

You are worth more than many sparrows

Matthew 10:31



1973

2023

Celebrating 50 Years!
"We are God's people" - 1 Peter 2:9

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SATURDAY MASSES: 9:00 a.m. Morning Mass
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass in Spanish

SUNDAY MASSES: 7:00 a.m. / 9:00 a.m. / 11:00 a.m. /
1:00 p.m. / 5:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday
12:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

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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be submitted **in writing** by 9:00 AM on Tuesday (5 days
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Assisted hearing devices are available from the
Sacristy staff at all services.

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



My dear parishioners,

On the occasion of celebrating our 50th anniversary of Nativity Parish, we presented this year's Operation Starfish collection to Food for the Poor to build homes and clinics in our 13th village in Haiti and Honduras.

The generosity of our community to the poor is amazing. Below is a letter we received. The Holy Spirit will guide us as we begin the next 50 years!



"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me." (Matthew 25:40, sv)

June 14, 2023

Dear Fr. Bob,

It was such a joy to join you all in worship last Sunday to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Nativity Catholic Church. I always feel the energy and joy from your Parish. It is such a special community, and the chance to celebrate its founding and development was wonderful.

On behalf of all of the Team Members here at FFTP we again thank you and all the parishioners of Nativity Catholic Church as we gratefully receive the incredibly generous gift of \$429,221.73. We gratefully acknowledge that this gift for our brothers and sisters in extreme need provides the support primarily for the Bas Fosse Village and the St. Anthony Clinic in Haiti, the El Colirio Clinic in Honduras, and Education Scholarship programs both in Haiti and in Jamaica.

We continue to pray for a peaceful and constructive resolution to the suffering of the people of Haiti, and remain committed to doing all that we can, when we can. God has blessed us with opportunities to make progress in the country when we weren't always so sure it could happen. We must trust in Him!

We are so grateful to be blessed by your trust in us, and Food For The Poor will continue to work hard to be an excellent steward of your gifts. May God bless you and all the parishioners of Nativity.

We truly are United in God's Work,

*Ed Raine
President & CEO*

Love and Blessings,

Fr. Bob Cilinski
Fr. Bob Cilinski,
Pastor

**Farewell Mass with Fr. Chris Hayes
Sunday, June 25 at 9:00AM**



This Sunday, June 25, Fr. Hayes will celebrate the 9:00am Mass, his last Sunday Mass at Nativity as he begins his new assignment on June 29.

We will honor and thank him for his priestly ministry among us the past 4 years and wish him well as he moves to St. Timothy in Chantilly.

It's a donut Sunday so we will have a reception after the morning Masses. Fr. Hayes will be available after the morning Masses to see everyone. A basket for cards and gifts for Fr. Hayes, as customary, will be available if you would like to offer your appreciation.

THANK YOU FR. HAYES!!



**During the last few months, through
the Sacrament of Baptism, we joyfully
welcomed the following into our
Parish Community:**

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| Patrick Lynch | Payton Elizabeth Gannon |
| Madeleine Silver | Grace Noelle Howard |
| Marco Santiago Saltarin | Carmina Grace Pannucci |
| Riley Thomas McCabe | Declan Joshua Anderson |
| Elizabeth Anne Halliwell | Charlotte James Cook |
| John Donaldson Delgado | Joseph William Cook |
| Oliver Joseph Renggli | Jacob Paul Mueller |
| Theodore Louis Nordhaus | Hunter James Cruz |
| Franzuha Jacques Byrd Jr. | Luna Hart Huber |
| Elizabeth Josephine Carlson | Leonardo Bailey |
| Thomas Maximus Nordhaus | Halle Rae DiNunzio |
| Josephine Laurel Masakayan | Cody Clay Watson |
| Francesca Jaylene Sisowath | Sophia Ruth Call |
| Rafael Nhal Sisowath | Owen Gilbertson |
| Lance Abel Hernandez | George Joseph Spirnak |
| Delia Sofia Cantrell | Abigail Rita Saenz-Forero |
| William Alejandro Cantrell | Walker Charles Michaels |
| Isabella Sophie Ragnetti | |
| Ezekiel Javier Montoya Rodriguez | |
| Elizabeth Kathleen Mooney-Roland | |
| Matthew James Ragnetti | |

CONGRATULATIONS!



**Father Bob Cilinski
June 25th**

Nativity Players' THE LIGHTNING THIEF

THE PERCY JACKSON MUSICAL

July 14 & 21 @ 7:30pm
July 15 & 22 @ 2pm & 7:30pm

Tickets go on sale June 12th!

Nativity Catholic Church
6398 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA 22015

For info and tickets visit:
nativityplayersburke.org

BOOK BY JOE TRACZ - MUSIC & LYRICS BY ROB ROKICKI - ADAPTED FROM THE BOOK THE LIGHTNING THIEF BY RICK RIORDAN
PRODUCED BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH CONCORD THEATRICALS (CONCORDTHEATRICALS.COM)



Tell Virginia lawmakers to save lives by adopting the Hyde Amendment in the state budget!

