



LORD, TEACH US HOW TO PRAY



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Debbie Doyle, Co-director of Music
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Sara Prince, Youth Choir Director/Cornerstone Choir
Natacha Hines, Gift Shop

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SUNDAY MASSES: 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass in Spanish
7:00 a.m./9:00 a.m./11:00 a.m./
1:00 p.m./5:30 p.m.
Monthly Sensory Mass on the
second Sunday of every month
at the 1:00pm Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES: 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday
12:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 a.m. on Saturday

ADORATION: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday

HOLY DAY MASSES: As Announced

RECONCILIATION: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. on Saturday
or, if necessary, by appointment

BAPTISM: For more information and how to schedule a
baptism, please visit our website:
<https://nativityburke.org/baptism/>

MARRIAGE POLICY: Please contact the Church as soon
as you are engaged, and at least six months prior to
your wedding date.

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

A Message from our Pastor Msgr. Bob Cilinski



*"For everyone who asks, receives, and the one who seeks, finds: and to the one who knocks, the door will open."
- Luke 11:3*

My dear parishioners,

The thread tying together the Old Testament reading and the Gospel reading today is about being fearless in asking God for something. Abraham bargains with God and Jesus teaches us to pray. In Jesus' parable about prayer, God is the friend we bother in the middle of the night and wear down with our persistent asking.

It's neat to think of God as a loving friend, a kind, caring parent, one who will enter into our human need and meet with us. It's what Jesus taught us in the Lord's Prayer. St. Teresa of Avila said, *"You must simply say the Lord's Prayer... but you must say it very, very slowly."* We will never exhaust the wisdom found in this wonderful prayer which is so special because it was given to us by Jesus himself.

Love and summer blessings,

Bob Cilinski

Msgr. Bob Cilinski
Pastor



DONATE BLOOD SAVE LIVES

Saturday - August 9

FROM 7:00 am TO 12:00 pm

FR. READY ROOM

In conjunction with INOVA Blood Service

**If you are eligible to donate blood
signup online at:**

https://www.inovabloodsaves.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/35170

**SIGN UP AFTER MASS IN THE NARTHEX
ON JULY 26-27 AND AUGUST 3-4**

Prayer Shawl Ministry

*"YOU CREATED EVERY PART OF ME, KNITTING ME IN MY MOTHER'S WOMB. FOR SUCH HANDIWORK, I PRAISE YOU. AWESOME IS THIS GREAT WONDER"
PS. 139:13-14*

THE NATIVITY PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY IS ALMOST 17 YEARS OLD AND HAS MANY MEMBERS WHO MEET MONTHLY ON THE THIRD MONDAY MORNING OF THE MONTH AT 9:30AM IN THE FR. READY ROOM. OUR MINISTRY HAS DISTRIBUTED THOUSANDS OF PRAYER SHAWLS TO INDIVIDUALS "ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD" AS OUR PARISH MOTTO SAYS. WE HAVE RECEIVED MANY STORIES THAT SOME SHAWLS HAVE BEEN HANDED DOWN TO SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE SAME FAMILY. ALL WHO HAVE RECEIVED SHAWLS HAVE EXPERIENCED GOD'S LOVE IN SOME WAY.

THIS BEAUTIFUL MINISTRY PROVIDES A "MANTLE OF PRAYER" TO RECIPIENTS WHO RECEIVE THE CONSOLATION AND PEACE THAT ONLY GOD CAN GIVE. EACH RECIPIENT'S NAME IS RECORDED AND REMEMBERED IN PRAYER BY THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY AND AT EACH WEEKEND MASS CELEBRATED AT NATIVITY.

ON JULY 26 & 27 THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL MASSES TO DISTRIBUTE PRAYER SHAWLS. IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF A PRAYER SHAWL FOR YOURSELF OR OTHERS WHO ARE SERIOUSLY ILL, WE WILL BE IN THE NARTHEX. IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT THE SHAWLS ARE JUST A TANGIBLE SIGN OF THE PRAYERS OF OUR PARISH FOR THOSE IN NEED!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO RECEIVE A PRAYER SHAWL AND SEEK GOD'S CONSOLATION AND PEACE. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE SHAWLS, IF YOU WISH TO GIVE A DONATION, IT WILL GO TO THE COST OF THE YARN AND OTHER NEEDS. THANK YOU!





