

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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.

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**must be submitted in writing by 11:00 AM on
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from the Sacristy staff at all services**

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



**3 Years ago we celebrated Nativity Parish' 50th Anniversary!
This is an excerpt from Fr. Bob's Anniversary homily, June 11th, 2023.**

"Fifty years ago, this weekend, a group of Catholic families began a journey as they formed a procession from their homes where they united themselves as believers in the praise and thanksgiving of God. They placed themselves in the company of friends, neighbors and even strangers, to respond to God's call. They gathered to form a new parish named Nativity Catholic Church with their pastor, Fr. Frank Ready. They marked themselves with the sign of the cross as that first Mass began, held at Hunt Valley School. Fr. Ready told them, *"the Holy Spirit will guide us."* The Feast that day was Pentecost. Today we have the privilege of celebrating the Eucharist together in thanksgiving to God for all the blessings and graces of the past 50 years. The word Eucharist means, "thanksgiving."

The Eucharist has been celebrated faithfully to this moment. It is the source of life and love that unites and strengthens the people of God here at Nativity. Today's feast of Corpus Christi reminds us of the enduring presence of Jesus in every Mass and in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Ordinary bread and wine become extraordinary. By faith and by fact bread and wine are transformed into Christ's Body and Blood. Christ becomes small, he becomes bread. He humbles himself so he might feed us with his divinity and holiness. Not only is the bread and wine changed, but we are changed into the body of Christ. St. Augustine said: *"We become what we eat."* We are transformed into Christ's body here on earth. We are living tabernacles. When we greet and love each other, we are loving Christ.

Recently Bishop Burbidge blessed and consecrated this new altar which along with the renovated sanctuary, pulpit and tabernacle reminds us that our worship should be inspiring and beautiful. The Second Vatican Council called for the full and active participation of the faithful in our liturgy and in the life of the parish. It all begins with the Mass. We see this full participation in the women and men who share in our vibrant and varied music ministry, dedicated lectors and extraordinary ministers of the eucharist, greeters, ushers, sacristans and 120 altar servers, boys and girls

At the end of Mass we are sent out to bring the love of Christ made present in the Eucharist to a world so in need of Christ's love. Through the efforts of over 60 ministries headed by dedicated parishioners and dynamic staff, we seek to build up a community of faith.

Our Catholic Blue Ribbon School of Excellence is at full capacity led by our Principal Ms. Kelly and dedicated teachers. Our Religious Education Program directed by the Sisters and 250 catechists help our children grow in their faith. Through their efforts thousands and thousands of children receive their sacraments and are given a foundation from which to build their lives as Christ's disciples. The RCIA welcomes many new members into the church each year. Bible studies and prayer groups provide the energy of the Holy Spirit to inspire us and sanctify our souls.

Caring for the poor is a charism of this parish. To serve those most in need of God's love we generously provide substantial support to Catholic Charities and its St. Lucy Food Drive. We build homes in Haiti through Operation Starfish and in Appalachia with the Knights of Columbus. You are always so generous to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal and Catholic Charities Christmas collection. We sacrifice for our weekly offertory that supports the ministry of this parish because we believe in and value what we are doing as worthy of our support.

We are Pro-Life and Pro-Family. Marriage Enrichment provides date nights and events that affirm marriage and encourage spiritual growth. You seek to respond compassionately to the sick and those who experience difficult times. We are a welcoming and joyful community. We live the joy of the Gospel.

God can't love you any more than he does. He became one with us and one of us in the incarnation. His Nativity is a joy... a joy to the world. He is available to you all the time. The Lord's particular love for you is unbelievable. You need to know this. God became a child. You are the children of God. He gives you every gift you need. God is beautiful. He is better than you think. He is amazing. He seeks your love... Those who have trouble believing that God loves you..... Jesus counters that in the Eucharist. Eucharist is the sacrament of divine love. This act of supreme love is prolonged through the Eucharist. Jesus calls us to be His friend's. While we were still sinners, He died for us. We are God's joy. We are not trash, garbage, we are His joy. He says you are my friends. It belongs to friends to want to share life together... to be together. 50 Years, it's a long time. But for people in love, time flies.

