

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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.

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

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



"Afterwards whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine" - Kings 4:9

My dear parishioners,

Today's reading speaks of the gospel value of "hospitality." We live this principle in our lives by welcoming the stranger, providing clothing, food and shelter to the needy.

We welcome Fr. Tony Bennett as he begins his priestly ministry at Nativity this weekend and offer him our prayers and support. Fr. Bennett is a gift to us. He will immerse himself in parish life and share in our liturgies, outreach, adult formation and community life. Fr. Bennett will celebrate the Eucharist and preach the Gospel!

May God bless our nation as we celebrate our Independence Day. May we continue to be a nation that generously seeks to live out the gospel principle of "hospitality", welcoming the stranger, the poor, those seeking freedom and a better life. May we always be a nation "under God" and trust in God's loving care for us.

Love and Blessings,
Fr. Bob Cilinski
Fr. Bob Cilinski,
Pastor

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!

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HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

IN OBSERVANCE OF THE 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY, THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY ON MONDAY, JULY 3RD AND TUESDAY, JULY 4TH. MORNING MASS ON JULY 4TH WILL BE AT 9:00AM, THERE WILL BE NO NOON MASS ON THE 4TH.

"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." Matthew 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said *"The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for Greatness."* "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

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

Peter's Pence (Holy Father) Collection
"A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just."
– Pope Francis, Angelus, March 17, 2013

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.



APPALACHIA HOME BUILDING “THANK YOU NATIVITY”



On behalf of the Knights of Columbus, the Appalachian Construction Crew of Omaha, NE, and the Creekmore 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 \$120,000, not including a truck load of household items provided by the Nativity family. With slightly under \$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 Creekmore family clearly had some challenges. The family had a combined income of around \$16,000 and lived in a trailer with significant mold, leaks, and electrical issues. This was the 25th home where Nativity and the Knights partnered with the Appalachian Construction Crew.

From May 31st to June 12th, the combined crews were able to complete the home with two of those days dedicated to travel. The Nativity crew was composed of 21 knights; Omaha sponsored 9 that included a support crew to help with feeding the Crew. Weather was ideal during the entire build; 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 Simpson of Kentucky. Normally we present the keys to the family at a dinner hosted by the crew, but because of Covid sensitivity, we presented the keys to the family at the house blessing and told them of all the household items that we brought from Nativity. The family was overwhelmed with the outpouring of help and the caring from the Nativity family. Bert and Angi, the parents, were in tears when they received the keys and Bert spoke on how their new home would change their lives and that their new home was a gift from God. They also made the effort to personally thank everyone. Throughout the build effort, the family provided refreshments and desserts every day and Bert helped with the roofing.

On Wednesday morning, the first crew departed, and the finishing crew took over. From Wednesday through Sunday, our Nativity finishing crew of eight, 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 19th, and appliances and new beds provided by Nativity were delivered soon after. Pending installation of a new power supply for their neighborhood, the family will move in before July 7.

May God bless you all for your caring and generosity. Please call Bob Corsi at 703-239-2890 for any questions.



Nativity Religious Education Program

**Early Bird Tuition
Discount Ends
July 31st**



To register please
visit our website:

nativityburke.org/re/
or scan QR-Code



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.

Nativity Religious Education Program

Needs volunteers
for the 2023-2024
RE School year!

AVAILABLE POSITIONS

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

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

TO SIGN-UP VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE

NATIVITYBURKE.ORG

- Select Religious Education Tab
- Select volunteers needed
- or scan the QR-Code that will take you our page.

It is a Diocesan and Parish requirement that we perform background checks on all our volunteers working with children.

Volunteers like you bring a little hope and leave a little sunshine everywhere they go.

For more information:
nativity.ccd@nativityschool.org
or 703-455-0372



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



**PLEASE
DONATE**

--- SATURDAY, JULY 29 | 9AM-1PM ---

Nativity Parish Parking Lot

A "Drive-By/Drop-Off" food drive
Please place your donations in your trunk

FOOD ITEMS MOST NEEDED

- Canned Meat (tuna and chicken)
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Canned Pasta (ravioli)
- Hearty Soups
- Cereal & Oatmeal
- Canned Veggies
- Canned Fruit

Please no glass containers

DRIVE UP AND DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS! THE ST. LUCY TEAM WILL ASSIST YOU!