Last December, Governor Youngkin introduced a package of budget amendments. The Governor’s package included a provision to adopt the Hyde Amendment in the state budget, and thereby stop the funding of abortion with state taxpayers’ money to the fullest extent possible under federal law.

In February, the Virginia General Assembly adjourned without completing its work on budget amendments. Months later, state budget issues – including the debate over the Hyde Amendment – remain unresolved.

As budget negotiators continue their work, your voices are needed to push this pro-life policy forward. Please act now to remind lawmakers that it is vitally important to include the life-saving Hyde provision whenever an agreement on the final budget is reached.

The Hyde Amendment has been in place in federal law for nearly half a century. It prohibits federal funding of abortions under Medicaid and various other programs except in cases of danger to the life of the mother, rape and incest. But Virginians are currently paying for abortions – with state tax dollars – beyond what federal law requires. Visit the following link to let your voice be heard:

<https://vacatholic.org/action-center/?vsrc=%2fCampaigns%2f106022%2fRespond>

Looking for a Project for Your Group or Family?

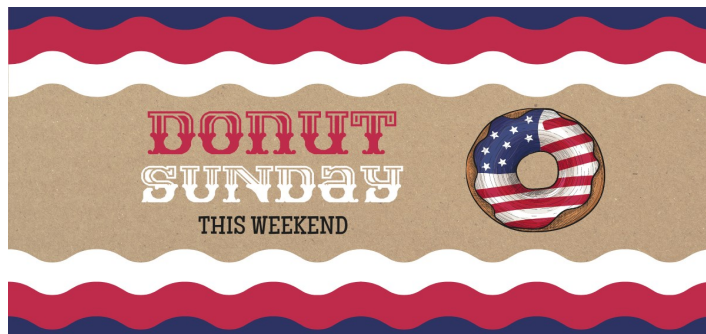
Holding a drive for things that ECHO needs is a great project for your group or for teaching generosity to your children. ECHO provides guidelines and tips on our website at echo-inc.org on how to do it. Click on “Donate Goods,” and choose “ECHO Donation Drive Guidelines.” You can hold a drive for things that won’t cost your donors any money such as gently used children’s fall and winter clothing for Back to School, or large pots and pans or towels that the original owner no longer needs. If your intended collection audience is willing to purchase things for ECHO, remember that we will be gathering new school supplies for our Backpack Program this summer, and we can always use non-perishable food and personal hygiene supplies.

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

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

Sign Up For the Diocesan E-Newsletter!

Receive special video messages from our bishop, learn about unique opportunities to get involved, and be the first to know the news about our Diocese - straight to your inbox. Sign up here: arlingtondiocese.org/email



“Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father” MATTHEW 10:32

Would others know that you are Catholic by the way you act and speak? Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith when the situation arises or do you remain silent? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself. Let us become the radiant light and bold witness that we are called to be!

The Nativity History Book is NOW ON SALE!!



For \$15 you and your family can take home a copy of the first 50 years of our parish history. This book was written by a committee of Nativity parishioners and includes many colorful photos for the whole family to enjoy. You're welcome to purchase your copy at the gift shop or parish office during business hours with a check or cash (exact change please).

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The Reinhard Family
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PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC):

Is a social group, mostly age 60 and over. (40 to 59?

Ask about our free associate-membership group.)

Meet us for: lunch in Ashburn (July 4); tour of historic Blenheim House (July 8); outdoor concert in McLean (July 9); Thursday lunches (July 13 and 27); walk in Fairfax City (July 15); Mass at Holy Spirit & lunch (July 23); dinner & jazz concert in Annandale (July 28); Hot Dog & Apple Pie Social at Lake Accotink (Aug. 2); Nationals baseball game (Aug. 13). For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.

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

Sick / Homebound Visits

Are you or someone you know sick and/or homebound for any reason? We can arrange home visits from the parish and provide prayer and the sacraments. We would love to bring God's Grace and Peace to anyone in difficult times. Please contact Cat Sands, Pastoral Minister, at csands@nativityburke.org to schedule a visit.

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

NOW OPEN

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, June 26th

7:30 am † Hugo Guardia

Tuesday, June 27th

7:30 am † Frances Doyle

12:00 pm † Libby Franko

Wednesday, June 28th

7:30 am † Rob Dezzutti

10:00 am † Ruben Orteca Espejo

Thursday, June 29th

7:30 am † C. K. Quan

12:00 pm † Glenn D'Cruze

Friday, June 30th

7:30 am † Mary Ann Johnson

Saturday, July 1st

9:00 am Special Int. for Ana Cecilia Haworth

5:00 pm † Martin J. Healy

7:00 pm † Maritza Claire de Gamboa

Sunday, July 2nd

7:00 am † Ramon and Angela Vega

9:00 am † Bertha Fischer

11:00 am Parishioners

1:00 pm † JoAnn Ferrario

5:30 pm † Ann Woo

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

Nativity Catholic Church

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTER ONLINE NOW

SAVE THE DATE

NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

FALL FESTIVAL

09.30.2023

FOOD

FAMILY FUN

GAMES

PLANNING COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!
FALLFESTIVAL@NATIVITYBURKE.ORG



THEY HAVE ANSWERED THE CALL. WILL YOU?