You're Invited!

Adult Volunteer Ministers Appreciation Mass & Reception

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

Nativity Catholic Church | 7:00 pm

Msgr. Bob Cilinski, the Priests, Deacon, Sisters, and staff invite all parish volunteers to join us for Mass at 7:00 pm and a reception to follow in the Father Martin Center.

This year's recipients of the Lumen Gentium Award for outstanding ministry and service are: Manuel Ponciano, Charles & Ann Rimkus, and Michael & Mary Schmidtman.



Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 20

by scanning the QR Code or registering online:

www.nativityburke.org/volunteer-appreciation/



ACCOLADE OF THE WEEK

Accolade of the Week goes to the cast and crew of Fiddler on the Roof for their outstanding performances to sold out audiences. The acting, singing, sound, set design and props were amazing!

Congratulations to Barbara Schwartz, Director of the Nativity Players and all involved in such a fantastic show.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flower Book is open. This is a thoughtful way to honor a loved one, living or deceased. If you are interested, please stop by the parish office to sign up. You can also go online and reserve flowers on our website at:
<https://nativityburke.org/altar-flowers/>.

NO HANDS BUT YOURS MINISTRY



No Hands But Yours is 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 DC and northern VA every Sunday morning, rain or shine.

We also have weekly trips into designated areas bringing Panera bread donations along with help from local food banks. Through the blessings of God, we have grown through our Nativity community and continue to do so. For more details visit the Nativity Parish website at <https://nativityburke.org/service/no-hands-but-yours/>. Families are also welcomed! If you have interest in learning more and would like to participate in daily/ Sunday runs, please contact John Rubino at: john.albert.rubino@gmail.com.

Holy Year 2025

Hope Hotline

703-778-9100





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

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

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



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

Volunteer Childcare Coordinator Needed

Terms: Volunteer position with \$500 quarterly stipend for their ongoing oversight of the Childcare Ministry. Can also work as a childcare provider and receive the usual \$15/hour rate for any events they work. Approximately 20 hours per month.

Location: Nativity Catholic Church

Experience: Previous experience working with children preferred

Education: High School degree or equivalent experience

Childcare Ministry is for children ages 1-12 and is offered for events where the parents remain in the building. The Coordinator is someone who loves the Catholic faith and is eager to serve the community at the parish by providing childcare.

The Coordinator will collaborate with the Director of Family Ministry and the Coordinator of Marriage Enrichment Ministry to create a safe environment for the children.

To apply, email Alison Fram at afram@nativityburke.org with a cover letter expressing your interest.

For more information about duties and responsibilities please visit: <https://nativityburke.org/volunteer-childcare-coordinator/>

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

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

Seeking Rest and Renewal?

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

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

Gifts for Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF)

Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost \$45,000 per seminarian. Please give generously!

To donate, make checks payable to: "Foundation for the CDA - SEEF." Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Questions: contact John French at john.french@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-3819.

Diocese's Mornings of Mercy for Divorced Catholics: Saturday, August 9 from 9:00am – 12:00pm at Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Hurting after divorce? Want to enter into fellowship with Catholics in similar situations and to grow more deeply in your relationship with Jesus?

Join other members of the Diocese who have gone through divorce for a morning retreat. The morning will include Holy Mass, talk, and Benediction. Mornings of Mercy retreats are led by Father Tom Ferguson, Pastor of Good Shepherd Catholic Church. The retreats are free but please register at: Arlington Diocese/Mornings of Mercy.

Additional information can be found at

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/morningsofmercy/>
(Brought to you by Nativity's Journey of Hope ministry for separated and divorced Catholics).

