



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ MATTHEW 11:28-30



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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./
5:30 p.m.

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
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COME TO
ME, ALL
YOU WHO
LABOR
AND ARE
BURDENED,
AND I WILL
GIVE YOU
REST.

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



"Come to me all you who labor or are burdened, and I will give you rest." - Matt 11:28

My dear parishioners,

Summer for many is a time to be renewed and rest, take some vacation and enjoy God's creation. The fast pace of the academic year slows a little and the longer hours of daylight can provide time for more fun outdoors. Yet life's challenges and difficulties never seem to take a vacation. The burdens that weigh on us in December can be just as heavy in July. Our prayer list remains lengthy with the names of those who are sick, in need of healing, work, reconciliation, or hope.

Jesus knows all too well about carrying burdens too heavy to lift and suffering anguish too deep to express. He invites us to come to Him when we are weary and find life burdensome. He is our "rest stop" on the journey of life. This summer take Jesus up on his invitation to come to Him. He will respond and help you and bring you rest and renewal. In Jesus alone do we find a place to lay our burdens down.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our summer musical production of The Lightning Thief next week in the Fr. Martin Center. Our prayers for the cast and crew.

Love and Summer blessings,

Fr. Bob Cilinski

Fr. Bob Cilinski,
Pastor

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.

BATTLE OF THE SERVERS

Tuesday July 25 10:30 a.m.—2 p.m.
St. Leo Parish
3700 Blenheim Boulevard, Fairfax, VA 22030



Congrats to the 2022 winners, St. John the Evangelist Parish!



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



Altar servers sign up through their parish, who then registers the group with the Office of Vocations. If a parish is not participating, servers can come with an adult chaperone(s), just advise the Office of Vocations.

Deadline to RSVP: Monday July 10.
Attendance is free.

To register and for more information, email Fr. Tony Bennett at: frbennett@nativityburke.org

Nativity Religious Education Program

Early Bird Tuition Discount Ends July 31st

To register please visit our website:

nativityburke.org/re/
or scan QR-Code



**Father Tony Bennett
July 15th**

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.



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
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WELCOME FATHER BENNETT



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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES **ST. LUCY FOOD DRIVE** **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**
DIocese of ARLINGTON **Feeding the Hungry; Nourishing the Soul** DIocese of ARLINGTON

**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



**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!

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.





WOMEN OF NATIVITY BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION

THE WOMEN OF NATIVITY WILL ONCE AGAIN BE COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES AFTER ALL MASSES DURING THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 5-6. THESE SUPPLIES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES (MIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES) ECHO, HISPANIC OUTREACH AND LORTON COMMUNITY ACTION CENTER.

NEEDED ITEMS INCLUDE: BACKPACKS, LOOSE-LEAF PAPER, 3-RING BINDERS, SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS (SINGLE AND MULTIPLE SUBJECT), PENS, #2 PENCILS, PENCIL CASES, FISKAR SCISSORS, LARGE GLUE STICKS, THIN CRAYOLA MARKERS, AND 12" RULERS. SUPPLIES WILL ONLY BE COLLECTED ON THE SCHEDULED DATES DUE TO DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION IN THIS MATTER.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL SHELIA DI FORTI AT 858-204-0080 OR DEBBIE MAYER AT 703-440-8212. THANKS YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS.

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

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

www.usccb.org/africa

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

Monday, July 10th
 7:30 am † Larry Brindza

Tuesday, July 11th
 7:30 am † Jordan Knapp
 12:00 pm † Joseph DeMariano

Wednesday, July 12th
 7:30 am † James Baldrighi

Thursday, July 13th
 7:30 am † Joan Kowalski
 12:00 pm † Nancy Jane Susha

Friday, July 14th
 7:30 am † Stephan Bruce

Saturday, July 15th
 9:00 am † Gerald Winston Carter
 5:00 pm † COL David Lynch
 7:00 pm † Freddy Sanchez Zurita

Sunday, July 16th
 7:00 am † Edith & Bill Caroscio
 9:00 am † Allen Fischer
 11:00 am † Catherine Cuomo
 1:00 pm † Conner McGowan
 5:30 pm Parishioners

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

Peachwave Fellowship
"No-weigh" Thursday, July 6th at 6:00 PM (rain or shine)
 Stuff a small white cup with your favorite frozen yogurt and gelato flavors and toppings, and skip the scales with your masterpiece for \$4.29 plus tax (everyone pays for their own cup). We will meet at Peachwave of Fairfax (University Mall, across from George Mason), address: 10631 Braddock Rd, Fairfax. Bring your fiance, husband, wife, children, and friends for a yummy treat. See you there!



