos: LA CIMA QUE NOS AGUARDA. EL CIELO.

1.La Pascua va tocando a su fin. Jesús, que después de donarse generosamente por nosotros, murió y resucitó, en la solemnidad de la Ascensión está llamado a vivir definitivamente en la presencia de Dios.

Con Dios estuvo, unido en la tierra, pero –ahora físicamente y cara a cara- rodeado por la gloria celeste, disfruta de la vida de Dios, con Dios y en Dios. ¡Felicidades, Jesús! ¡Tu fidelidad y tu entrega te hacen digno de este premio, de este buen final!

En ese ascenso de Cristo hacia el cielo, nos deja marcado un surco para que, los que aspiramos a vivir en esa gloria de Dios, no nos desviemos. Jesús, al entrar en el cielo, señala una puerta abierta a todos los que creemos en El y vivimos en El. Al igual que los apóstoles, asombrados ante este Misterio, también nosotros nos quedamos maravillados ante lo que nos aguarda. Nuestra profesión de fe (Cristo es el Salvador) nos hace soñar, anhelar, gustar y luchar por esa patria celeste; por esa ascensión personal a la que todo creyente estamos llamados a realizar. Cristo, como cabeza, ha ido delante y nosotros, como su cuerpo, marcharemos detrás ¿Aspiramos a ello? ¿No nos quedamos –frecuentemente- instalados y sentados en el cómodo salón del mundo? Aspirar al cielo, es bueno; luchar por El –como Jesús lo hizo- se hace más cuesta arriba. Merece la pena intentarlo.

2.El Señor, una vez más, nos da testimonio de lo que es: Hijo de Dios. Como tal, para que no lo olvidemos, se pone en cabeza. Que no perdamos de la órbita de nuestras aspiraciones el contemplar cara a cara al mismo Dios. Como cristianos, en esta fiesta de la Ascensión del Señor, nos hemos de comprometer más activamente en y con la misión de Jesús. No podemos quedarnos mirando al cielo (con la vista perdida) pero tampoco clavados en lo pasajero o incluso creyendo que, la Iglesia, es una especie de ONG (como muy bien alertaba el Papa Francisco en el inicio de su pontificado).

Muchas cosas que decía y hacía Jesús, no las entendieron aquellos amigos de Jesús (los apóstoles). Se les hizo duro el duro lenguaje de “morir para resucitar”. Pero al final, los discípulos, volvieron a Jerusalén con alegría y alabando a Dios. Eso, entre otras cosas, se ha de ver en nuestros semblantes cristianos (la alegría y el gozo) y escuchar de nuestros labios (lo que somos y qué significa Jesús de Nazaret para todos nosotros). No escondamos aquello que profesamos: Jesús alegría del mundo, muerto y resucitado, asciende a los cielos para mostrarnos –más a las claras todavía- su victoria. ¡Enhorabuena, Señor!

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gozar contigo, en la presencia de Dios
cantando y proclamando
, con los ángeles y mil coros celestiales,
que eres Santo y Dios,
Dios y Santo,

eternamente santo por los siglos de los siglos.

¡DEJANOS LA PUERTA ABIERTA, SEÑOR!

Y, después de entrar Tú en el reino de los cielos,
Comprender esperando

que, un día también nosotros,
tendremos un lugar en algún rincón eterno
Y, al contemplar la grandeza de Dios,
festejar, en la gloria de ese inmenso cielo,
que ha merecido la pena ser de los tuyos
permanecer firmes en tus caminos
guardar tu nombre y tu memoria
meditar tu Palabra y tu mensaje

soñar con ese mundo tan diferente al nuestro

¡DEJANOS LA PUERTA ABIERTA, SEÑOR!

Que no la cierre el viento del camino fácil

Que no la empuje nuestra falta de fe

Que no la obstruya nuestro afán de tener aquí

¡DEJANOS LA PUERTA ABIERTA, SEÑOR!

Para vivir y morar contigo

Para amar y vivir junto a Dios

Para sentir el soplo eterno del Espíritu

Para gozar en el regazo de María Virgen

¡NO NOS CIERRES LA PUERTA DEL CIELO, SEÑOR!

Javier Leoz (sacerdote)



Jesus wanted His followers to be close to Him forever.

Match each object with its general category (capitalized word) on a cloud. Write the accompanying words to discover Jesus' prayer.

INSTRUMENT glory	PET want	FRUIT to	TOOL You
CLOTHING given	COLOR am	REPTILE see	SEAT have
PERSON be	BUILDING those	GEM and	CONTAINER My
TREE I	DESSERT with	VEGETABLE Me	MEAT where

" oak cat house hammer
sofa shirt radish plum man
cake carrot pork maple red
ruby pear snake jar trumpet

Jesus prayed that His followers would not be divided.

Unscramble the letters to spell the numbers.
Use the circled letters to find more of Jesus' prayer.

1,000	one	_____	1	houndsat
1,000,000,000	one	_____	2	lionlib
10	_____	3	net	
50	_____	4	tyffi	
30	_____	5	hittry	
11	_____	6	leenve	
1,000,000	one	_____	7	nolimil
100	one	_____	8	nurhedd
40	_____	9	trofy	
20	_____	10	wettyn	
70	_____	11	ventesy	



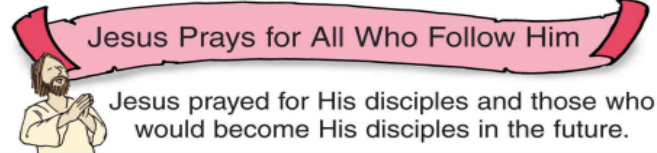
"I pray ...
10 5 1 10
1 6 6 9 4
10 5 3 7 7 1 11
2 3 9 8 3"



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Jesus prayed for His disciples and those who would become His disciples in the future.

Find and circle 12 groups of people in the word search.
Place the remaining letters on the lines to find Jesus' words.

Gentiles	nobles	priests	Romans	shepherds	soldiers
kings	Pharisees	rabbis	rulers	slaves	women

S	T	R	U	L	E	R	S	H
P	H	O	A	S	N	E	W	S
R	H	E	H	B	O	O	W	O
I	I	A	P	L	B	L	B	L
E	E	L	R	H	L	I	I	D
S	K	W	O	I	E	E	S	I
T	I	O	M	V	S	R	E	E
S	N	M	A	I	N	E	D	R
M	G	E	N	T	I	L	E	S
E	S	N	S	L	A	V	E	S

"I pray for _____
_____."

It would be important that Jesus' followers work together to be effective witnesses to the world.

Each group of animal names is missing a common letter.
Write those letters to find the missing word in Jesus' prayer.

1 sq__irrel poss__m gn__ porc__pine	2 wolveri__e pa__da sku__k ka__garoo	3 g__raffe l__on torto__se b__son
4 ocelo__ chee__ah __iger an__elope	5 plat__pus co__ote __ak h__ena	

Jesus prayed,

"May they be brought to

1 2 3 4 5
to let the world know that

You sent Me."



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