FAIRFAX MEMORIAL BURIAL PLOT FOR SALE

Burial plot private sale: new space at Fairfax Memorial Park, located at 9900 Braddock Road, Fairfax. Premium location, behind the Crucifix Site, lot #259 - site B (near priests burials).

Price \$7,800.00 OBO, serious inquiries only. Please contact: fyelicie@gmail.com or myelicie@verizon.net.



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 2 AND 3 AUGUST. THESE SUPPLIES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES, ECHO, LORTON COMMUNITY ACTION CENTER, AS WELL AS THE NATIVITY SCHOOL, NATIVITY'S HISPANIC OUTREACH PROGRAM AND NATIVITY'S APPALACHIA HOME BUILDING PROJECT.

NEEDED ITEMS (NEW ONLY PLEASE) 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 AND BROAD CRAYOLA MARKERS, INDEX CARDS, CRAYOLA CRAYONS, 12" RULERS, HIGHLIGHTERS, CALCULATORS, WATER BOTTLES AND LUNCH BOXES. SUPPLIES WILL ONLY BE COLLECTED ON THE SCHEDULED DATES OF 2 AND 3 AUGUST DUE TO DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION IN THIS MATTER.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL DEBBIE MAYER AT 703-440-8212 OR KATHY MCHUGH AT 703-608-0357. THANKS YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS.



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

Monday, July 28

7:30 am

† Francesca Deaton

Tuesday, July 29

7:30 am

† Carole Maier

12:00 pm

† Ida Von Geldern

Wednesday, July 30

7:30 am

† Robert Kovacs

Thursday, July 31

7:30 am

A Special Intention

12:00 pm

Special Intention for Kathy McHugh

Friday, August 1

7:30 am

Special Intention for Carol Klumb

Saturday, August 2

9:00 am

† Robert Sageley Erskine

5:00 pm

† Stephanie Bomar

7:00 pm

† Mery Silva de Vivas

Sunday, August 3

7:00 am

† Raymond P. Bosworth

9:00 am

Special Intention for Sisters Donatella & Mary Attilia

11:00 am

† Francesco Barbariol

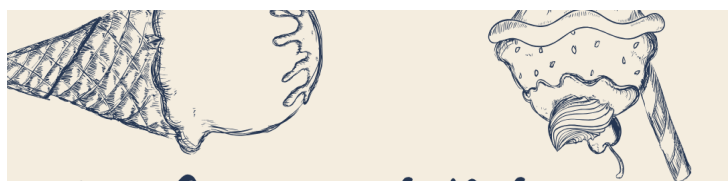
1:00 pm

† James Hillebrandt

5:30 pm

Parishioners

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



Ice Cream at Peterson's

7150 MAIN ST, CLIFTON, VA 20124

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Registration is required -
see Life Teen page on parish website

All high schoolers are welcome - bring a friend!

Nativity Youth Ministry
Contact Rebecca at cym@nativityburke.org

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." LUKE 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more! Stewardship is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given, and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Gratitude and generosity are gifts that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God.

ALTAR FLOWERS - Donated by
Barbara, Stan and Debbie Zagalak
In Loving Memory of
Agnes Albrecht
and
Shirley Rebello
In Loving Memory of
Nana Rosy Fernandes



ECHO Collection NEXT weekend, 2/3 August Food Room Most Needed Items

Thank you for including ECHO Food Room needs on your shopping list. The USDA calculates that a meal for one persons is considered to be 1.2 pounds of food. Thus far this fiscal year ECHO has distributed 288,560 pounds of food which converts to 240,466 meals given to our neighbors in Burke and Springfield. Thank you donors for your generosity in helping our neighbors. Your help is greatly appreciated. At Nativity, we collected 738lbs on the weekend of July 5/6 .

- Choose sizes appropriate for our average family size of four.
- Include an assortment of food to ensure a variety of items.
- We are short on many other items such as personal care products and the items listed below.

ECHO 's policy is to not give expired, open or repackaged food to clients. PLEASE do not bring these items or glass jars!!