GIFT CARDS AND MONETARY GIFTS ALSO ACCEPTED

Checks can be made out to "CCDA" with "The St. Lucy Project" in the memo

Fr. Sikora Council Yard Sale Thank You

Wow, what a yard sale!!! First, the Knights of Fr. Sikora Council would like to thank all the parishioners that took the time to donate their precious treasures. Your generous donations have made the Nativity yard sale once again a premier community event in Burke. Be assured many of your donated items have found new homes and will be put to good use!

A special thanks to all the Fr. Sikora Council family members, fellow parishioners and friends who dedicated many volunteer hours to collecting, sorting, pricing, and assisting with the sale to make this year's event our most successful ever. The funds raised will go to support many of the Council's charitable programs throughout the coming year.

A big thank you to the Creation Care Ministry for their untiring repurpose and recycling efforts to ensure nothing went to waste. Last, thank you to Fr. Bob for allowing the Council to hold the yard sale once again this year and the sisters who, through their prayers, ensured perfect weather on the day of the sale.

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

Tickets go on sale June 12th!

NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH
6398 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA 22015

For info and tickets visit:
nativityplayersburke.org

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

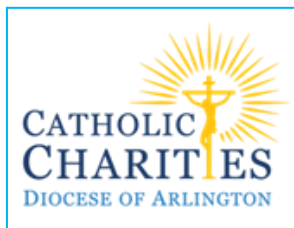
Last December, Governor Youngkin introduced a package of budget amendments. The Governor’s package included a provision to adopt the Hyde Amendment in the state budget, and thereby stop the funding of abortion with state taxpayers’ money to the fullest extent possible under federal law.

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/?vvsrvc=%2fCampaigns%2f106022%2fRespond>



**St. Lucy Summer Food Drive:
Saturday, July 29th from 9:00AM-1:00PM**

The St. Lucy Summer Food Drive will take place from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday, July 29 to support Catholic Charities in its continuing fight against hunger in the Diocese.

The St. Lucy truck will be parked at the rear of the church parking lot nearest Old Keene Mill Road (like in the February drive).

During that time, you can drive to the truck and our team will take any donations from your vehicle (please place your donations in your trunk for safe and easy removal).

Catholic Charities also accepts monetary donations, including grocery gift cards (Giant, Safeway, etc.); any donation is welcome! Please make checks out to CCDA, with “St. Lucy Project” in the memo line. We can always use help with loading donations; if you’d like to volunteer, please follow this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D49ADAE29A6FE3-stlucy1>. If you have questions, please email the St. Lucy Team at nativity.stlucyteam@gmail.com. Thank you and God bless you!

CATHOLIC PATRIOTS

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**THURSDAY NIGHT
GATHERINGS**

**SUMMER
KICKBACK**

GAMES | FOOD | NEW FRIENDS
THURSDAYS FROM 7-9

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE CHAPEL
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WELCOMING ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS &
HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS FOR EVENTS
EVERY THURSDAY IN JUNE & JULY!
SIGN-UP NOW!

SAVE THE DATE

NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

FALL FESTIVAL

09.30.2023

FOOD

FAMILY FUN

GAMES

PLANNING COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!
FALLFESTIVAL@NATIVITYBURKE.ORG

SUPPORT THE Solidarity Fund for the CHURCH IN AFRICA

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

www.usccb.org/africa

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

Monday, July 3rd
 7:30 am Spec. Int. for Angela Bresnahan

Tuesday, July 4th
 9:00 am Spec. Int. for Sam Bresnahan

Wednesday, July 5th
 7:30 am † K.K. Yung
 3:00 pm Special Int. for Fr. Bob Cilinski

