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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 Tuesday (5 days prior to publication). Please note: this deadline can change due to holiday office closings. You may email submissions to bulletin@nativityburke.org.

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A Message from our Pastor Msgr. Bob Cilinski



My dear parishioners,

This Sunday the church celebrates the Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul. These two eminent apostles, Peter known as the "Prince of the Apostles", and Paul, "The Apostle of the Gentiles", have been venerated throughout the Christian world since the days of the early church. While their personalities were quite different, their names are almost always mentioned together.

They were both martyred in Rome during the reign of Nero. Peter was crucified upside down and Paul, because he was a Roman citizen, was beheaded. Artists throughout the centuries show the two apostles together, Peter with the keys to the Kingdom as a sign of his authority, Paul, holding a scroll as a symbol of his great teaching. Often they are depicted on either side of an altar or on either side of a base or arch. They are considered two pillars of the church, different and distinct, but supporting the whole.

Two great churches were built in Rome by Constantine in their honor: St. Peter's Basilica and Saint Paul-Outside-the-Walls. Archeological diggings seem to indicate that each saint is buried in the church that bears his name. Today we honor these two heroes of our faith, two mighty martyrs who gave witness to Christ by how they lived and sacrificed for the mission of the gospel.

Please join me in welcoming newly ordained Fr. Jordan Evans as he starts his priestly ministry here at Nativity!

Love and Blessings, Brh Cilinski, Msgr. Bob Cilinski, Pastor







BANICA MISSION APPEAL

A missionary partnership between the Diocese of Arlington, and the Diocese of San Juan de la Maguana, in the Dominican Republic

This weekend, our second collection will support the annual Mission Cooperative Plan Appeal for our diocese. Our parish mission organization is Bánica in the Dominican Republic.

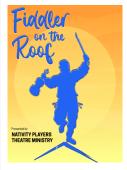
The Diocese of Arlington assigned their first priest to the Bánica mission in 1991 and since that time have provided a steady rotation of priests. Eighteen months ago, the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph arrived to assist in the parish.

To assist the priests in their spiritual formation, there is a dedicated cadre of catechists who work daily with parishioners. In addition to this, the priests and catechists attend to a myriad of societal and physical needs such as ensuring access to potable water, medical care, food distribution and most especially education. The Parish School now educates 250 children from Kindergarten through eighth grade.

Even now in 2025, Bánica is still very rural. Cellphone and internet service is available but very inconsistent. Clean water is not readily available throughout the area. The 30 plus years of the Mission in Bánica has and will continue to assist the parishioners through our financial support, our prayers, and our physical presence. To learn more, please visit: https://arlingtonmissions.org/diocese-of-arlington-banica-mission/Thank you for your support!

UPCOMING SCHEDULE CHANGE & NEW MASS

Adoration on Tuesdays will be moved to Wednesdays starting Wednesday, July 9th.
Nativity will be offering an additional daily Mass every Monday at Noon starting Monday, September 8th.



Tickets for Nativity Players Theatre Ministry's Summer Musical, Fiddler on the Roof are on sale now!

Join Tevye the dairy man as he navigates love, faith, and upheaval in a small Russian village – with humor and heart. This timeless musical about tradition, family, and change includes unforgettable songs like "If I Were a Rich Man" and "Sunrise, Sunset."

Performances are: July 17-19 and 25, 26 For ticket prices and times visit tickets.nativitytheatre.org



Peace in the Storm Chronic Pain & Illness Support Group July 8, Tuesday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm July 10, Thursday, 12:15 -2:15 pm in the Fr. Ready Room

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.



Thank you to our SPRED children, catechists, shepherds, and Melissa Sergio and Kelly Smith, mothers of Eli and Daniel, for helping at our Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday. The children did a wonderful job handing out water bottles and programs to parishioners who attended. As part of Nativity's community, the SPRED children shared in a beautiful expression of devotion to the Eucharist and the real presence of Jesus Christ.

Joyce Kelly, SPRED Coordinator

Girl Scout Troop 52007 - Silver Award Project

A team from Girl Scout Troop 52007 is partnering with the *No Hands But Yours Ministry* to complete their Silver Award Project. The girls are gathering backpacks, tote bags, and toiletries to donate to the homeless in Washington D.C. and Northern Virginia.

The girls will be collecting donations and talking about their project in the Narthex of the church after all Masses the weekend of July 12 -13. There will also be a donation box in the back of the church to drop off donations for the duration of the week.