Bag Beans (black, red or garbanzo beans preferred), Lentils Bag rice, Protein Items (can chicken, Spam, sardines, salmon, tuna, chili) Canned Fruit (100% juice), Peanut Butter, Cereal/ Oatmeal (Low sugar), Instant (Box) Potatoes, Box Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Can Tomatoes, Tomato paste & sauce, Can Milk, Shelf Stable Milk and Hot Chocolate, Snacks (Crackers, raisins, granola bars, dry fruit, nuts), Baked Beans, Instant Coffee, Tea (green, herbal, black), Pancake Mix & Syrup, Cooking Oil, Non-Salt Spices (cinnamon, cumin, pepper, garlic powder, onion powder), Masa (Corn) Flour, Sugar, Lemon or Lime Juice Honey and Jelly, Tortillas (corn and flour), Condiments (Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Mustard), Macaroni & Cheese, Muffin Mix, Toilet Paper, Facial Tissues, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Soap.

Peace in the Storm Chronic Pain and Illness Support Group

Tuesday, July 29, 2025 - 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Thursday, August 14, 2025 - 12:45 -2:15 pm
Fr. Ready Room

Nativity Catholic Church is aware of the many challenges that chronic pain and illness pose in the lives of our parishioners. We understand how these conditions can lead to questions of faith, too, and want you to know that you are not alone!

All adult parishioners who have chronic pain or illness are invited to participate in a parish-based, small, faith fellowship group developed by the national ministry called The Peace in the Storm Project. We meet to reflect, pray, and deepen our understanding of God's love, presence, and purpose with and through health challenges within the context of our Catholic faith and parish community.

Group participants will receive The Peace in the Storm Project **Discussion Guide** at no cost.



If you are interested in joining the group, or for more information, please see the parish website or email Anna Lisa Licud
alicud@nativityburke.org.

Pro-Life Corner:



Chemical abortions kill children, harm women and pollute our water supply

"Students for Life Action was the first to blow the whistle on the horrifying reality that Chemical Abortion Pills are polluting our water supply.

As you know, we have been fighting tooth & nail to end Chemical Abortion, save preborn babies, and protect women.

Now, our most conservative estimate about the waste generated by Chemical Abortion Pills comes out to around 50 tons every year. Since most of these chemically aborted babies are flushed down toilets – and wastewater treatment plants don't treat for human remains or the toxins found in Chemical Abortion Pills – our drinking water is being poisoned.

When we first sounded the alarm, the Abortion Lobby mocked us. Then, the media ignored us. And the last administration's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) did absolutely nothing.

But now, others are following our lead! Just recently, *Focus on the Family* published a major report confirming what we've been warning about for a long time: tap water in the U.S. may already be contaminated with the residue of Chemical Abortion Pills and human remains – flushed during at-home "toilet bowl" abortions. Now... it's time for the EPA to act. If you agree, will you please sign Students for Life Action's "Clean Water for All Life Petition" to the EPA, insisting that they investigate the dangers Chemical Abortion Pills pose to America's water supply? That way, we can call on EPA Commissioner Lee Zeldin to investigate this public health threat **before irreversible damage is done.**

These Chemical Abortion Pills – mifepristone and misoprostol – were responsible for over 648,500 abortions in the last year alone, now making up more than 60% of all abortions in America. And the standard instructions? Sit on the toilet. Don't look. please act: <https://act.studentsforlifeaction.com/clean-water-for-life-petition/> and donate to Students for Life Action to help us build a groundswell the EPA can't ignore!

Thank you for standing with us for Life – and the TRUTH."

[Above text was excerpted from the 7/19/2025 *Students for Life Action* email, we were the first to sound the alarm.]

The National Catholic Bioethics Center: Are you facing tough ethical decisions in health care and biomedical research?

Free Personal Ethics Consultation for real-life decisions.

<https://www.ncbcenter.org/consultation-form>

Gabriel Project - Pregnancy Outreach for Expectant Mothers:

Offers emotional, spiritual, material, and financial support through a pregnancy helpline and parish-based volunteer "Angel" support. helpforpregnantwomen.org. 866.444.3553.