Today we celebrate the people of the parish who have faithfully celebrated the Eucharist and strive to live the Gospel. We rejoice in this Jubilee Year. The procession that began 50 years ago ultimately leads us to heaven and the great communion of saints. We remember our beloved who have gone before us in faith. We pray for them and count on their prayers for us. As your pastor, I am beaming with joy of our parish family. I am so proud of you. Nativity, a community of love, compassion, joy, and generosity. Who wouldn't want to be part of that. We go into the future and the next 50 years renewed with the confidence that Fr. Ready expressed at the first Nativity Mass. *"The Holy Spirit will guide you."* The Blessed Mother will intercede for us. And Jesus is always with us, especially in the Eucharist.

All has been accomplished by God's grace and the inspired works of so many. Everyone's efforts, priest and people, sisters and deacons, and talented staff have brought us to this day. Today we remember, and rejoice and give thanks. Congratulations, Happy Anniversary!"

Love and Blessings!

Bob Cilinski

Msgr. Bob Cilinski, Pastor

Invitation to Join the Young Adult Ministry

The Lord is Risen . . . and so is Young Adult ministry at Nativity! Fr. Jordan is inviting all Young Adults, ages 18-35, to join him in launching the ministry this summer. We are looking to plan formal and informal social events throughout the summer and launch men's and women's small group bible studies. If you are interested in joining us (even if you are just home for the summer from college!) email Fr. Jordan at frevans@nativityburke.org or come find him after Mass.

THANK YOU FROM THE WOMEN OF NATIVITY

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the Annual Women of Nativity Baby Shower with donations of baby supplies and financial gifts. Your generosity was truly overwhelming. More than one organization said "Is this all ours?" when they came to pick up their donations. Their surprise and gratitude reflected the incredible kindness of our Nativity family. Because of your support, many babies and families in our community will receive much-needed help. Thank you for sharing God's love and for making such a meaningful difference.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, June 27 • 6:00 PM
Fr. Ready Room

The Marriage Enrichment Ministry invites all couples to a special Summer Fellowship Gathering to celebrate the gift of marriage and honor the beautiful anniversaries within our community. The evening will begin with a potluck dinner — please bring a favorite appetizer or dish to share. Enjoy warm fellowship, meaningful conversation, and a celebration of lasting love. Whether you're celebrating one year or seventy, we'd love for you to join us.
Email Anne Bowden to RSVP: acbowden@cox.net
— ALL MARRIED COUPLES WELCOME —

The Nativity Parish Office
will be closed all day on
Friday, June 19, 2026

IN OBSERVANCE OF JUNETEENTH



Volunteer Recruitment - Nativity Security Ministry: Join Us in Safeguarding Our Church Community!

The Nativity Security Ministry is inviting parishioners to help keep our church safe and welcoming. The ministry uses two-person teams to cover each of the seven weekend Masses so every Mass has a watchful, supportive presence. We seek mature Catholics who stay calm under pressure, are physically able, and value humility, teamwork, and service. Anyone committed to helping protect our community is welcome. Volunteers will participate in regular security training, including the next CPR/AED/First Aid certification class on July 18, attend quarterly team meetings, and serve on a rotating schedule. During assigned Masses, team members will patrol the church, stay alert for safety concerns, and work together to maintain a secure worship environment. To volunteer or learn more, email Joe Tiago at SecurityMinistry@nativityburke.org. Your willingness to serve helps keep Nativity safe and welcoming for worship, fellowship, and community!



Monthly Sensory Mass: Sunday, June 14th at 1:00 pm

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. We also invite you to join us after the Sensory Mass for coffee, donuts, and fellowship in the cafeteria. If you would like to learn more about the Monthly Sensory Mass, please email Tracey Hulen, Disability Inclusion Coordinator at thulen@nativityburke.org.



CONGRATULATIONS to FR. SEAN MAZARY

On your Ordination to the Priesthood on June 6, 2026

His First Mass at Nativity will take place: Sunday, June 14 at 11:00 am

There will be a reception to follow in the Fr. Martin Center where you will be able to receive his blessing. Congratulations!