For ideas and suggestions for what to donate please check out our amazon wish list at: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/246TX22K70JFL?ref_=wl_share or scan the QR code. For more information about the *No Hands But Yours Ministry* please visit their website at: https://nativityburke.org/service/no-hands-but-yours/.

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!

Christian Crafters

By Jim Boucher

Two select boosters Rocks of Christian foundation In the early years

Apostle Peter Fired with the Holy Spirit Adapted the Jews

Saul, persecutor Became Paul, missionary Adopted Gentiles

They set forth churches Performed healing miracles And wrote epistles

They traveled afar From Jerusalem as home Leading up to Rome

Martyrs for their cause Heightened Christianity Revered with sainthood

Notable patrons Peter that of fishermen Paul that of writers

Due to their efforts We have a church proclaiming Good News of Jesus





For more information and to sign up, please email Deacon Sean Mazary at smazary@nativityburke.org. Liability forms are also available at the Parish Office.



Nativity Ecumenical Ministry

Mental Health Response Training

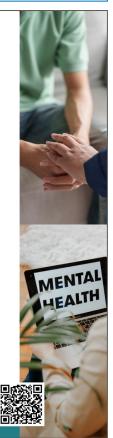
Monday, July 21 | 6:30 pm

Nativity School Cafeteria

Msgr. Bob invites all interested parishioners to participate in a Mental Health Response Training on Monday, July 21, at 6:30 pm in the Nativity School Cafeteria.

The training is sponsored by Nativity's Ecumenical Ministry and conducted by the Fairfax County Police Department Crisis Intervention Team. Attendees will receive helpful guidance on how to assist someone in crisis, how to communicate effectively, and what steps to take before First Responders arrive. Please RSVP online:

nativityburke.org/mental-health-response-training/





MASS INTENTIONS & MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday, June 30th

7:30 am † Michael Gerencser

Tuesday, July 1st

7:30 am Special Intention for the Valentine Family

Wednesday, July 2nd

7:30 am † Deceased members of the Legion of Mary

10:00 am Special Intention for

Michael & Sheryl Klebba (Sunrise)

Thursday, July 3rd

7:30 am Special Intention for Angela Bresnahan

12:00 pm † Dee Marrella

Friday, July 4th

9:00 am Special Intention for Samuel Bresnahan

Saturday, July 5th

9:00 am † Carmela Merulla 5:00 pm † Michelle McKee

7:00 pm † Fatimo George Lester Lobo (Spanish)

Sunday, July 6th

7:00 am Parishioners
9:00 am † Dee Marrella
11:00 am † Maureen Smith
1:00 pm † Ken Woolard
5:30 pm † Larry Brindza

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

THANK YOU FROM THE CCDA ST. LUCY PROJECT

Thanks again for another fantastic food drive! The early rain did not stop the volunteers from collecting over 10,000 pounds. We were able to collect 500 more pounds than this time last year, amazing!

Totals collected: 11,358 in food pounds, \$90 in gift cards, \$3,485 in checks/cash

A big thank you to everyone at Nativity who helped make this another huge collection, the food is coming at a perfect time for us as we get ready for summer.







FREE ULTRASOUND EXAM COUPON

Pregnant (or think you might be) and considering abortion?

Please call or text (703) 946-3077





Schedule your free ultrasound today!

Need a ride? Our mobile unit can come to you or we'll help you come to us.

Visit us at abcwomenshealth.com Se habla español.

This coupon valid for one free ultrasound. Limit one per client.

ECHO Collection this weekend Food Room Most Needed Items

The ECHO's Food Room continues to break records. We collected 723 lbs on May 31/June 1.

- 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.



Nativity Catholic Church



EMAIL & TEXT SCAM ALERT

Nativity parishioners, please be aware of email scammers posing as Nativity priests. If you receive an email from any Nativity clergy urgently asking you for favors, money, gift cards or if you have a "moment", this is a scam. Please ignore and block the sender.

If you have any questions, please contact the Nativity Parish office: (703) 455-2400

FOR SAFETY REASONS, PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF OR LEAVE USED CLOTHING OR OTHER HOUSEHOLD ITEMS IN OUR NARTHEX OR AT ANY OF OUR EXITS

If you have items to donate, please call the Parish Office at 703 455 2400 first to find out if there is a need. You can also always contact ECHO at 703 569 9160 or visit them to drop off donations at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road in Springfield.