Project Rachel - Help after Abortion: A safe place to share your emotions and work toward healing. helpafterabortion.org, 703.841.2504.

Marian Homes: Purchases and maintains affordable homes for individuals with intellectual disabilities. marianhomes.org/.

The Lamb Center: provides laundry, showers, hot meals, counseling, and financial assistance for poor and homeless. <https://nativityburke.org/service/the-lamb-center/>.

Pray the Pro-Life Rosary with Us!

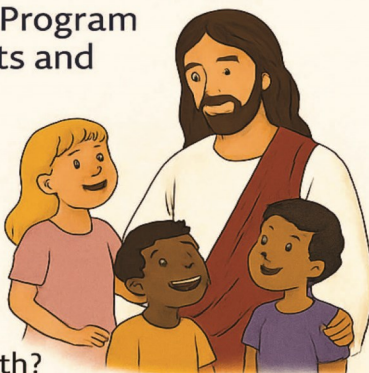


When: Usually Fridays after Nativity's 7:30am Mass.
Where: 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church. Join Nativity in peacefully praying the Pro-Life Rosary on the sidewalk in front of the Falls Church abortion facility for mothers in need and for the protection of human life. Contact rickloffredo@outlook.com to join us!

★ Share Your Faith — Become a Catechist! ★

Nativity Religious Education Program is seeking volunteer catechists and assistants for the 2025-2026 school year.

Do you love your faith? Do you enjoy working with children? Would you like to make a lasting impact by helping the next generation come to know Jesus Christ and grow in the Catholic faith?



We need YOU! Whether you're a parent, grandparent, young adult, or retiree, if you feel called to serve, we'll provide the training and resources you need.

★ As a Catechist or Assistant, You Will:

- Share the love of Christ and the richness of the Catholic faith
- Inspire children through prayer, scripture, and joyful witness
- Grow spiritually and deepen your own faith journey
- Become part of a supportive, faith-filled team

No experience needed — just a heart for service.

All materials, training, and guidance are provided. Safe Environment training (VIRTUS) required and facilitated through the parish.

📅 Interested in learning more?

Contact the Religious Education Office at

★ TO SIGN UP:

Visit our page at:
nativityburke.org/re or
scan QR-Code ★

It is a Diocesan and Parish requirement that we perform background checks on all our volunteers working with children. We also ensure compliance with USSCB child protection guidelines under the Charter of the Protection of Children through an annual audit.

**Did you
sign up
yet?**

SESSION SCHEDULE

Session 1:
Sundays 3:45pm-5pm

Session 2:
Sundays 7:00pm-8:15pm

Session 3:
Mondays 4:45pm-6:00pm

Session 4:
Mondays 7:00pm-8:15pm

Session 5:
Tuesdays 4:45pm-6:00pm

Session 6:
Tuesdays 7:00pm-8:15pm

SPRED Program-
2 Saturdays a month



FREE ULTRASOUND EXAM COUPON*Pregnant (or think you might be) and considering abortion?*

Please call or text (703) 946-3077

ABC Women's Health
& Ultrasound Center***Schedule your free ultrasound today!***

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

Visit us at abcwomenshealth.com Se habla español.

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

Come join the Nativity Dames! We are the wives, widows, sisters, daughters, nieces of the men in the Knights of Columbus.

Our purpose is to support and assist our Fr. Vincent Sikora Council. Our fellowship and information meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Ready room. The next meeting (August 5th meeting has been cancelled) will be September 2nd. For more information, please contact RoseAnne Zivich at brzivich@aim.com.**18th Annual Pops Camp**
For rising 5th-9th graders**Monday - Friday, August 4-8, 2025****Friday - 11 a.m. concert/potluck**

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

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

Register using the QR code.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Jan Siegfried at jsiegfried@paulvi.net**St. Paul VI Catholic High School**
42341 Braddock Rd, Chantilly, VA 20152***"In God we live and move and have our being"***
Women's 159th Arlington Cursillo Retreat
September 18 - 21, 2025
Missionhurst Retreat Center, Arlington, VA

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

You will:

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

For more information visit: <https://www.arlingtoncursillo.org/>
If you are interested and would like to learn more feel free to contact lauralaverdiere@msn.com.**A Message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry**

Washing full but not overly packed loads maximizes energy, water, and cost efficiency, with the washer performing best when loosely filled to about two-thirds or three-fourths its capacity.