On behalf of the St. Lucy Team of the Fr. Sikora Council Knights of Columbus: Thank You for your wonderful generosity!!!

In the recent St. Lucy Food Drive, you donated nearly 10,700 lbs of food and \$3,370 in monetary donations! These will go a very long way in replenishing the food warehouse and will make a big difference in the lives of many families in the Diocese! The next St. Lucy Food Drive will take place in October 2026. Please look for us then. And again, Thank You!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FRENCHY CYR SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDEES**

- Hannah Ly and Anthony Licud attending Saint John Paul the Great High School,
- Abigail Hoenle attending Bishop Ireton High School,
- Piper Boland (Nativity) and Bridget Roseberry attending Bishop O’Connell High School,
- William Moorhouse attending Gonzaga College High School

These wonderful students were each awarded a 2026/2027 \$1250 Frenchy Cyr Memorial scholarship for Catholic secondary school tuition for their exemplary academic performance, sustained school and community involvement, and outstanding Church and religious activity participation. Congratulations to all our winners!

Nativity Religious Education Program

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**



We need your help!

Classes start Sept. 20th



Scan the QR-Code to Sign-up!

FOR THE GRADES BELOW:

SESSION	DAY	PRIMARY CATECHIST (Grade)	ASSISTANT CATECHIST (Grade)
1	Sundays 3:45pm-5:00pm	1, 3, 6, 8	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8
2	Sundays 7:00pm-8:15pm	K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8	K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
3	Mondays 4:45pm-6:00pm	K, 1, 4, 5, 6	K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
4	Monday 7:00pm-8:15pm	1, 4, 8	K, 1, OCIC, 3, 4, 8
5	Tuesday 4:45pm-6:00pm	1, 4, 5, 8	4, 5, 8
6	Tuesday 7:00pm-8:15pm	4, 5, 8	K, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8



All volunteers working with children need to submit Diocesan paperwork for a background check and complete a Virtus training

nativity.ccd@nativityschool.org



**Nativity Catholic Church
Annual Yard Sale**

New this year:
Early Bird Jewelry & Accessories Sale

- ✓ Discover stunning jewelry at irresistible prices, shine brighter for less!
- ✓ No small children, strollers, carts or large bags
- ✓ There may be time limits in the room, depending on turnout
- ✓ Limited to first 100 shoppers
- ✓ \$10 per person admission fee

**FRIDAY, JUNE 26
5:00 – 8:00 PM
FR. MARTIN CENTER ENTRANCE
PLEASE FOLLOW THE SIGNS**



GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
ARE INVITED TO...

**COLLEGE
NIGHTS**

Kick off college with faith, friendships, and meaningful connections! Meet fellow Catholics from your college (and beyond) before the semester begins. All events begin at 7PM. Pizza dinner included!

- JUNE 30** Holy Spirit, Annandale
- JULY 9** St. Theresa, Ashburn
- JULY 14** Holy Trinity, Gainesville
- JULY 21** Basilica of St. Mary, Alexandria
- JULY 28** St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Fredericksburg



Recruit 5 friends and receive a \$50 gift card!



ASSOCIATES of
SAINT JOHN
— BOSCO —

To register for FREE,
visit ASJB.org or scan the
QR code:



To protect human life & the truth about marriage
CATHOLICS VOTE NO
on the

"Virginia Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment" and
"Virginia Remove Constitutional Same-Sex Marriage Ban Amendment"





**TWO WORDS:
“EGADS! THE NATIVITY YARD SALE
IS ALMOST HERE!”**

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 of treasures will begin Thursday, June 18, 2026 and continue through Wednesday, June 24, 2026. Check our flyer on the Parish web site under “Upcoming Events” for treasures that are acceptable and non-acceptable. Your donations are tax-deductible and sincerely appreciated.

FOR FURNITURE PICK-UPS CALL 703-598-0698 or EMAIL NATIVITYYARDSALE@GMAIL.COM. ALL DONATIONS MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION AND ACCEPTABLE! (CHECK THE NON-ACCEPTABLE LIST ON THE PARISH WEBSITE FOR FURNITURE WE CANNOT ACCEPT).