PETERSON'S ICE CREAM & YARD GAMES & PLAYGROUND



Join for a relaxed summer gathering for couples and families. Enjoy Peterson's famous ice cream and the park for a picnic, yard games, basketball, and a playground for the kids. Bring your own picnic lunch, and come ready for fun and fellowship!

PETERSONS: 7148 MAIN ST, CLIFTON CLIFTON TOWN PARK: 7154 MAIN ST. CLIFTON



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 Apostalate that provides support to parents of SSA children, please contact the chaplain at encourage@arlingtondiocese.org.



LEARN MORE AT COURAGERC.ORG

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.

Where is Deacon Kelly?

You may (or may not) have noticed my absence in the last few weeks from assisting at Mass during the week and on weekends. No, the deacon has not retired!

But I am preparing for rotator cuff surgery on my left shoulder on July 1st which is likely to lead to further absence through much of July. I'll be fine but my pitching career is over.

I ask for your prayers and well-wishes for me and Joyce (who is great at caring for me).

I'll give you an update in mid-July. Thank you especially to Msgr. Bob for his support and caring as we go through this.

Peace, Deacon Dick Kelly

IN MARY'S FOOTSTEPS A Group for Widows

We are a group of women who share the experience of the loss of our beloved husbands and join together in faith and fellowship. We have gathered for lunches or dinners out, retreats at the Benedictine Monastery, museum tours, etc. Our next meeting will take place on Monday, July 14th at 11:00am in the Father Ready room. For further information, please contact Cat Sands at csands@nativityburke.org.

May God bless you!

Church of the Nativity, a dynamic parish located in Burke, VA, seeks to hire a Full Time Receptionist/Baptism coordinator /Assistant Compliance Liaison

Duties are to assist the front desk receptionist with greeting and helping parishioners. This job primarily schedules baptisms, answers questions about baptism procedures/godparent requirements, etc. Job will also provide baptism certificates and register baptisms in sacramental records.

The job includes preparing marriage certificate as requested by the priest celebrating the marriage, recording the names and other information in the marriage register book, preparing Notification of marriage forms for the Catholic bride and/or groom, and mailing the notifications to the Catholic Church of their baptism. The position is also the assistant liaison for Arlington Diocese Child Protection.

Requirements:

- Proven experience as front desk representative
- Familiarity with office machines (e.g., fax, printer, etc.)
- Proficient in English (oral and written)
- Bilingual Spanish-English a plus
- Knowledge of MS office including Excel, Word, and Microsoft Office
- Strong communication and people skills
- Good organizational and multi-tasking abilities
- · Customer service orientation

Competitive salary based on experience.

Submit cover letter and resume NLT July 31, 2025, to Fr Bob Cilinski c/o Ann Benson at 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA 22015, or via email to abenson@nativityburke.org.

"In God we live and move and have our being" Women's 159th Arlington Cursillo Retreat September 18 - 21, 2025 Missionhurst Retreat Center, Arlington, VA



The Cursillo Weekend is a retreat, but also so much more. It is an opportunity to examine and celebrate yourself, deepen your relationship with Christ, and continue – or begin – your faith journey with the love and support of the Catholic community.

You will:

- Grow spiritually
- Make new friends
- Experience Christ's unlimited love

For more information visit: https://www.arlingtoncursillo.org/ If you are interested and would like to learn more feel free to contact lauralaverdiere@msn.com.

Share Your Heart-Teach a Child



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

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

When you volunteer to teach, you're not just giving your time-You're giving love, faith, and the priceless gift of learning about

Our Religious Education Program is in need of caring, committed volunteers

to teach religious education and help guide children in their faith journey. You don't need to be a theologian—just someone with a kind heart, a little patience, and a love for sharing God's Word.

Your presence could be the turning point in a child's spiritual life. Are you ready to be that someone?

Sign up today to join our program and inspire young hearts in faith and love at: https://nativityburke.org/re/ For Questions, email us at: nativity.ccd@nativityschool.org

NOTE: All volunteers working with children • Lead Catechists • Assistant must complete Diocesan Paperwork and pass a background check.

- We need:
- Catechists
- Office Volunteers
- SPRED Volunteers



Upper Room Theatre Presents Shrek the Musical: July 15-20

Prepare to be entertained as Upper Room Theatre brings Broadway's hit Shrek the Musical to life on stage, at the All Saints Performing Arts Center (9310 Stonewall Road, Manassas). This theatrical adventure follows an unlikely hero named Shrek who finds himself on a quest to rescue a feisty princess alongside a hilarious talking Donkey. Along the way, he faces a short-tempered villain, a cookie with an attitude, and a dozen wacky fairy tale misfits in a journey that celebrates how everyone is created with dignity and purpose.