Council Meetings: The next council meeting is Tuesday 18 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

Exemplification Ceremony: July 10, Contact John Ostrowski jaostrowski89@gmail.com.

Council Members & spouses 2022 – 2023 End of Year Dinner: 16 July in the Nativity school cafeteria. Sign up on linktree.

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 Vince Augelli at VaKC23@gmail.com.

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 or 703-250-1492.

Calling all 3rd Degree Knights: The 4th Degree is calling you to participate in patriotic activities, color guards and programs that promote Catholic citizenship. Starting in August, 4th Degree Assembly meetings will be the second Tuesday of the month in the Nativity school cafeteria: 7:30pm rosary, 7:45pm business meeting followed by fellowship. If you are interested in becoming a 4th Degree Sir Knight, please contact our Faithful Navigator Vince Augelli at fn2996@vakofc.org for more information.

St. Lucy Food Drive: On Saturday, 29 July, we will have our next St. Lucy Food Drive. The drive will run from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, with the St. Lucy truck parked at the rear of the church parking lot nearest Old Keene Mill Road (like in the February drive). We will run two shifts (9:00 AM-11:00 AM and 11:00 AM-1:00 PM), and the St Lucy Team could use the help of 6 Knights (3 per shift) to collect the donations. Please consider helping. Sign up on linktree. We will be handing out the blue St. Lucy bags after every Mass during the weekend of 22-23 July (the weekend prior to the drive), please help with handing out bags. For questions, email Jason Hines at nativity.stlucyteam@gmail.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 cokofc7992@gmail.com or the Grand Knight at pmdelatte@gmail.com if you have any questions.

WORKCAMP 2023 REFLECTIONS

JUNE 17-23 | FREDERICK COUNTY, VA

This past June, our high schoolers participated in a week-long overnight camp where they engaged in meaningful service and intentional Christian community. We are grateful for your financial and spiritual support which helped send our teens and volunteers to WorkCamp. Head to the website to read their full testimonies.



"Witnessing the love of Christ in the face of everyone I encountered was an incredibly profound experience. My guarded heart became more and more open every day I spent with my parish, my crew, and the other teens in general."
- Megan Smith



"My WorkCamp experience was great because I was able to make lasting memories, and it changed the trajectory of my life... I was reacquainted with friends from my Vietnamese parish, and it inspired me to begin participating in their church again next year." - Austin Nguyen



"Before WorkCamp I was not living a Christ centered life, but this experience has inspired me to grow my faith and work towards that goal more."
- Hannah Engdahl

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



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: 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.

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/>

GLEANING 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.

In Mary's Footsteps--Group for Widows

Our next meeting will be on Monday, July 10 at 11:00am in the church "training room." We are a group of women whose husbands have passed on before us into eternal life. We strive to follow in our Blessed Mother's footsteps of strong faith and peace, as she did after St. Joseph died. We meet to support each other in faith and fellowship and enjoy dinners and outings together. Please feel free to join us. God bless you!

Welcome to

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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 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!



16th Annual "Pops Camp" For rising 7th-9th graders

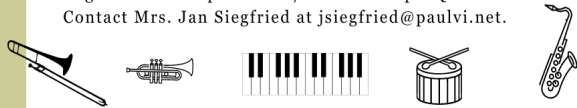
Monday - Friday, August 7-11, 2023

Friday - 11 a.m. concert/potluck

For rising 7th, 8th or 9th instrumentalists with at least one year of instruction.

- Jazz Studies \$50: 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Quite popular secondary offering that introduces improvisational techniques while preparing music for concert.
- Pops \$100: 9:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Daily itinerary includes full group and sectional rehearsals plus snack.

Register at www.paulvi.net/summercamps. Questions? Contact Mrs. Jan Siegfried at jsiegfried@paulvi.net.



Love working with children? Want flexibility? Consider becoming a Lunch/Recess Monitor at Nativity School ...

*Part-Time Lunch/Recess Help Needed from
Monday - Friday, Approx. 10:30 am - 1:30 pm*

We are in need of responsible adults with the following minimum qualifications to monitor children while eating lunch and at recess:

- Ability to follow directions and communicate effectively.
- Proficiency in maintaining control in a group environment.
- Successful completion of Virtus training.
- Successful background check.
- Adherence to COVID-19 Safety Protocols.

To apply, email Rich Godwin at rgodwin@nativityschool.org, or call him at (703) 455-2300, ext.146. Thank you!

Are you registered in the Parish?