Opting for cold water not only reduces energy consumption, as heating water accounts for up to 75% of energy use during washing, but also helps in preserving the color and fit of your clothes, with most detergents being designed to work efficiently in cold water.

Adjust your washer settings appropriately, using the high-spin cycle to minimize drying time, and treat stains before washing for better results without overusing detergent or causing machine issues. Learn more about saving water and energy with the Sustain Fairfax Challenge.

The Diocese of Arlington invites you to take part in a powerful witness of our faith from November 9 through 16 for the first Diocesan Week of Service, a time dedicated to putting Love in Action through Service in Community.Rooted in the Gospel and inspired by the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, our parishes and ministries are joining together to bring Christ to our neighbors by serving individuals and families who are most in need—spiritually, emotionally, and physically. From feeding the hungry and visiting the sick, to comforting the sorrowful and praying for the living and the dead, this week calls each of us to live our faith in concrete and compassionate ways. Want to get involved? Visit: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/serviceweek>**Love working with children? Want flexibility?**
Consider becoming a Recess Monitor at Nativity School...
Part-Time Recess Help Needed!

Monday - Friday from Approx. 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. We are in need of responsible adults with the following minimum qualifications to monitor children while at recess:

- Ability to follow directions and communicate effectively.
- Proficiency in maintaining control in a group environment.
- Compliant within the Diocese.
- Successful background check.

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



NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

nativityschool.org



Nativity School is accepting applications for the following grades: 1st, 5th, & 7th, for the 2025-26 School Year
For details, contact Shannon Murphy at (703) 455-2300, or smurph@nativityschool.org.

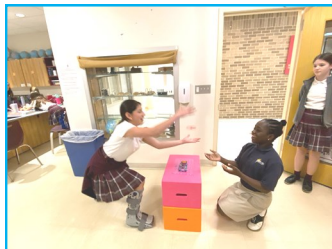
Celebrating Nativity STEM Day:

It's A Snap!

Internationally acclaimed a STEM school by the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA), our classes celebrate STEM education experiences with our students and they always enjoy them.

Here our 6th Graders are using educational electronic kits that allow them to build a variety of electronic circuits by snapping together color-coded pieces.

They are designed to be user-friendly, requiring no soldering, wire twisting, or additional connectors, making them suitable for learning about electronics, circuits, resistors, capacitors, switches, LEDs, alarms, radios and much more, in a fun and engaging way. And, oh, what fun they had!



Yes, Catholic education is worth the investment!
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Council Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. First meeting is a business meeting, the second meeting of the month is devoted to faith formation. Rosary 7:15 PM; meeting at 7:30 PM. Fellowship follows. Meet in the Nativity school cafeteria.

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Exemplification: Come welcome our newest Fr. Vincent S. Sikora Council Knights! Dress is suit / coat and tie or business casual. Tuesday, July 22 at 7 PM in the church. POC for any questions: Deputy Grand Knight Vince Augelli at dkg7992@nativityburke.org.

Financial Readiness Seminar: Tuesday, August 19, 7-9 PM. All are invited to better understand the benefits available to Catholics through the Knights of Columbus. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4EACAC29A2F58-57599740-financial>

Blood Drive: Saturday, Aug 9 from 7:00 AM to 12:00 noon in the cafeteria, in coordination with INOVA Blood Service, our council will host a blood drive. Currently less than 38% of our population is eligible to donate blood. If you are eligible to donate blood sign up online at:

https://www.inovabloodsaves.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/35170 or after Mass in the narthex on July 26-27 or Aug 2-3. Looking for at least one worthy Knight after each Mass on these weekends to encourage donations. On Friday, Aug 8, we need 1-2 Knights to help set up (less than 1 hour). On Saturday Aug 9, we need 1 Knight for sign-ins (two 3 hours shifts) from 6:30 until 12:00 and 1-2 Knights to help clean up at 12:00 (1 hour). See SUGs on LinkTree. The blood banks need our help, please consider giving the gift of life.