Thursday, July 6th
 7:30 am † Linda Visbeck
 12:00 pm † John Andrew Casazza

Friday, July 7th
 7:30 am † John Durkin

Saturday, July 8th
 9:00 am † William Mason
 5:00 pm Special Int. for Thinh Tran
 7:00 pm Special Int. for Purchiaroni Family

Sunday, July 9th
 7:00 am † Angela & Santiago Machado
 9:00 am † Benjamin Franklin Burgin
 11:00 am † Ramon & Nancy Hazou
 1:00 pm Parishioners
 5:30 pm † Mauricio Estrada

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

NOW THE LORD IS
the spirit,
 AND WHERE
 THE SPIRIT OF
the Lord is,
 THERE IS
freedom.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17

CELEBRATING 19 YEARS!

SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS ~ SUMMER CAMPS ~

THIS SUMMER,
YOUR CHILD WILL
ACT OUT LOUD.
CREATE
A MASTERPIECE.
SING & DANCE.
TAKE A BOW.

July 10-21, 2023

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in Manassas, VA**

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<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.

ECHO Food Room Most Needed Items - July 2023 Nativity Collection: THIS 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

CALLING ALL GRADUATING SENIORS:

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

faith, fellowship, fun & free pizza!

Attention Class of 2023 Seniors! The Associates of St. John Bosco invites rising college freshmen to attend a College Night at one of the following parishes:

- July 5th - St. Michael's (Annandale)
- July 12th - Holy Trinity (Gainesville) **NEW**
- July 19th - Basilica of St. Mary (Alexandria)
- July 26th - Holy Cross Academy (Stafford)

College Nights help rising college freshmen and transfer students network with other Catholics heading to college, and give students the tools to navigate the often difficult transition of faith life in college. Students hear from upperclassmen who give their personal testimonies about how they transitioned to college and maintained a strong faith life. There are small groups divided by students' universities and students walk away with a free bundle of Catholic books called the "Bosco Bundle" to bring to college that will help them deepen their faith while away at school.

The events come with a free pizza dinner, too. Please encourage your student to sign up! There will be five nights across the Diocese and all nights will begin at 7:00pm. For more information, please visit www.asjb.org. Registration is limited to 50 students per night.

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!



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 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.

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 michaelbambender@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 handyknightsfnativity@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 tjskg7992@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.

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).

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!



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.

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.



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Come See All We Have To Offer. We look forward to meeting you! For School Year 2023-2024 we Have Classroom Seats Available for 3rd, 4th, & 7th Graders!

JOIN OUR STAFF! Consider joining our School Staff as part of our Extended Care Team to help us provide After-School Care by contacting our Extended Care Director, Mrs. Jen Behan at (703)455-2300, or jbehan@nativityschool.org. To assist us as a Lunch/Recess Monitor, or Substitute Teacher, please contact Rich Godwin at (703) 455-2300, or rgodwin@nativityschool.org.

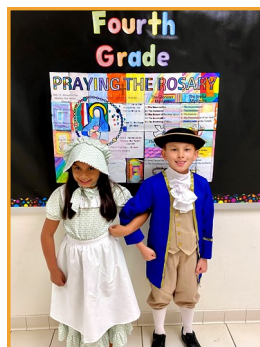
Colonial Day Camaraderie!

In Fourth Grade, we delve deeply into the history and the people of Virginia and our students spend the day 'living' in Colonial Virginia, dressing as children from the 1700s-1800s, and spending part of their day as young Colonials would. In the morning, parents attended the student performance of The Virginia Reel, a folk dance that dates from the 17th century.

In the afternoon, Nativity Church Garden volunteers, Linda and Marilyn, worked with the students to plant a 'Three Sisters' garden using corn, beans, and squash. The Virginia Native Americans referred to them as the Three Sisters because each nurtures the other like family when planted together.

Our room parents, Mrs. Fullinwider and Mrs. Volkert, taught the students how to make homemade butter. They shook some whipping cream in a Mason jar until the butter solids separated from the milk. It was delicious on sourdough bread!