If you are not receiving mail or emails from the parish, chances are you are not registered. You are free to stop by the Parish Office to fill out a registration form to become a registered member of Nativity Parish or go online to: nativityburke.org and download one. Registration is required to be a

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Inspiration
Daily

- Thoughts on Catholic life
- Informative and inspirational
- Simple insight for living a deeper faith everyday

Learn more or download our parish app at myparishapp.com

*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

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!

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

CHILDREN'S ROSARY NEWS



July and August: We will be on summer break. Meetings will resume in September on the SECOND and FOURTH Saturdays of each month (we added a second meeting time this year and will continue this rhythm next year), barring holiday weekends. We will meet in the School Chapel at 4:00pm. This is also a location change, we no longer meet in the Training Room.

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.



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



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INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday July 9

Zechariah 9:9-10
Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14
Romans 8:9,11-13
Matthew 11:25-30

Monday July 10

Genesis 28:10-22a
Ps 91:1-4,14-15b
Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday July 11

St. Benedict, Abbot
Genesis 32:23-33
Ps 17:1b,2-3,6-7b,8b,15
Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday July 12

Genesis 41:55-57;
42:5-7a,17-24a
Ps 33:2-3,10-11,18-19
Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday July 13

Genesis 44:18-21,23b-29;
45:1-5
Ps 105:16-21
Matthew 10:7-15

Friday July 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Genesis 46:1-7,28-30
Ps 37:3-4,18-19,
27-28,39-40
Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday July 15

St. Bonaventure
Genesis 49:29-32;
50:15-26a
Ps 105:1-4,6-7
Matthew 10:24-33

Does the yoke of Jesus weigh you down or does it feel light? His yoke – according to what he exemplified with his life – is servanthood, a ministry that cares for others, a love that makes sacrifices.

We're weighed down by personal struggles; we have crosses to carry and so many people need our attention that we're exhausted from it all. We need a vacation, an escape, time out! So why does Jesus tell us that

his yoke is easy? Why does he say that the burdens of servanthood are light?

When the burdens of life wear us down and tire us out, it's usually because we've taken on more responsibility than God has actually given to us.

Or else it's because we're expending energy trying to get rid of a cross after Jesus has yoked us to it. If the burden leads to burn-out, God lets us get tired, because he's warning us: "Slow down! Simplify your life! Make a change! Spend more time in prayer!"

If it leads to anger and resentment, God is showing us that our selfish desire for an easier life is, in reality, making our lives more difficult.

In other words, when we strain and pull against the yoke –

against our union with Christ – we suffer from our own mistaken ideas of what we should be doing. It is when we remember that we're yoked to Someone who is infinitely stronger

and wiser than we are that the burden becomes light. The yoke becomes a source of joy.

Jesus offers us everything we need for plowing the fields that God assigns to us. When we cooperate with him, the burden is indeed light. We find rest in Jesus and we

benefit from his strength. We experience holy pleasure in our tasks, because we're yoked to the energy of Jesus.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † What are you doing that seems good but is wearing you out?
- † What part of it is not God's idea?
- † What can you do to become more aware of the strength of Jesus?
- † Become accountable for the answer to the above questions by speaking of it to your family or faith community: What changes are you going to make to allow Jesus to refresh and renew you?
- † How might this make a difference?



¿La fe es amor o normas?

La Fe Ser cristiano es un modo de pensar y de vivir que comprende al hombre en su totalidad.

Por: P. Fernando Pascual LC | Fuente: Catholic.net

Muchos católicos piensan su fe cristiana en clave dicotómica. Por un lado, encuentran en ella una espiritualidad bellísima, un mensaje maravilloso, una esperanza y un proyecto para vivir sólo en el amor. Por otro, ven una serie de mandamientos y de "normas" que sienten como una camisa de fuerza o como tijeras que cortan las alas de sus sueños y que impiden vivir según el progreso de la sociedad.

En realidad, los mandamientos que Dios nos ha dado y las normas que la Iglesia nos ofrece no son obstáculos, sino parte misma de la respuesta de amor que nace de la fe en el Evangelio.

Porque ser cristiano no es sólo creer que Dios nos ama, que Cristo nos ofrece la salvación con su entrega en la cruz. Ni es sólo rezar en los momentos de dificultad para pedir ayuda, o en los momentos de alegría para reconocer que los dones vienen de Dios. Ni es sólo entrar en una iglesia para las "grandes ocasiones": un bautizo, un matrimonio, un funeral...

Ser cristiano es un modo de pensar y de vivir que comprende al hombre en su totalidad. Desde que suena el despertador o alguien nos grita que nos levantemos, hasta el momento de acostarnos, cuando apenas tenemos fuerzas para colocar la camisa en el armario.