**Support Our Seminarians
 Help Build the Future of Our Diocese
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Funding Priestly Education for the Future of Our Diocese

Mail your check made out to:
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CONTACT: John French • john.french@arlingtondiocese.org
 To make a gift online: arlingtondiocese.org/Donate_SEEF

CATHOLIC PATRIOTS

GMU CATHOLIC CAMPUS
 MINISTRY PRESENTS:

**THURSDAY NIGHT
 GATHERINGS**

**SUMMER
 KICKBACK**

GAMES | FOOD | NEW FRIENDS
 THURSDAYS FROM 7-9

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINA CHAPEL
 4515 ROBERTS RD
 FAIRFAX, VA 22032

**WELCOMING ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS &
 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS FOR EVENTS
 EVERY THURSDAY IN JUNE & JULY!
 SIGN-UP NOW!**

**ECHO Food Room Most Needed Items - July 2023
 Nativity Collection: Next weekend 1/2 July**

- Choose sizes appropriate for our average family size of four.
- Because of the generosity of our community, ECHO has an ample supply of canned vegetables and stuffing. However, we are short on many other items such as personal care products and the items listed below.
- ECHO cannot give our clients food whose expiration date is long past, open food, or repackaged food (no zip-loc bags).
- ECHO continues to see a deficit of several thousand pounds a month between food donated and food given to clients. Since the beginning of the pandemic ECHO has seen an increase in need and this need has not abated. Any donation, large or small, is most gratefully welcomed. **We collected 929 lbs on June 3 and 4, thank you!**

FOOD ITEMS

- Spaghetti noodles
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Masa Flour
- Cereal
- Soup (Progresso or Chunky type preferred)
- Cooking Oil
- Sugar
- Honey or Jelly
- Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup
- Lemon/Lime Juice
- Tea (green or herbal)
- Milk products (canned, shelf stable, hot chocolate)
- Crackers, dates, nuts dried fruit, healthy snacks

- Bagged beans (black and red)
- Bag or Box Rice
- Box Potatoes
- Box Pasta (especially spaghetti)
- Spices (garlic or onion salt, cinnamon, salt, pepper)
- Canned Fruit
- Ketchup or Mayonnaise
- Tortillas
- Muffin/Cornbread Mix
- Coffee (Instant or ground)

NON-FOOD ITEMS

- Shaving Cream/Razors
- Deodorant, Toothpaste
- Shampoo, Toilet Paper
- Dish Soap, Paper Towels
- Brown Paper Grocery Bags

NO HANDS BUT YOURS MINISTRY

AN ORIGINAL NATIVITY MINISTRY DOING GOD'S WORK BY SERVING THOSE LESS FORTUNATE MEMBERS OF HIS FLOCK. WE WORK DISTRIBUTING FOOD, CLOTHING, AND PERSONAL ITEMS TO THE POOR AND HOMELESS IN D.C. AND NORTHERN VIRGINIA EVERY SUNDAY MORNING, RAIN OR SHINE. FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT THE NATIVITY PARISH WEBSITE OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN DAILY/SUNDAY RUNS, PLEASE CONTACT JOHN RUBINO AT: JOHN.ALBERT.RUBINO@GMAIL.COM.

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

GLEANNING WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

"Gleaning" is the traditional biblical practice of gathering crops that would otherwise be left in the fields to rot, or be plowed under after harvest (Leviticus 23:22). Help Catholic Charities to support pantries within our Diocese receive fresh foods through your support.

Saturday, July 15 and Saturday, August 19, from 8:00-11:00am in the Northern Neck at Parker Farms, 1647 Kings Hwy, Colonial Beach, VA 22443 and/or 1:00-3:00pm at the Manassas Warehouse, 8426 Kao Circle, Manassas, VA 20110.

For more information, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at maria.rodriquez@ccda.net.

John Paul the Great Summer Camps June - August 2023

JP Summer Camps registration is now open! Sign your elementary and middle school-age children up for a variety of athletic and enrichment camps during the summer months. For registration visit:

<https://www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/summeractivities>

NEED TO TALK?

Catholic Charities provides quality mental health services & counselors grounded in a Catholic understanding of the human person. "Nativity's Counselor" Ms. Marguerite Turner, MS, LPC is back at Nativity counseling clients in-person and is available on Thursdays from 10:00am-6:00pm to talk with any parishioners who may be struggling.

To set up an appointment, please contact Marguerite at 703-454-2415 or mmturner@ccda.net.

Struggling with addiction in the family?