Featuring stunning sets, magical special effects, dynamic choreography, and a professional live orchestra. A spectacular custom-built 13-foot animatronic dragon puppet adds to the magical atmosphere of this production that combines professional-caliber artistry with a powerful message about self-acceptance and discovering that true beauty is found within.

Reserve your seats now at UpperRoomTickets.com.



18th Annual Pops Camp For rising 5th-9th graders

Monday - Friday, August 4-8, 2025 Friday - 11 a.m. concert/potluck

For rising 5th - 9th strings and band students with at least one year of instruction.

- Pops \$150: 9:45 a.m. 12:15 p.m. Daily itinerary includes full group and sectional rehearsals plus snack.
- Jazz Studies \$50: 8:30-9:30 a.m. Quite popular secondary offering that introduces improvisational techniques while preparing music for concert.

Register using the QR code. Questions? Contact Mrs. Jan Siegfried at jsiegfried@paulvi.net





St. Paul VI Catholic High School 42341 Braddock Rd, Chantilly, VA 20152











A message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry

Creation Care Ministry thanks Rebecca and Claire and all the Camp on the Edge volunteers (COTE) and campers for a fun afternoon last week as we shared Catholic Social Teaching related to Creation Care. The young teens rotated among 3 stations, supported by nine Creation Care Ministry members. First was tending to the Kateri and Shurer gardens and preparing an area for native tree and shrub planting in the fall. Hot, tiring but rewarding work!

Second, the teens worked in the Fiacre vegetable garden area, building trellises for the cucumbers and squash using bamboo sticks. They learned more about the gardens and how the harvests are donated to local food insecure families. This rotation also had the fun and creative task of painting the garden shed with nature themes and a creation care message! The last rotation escaped the heat to prepare, clean and pack medicine bottles that are collected by the ministry and sent to Matthew 25 Ministries. Along with other medical supplies, these bottles are then sent to international locations where clean medication containers are needed. The group wrapped up just as a large storm was brewing—God was certainly watching over these young teens as they were able to complete their service

projects before the rain started! Please take a moment to check out the shed and the gardens (at the back end of the parking lot near the school soccer field.) Thanks again to all from Creation Care Ministry!







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



come for food, fun, and fellowship! gmuccm.org @catholic.patriot

CONNECT WITH NATIVITY BY DOWNLOADING THE FREE myParish APP





Nativity Parishioners can keep up to date with church events and notifications but you can also have access to prayers, readings, and reflections on your phone at all times.

This first-of-its-kind app for iOS and Android devices, myParish helps build stronger Catholic communities and better engage the New Evangelization. You can download it for free and just add Nativity Catholic Church, Burke VA in the search field for our parish. If you have any questions please call the parish office.

Retreat for Person's Facing Serious Illness Hosted by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington October 3 - 5, San Damiano Retreat Center, White Post

Seeking Rest and Renewal?

Amid illness and uncertainty, God's love remains a source of comfort and strength. You and your caregiver are warmly invited to a peaceful weekend retreat for person's facing serious illness. This retreat is an opportunity for prayer, reflection, spiritual guidance, and gentle care. Diocesan priests, medical professionals, and volunteers will accompany you with compassion and support. Come find spiritual healing, hope, and rest in God's loving presence.

For questions or to register, email retreat@ccda.net, and a nurse will contact you within a few days. For further information, please call (703) 841-3830. Space is limited.

Pro-Life Corner:

Bishop Burbidge Mass Followed by Rosary at new Tysons Abortion Facility 40 Days for Life reported,



Bishop Burbidge is celebrating a Mass in thanksgiving for the gift of human life at St. John the Beloved Catholic Church on July 12th at 8:30 am. Immediately following Mass, the Bishop will then lead the Rosary on the public sidewalk (1949 Old Meadow Road, McLean, VA) at the new abortion facility in Tysons. Please prayerfully consider joining us, let's show the Bishop our immense appreciation for his courageous leadership! This location was chosen primarily to "service" people from out of state (which is why it's near the metro) and is run by an abortionist who moved here from Texas. This event is a great opportunity to rally support for what will be another struggle for the right to life in our state and diocese.