Es, por lo tanto, falsa la dicotomía que lleva a muchos a aceptar algunos aspectos espirituales de su fe cristiana y a dejar de lado las exigencias concretas de esa misma fe. Porque la fe en Dios llega a todos los ámbitos de la vida: lo que uno piensa ante el espejo, lo que uno dice en el teléfono, lo que uno hace con el poco o mucho dinero de su cuenta bancaria, lo que uno comenta ante un amigo, lo que uno hace o no hace en el trabajo, lo que uno ve y piensa ante la televisión, lo que uno come o deja de comer.

Sería triste caminar en la vida con la falsa idea de que podemos declararnos católicos sólo porque así lo creemos y lo decimos ante una encuesta pública. Porque un católico lo es de verdad cuando, desde su fe, esperanza y caridad, lucha día a día para poner en práctica el Evangelio y para acoger las enseñanzas que nos vienen del Papa y de los obispos, es decir, de los sucesores de los Apóstoles y defensores del gran tesoro de nuestra fe.

Por eso mismo también es incoherencia y falsificación de la fe cristiana el cumplir escrupulosamente normas y reglas, mandamientos y Derecho canónico, con un corazón frío, con un espíritu fariseo, con faltas enormes al mandamiento del amor.

Las obras valen sólo cuando están sumergidas en una fe profunda y en una caridad auténtica. De lo contrario, caemos en formalismos que poco a poco marchitan el alma y nos llevan a caminar sin la alegría profunda de quien vive en un continuo trato de intimidad con un Dios que nos mira, de verdad, como hijos muy amados.

Hay que superar la esquizofrenia del espíritu que separa la fe y las obras, la piedad y el trabajo, la espiritualidad y el compromiso serio por el Evangelio. No basta decir "Señor, Señor" para ser sarmientos fecundos. Ni sirve para nada hacer mil acrobacias formalistas sin un corazón lleno de amor hacia nuestro Padre de los cielos y hacia cada compañero de camino.

Hoy podemos, con sencillez, con humildad, con la valentía del cristiano, decirle a Cristo: acojo tu Amor, Jesús. Quiero vivir según el Evangelio, quiero escuchar la voz de tus pastores, quiero que la caridad sea la luz que guíe cada uno de mis pasos, en lo grande y en lo pequeño...



¡Somos unos privilegiados!
XIV Domingo T.O.
Javier Leoz



Sí, a nosotros: aunque a veces nos las demos de entendidos en todo; aunque presumamos de ser más listos que nadie; aunque, lejos de la sencillez, nos confundamos y nos perdamos en las telarañas de mil y una complicaciones que nos salen a nuestro encuentro. A nosotros; sí, a nosotros se nos revela Dios con toda su fuerza. ¿Qué tenemos para que, Dios, se nos manifieste una y otra vez, sabiendo de antemano que hoy le diremos “sí” y mañana, a la vuelta de la esquina “no”?

El evangelio no puede quedarse escondido. Menos aún, quien lo ha conocido, puede concluir que: a Dios lo he descubierto y los demás allá cuidado. Cuando el Señor, con toda su fuerza, se acerca a nosotros, como lo hizo a Pedro –a orillas del Tiberiades- o a San Pablo, camino de Damasco, lo hace por dos razones: porque confía y porque nos necesita para llevar adelante su obra. ¿Somos conscientes de ello?

Alguien, con cierto humor, afirmó recientemente en un programa que “*la gente está cansada de creer en Dios; que eso son antigualla, producto de otras épocas pasadas*”. ¡Qué va! ¡Al contrario! Quien está cansado es quien no ha descubierto el descanso que es creer y esperar en Dios.

-Se cansa, quien desespera

-Se agota, quien mira por sí mismo

-Cae en la extenuación quien, lejos de buscar espacios para el silencio, para la contemplación o para la oración, se deja arrollar por el ruido, el sinsentido, el vacío o el simple impulso de hacer por hacer o de trabajar por trabajar.

¡Venid a mí los cansados y agobiados! Y, ante estas invitación, no podemos menos que reflexionar sobre aquellos aspectos que producen dolor, hastío, desencanto, desilusión o apatía en nuestro camino.

Con Dios, los acontecimientos se llevan mejor

Con el Señor, las cargas, se hacen más ligeras

Con Jesús, los problemas –aún existiendo- se toman y hasta resuelven de otra manera. Porque, apoyarse en el hombro de Cristo, es dar la vuelta a las cosas. Es esperar contra toda esperanza. Es dejar que, la tormenta que nos sacude, se aleje de nosotros sabiendo que, Dios, pondrá todo en su lugar.