Interested in helping with the yard sale. Volunteers are always welcome. No experience required. Sign-up to help with collections June 18th through June 26th at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4EACAC29A2F58-nativity3>

Other volunteer opportunity questions?

Contact nativityyardsale@gmail.com.

**The next Rosary Ministry meeting will take place on:
June 28 from 2:00-3:30pm in the Fr. Ready Room**

This month will include Fr. Pine's: The History of the Rosary! Please come view this interesting piece with us as we teach you how to make a Mission Rosary. Returning members please join us at this last meeting before summer break. We have lots of beads to count and package for new learners.

If you have any questions please email rosaryministry@nativityburke.org.

**DONUT
SUNDAY
THIS WEEKEND**



A FATHER’S DAY NOVENA OF MASSES

Will be said during the month of June for all Fathers, living and deceased. Spiritual Bouquet cards will be available at the Church entrance and the Parish office. Their names will be placed on the alter. The Novena of Masses Schedule will be as follows:



Sunday, June 21	11:00AM
Monday, June 22	7:30AM
Tuesday, June 23	12:00PM
Wednesday, June 24	7:30AM
Thursday, June 25	12:00PM
Friday, June 26	7:30AM
Saturday, June 27	7:00PM
Monday, June 29	7:30AM
Wednesday, July 1	3:00PM



**MASS INTENTIONS &
MASS SCHEDULE**
*“We are God’s People”
1 Peter 2:10*

Monday, June 15

7:30 am Special Intention for Kristina Hannam
12:00 pm † Victoria Myers

Tuesday, June 16

7:30 am † Thomas Gray
12:00 pm † Charlene Munch

Wednesday, June 17

7:30 am Special Intention for the Khoddami Family
3:00 pm Special Intention for the Family of Linda Gaudi (Burke Healthcare)

Thursday, June 18

7:30 am † Robert Sageley Erskine
12:00 pm † Julie Marie Kapolka

Friday, June 19

7:30 am † J. Kevin Donohue

Saturday, June 20

9:00 am Special Intention for Michael Birden
5:00 pm † Ernie Weeks
7:00 pm † Alvaro Padue Vallejo

Sunday, June 21

7:00 am Nativity Parishioners
9:00 am † Conner McGowan
11:00 am Father’s Day Novena
1:00 pm † Bertha Fisher
5:30 pm Special Intention for Michael Golinowski

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



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



Can you help get us to our Bishop’s Lenten Appeal dollar goal? We are so near our goal, but we need the help of parishioners who have not yet contributed to our BLA campaign. As of June 2, our pledges and donations amount to \$807,221, but with only about 16 percent of registered families pledging. If you have not yet participated, there is still time. Any dollar amount helps reach our \$840,000 goal. See www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA, scan the QR code for easy access, or use one of the BLA envelopes at Church. Your support helps so many charities, ministries, and programs throughout the Diocese and right here at Nativity. May God bless you dearly for your generosity.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:



The next Prayer Shawl meeting will be held on Monday morning, June 15th 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.

**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

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

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

Entrada de 10 \$, Primeros 100 Compradores Limitados

6398 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA
No hay cochecitos durante la venta - Todas las ventas finales



Donaciones recogidas en la cafetería/Centro P. Martin (gimnasio)

**VER REVERSO PARA ARTÍCULOS ACEPTABLES/NO ACEPTABLES
POR FAVOR, ¡LOS ARTÍCULOS DEBEN ESTAR EN BUENAS CONDICIONES!**

Horario de entrega de donaciones

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

Recogida de muebles

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

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

Recibos de impuestos proporcionados

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

**Donate towards or Help Deliver Baby Cribs through
“Project Manger” – Saturday, June 20th**

Project Manger - Cribs for Life provides new cribs to women who have made a choice to give birth to their child rather than the alternative. Since 2009, Project Manger has purchased a total of 3,201 cribs. Project Manger continues to deliver the following powerful message to our moms, ‘THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING LIFE.’ There are two ways you can help:

- Donate towards a crib at <https://www.projectmanger.org/> donate-a-crib. Donations are tax deductible and all donations collected through this option will be used for only cribs. These cribs also turn into a toddler beds as well. The cost of one crib and mattress is \$150, but any amount would be greatly appreciated.
- Help deliver cribs any time from 8:30-noon! Join us at: A Woman Choice Center, 6201 Leesburg Pike, #220, Falls Church to support Project Manger—Cribs for Life. Only need to deliver new boxed cribs and packaged sheets around Falls Church area, no assembly required. Join when you can. Contact Rick Loffredo for more information at rickloffredo@outlook.com.