Name Tags: If you have not received your name tag, email our Warden, Robert Myers, at warden7992@nativityburke.org.

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Lectura del santo Evangelio según san Lucas. 11, 1-13

Un día, Jesús estaba orando y cuando terminó, uno de sus discípulos le dijo: “Señor, enséñanos a orar, como Juan enseñó a sus discípulos”. Entonces Jesús les dijo: “Cuando oren, digan: „Padre, santificado sea tu nombre, venga tu Reino, danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día y perdona nuestras ofensas, puesto que también nosotros perdonamos a todo aquel que nos ofende, y no nos dejes caer en tentación””.

También les dijo: “Supongan que alguno de ustedes tiene un amigo que viene a medianoche a decirles: „Préstame, por favor, tres panes, pues un amigo mío ha venido de viaje y no tengo nada que ofrecerle”. Pero él le responde desde dentro: „No me molestes. No puedo levantarme a dárte los, porque la puerta ya está cerrada y mis hijos y yo estamos acostados”. Si el otro sigue tocando, yo les aseguro que, aunque no se levante a dárselos por ser su amigo, sin embargo, por su molesta insistencia, sí se levantará y le dará cuanto necesite.

Así también les digo a ustedes: Pidan y se les dará, busquen y encontrarán, toquen y se les abrirá. Porque quien pide, recibe; quien busca encuentra, y al que toca, se le abre. ¿Habrá entre ustedes algún padre que, cuando su hijo le pida pan, le dará una piedra? ¿O cuando le pida pescado le dé una víbora? ¿O cuando pida un huevo, le dé un alacrán? Pues, si ustedes, que son malos, saben dar cosas buenas a sus hijos, ¿cuánto más el Padre celestial dará el Espíritu Santo a quienes lo pidan?”

Palabra del Señor. REFLEXIÓN EL TEXTO

Nos llama mucho la atención en este texto que Jesús no responde a la petición de sus discípulos con un método sino que aprovecha para revelarles a su Padre. Es decir, aprender a orar es tomar la actitud de hijos y presentarse ante quien sabemos que nos ama para dialogar con él. En la oración del Padre nuestro, Jesús nos muestra todo nuestro programa de vida como discípulos de él; si lo leemos con atención en él encontraremos todo nuestro proyecto de vida: santificar el nombre de Jesús, hacer presente su Reino, alimentarnos de él, perdonar a quien nos ofende y no dejarnos llevar por la tentación.

Siguiendo la primera idea del Padre, las siguientes dos comparaciones que hace Jesús tratan de revelarnos dos realidades: la primera es la incondicionalidad del Padre para escuchar nuestra oración y la segunda es la necesidad de nuestra insistencia, no por que Dios se haga el desentendido (en otro pasaje Jesús ya había dicho que “el Padre sabe lo que os hace falta, incluso antes de que se lo pidan” Mt 6,8), sino porque la oración dispone el corazón del hombre para comprender lo que Dios le ha respondido.

Dios no escuche a la primera, sino porque a base de dedicarle tiempo a orar es como mejor comprenderemos la voluntad de Dios sobre nuestras vidas; y por último se necesita CARIDAD, pues de la oración nosotros recibimos a Dios, que es Amor, y si no lo compartimos con los demás este amor se pierde. Decía Sta. Teresa que la oración profunda y más perfecta se medía por la caridad de la persona y no por los fenómenos místicos que ésta tuviera (éxtasis, don de lenguas, “descanso en el Espíritu”, etc); lo mismo dirá san Pablo: “Aunque hablara las lenguas de los hombres y de los ángeles... y aunque tuviera el don profetizar... y aunque mi fe trasladara montañas... si no tengo amor, de nada sirve” (I Cor 13,1-3).