2. En la actualidad, no hay más que asomarse a las pantallas de la televisión o escuchar las voces de los que se consideran grandes sabios en el mundo de la cultura o del poder, presumen de ser agnósticos. Incluso, algunos de ellos, propugnan un laicismo desmesurado. También, Jesús, se sintió decepcionado de aquellos entendidos y sabios que no comprendían ni acogían su mensaje y que, además, intentaban imponer su modo de ver y entender la sociedad y el mundo, a los demás.

No nos tiene que asustar la coyuntura actual: en el mundo opulento, caprichoso, materialista y excesivamente permisivo, no necesita de Dios. Pero ¿hasta cuando? ¿Qué ocurrirá cuando, las generaciones del futuro, vuelvan a sentir la necesidad, el hambre o la sed de algo más que pan o fútbol, disfrute o placer, relativismo o falsa felicidad? Ocurrirá lo que tiene que ocurrir: habrá un retorno a Dios. Porque entonces, no lo olvidemos, seguirán existiendo cristianos, hombres y mujeres, que serán un recordatorio vivo de lo que Jesús

en el evangelio de este día proclama: “*venid a mí los que estáis cansados y agobiados y yo os aliviaré*”. ¡Cuántos yugos estamos poniendo en los hombros de muchas personas! ¿Quién aliviará ese peso?

¡Cuántas falsas esperanzas estamos dejando en una sociedad maquillada por el camino fácil y el todo vale! ¿Quién resolverá las grandes soledades?

Comienza este mes de julio. Que, el cansancio que podamos sentir, lo pongamos a los pies del Señor. Y, Jesús, sabrá recomponer nuestras fuerzas gastadas día a día por El y por su Reino.

¡CANSADO ESTOY, SEÑOR!
Javier Leoz

De la vida que llevo;
 porque siento que se me escapa
 entre mis manos, y no la disfruto.

De muchas palabras;
 porque veo que son verdades a medias
 y, por lo que sea, me fío más que de las tuyas.
 De mis actitudes;

porque no son reflejo del amor que te tengo
 porque se quedan de la sencillez que me pides
¡CANSADO ESTOY, SEÑOR!

¡Dame vida con tu Palabra!

Para que descubra el sendero verdadero
 ¡Dame luz con tu mirada!

Para que no me confundan
 los que pregonan el mundo a su manera
 ¡Dame alegría con tu Espíritu!

Y no me quede con cara larga
 ante tanto suceso trágico o triste
 que sacuden lo más hondo de nuestra tierra

¡CANSADO ESTOY, SEÑOR!

Haz que me sienta débil;
 para que Tú seas el fuerte

Haz que sea sencillo;
 para que descubra tu belleza
 Haz que recupere el brillo de la fe;
 para que nunca diga “¡basta!”

Gracias, Señor;
 porque, siendo como soy,
 acercas tu hombro a mis fuerzas
 asaeteadas por las prisas y los agobios,
 los vacíos y los fracasos de mi existencia

Amén.

Ordinary
 Time





Jesus prayed to God.

Add or subtract words and letters to fill the blanks.

He said, "I

- ea + - chr + - mou

You, Father, Lord of

- ous + - str + - st + - oe

and

+ - ha + - soe

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Jesus Speaks and Prays

Jesus asked, "To what can I compare this generation?" How did He answer His own question?

Use the code to fill in the blanks.

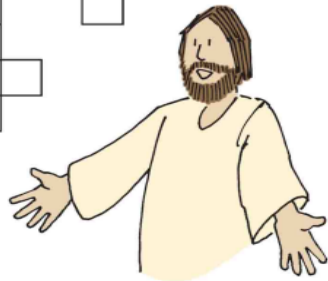
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Jesus said, "They are like _____ sitting in the _____ and calling out to others: 'We played the _____ for you, and you did not _____; we sang a _____, and you did not _____.'"

Jesus gave an invitation. What was it?

Fit the words into the crossword puzzle. Transfer them to the numbered lines. Read these words that Jesus spoke.

am	you	take	light
is	come	upon	souls
Me	easy	will	weary
My	find	yoke	burden
all	from	your	gentle
are	give	heart	humble
who	rest	learn	burdened

_____ and _____, for I _____ and _____ in _____, and _____ for _____ For _____ and _____

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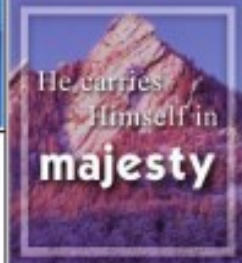


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