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.

**Love working with children? Want flexibility?
Consider subbing at Nativity School! Please Join Us!**

We are in need of substitute teachers with the following minimum qualifications:

- ⇒ 2-plus years of college
- ⇒ Ability to follow a lesson plan and give effective instructions in the absence of the teacher
- ⇒ Proficiency in maintaining effective classroom management skills
- ⇒ Diocesan-compliant
- ⇒ Successful background check



For more information, email Rich Godwin at rgodwin@nativityschool.org, or call him at (703) 455-2300, ext.146; or you can contact Shannon Murphy, our Registrar, at (703) 455-2300, or smurph@nativityschool.org.

SAVE THE DATE

NATIVITY'S
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MASQUERADE BALL
AN EVENING OF FUN
OCTOBER 24, 2026
DETAILS COMING SOON

20 26

SUMMER CAMPS

BE GREAT THIS SUMMER!

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

Register Today!

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

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

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.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT MINISTRY

JULY 10 | 6:30-8:30 PM
SCHOOL TEACHERS' LOUNGE

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.
— Acts 2:42

RSVP to Anna Lisa:
marriage@nativityburke.org



BATTLE OF THE SERVERS



Thursday July 9
10:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
St. Leo Parish
3700 Blenheim Blvd.
Fairfax, VA



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



**For more information, please contact
Seminarian Gabriel Gaudet at ggaudet@nativityburke.org**

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)



Grotto Gatherings: Learn More About Cursillo!
Looking for a way to deepen your relationship with Christ and live your Faith more vibrantly in your daily life?

Join fellow parishioners for an informal gathering to learn about the Cursillo (meaning 'short course in Christianity') movement.

When: Saturday, June 20 from 9:00-11:00am

Where: Nativity Church Grotto - Bring a lawn chair!

This movement provides a simple method to help us live what is fundamental to being Christian. Together, we explore the three pillars of Christian life: Piety (recognizing where God is moving in our lives today), Study (growing in our understanding of God and the Church), Action (discovering how to be modern-day apostles in our homes and workplaces).

For more info or to RSVP contact: Laura Laverdiere at lauralaverdiere@msn.com

PRO-LIFE CORNER Catholics: Vote NO to extreme abortion and same-sex marriage amendments to Virginia State Constitution – Go to web link to Pledge to Vote.

Catholics Vote No is “the diocesan communication plan to fight the abortion and marriage amendments which Bishop Burbidge announced to all clergy: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vote>. There you will find information, parish resources, and links. These websites are works in progress and are also being launched in Spanish. Keep checking back for updates!

This effort to educate and engage the faithful seeks to ensure that every Catholic understands that there are two dangerous amendments to the Virginia Constitution before the voters this fall. Catholics must vote and must reject them both. Listen to Bishop Burbidge explain why on his latest podcast:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7fVuO7Fbkg&t=966s>

This fall in the Commonwealth of Virginia two proposed amendments on the ballot threaten the human right to life and the truth of marriage. These proposed amendments are called the “Virginia Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment” and the “Virginia Remove Constitutional Same-Sex Marriage Ban Amendment.” They also threaten constitutional justice, the equal protection of the laws, and religious liberty.

As Catholics, we vote "no" on these proposed amendments. We recognize that, if passed, these amendments would enshrine objective wrongs in Virginia’s Constitution and overturn basic matters of justice and gravely damage the intrinsic dignity of persons and the nature of marriage and the family. These are matters of fundamental truth concerning the human person.

Although Catholics may in good conscience disagree over most political policies which call for strictly prudential judgments, certain fundamental matters such as marriage and the protection of human life demand a consistent and universal response from Catholics to protect and preserve objective goods by which God blesses humanity.