To end the day, Miss Fetzer taught the students how to use their own profiles to create art. Each student took home a beautiful silhouette drawing. Miss Fetzer is hoping that when the students look at these in the future, it will remind them of all the fun they had on Colonial Day. She knows she did!



YOUTH MINISTRY

cym@nativityburke.org

LIFE TEEN: GRADES 9-12

Sundays | 6:30-8:30pm

Dinner

Weekly gatherings

resume August 27, 2023

Fellowship

Prayer & Formation

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Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday July 2
 2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a
 Ps 89:2-3,16-19(2a)
 Romans 6:3-4,8-11
 Matthew 10:37-42

Monday July 3
St. Thomas, Apostle
 Ephesians 2:19-22
 Ps 117:1bc,2
 John 20:24-29

Tuesday July 4
 Genesis 19:15-29
 Ps 26:2-3,9-12
 Matthew 8:23-27

Wednesday July 5
 Genesis 21:5,8-20a
 Ps 34:7-8,10-13
 Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday July 6
 Genesis 22:1b-19
 Ps 115:1-6,8-9
 Matthew 9:1-8

Friday July 7
 Genesis 23:1-4,19;
 24:1-8,62-67
 Ps 106:1b-5
 Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday July 8
 Genesis 27:1-5,15-29
 Ps 135:1b-6
 Matthew 9:14-17

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus emphasizes the importance of keeping our eyes on him and always making him our top priority. Nothing else matters as much as our relationship with God. This means following Jesus wherever he leads, doing everything his way, all the way, every day, giving him our 100% (no excuses for being mediocre in our faith), laying down our lives in service to others like he did.

Laying down our lives means making sacrifices, such as giving our cup of cold water to someone who's thirsty. It means receiving someone into our busy schedules and listening for the prophet in him; for example: What is God saying to us through this person?

When we refuse to lay down our lives for others, we reject the Cross of Christ and his sufferings, which he submitted to for our sake. This does not mean, however, that we can never say no to others. Jesus wants

to lead us away from the harm of abuse or demands that are sinful or the enabling of unhealthy behaviors. Saying no in such cases is yet another Way of the Cross.

When we truly follow Christ, we can receive all that he is and all that he has for us. When we let go of our fears and personal goals, letting Jesus lead us into new places and new ways of handling problems, we discover new life in Christ.



His ways are always far better than what we had feared would happen.

This is the difference between a mediocre faith and a life in Christ that is full of adventures, miracles, surprising solutions, healing, victories, and realizing how very precious and important we are to God.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Who has asked you (either consciously or unaware) to lay down a part of your life for them?
- † When have you said no?
- † When have you said yes – and was it worth the sacrifice?
- † Why is laying down our lives for the needs or requests of others worthwhile? Share a story from your own life that illustrates this.

XIII del tiempo ordinario, Ciclo A.**¿Por qué la cruz?****Autor: P. Raniero Cantalamessa, ofmcap****Sitio Web: [P. Raniero Cantalamessa, ofmcap](#)**

2R 4,8-11.14-16a;

Sal 88,2-19;

Rm 6,3-4.8-1;

Mt 10,37-42

En aquel tiempo Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: «El que ama a su padre o a su madre más que a mí, no es digno de mí; el que ama a su hijo o a su hija más que a mí, no es digno de mí. El que no toma su cruz y me sigue no es digno de mí. El que encuentre su vida, la perderá; y el que pierda su vida por mí, la encontrará. Quien a vosotros recibe, a mí me recibe, y quien me recibe a mí, recibe a Aquel que me ha enviado. Quien reciba a un profeta por ser profeta, recompensa de profeta recibirá, y quien reciba a un justo por ser justo, recompensa de justo recibirá».

¿Por qué la cruz?