Sean Carney, President of 40 Days for Life, recently went to the White House to discuss defunding Planned Parenthood. "As we pray for the defunding of Planned Parenthood and the

"As we pray for the defunding of Planned Parenthood and the many lives that this would save, we wanted to let you know that pro-lifers in coordination with Live Action will be standing outside Falls Church Healthcare Center, 900 S. Washington St., Falls Church, VA Saturday, June 28 at 10am. We will unite pro-life Americans across the country for a single, coordinated day of demonstrations at Planned Parenthood facilities..." thousands will gather at over 100 locations to demand Congress defund the abortion and cross-sex hormone giant Planned Parenthood and expose the organization's ongoing abuse: abortion, child sterilization, and sexual indoctrination.

"The U.S. Senate is set to vote on a bill that would strip Planned Parenthood of potentially hundreds of millions in forced taxpayer funding. Our nation's leadership needs to hear from you. Send a message to your elected representatives and urge them to defund America's largest abortion chain" The above quotes are excerpted from the June 23 email from local 40 Days for Life representative, Joe Flaherty.

Marian Homes - Purchases and maintains affordable homes for individuals with intellectual disabilities. marianhomes.org/ **Tepeyac Pro-Life OB/GYN** - Faith-based Pro-life OB/GYN: restoring human person with modern medicine and healing of Christ. tepeyacobgyn.com, 703.273.9440.

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

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

Catholic Charities Pregnancy and Adoption

Services - Provides transformative services to those impacted by unplanned pregnancy. https://www.ccda.net/need-help/pregnancy-and-adoption-services/, 703.841.3830.

A Woman's Choice Center - Providing Compassionate Support – Free pregnancy, medical, educational, and support services for women and families. awomanschoicecenter.com, 703.538.4305 Project Rachel - Help after Abortion: A safe place to share your emotions and work toward healing. helpafterabortion.org, 703.841.2504.

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

APPALACHIA HOME BUILDING: "THANK YOU NATIVITY"

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus, the Appalachian Construction Crew of Omaha, NE, and the Tucker family of three, we want to thank the Nativity family for their tremendous outpouring of support that made this home building effort possible. With the combined donations from Nativity, the Knights, and personal donations, our contributions totaled over \$126,000, not including a truck load of household items provided by the Nativity family. With slightly over \$10,000 raised from Omaha, the combined crews were able to again build a home for a very needy family. Good Shepherd Chapel selected the family. The Tucker family clearly had some challenges. The family lived in a dilapidated trailer that they rented with only two bedrooms and had an income of \$30,500. This was the 27th home where Nativity and the Knights partnered with the Appalachian Construction Crew.

From May 28th to June 9th, the combined crews were able to complete the home with two of those days dedicated to travel. The Nativity crew totaled 19 with 18 knights and a parishioner; Omaha sponsored 11 that included a support crew to help with feeding the Crew. Weather was challenging with rain, some very heavy at times, the first two days and decent weather for the next four days to complete the exterior. Notwithstanding the weather, with the larger crew, we were able to finish the home a day earlier. Local electrical, heating/air conditioning, and plumbing contractors worked at night to ensure the home was ready for critical inspections. Early Tuesday, we completed hanging all the sheetrock and applied the first coat on most of the joints and cleaned up the site for the house blessing. Literally, we completed all this work, exterior construction and interior rough-in, in 5 ½ days. We had the house blessing on Tuesday afternoon led by Father Carlos of Kentucky. That night we had the family over for dinner with the entire crew and presented the grandmother, Debra, with the keys to her new home. We also told them of all the household items that we brought from Nativity from the Christmas giving tree, in addition to the new beds we provided for all the family. The family was overwhelmed with the outpouring of help and the caring from the Nativity family. Debra was in tears and thanked everyone; she said: "I can't believe that people who don't know me would do something so wonderful."

On Wednesday morning, the first crew departed, and the finishing crew took over. From Wednesday through Sunday, our Nativity finishing crew of seven, with Omaha's three, stayed to do all the finishing. The finishing team completed all the drywall finishing, painting, hanging doors, trimming, and installing kitchen cabinets. The finishing crew left on Monday. All final inspections were completed by June 17th, and appliances and new beds provided by Nativity will be delivered soon after. The family will move in before the end of June.