Both the afflicted and affected don't need to be alone. There are many resources available including AA, NA, Alanon, Calix and a diocesan chaplain. Call the HELPLINE (970) 989-2670 for support. This is NOT LIMITED to addicts, anybody that would like to speak with a priest or a friend in Christ May call!

Day of Prayer and Healing After Abortion Care for Women

After Abortion Retreats: A Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be on Saturday, July 29 and Saturday, September 30, 2023. These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model. There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: (703) 841-2504

CALLING ALL GRADUATING SENIORS:

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR AN ASJB COLLEGE NIGHT!

faith, fellowship, fun & free pizza!

ASJB College Nights are offered at five parishes in Northern Virginia during the summertime. At these College Nights, incoming freshmen and transfer students hear current or recently graduated college students speak about their faith journey through college (or even how they came to know God in the first place!), connect with other incoming freshmen from their college, and meet current students from those universities. College Night attendees will receive a (FREE!) pizza dinner and a Bosco Bundle at the end of the night. Register at <https://www.asjb.org>.

Donate Your Car to Catholic Charities!

If you are thinking of replacing your car with something new, please consider donating your old car to Catholic Charities.

Proceeds from the sale of working and non-working cars provide critical funds for our volunteer programs.

It's easy, we handle all the paperwork and you receive an IRS donation receipt. Email Cars@ccda.net or call (703) 841-3898.

Two Cemetery Plots for Sale at Fairfax Memorial Park Cemetery. Please contact D. Connolly at Daconnolly007@gmail.com if interested.

St. Margaret of Cortona Transitional & Maternity Housing

A pro-life ministry for pregnant and single mothers in the Diocese, is seeking childcare volunteers on Wednesday nights from 6-7 pm so that the mothers can attend Life Skills classes. Please consider giving an hour of your time to help families grow in mind, body, and spirit! Please call (703) 910-4845 or email smc@ccda.net for more information.

St. Margaret of Cortona is also in need of household supplies and baby/toddler supplies for our families. Each donation goes directly to mothers in need. For a list of most-needed items, please visit <https://www.ccda.net/give-help/donate-goods-and-transportation/help-individuals-and-families/>.

Thank you for your consideration and support of our ministry to women and children in need!

Weekend Drive - July 15th – 16th

We are collecting after ALL masses!

Newborn Kits for Haiti

Stella Marina (An Operation Starfish Project)™ is requesting donations for our newborn kits – which will be used with our clean delivery birthing kits in Haiti.

..... *We need new or gently used*

- **Onesies**
- **Pack n' plays**
- **Full size washcloths**
- **Receiving blankets**
- **Vinyl tablecloths with felt backing**
- **Order from our Amazon Wishlist:**
<https://amz.run/5iIT>



Look for our Stella Marina sign and table in the Narthex. An in-person kit build will be organized in September.

Thank You For Supporting Us!

Please contact Tara Shimp for more information at tarashimp@gmail.com.

Stella Marina



An Operation Starfish Project

What is Stella Marina?

Stella Marina is a project that operates under Operation Starfish®. Stella Marina - which means sea star in Latin - was created to help the midwives in Cap-Haitien, Haiti. There are nearly 19,000 midwife assisted deliveries a year in CH and Stella Marina's goal is to make 20,000 birthing kits a year.



stellamarina.org | Making A Difference One Baby at a Time



Council Meetings: The next council meeting is Thursday, 6 July. Typically meetings are on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. The first meeting is a business meeting, and the second meeting of the month is devoted to faith formation including video/discussion series and guest speakers. Rosary at 7:15 PM; meeting follows at 7:30 PM. Fellowship follows every meeting. Meetings are in the Nativity School Cafeteria.

Linktree Universal Sign-up Link: Want to volunteer for an event? https://linktr.ee/fr_sikora_council_7992

Mowing: A deceased Knight's family needs your help taking care of the lawn this summer. Sign up on linktree.

Yard Sale: Brothers, please help with the yardsale from 8am-2pm Saturday 24 June. Families and friends welcome. We will have a crowd and need many hands. We need everyone available to assist. This is the council's second biggest charity fundraiser! Sign up on the linktree. Contact Br. Dave Zivich with any questions at davezivich@gmail.com.

Vacation Bible Camp BBQ: We will need some grillers to help feed kids on the evening of 30 June. Details to follow.

Food for Others: We need volunteer drivers for food distributions to the poor. If you have a truck or van and can occasionally help deliver to Springfield on Friday evenings contact Br. Matt Stockburger at mstock_w@yahoo.com.

Name Tags: Email Warden Michael Bender at michaelbam-bender@hotmail.com to order.

Sunday Mass Coffee and Cookies: We are providing coffee and cookies following Sunday morning Masses. Volunteer on the linktree.

Handy Knights Ministry: If you are unable to perform basic maintenance tasks or small repairs in your home due to health or other factors, call the "Handy Knights." You can reach us at handyknightsofnativity@gmail.com.