If written into Virginia’s Constitution, these unjust amendments would be extraordinarily difficult to reverse. Virginia would effectively become a sanctuary for abortion and commercial abortion businesses. Basic health and safety standards that protect women from harm would be eliminated, parents would be pushed out of life-altering decisions involving their family and children, and unregulated abortions would be possible, performed even on healthy babies up to the moment of birth for any reason with no limits.

At the same time, Virginia's Constitution would mislead future generations concerning the truth about marriage by adopting a false legal definition of marriage that would further erode a public sense of marriage as a natural institution uniting one man and one woman. Additionally, the amendment would lead to the expansion of an already existing commercial surrogacy industry which violates the natural rights of children and exploits vulnerable mothers.” <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vote>



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All of us here at Nativity are looking forward to seeing what Ms. Kelly has planned next for Nativity and its community. We'll be sure to let you know!

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Meet in the Nativity school cafeteria.

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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!

17 JUNE - 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 JUNE - YARD SALE: All Knights on Deck! SUGs are live for area leads and volunteers. Collections begin 18-26 JUN; final setup 25-26 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!

1 JULY - Officer Installation Ceremony: First event of the new Fraternal Year! All prospective council officers are asked to be present at 7:00 PM in the main church. State and District representatives and our chaplain Msgr. Bob will be present for this special ceremony. Dress is suit, tie, and name tag. All Knights and families are invited to attend. All prospective officers are asked to confirm their presence to Deputy Grand Knight / Grand Knight-elect Vince Augelli at dgk7992@nativityburke.org

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. For 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.

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.

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¡Gracias, Señor, por este maravilloso regalo de tu amor hacia mí! Reflexiones Eucaristía Solemnidad del Corpus Christi. La Eucaristía es el sacramento por excelencia de la Iglesia, porque brotó del amor redentor de Jesucristo.

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Hay, en Tierra Santa, un pueblecito llamado Tabga. Está situado junto a la ribera del lago Tiberíades, en el corazón de la Galilea. Y se halla a los pies del monte de las Bienaventuranzas. La Galilea es una región de una gran belleza natural, con sus verdes colinas, el lago de azul intenso y una fértil vegetación. Este rincón, que es como la puerta de entrada a Cafarnaúm, goza todo el año de un entorno exuberante. Es, precisamente en esta aldea, donde la tradición ubica el hecho histórico de la multiplicación de los panes realizada por Jesús.

Ya desde el siglo IV los cristianos construyeron aquí una iglesia y un santuario, y aun hoy en día se pueden contemplar diversos elementos de esa primera basílica y varios mosaicos que representan la multiplicación de los panes y de los peces.

Pero hay en la Escritura un dato interesante. Además de los relatos de la Pasión, éste es el único milagro que nos refieren unánimemente los cuatro evangelistas, y esto nos habla de la gran importancia que atribuyeron desde el inicio a este hecho. Más aún, Mateo y Marcos nos hablan incluso de dos multiplicaciones de los panes. Y los cuatro se esmeran en relatarnos los gestos empleados por Jesús en aquella ocasión: “Tomando los cinco panes y los dos peces, alzó la mirada al cielo, pronunció la bendición sobre ellos –dijo gracias, nos dice san Juan—, los partió y se los dio a los discípulos para que se los repartieran a la gente”.

Seguramente, los apóstoles descubrieron en estos gestos un acto simbólico y litúrgico de profunda significación teológica. Esto no lo advirtieron, por supuesto, en esos momentos, sino a la luz de la Última Cena y de la experiencia post-pascual, cuando el Señor resucitado, apareciéndose a sus discípulos, vuelve a repetir esos gestos como memorial de su Pasión, de su muerte y resurrección. Y, por tanto, también como el sacramento supremo de nuestra redención y de la vida de la Iglesia.

Año tras año, el Papa san Juan Pablo II escribió una carta pastoral dirigida a todos los sacerdotes del mundo con ocasión del Jueves Santo, día del sacerdocio y de la Eucaristía por antonomasia.