Jesús, en el Evangelio, nos habla de la necesidad de tomar la propia cruz. Pero ¿cómo hacer comprender esta palabra a una sociedad, como la nuestra, que oprime el placer? Partamos de una constatación. En esta vida, placer y dolor se suceden con la misma regularidad con la que a la elevación de una ola en el mar le sigue una depresión y un vacío capaz de succionar a quien intenta alcanzar la orilla. El hombre busca desesperadamente separar a esta especie de hermanos siameses, de aislar el placer del dolor. A veces se hace ilusiones de haberlo logrado, pero por poco tiempo. El dolor está ahí, como una bebida embriagadora que, con el tiempo, se transforma en veneno.

Es el mismo placer desordenado que se retuerce contra nosotros y se transforma en sufrimiento. Y esto, o improvisamente y trágicamente, o un poco cada vez, en cuanto que no dura mucho y genera hartura y hastío. Es una lección que nos viene de la crónica diaria, si la sabemos leer, y que el hombre ha representado en mil formas en su arte y en su literatura. «Un no sé qué de amargo surge de lo íntimo de cada placer y nos angustia incluso en medio de las delicias», escribió el poeta pagano Lucrezio.

El placer en sí mismo es engañoso porque promete lo que no puede dar. Antes de ser saboreado, parece ofrecerte el infinito y la eternidad; pero, una vez que ha pasado, te encuentras con nada en la mano.

La Iglesia dice tener una respuesta a este que es el verdadero drama de la existencia humana. Ha habido, desde el inicio, una elección del hombre, hecha posible por su libertad, que le ha llevado a orientar exclusivamente hacia las cosas visibles ese deseo y esa capacidad de gozo de la que había sido dotado para que aspirara a gozar del bien infinito que es Dios. Al placer, elegido contra la ley de Dios y simbolizado por Adán y Eva que prueban del fruto prohibido, Dios ha permitido que le siguieran el dolor y la muerte, más como remedio que como castigo. Para que no ocurriera que, siguiendo a rienda suelta su egoísmo y su instinto, el hombre se destruyera del todo a sí mismo y a su prójimo. (¡Hoy, con la droga y las consecuencias de ciertos desórdenes sexuales, vemos cómo es posible destruir la propia vida por el placer de un instante!). Así al placer vemos que se le adhiere, como su sombra, el sufrimiento.

Cristo por fin ha roto esta cadena. Él, «en lugar del gozo que se le proponía, soportó la cruz» (Hb 12,2). Hizo, en resumen, lo contrario de lo que hizo Adán y de lo que hace cada hombre. Resurgiendo de la muerte, El inauguró un nuevo tipo de placer: el que no precede al dolor, como su causa, sino que le sigue como su fruto; el que halla en la cruz su fuente y su esperanza de no acabar ni siquiera con la muerte.

Y no sólo el placer puramente espiritual, sino todo placer honesto, también el que el hombre y la mujer experimentan en el don recíproco, en la generación de la vida y al ver crecer a los propios hijos o nietos, el placer del arte y de la creatividad, de la belleza, de la amistad, del trabajo felizmente llevado a término. Todo gozo. La diferencia esencial es que es el placer en este caso, no el sufrimiento, el que tiene la última palabra.

¿Qué hacer entonces? No se trata de ir en busca del sufrimiento, sino de acoger con ánimo nuevo el que hay en la vida. Podemos comportarnos con la cruz como la vela con el viento. Si lo toma por el lado adecuado, el viento la hincha e impulsa la barca por las olas; si en cambio la vela se atraviesa, el viento parte el mástil y vuelca todo. Bien tomada, la cruz nos conduce; mal tomada, nos aplasta.

Un Día de Oración y Sanación para mujeres que han experimentado un aborto provocado será el sábado, 29 de julio y el sábado, 30 de septiembre del 2023. Estos eventos de sanación en grupo se hacen en un ambiente privado y tranquilo, en inglés y español, basado en el modelo "Entrando a Cana". Habrá una oportunidad de oír de participantes pasados y otras que han encontrado la sanación. No estás sola. Toma el primer paso. Para preguntas confidenciales, llame al Proyecto Raquel: (703) 841-2504 o info@helpafterabortion.org.