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

Join the Knights! The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Join today! Simply go to <https://info.kofc.org/us.html> and enter our council #7992 for local information and to register. E-membership for the first year is free using the new code "blessedmcgivney". Please email our Deputy Grand Knight at PMDELATTE@gmail.com or the Grand Knight at tjskgk7992@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Calling all 3rd Degree Knights: The 4th Degree is calling you to participate in patriotic activities, color and honor guards and organizing programs that promote Catholic citizenship. Meetings 2nd Tuesday of the month; 7:30 pm rosary; 7:45 pm business meeting followed by fellowship. If you are interested in becoming a 4th Degree Sir Knight, please contact our Faithful Navigator Mark Corzine (wfn2996@gmail.com) for more information.

NATIVITY - BAPTISM PROCEDURES

We are currently scheduling group Baptisms on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 2:00 pm in the Church for registered Nativity Parishioners. To register at Nativity Parish, please stop by the parish office or visit our website to download the form.

TO SCHEDULE A BAPTISM

Step 1: Paperwork

To begin the process, please first complete our Baptism Application which can be picked up from the parish office or downloaded from our website at:

<https://nativityburke.org/baptism/>

Please bring the following to the Parish Office:

1. Copy of child's Birth Certificate
2. A certificate of eligibility for your Catholic godparents. Please review our Godparent Requirements. Godparents who are registered members of Nativity DO NOT need to provide a certificate.
3. Completed Baptism Application. **Scheduling the date of the Baptism will take place ONLY after these items are received.**

Step 2: Preparation for New Parents

If this is your first child (congratulations!), in addition to providing the above paperwork, parents must attend a Baptism Prep class. Godparents are welcome, too. Register Online for our Baptism Prep class at: <https://nativityburke.org/baptism/#preparation>

Step 3: Nativity Schedules the Baptism Date

At this point, please call our Baptismal Coordinator, Anna Marty, to review your paperwork, discuss any questions, and schedule the date and time of the Baptism. She is available Monday - Wednesday at the parish office, please call 703-455-2400 or email amarty@nativityburke.org.

We cannot schedule anything before we have ALL paperwork completed and turned in!

Join Girl Scouts!

girl scouts

Girl Scout Leaders Needed!

PLEASE CONTACT
NATIVITYTROOP@GMAIL.COM
FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Troop volunteers help Girl Scouts become stronger, kinder, and braver than they ever thought possible. Troop leaders—and volunteers in other roles, like troop money manager or cookie chair—engage regularly with their Girl Scouts and guide them through activities, like earning badges, exploring the outdoors, or running their own business through the Girl Scout Cookie Program. Please sign up to volunteer!

The Music Ministry is looking for a Pianist. Candidates should be proficient in piano skills, reading music and be able to accompany choirs or singers. Please reply to cfischl@Nativityburke.org if interested!



Painting through Grief

Sunday, July 16

Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home
2:00pm - 4:00pm

Register at
fairfaxmemorialfuneralhome.com

Register by Friday, July 7, 2023

Connect Heal Create

9902 Braddock Road, Fairfax VA 22032



Fairfax
MEMORIAL

Upper Room Theatre Presents Cinderella — July 18-23

Let your imagination soar as the All Saints award-winning Upper Room Theatre presents Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella, July 18-23! Experience this magical musical like never before as the All Saints Performing Arts Center (9310 Stonewall Road, Manassas, VA) undergoes a remarkable transformation, bringing you its first-ever "theatre in the round," immersive experience! This timeless tale has captivated worldwide audiences since its smash-hit Broadway debut—now it arrives in Northern Virginia to enchant you and your family! Featuring delightful twists, jaw-dropping transformations, and beloved songs from the legendary composing team, Cinderella is an incredibly fun musical for dreamers of all ages. This uplifting show weaves together powerful messages of respect, charity, and the courage to do what's right. Don't miss this unforgettable theatrical event!

Reserve your seats now at UpperRoomTickets.com.



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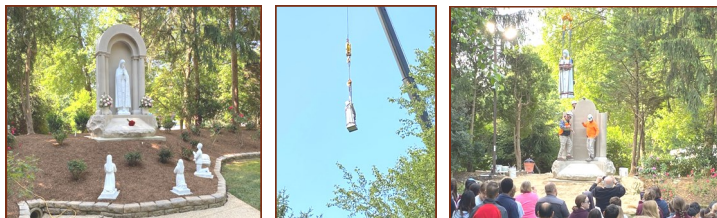
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First, we watched the statue of Mary almost float through the trees, gently gliding into her spot. The smaller statues of the children of Fatima were added: Francisco, Jacinto, Lucia. Once all was in place, Father led us in prayer as we gathered in joyous celebration, singing Hail Holy Queen, then Hail Mary, Gentle Woman, and ending with Immaculate Mary.