En la Encíclica *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* nos dice que “La Iglesia vive de la Eucaristía”. Así iniciaba el Papa su meditación. “Esta verdad no expresa solamente una experiencia cotidiana de fe, sino que encierra en síntesis el núcleo del misterio de la Iglesia”. Y a continuación tratará de hacernos comprender, valorar y vivir esta afirmación inicial.

En efecto, la Eucaristía es el sacramento por excelencia de la Iglesia –y, por tanto, de cada uno de los bautizados— porque brotó del amor redentor de Jesucristo, la instituyó como sacramento y memorial de su Alianza con los hombres; alianza que es una auténtica redención, liberación de los pecados de cada uno de nosotros para darnos vida eterna, y que llevó a cabo con su santa Pasión y muerte en el Calvario. La sangre y el agua que brotaron del costado traspasado de Cristo sobre la cruz nos hablan de este mismo misterio.

El Sacrificio eucarístico es –recuerda el Papa, tomando las palabras del Vaticano II— “fuente y culmen de toda la vida cristiana”. Cristo en persona es nuestra Pascua, convertido en Pan de Vida, que da la vida eterna a los hombres por medio del Espíritu Santo.

San Juan Pablo II nos confesó que, durante el Gran Jubileo del año 2000, tuvo la grandísima dicha de poder celebrar la Eucaristía en el Cenáculo de Jerusalén, en el mismísimo lugar donde la tradición nos dice que fue realizada por Jesucristo mismo la primera vez en la historia. Y varias veces trajo el Papa a la memoria este momento de gracia tan singular. El Papa sí valoró profundamente lo que es la Eucaristía. En el Cenáculo –nos recuerda el Santo Padre— “Cristo tomó en sus manos el pan, lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos diciendo: Tomad y comed todos de él, porque esto es mi Cuerpo, que será entregado por vosotros” (Eccl. de Euch., nn. 1-2).

Estos gestos y palabras consagradoras son las mismas que empleó Jesús durante su vida pública, en el milagro de la multiplicación de los panes. Si Cristo tiene un poder absoluto sobre el pan y su naturaleza, entonces también podía convertir el pan en su propio Cuerpo, y el vino en su Sangre.

Y decimos que la Eucaristía es el “memorial” de nuestra redención porque –con palabras del mismo Santo Padre— “en ella está inscrito de forma indeleble el acontecimiento de la pasión y muerte del Señor. No sólo lo evoca, sino que lo hace sacramentalmente presente. Es el sacrificio de la Cruz que se perpetúa por los siglos”. Esto, precisamente, significa la palabra “memorial”. No es un simple recuerdo histórico, sino un recuerdo que se actualiza, se repite y se hace realmente presente en el momento mismo de su celebración.

Por eso –continuó el Papa— la Eucaristía es “el don por excelencia, porque es el don de sí mismo (de Jesucristo), de su persona en su santa humanidad y, además, de su obra de salvación.

Ésta no queda relegada al pasado, pues todo lo que Cristo es y todo lo que hizo y padeció por los hombres participa de la eternidad divina y domina así todos los tiempos... Cuando la Iglesia celebra la Eucaristía, memorial de la muerte y resurrección de su Señor, se hace realmente presente este acontecimiento central de salvación y se realiza la obra de nuestra redención” (Eccl. de Euch., n. 11).

Ojalá, pues, que en esta fiesta del Corpus Christi, que estamos celebrando hoy, todos valoremos un poco más la grandeza y sublimidad de este agosto sacramento que nos ha dejado nuestro Señor Jesucristo, la Eucaristía, el maravilloso don de su Cuerpo y de su Sangre preciosa para nuestra redención: “Éste es mi Cuerpo. Ésta es mi Sangre, sangre de la alianza nueva y eterna, que será derramada por vosotros y por muchos, para el perdón de los pecados. Haced esto en memoria mía”.

Que a partir de hoy vivamos con una fe mucho más profunda e intensa, y con mayor conciencia, amor y veneración cada Eucaristía, cada Santa Misa: ¡Gracias mil, Señor, por este maravilloso regalo de tu amor hacia mí!

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