PROPÓSITO

La semana pasada ya nos habíamos hecho el propósito de orar, aunque fuera brevemente, durante el día. Esta semana no cambiamos de propósito, sólo que ahora intentemos servirnos del Padre Nuestro para realizar nuestro diálogo con Dios. Les propongo que de las siete peticiones que contiene el Padre Nuestro tomemos una cada día y la repitamos cuantas veces sea necesario para vivirla. Es decir, el primer día tomamos la petición “santificado sea tu nombre”, así durante el día estaremos repitiendo esta frase cada vez que nos cueste hacer algo o cada vez que nos acordemos de Dios. De esta manera al final del día podremos estar seguros que intentamos santificar el nombre de Jesús con nuestras vidas. Así sucesivamente lo podrás hacer con cada una de las peticiones del Padre Nuestro (Venga a nosotros tu Reino - hágase tu voluntad – danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día – perdona nuestras ofensas... – no nos dejes caer en la tentación – líbranos del mal.).

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27 de julio de 2025 Domingo 17º del Tiempo Ordinario
“Así que Yo les digo: pidan, y se les dará; busquen, y hallarán;
llamen a la puerta, y se les abrirá.” LUCAS 11:9

Jesús nos asegura que, si le pedimos, Dios se ocupará de lo que necesitamos. El problema es que nuestra cultura a veces confunde lo que realmente necesitamos con lo que simplemente queremos. La verdad es que muchos de nosotros necesitamos muy poco. Sin embargo, ¡usualmente queremos mucho más! La corresponsabilidad es simplemente ser agradecidos por todo lo que somos y tenemos, y compartir generosamente con los demás los dones que hemos recibido de Dios. La gratitud y la generosidad son dones que abren puertas a nuevas relaciones con los demás y con Dios.



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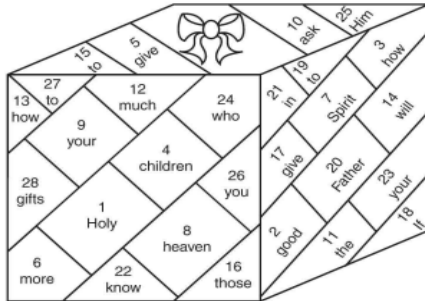
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Jesus said parents know how to give good gifts. They would not give a snake to a child who asked for a fish or a scorpion to one who asked for an egg. What did Jesus say to end the lesson?

Complete the math problems. Then transfer the words to the lines.



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Jesus Teaches About Prayer

Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY, JUST AS JOHN TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES."

Find the underlined letters in the picture.



" 9+9 30-4 10+12 7-4 21+6
11-6 10-8 16+12 23-4 15+8
12-8 7+6 7+5 15-9
6+8 30-7 12+8 29-8 1+7
21-4 3+8 17-16 12-5 9+6
25-9 11+13 16-6 9+16 !"

Jesus said to them, "When you pray, say ..."

Use the code to fill in the letters below.



" 2 1 5 2 2 5
2 1 3 3 4 6 2 1 1 2 6 4 5 5
4 1 4 2 6 4 5 5 3 3 4 2 1 4 4
1 4 4 2 2 3 6 2 5 5 2 1 1 2
1 1 6 4 5 5 1 1 3 3 6
1 5 2 1 1 2 4 5 2 3 6 2 5 5
4 5 5 5 3 4 5 2 4 5 6 2
1 3 5 4 2 4 5 2 3 6 2
2 6 2 5 6 4 4 2 6 2 4 5 3 4 5
1 2 1 3 4 5 5 5
1 4 1 3 2 1 1 5 5 4 4 5
3 4 5 4 5 2 4 4 5 1 5 6 4 4"

Jesus also said this about prayer.

Find the underlined words hidden in the puzzle below.

They may be found: → ← ↓ ↑ ↗ ↘ ↙ ↚

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; everyone who seeks finds; and to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."



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