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Good News

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12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday June 25

Jeremiah 20:10-13
 Ps 69:8-10,14,17,
 33-35 (14c)
 Romans 5:12-15
 Matthew 10:26-33

Monday June 26

Genesis 12:1-9
 Ps 33:12-13,18-20,22
 Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday June 27

Genesis 13:2,5-18
 Ps 15:2-4b,5
 Matthew 7:6,12-14

Wednesday June 28

St. Irenaeus
 Genesis 15:1-12,17-18
 Ps 105:1-4,6-9
 Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday June 29

Sts. Peter and Paul
 Acts 12:1-11
 Ps 34:2-9
 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18
 Matthew 16:13-19

Friday June 30

Genesis 17:1,9-10,15-22
 Ps 128:1-5
 Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday July 1

Genesis 18:1-15
 Luke 1:46-50,53-55
 Matthew 8:5-17

Think of a time when you were in darkness: a sin, for example, or when you felt abandoned by God or your prayers seemed dry and your spiritual gifts seemed covered over. What did Jesus say to you at that time (perhaps through scripture or friends or a homily at Mass)? What did his whisperings tell you? His words and his guidance were good news for you!

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says: "What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light."

He's calling you and commissioning you and empowering you, through his Holy Spirit, to share your good news with others, so that they can hear him in *their* darkness. Proclaim it boldly and visibly so that those who want to hear it will stop and listen. Do not be afraid to openly share how Jesus has been working in your life and how he's helped you grow or heal or turn away from sin.

Yes, when we're this bold, some people ridicule us and reject us, like how Jeremiah was treated in the first reading. But the Lord is with you, too, as "a mighty champion," and your persecutors will eventually stumble and fail. Jesus tells us to "fear no one." God takes good care of us.

Jesus acknowledges those who acknowledge him. In other words, when we're insulted or persecuted for our faith, God holds us and comforts us. It's *his* opinion of us that matters anyway, and no one else's. Listen to him. In the whispers of



the sanctuary of your heart, he's telling you all the good that he sees in you. He's telling you that he appreciates the good you have done. He's giving you good news worth sharing.

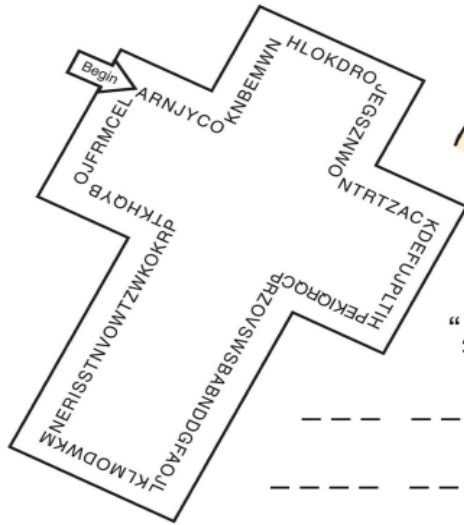
Reflect & Discuss:

- † What is your testimony? What did Jesus teach you when you were in sin or handling a recent difficulty? Write it down; this exercise will help you feel more confident when you try to share your story with others.
- † Practice sharing the testimony you realized during the above personal reflection: Proclaim it first to your community of friends who understand.
- † As you listen to the testimonies of others, encourage them: Tell them how their story helps you.
- † Make a commitment to go forth and spread the good news. What does this commitment look like? What will you do first to fulfill your commitment?



Jesus talked about who were really His followers.

Start at the **Begin** → . Read every other letter around the cross.
Write the letters in order on the lines.

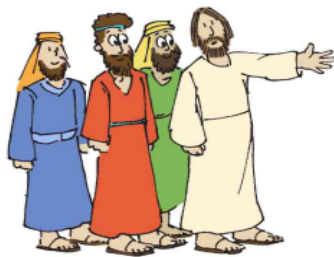


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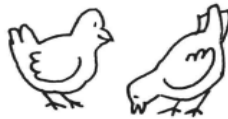
Jesus talked about birds – sparrows – to show how valuable human beings are.

Complete the crossword puzzle. Then transfer the words to the numbered lines.



Across

- 3. Another word for “autumn”
- 4. Means “value”
- 7. Birds Jesus talked about (We’ve done this for you)
- 10. A single thing
- 11. Contraction for “do not”
- 12. Opposite of “few”
- 14. Fearful, scared or alarmed



Down

- 1. Another word for “shall”
- 2. A couple of things
- 3. Male parent
- 5. Another word for “soil” or “earth”
- 6. Opposite of “less”
- 8. Coin of smallest value
- 9. Sounds like “sew”
- 13. Opposite of “together”



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Instructions From Jesus

When we “acknowledge” something, we admit to knowing it.


Use the graph to find the letters.