**“...y el que no toma su cruz y me sigue no es digno de mí.”
- Mateo 10:38**

El papa Benedicto XVI dijo: “El mundo ofrece su comodidad, pero no fuimos hechos para la comodidad, sino fuimos hechos para la grandeza”. La “comodidad” me pone a mí primero. “Tomar tu cruz y seguir a Jesús” pone a Dios y a los demás primero. ¡Por qué conformarse con la comodidad cuando podemos alcanzar la grandeza! ¡Tome su cruz, pídale a Jesús que lo guíe para utilizar sus dones y viva la vida que Dios tiene dispuesta para usted!

XIII DOMINGO ORDINARIO - A**Evangelio: Mat 10,37-42 - Sentido sobrenatural en la vida**

Las exigencias del Evangelio son claras y contundentes. Hay que amar a Dios por encima de los padres, los familiares, los amigos, y por supuesto por encima del dinero, del poder, o en general de los bienes puramente materiales.

No es que se trate de valores opuestos. Pero si algo hay primero en nuestra vida es amar a Dios, con todas las fuerzas y con todo el corazón. Y al vivir rectamente el amor a Dios, esto exige amar también todas las realidades humanas y materiales, buenas y honestas. Y de esta manera, la familia, los amigos ... el dinero ... el placer, etc. adquieren su auténtico valor y dimensión, porque los amamos bajo la mirada de Dios y con su ayuda, en una palabra: por amor de Dios y del prójimo.

Señor, Jesús, que nos enseñas a valorar la vida y todas las realidades humanas: sociales, culturales y familiares que la componen.

Gracias por tus enseñanzas, tan iluminadoras en la teoría y en la práctica.

Quiero, Señor, amar la vida, gozar y disfrutar de ella en todas sus posibilidades: trabajo, familia, amistades, diversiones ..., pero que nunca olvide dónde está la verdadera alegría y cómo se consigue ser feliz en la vida.

Que nunca me falte la fe, y por tanto el sentido sobrenatural de mi existencia. Que sepa actuar siempre por motivaciones sobrenaturales.

Que el amor de Dios dirija todas mis obras en la convivencia familiar y social.

Que realmente sepa santificarme en mi vida ordinaria, y a través de ella ser apóstol, alabándote y glorificándote como la más perfecta criatura y el mejor hijo de Dios.

Sé, Señor, que a veces no es fácil amarte de verdad, y por eso me adviertes que: "quien no coge su cruz cada día y me sigue, no es digno de Mí".

Pero también es verdad que a veces los humanos nos inventamos cruces que no son tales, o no debieran serlo, si caminamos a Tu lado y con Tu ayuda.

Por eso, Señor, te pido que sepa llevar la cruz de cada día con alegría, con generosidad, y con garbo humano y sobrenatural.

También te pido por los que realmente soportan cruces como la enfermedad, la violencia, el desprecio, la pobreza, etc. para que no se olviden de tu Cruz y tu Resurrección.

Por último te encomiendo a los cristianos que no saben llevar la cruz de cada día por falta de fe y de sentido sobrenatural, para que sepan ahondar en las raíces y fuentes del verdadero cristianismo

Padre Segismundo Fernandez Rodríguez

En vacaciones...la vida interior... ¿qué?

Cristiano de hoy No olvidemos, porque estamos de vacaciones, todo el esfuerzo que hicimos para mejorar día con día cuando estábamos en tiempo de trabajo

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Sería interesante preguntarnos si la vida interior puede o debe tener vacaciones.

Primero partiremos de lo que significa o encierra la palabra: vacación.

Vacación es la suspensión del trabajo o del estudio durante algún tiempo y este tiempo de asueto, descanso y recreo que siempre ha sido sumamente necesario para el hombre, lo es mucho más para el hombre de nuestros días. Y al decir el hombre nos referimos también a la mujer y a los pequeños y grandes estudiantes que llevan un tiempo largo y sostenido en sus quehaceres y trabajos.