In addition, we were told how our outreach efforts were making a difference with wheelchair ramps, hygiene kits for over 200 kids, assistance with offsetting medical and utility bills, and with food assistance planned in the future. May God bless you all for your caring and generosity. Please call Bob Corsi at 703-239-2890 for any questions.





NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nativity A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence nativityschool.org



Third Grade State of Affairs

A fun and creative way our third grade teacher, Delaney Fetzer, assists her students in meeting many of their social studies curriculum standards is when each student serves as spokesperson for one of our 50 states during their State Fair.

Each student prepares to represent and promote a selected state, highlighting what makes that state unique—its culture, tourism, economy, and opportunities-to attract visitors, businesses, and positive attention.

Viewers move from station to station as each student talks about their state, using a slideshow as the starting point.













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ECHO Volunteer Opportunities

ECHO currently has some interesting volunteer opportunities! We are looking for people to lead teams in the areas of Client Engagement, Volunteering, and Donation Management. We would also like to find one or two volunteers who would be willing to photograph and/or video special events to help build a photographic record for ECHO. Our IT team could use a few more members like someone who could repair watches. Anyone interested in finding out more about the expectations and job descriptions should contact volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org by email.



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.

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Council Installation: Monday, June 30, 7:00 PM in the church. Council officers are expected to be present for installation. All Knights and families are invited to attend. Dress is suit/ coat and tie or business casual.

End of Year Dinner: Saturday, July 12 6:00-8:00 PM in the school cafeteria. Come celebrate with us and recognize the Council's work. See SUG on LinkTree.

Exemplification: Come welcome our newest Fr. Vincent S. Sikora Council Knights! Dress is suit / coat and tie or business casual. Tuesday, July 22 at 7 PM in the church.

Food for Others: Volunteer for food distribution to the poor,

delivered on designated Thursday or Friday evenings.

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

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

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

Handy Knights Ministry: Parishioners unable to perform basic maintenance tasks or small home repairs due to health or other factors, contact the "Handy Knights."

Email handyknightsofnativity@gmail.com.

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

3rd Degree Knights: Grow with 4th Degree - participate in patriotic activities that promote Catholic citizenship. 4th Degree Assembly meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Nativity school cafeteria: 7:30 PM rosary, 7:45 pm business meeting followed by fellowship. If you are interested, please contact our Faithful Navigator Mark Corzine at fn2996@vakofc.org. Join the Knights! The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. Join today at https://www.kofc.org/joinus. Your dues will be free for one year: Be sure to enter our council #7992 and the code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY when you register.



SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

- To support the numerous charitable works in aid of people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development.
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PEDRO Y PABLO: SABOR A UNIDAD

J.Leoz



Un año más, la festividad de San Pedro y San Pablo, nos recuerda que Jesús establece una sólida amistad y confianza con las personas.

Pero, en este caso, "hay amores que matan". Los dos, columnas de nuestra iglesia, vertieron su sangre, su vida, su ser, sus talentos para que la obra de Jesús (el gran amigo y tesoro por ellos encontrado) siguiese adelante. ¿Qué vio Jesús en ellos?

1. <u>Celebrar la festividad</u> de estos grandes personajes, de estas grandes tallas humanas y cristianas, es contemplar con orgullo y con emoción, los primeros años de la misión apostólica. A los dos les unió un mismo afán: la predicación del evangelio y...a los dos, una misma ciudad, Roma, acogió entre sus muros el doble martirio. El periplo misionero de Pedro y Pablo, con dificultades, persecuciones y gestas heroicas tuvo un final después de un duro combate: **dar la vida por Cristo no es nada comparado con lo que les esperaba.** Así lo sintieron, así lo vivieron y así lo testimoniaron. Su sangre fue la firma, personal y radical, de dos personas diferentes pero con un denominador común: amor a Jesús.

Uno (Pedro) fue roca, pero a la vez, frágil y apasionado, lleno de valor y del Espíritu Santo. Amigo entrañable de Jesús y con un corazón que no le cabía en el pecho. Un corazón que, lleno de amor a Cristo, se desbordó con una gran confesión: "Tú eres el hijo de Dios vivo".