☀	A	E	I	N	T	X
☁	B	F	K	O	V	U
☂	C	G	L	R	W	Z
☔	D	H	M	S	Y	P
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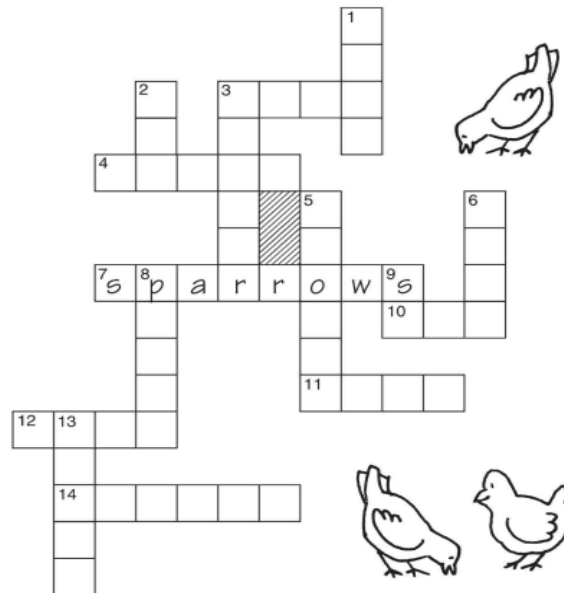
Jesus said,

“ _____

_____ ”



“Are not (2) _____ (7) _____ sold for a (8) _____?
Yet not (10) _____ of them will (3A) _____ to the (5) _____
(13) _____ from the (1) _____ of your Father.
(9) _____ (11) _____, be (14) _____; you are (4) _____
(6) _____ than (12) _____ sparrows.”



**¡LAS COSAS CLARAS
Y EL CHOCOLATE ESPESO!
Domingo XII (A)
Javier Leoz**

¿Por qué tanto temor a plantear, desde nuestras convicciones cristianas, aquello que puede acarrear incomprendiones, deserciones, críticas o persecuciones?

La vida cristiana no es ir contracorriente en todo, pero tampoco comulgar con ruedas de molino en todo. En muchas ocasiones, puede más en nosotros la apariencia, la buena imagen, el qué dirán, etc., que la audacia para mostrar y proponer, sin tapujos y nítidamente, aquellos valores que consideramos irrenunciables desde la fe y hasta convenientes para el conjunto de la sociedad.

1.El futuro, en parte, depende de lo que hagamos en el presente: las conciencias de las personas, de los gobernantes, de las futuras generaciones, se sostendrán en aquellos pilares que estamos forjando por medio de la familia, la educación, la catequesis, nuestra homilética, etc. ¿Por qué tanto miedo a que nos encasillen? ¿Que nos pueden tratar de retrógrados? ¿Es acaso mejor pasar de puntillas por la vida y no armados con valores inquebrantables? ¿Qué nos dirá el Señor al final de nuestra vida; venid valientes de mi Padre o ..marchad de aquí aprensivos de todo y por todo?

Dios nos ha dado la vida y la fe como dones. Y porque nos ha regalado la vida y la fe, en justa reciprocidad, le hemos de ofrecer nuestra colaboración para ir perfeccionando su creación (la tierra y el hombre), intentando que, el hombre, no se convierta en enemigo de sí mismo.

Echemos un vistazo a la situación mundial. ¿Mejor o peor que hace unos años? ¿Con ilusión o sin esperanza? ¿Con conflictos permanentes o con una paz sostenida por alfileres? No seamos pesimistas pero, tampoco, lancemos las campanas al vuelo. Sobran palabras y faltan obras. Abundan leyes injustas y, cada vez más, se hace necesario un orden internacional –que como dijo el Papa Benedicto en la ONU- respete la integridad y la dignidad de las personas. Ello, claro está, nos lleva a defender la causa de los más pobres. El honor de los pueblos. El derecho a nacer de los niños que están en el seno materno. Una educación que, en sus valores más fundamentales, sean marcados por la familia y no según el dictado de los gobernantes de turno. El bienestar de un mundo nuevo, nos exige a los cristianos pregonar desde la azotea de la política, de la familia, de la educación y desde cualquier otro areópago a nuestro alcance, el valor supremo de la vida frente a la eutanasia, el terrorismo o el juego en el que se ha convertido el experimento de células madres, embriones....

¿Qué esto no es rentable? A los ojos de una modernidad mal entendida puede que no. Pero ¿y ante los ojos de Dios? ¿Los seguidores de Jesús nos podemos quedar callados frente a lo que consideramos pernicioso para el bien común? ¿Es que los cristianos, por miedo a ser señalados, hemos de dejar colgado el mensaje del evangelio en las escarpas del madero de la sacristía? ¿Podemos caer en la tentación de ser temerosos como los niños?

2.Nuestras fuerzas son las que son, pero ¿nuestros ideales? ¡Nuestros ideales son los mejores! En nuestra confianza en Dios está el secreto para llevarlos a cabo. El Señor va por delante. Poco nos importa que, en algunos países, la Iglesia tenga la fama que tiene o que, el Papa, Obispos y sacerdotes, sean constantemente presos del escarnio y de la burla. ¡Más le hicieron a Jesús Maestro! El Señor va por delante e, incluso en esas situaciones, se pondrá de nuestra parte aunque aparentemente creamos estar caminando solos.