El periodo de vacaciones es muy saludable para la mente y para el cuerpo pues la rutina y el esfuerzo de la vida diaria pueden llegar a sumirnos en el estrés y por lo tanto al menor rendimiento de nuestras capacidades. Todo esto lo sabemos y está muy bien hasta ahí, pero... ¿y la vida interior... el espíritu?

Decididamente es otra parte de la que sabemos se compone el hombre y no puede entrar en vacaciones. El enemigo acecha, siempre está alerta... él no tiene vacaciones.

Darle vacaciones a nuestra vida interior sería empezar a perder terreno en la batalla del bien contra el mal.

Nuestro espíritu se nutre de la oración, de la meditación, de la cercanía de los Sacramentos y de la presencia de Dios.

Estamos de acuerdo que el cambio en nuestro modo de vivir por vacaciones hará un poco distinto lo habitual pero hemos de procurar dar en todo momento un lugar preponderante a esta parte íntima de nuestro ser.

Hemos de acrecentar el deseo de orar, de elevar nuestra alma al Creador al contemplar una puesta de sol, quizá el mar, quizá la montaña. ¿Quién no puede encontrar, si quiere, un momento para darle gracias a Dios por el lindo día de campo, de viaje, de museos, de alegre diversión, de descanso, de encuentro con amigos o familiares distantes y pedirle nos siga bendiciendo y aumentando nuestra fe, en el siguiente día?

¿Quién no puede, si se lo propone, cumplir con el precepto de la Misa los domingos y tratar de buscar la palabra adecuada, la semilla buena, dejada caer como al azar, para que más tarde germine en el alma de quien tuvimos la ocasión de tratar en un viaje, o en una reunión?

Las vacaciones de nuestro espíritu son un mayor acercamiento a Dios. Ahí se robustece, ahí cobra mayor vigor.

No olvidemos, porque estamos de vacaciones, todo el esfuerzo que hicimos para mejorar día con día cuando estábamos en tiempo de trabajo, por el contrario, empeñemos en obtener, donde quiera que estemos, un mejoramiento y superación en nuestra vida interior y el recuerdo de, que por donde pasamos, intentamos dejar una huella de luz para los demás.





Jesus wants us to love others because we love Him.

Find the underlined words from this verse of Scripture.
The words will be → ↓ ↑ ↗ ↘ ← . Circle them.



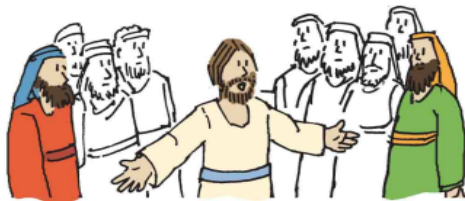
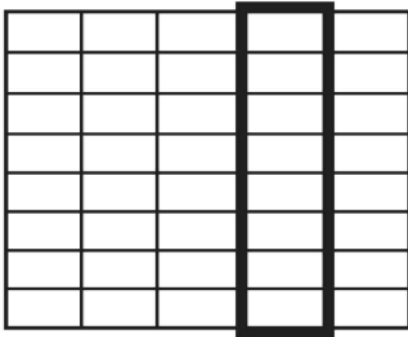
"And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is known to be My disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly be rewarded."

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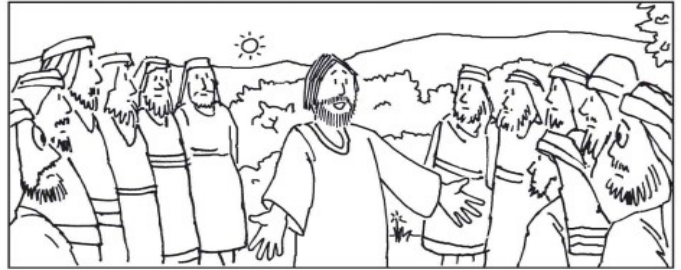
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Transfer the letters to the lines. Read the words of Jesus.

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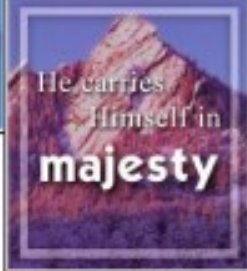
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