El segundo (Pablo) fue zarandeado en medio de su principal afición: persiguiendo a los cristianos. Su vida cambió totalmente camino de Damasco. Empuñó la espada para entregarse sin reservas al anuncio del Evangelio. Su carisma, fogoso, inteligente, incansable, aventurero, moderno..le hizo ser reconocido por anunciar, con tintes nuevos y universales, la salvación de Jesús:

"Ay de mí si no evangelizare"

Hoy, la figura de Pedro, visualizada en el Papa Benedicto XVI, sigue sugiriendo en nosotros el principio visible de la unidad y la transmisión del depósito de la fe. Todo aquello, que en tiempos de Pedro, quedó atado por indicación del mismo Jesús, lo sigue ejerciendo con la misma autoridad y el mismo empeño la figura del Papa en la Iglesia Católica.

2. Hoy, más que nunca, contemplamos con optimismo la actitud abierta y positiva de un Papa Benedicto, dispuesto a reconducir y recuperar lo que, la historia, alteró en la Iglesia: su unidad. A nadie se nos escapa que, unidos, daremos más y mejor testimonio de Cristo ante el mundo. Hoy, más que nunca, aún en periodo de pruebas, de dificultades, con San Pedro y San Pablo estamos llamados a ser signo del poder de Dios. Teniendo, a dos intercesores tan gigantes en el cielo, no tenemos que tener miedo a los enemigos de la fe ni a los tropiezos en nuestro afán evangelizador: ellos marcharon y cumplieron antes que nosotros. Qué bien lo expresó el Papa Juan Pablo II en el año 2002 "Quien confía en Dios, libre de todo miedo, experimenta la presencia consoladora del Espíritu también, y especialmente, en los momentos de la prueba y del dolor".

No nos podemos quedar satisfechos ni con lo qué hemos conseguido, ni cómo somos, cristianamente hablando. Siguen existiendo millones de hombres y de mujeres que todavía no han escuchado, ni una sola vez, el nombre de Jesucristo; otros tantos que, aún siendo bautizados, no lo aman o..lo festejan de una manera relajada o lo viven a la carta; otros, aún siguiéndole, han roto sus vínculos de unión y de afecto con la Iglesia que, precisamente, les dio ese gran regalo: Jesús.

Actualmente, como siempre y como en los tiempos de Pedro y de Pablo, sigue siendo un gran desafío el ser cristiano; el manifestar públicamente nuestra fe.

¡Cuántos cristianos que no viven en cárceles pero, su fe, la tienen excesivamente guardada en las celdas de la vergüenza y del "qué dirán"! ¿Puede ser una fe católica intimista y relegada en el rincón de la conciencia o de una sacristía?

¡Cuántos cristianos que siguen convencidos que, la evangelización, es cuestión de sacerdotes, obispos y de Papas!

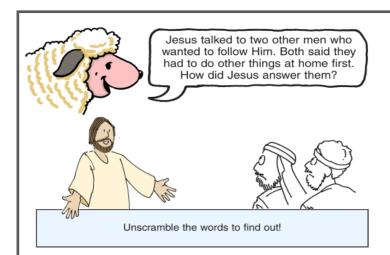
¡Cuántos cristianos que viven su fe sin más trascendencia que las celebraciones sacramentales!

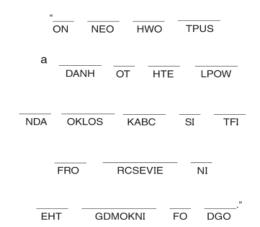
¡Cuántos cristianos que sucumben en sus creencias ante una sociedad caprichosa y hedonista!

Miremos a San Pedro y a San Pablo. Pongamos estas dos columnas en los cimientos de nuestra familia, de nuestras empresas, educación, iglesia, amistades, política, etc.

Renovemos nuestro afecto y nuestra adhesión al Papa Benedicto XVI. Si lo hacemos así, estaremos en sintonía y entraremos de lleno en el espíritu que marcó los primeros pasos de Pedro y Pablo: la unidad en la fe.

J.Leoz





And He sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for Him; ...

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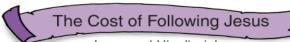


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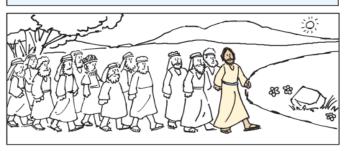
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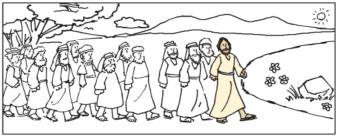
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Jesus and His disciples were heading toward Jerusalem.

Find 12 differences in the second picture.





They left the village. As they were walking along, a man came and spoke to Jesus.

Use the graph to find out what the man said.

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Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head."

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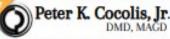
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