La Nueva Evangelización, de la que tanto nos hablaba Juan Pablo II y a la que nos convoca también Benedicto XVI, empezará cuando el Evangelio, Jesucristo y la Iglesia misma, cuente con cristianos seguros de lo que llevan entre manos. Personas valientes que, allá donde se encuentren, sepan defender la causa de Jesús y se muestren como lo que son: como cristianos.

La Nueva Evangelización, y no nos escandalicemos, pasa por empezar desde cero a fraguar la vida de muchos cristianos que viven como si no lo fueran. A formar familias desde el Evangelio. A ocupar puestos de responsabilidad en la sociedad civil sin renunciar ni menospreciar los valores del cristianismo. Sólo entonces, cuando seamos templados, cuando lleguemos a ese grado de madurez, es cuando veremos y comprobaremos que el Señor va por delante. Porque Jesús, si viniera de nuevo, recogería aquel viejo proverbio: “*las cosas claras y el chocolate espeso*”. Aunque sienten mal las primeras o, el chocolate, a más de uno se le atragante.





DÁME TU VALENTÍA, SEÑOR J.Leoz

Así, cuando tenga que decir un "sí"
no lo cambie cobardemente por el "no"
o por el miedo al qué dirán.
¡Sí; Señor!

Otórgame ese valor que sólo la fe da:

La que nos hace brindar por un mundo mejor
La que nos hace soñar con un corazón nuevo
La que, huyendo del egoísmo personal,
nos hace descubrir la grandeza de tu amor.

Infúndeme esa valentía

que sólo tu Palabra transmite:

La que nos hace combativos en la lucha
La que nos levanta el aparente fracaso
La que es coraza frente al enemigo

La que es arma y escudo frente al adversario

Ofréceme esa bravura que me inspira tu presencia:

Para que nunca, en el combate,
me sienta sólo ni desamparado

Para que, ante las burlas,
recuerde que, Tú, también fuiste ridiculizado
Para que, ante las incomprensiones,
no olvide que, Tú, también fuiste rechazado.

¡Sí; Señor! ¡Dame entereza en la lucha!

Para que nunca diga ¡basta!

Para que huya del derrotismo que todo lo asola

Para que avance y nunca retroceda

Para que ofrezca al Evangelio

mi voz que anuncie y denuncie

lo que en el mundo tantas veces se olvida:

Tú, tu amor, tu justicia, tu paz,

tu Reino, tu voluntad y tu ternura.

Amén

El amor y el tiempo

Iris de Paz - Miércoles, 3 de mayo de 2017

Hubo un tiempo en el que en una isla muy pequeña, confundida con el paraíso, habitaban los sentimientos como habitamos hoy en la tierra. En esta isla vivían en armonía el Amor, la Tristeza, y todos los otros sentimientos. Un día en uno de esos que la naturaleza parece estar de malas, el Amor se despertó aterrorizado sintiendo que su isla estaba siendo inundada.

Pero se olvidó rápido del Miedo y cuidó de que todos los sentimientos se salvaran. Todos corrieron y tomaron sus barcos y corrieron, y subieron a una montaña bien alta, donde podrían ver la isla siendo inundada pero sin que corriese peligro.

Sólo el Amor no se apresuró, el Amor nunca se apresura. Él quería quedarse un poquito más en su isla, pero cuando se estaba casi ahogando el Amor se acordó de que no debía morir. Entonces corrió en dirección a los barcos que partieron y gritó en busca de auxilio.

La Riqueza, oyendo su grito, trató luego de responder que no podría llevarlo ya que con el oro y con la plata que cargaba temía que su barco se hundiera.

Pasó entonces la Vanidad que también dijo que no podría ayudarlo, una vez que el Amor se hubiese ensuciado ayudando a los otros. Ella, la Vanidad, no soportaba la suciedad. Por detrás de la Vanidad venía la Tristeza que se sentía tan profunda que no quería estar acompañada por nadie. Pasó también la Alegría, pero esta tan alegre estaba que no oyó la suplica del Amor.

Sin Esperanza el Amor se sentó sobre la última piedra que todavía se veía sobre la superficie del agua y comenzó a menguar.

Su llanto fue tan triste que llamó la atención de un anciano que pasaba con su barco. El viejito tomó al Amor en sus brazos y lo llevó hacia la montaña más alta, junto con los otros sentimientos.

Recuperándose, el amor le preguntó a la Sabiduría quién era el viejito que lo ayudó... a lo que ésta respondió... "El Tiempo"... el Amor cuestionó: "...¿Por qué solo el Tiempo pudo traerme aquí?"... La Sabiduría entonces respondió:

"Porque sólo el Tiempo tiene la capacidad de ayudar al Amor a llegar a los lugares más difíciles"...





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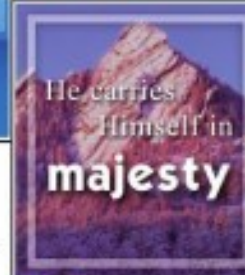
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