

WE SHALL NEVER FORGET.



1973 2023

Celebrating 50 Years!

“We are God’s people” - 1 Peter 2:10

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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.

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.

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



"You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no evil to the neighbor, hence love is the fulfillment of the law." - Romans 13:10

My dear parishioners,

We have often heard the TV announcement that reminds us of our shared responsibility to keep our roads safe: "Friends don't let friends drive drunk." It means we have a responsibility for our friends if we really are friends. It's not about interfering in people's lives or passing judgment on others. It's all about loving one another. As daughters and sons of God, we have to look out for one another. That means when another is in trouble or being harmed, we must speak up on their behalf. By speaking up we can keep something bad from happening.

To admonish the sinner has always been listed as he first of the spiritual works of mercy. It is never easy, and most of us would rather not do it. But there are times when love calls us to take the risk to speak to the person about our concerns for them. It is a loving thing to do and it can be done humbly and privately at first. If needed, we can ask a few people to join us in expressing our concerns for a person's well-being. Love sometimes requires that we tell it like it is. That's what Jesus did and he expects that we do the same, out of love for our neighbors.

This Sunday we celebrate our parish ministry fair. It is the opportunity to welcome all parishioners to share their baptismal charisms and gifts in ministry at Nativity. Our liturgical ministries of greeters and ushers, choir, new altar server training is beginning for 5th - 12th grade boys and girls, and lectors and sacristans. Catechist for Religious Education for our children, youth ministry for teenagers, faith formation for adults, marriage and family ministry, outreach to the poor and Social Justice advocacy to build a culture of life. We welcome those new to the parish to share your time and talents in our parish community. There will be coffee and donuts in the Fr. Martin Center after Sunday morning Masses to celebrate God's goodness in calling us by name.

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



STELLA MARINA KIT BUILD, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10

Come see what Stella Marina is all about during this Sunday's ministry fair by making a newborn kit for a mother in Haiti. Stella Marina is in the cafeteria after all morning Masses. Making a kit is quick and simple and a way to provide baby basics for a mother's newborn.



God chooses us to share in the building of the Kingdom, is there a parish ministry that God is asking you to become involved in? Some of the ministries, groups and organizations that will be represented at the fair:

We have Bible studies and prayer groups for women and men. We offer fellowship and support for married and engaged couples, families with young children, widows and caregivers. We have opportunities for you to serve our local community and brothers/sisters abroad. There is a place for you to serve in the Mass in our many choirs, as a lector, cantor, or Eucharistic Minister. We also have many opportunities for children in Youth Ministry, Scouts, CYO Basketball and more!



NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

2023 PARISH MINISTRY FAIR - SEPTEMBER 9 & 10

DEVOTIONAL GROUPS

Catholic Woman's Bible Study
Legion of Mary (English/Spanish)
Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Walking With Purpose
33-Day Consecration
Men's Prayer & Reflection Group
Love is Given Prayer Group
That Man is You
Cursillo
Estudio Biblico
Grupo De Oracion

CHOIRS

Adult Traditional - Family/Folk
Youth Choir
Spanish Choir

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Girl Scouts
Boy Scout Troop 1100
Cub Scout Pack 1101
Young Adult Ministry
Young Family Ministry
Youth Ministry
CYO (Catholic Youth Organization)
Theatre Ministry

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Liturgical Art & Environment
Altar Servers (English/Spanish)
Eucharistic Ministries (English/Spanish)
Lectors and Ushers (English/Spanish)
Sacristans (English/Spanish)
Altar Guild

SERVICE SUPPORT & FELLOWSHIP FOR ADULTS

Rosary Ministry
Knights of Columbus
Women of Nativity (WON)
Stella Marina
Operation Starfish
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Mariage Enrichment Ministry
Italian Heritage & Cultural Society
Little Angel Gift Shop
Nativity Craft Group
Childcare Ministry
In Mary's Footsteps Widows Group
Children's Rosary Ministry
Creation Care Ministry
No Hands But Yours
Prison Ministry
ECHO Monthly Food Collection
Laundry Love
Fall Festival
Pro-Life

NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(English/Spanish)

SPRED - SPECIAL RELIGIOUS DEVELOPMENT

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN

INITIATION OF ADULTS

(English/Spanish)

Birthday Celebration for the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Saturday, September 16th, the Legion of Mary will host a celebration for Mary's Nativity (feast day Sept. 8) with a reception in the Father Ready Room following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please join your fellow parishioners in this tribute to the "Mother of Jesus".

Our Fall Festival Pie Contest Is Back!

Time to start practicing those prize-winning recipes. There will be both adult and junior divisions this year with cash prizes for first, second, and third place in each. Individuals may submit up to three pies. Sorry, no pies needing refrigeration. Pre-registration not required, but appreciated.

Registration begins September 1st.

We are also looking for judges on festival day.

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT LYNN DYSART (LDYSART@COX.NET)



Attention Scouts - Religious Emblem Program Kick-Off

All Scouting BSA Scouts ages 13 & up are invited to start their Catholic Religious Emblems at 7:30pm on Thursday, 21 September at the Nativity School (location TBD). We will conduct the first sessions of both the Ad Altare Dei (Ages 13 & 14) and Pope Pius XII (Ages 15+, Grade 9 & above) programs, followed by monthly meetings thru April 2024.



The emblems offer Scouts a fun way to learn and grow in their faith while enhancing their scouting experience. Please contact Mr. Sam Morthland, Nativity's Religious Emblem Coordinator at 571-594-1333 or spmorthland@gmail.com to register to attend and receive additional program information.



A Message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry

September 1-October 4 is the Season of Creation! Are you interested in joining a faith group dedicated to developing a Laudato Si' Action Plan for your family? Commissioned by Christ (CBC) and Nativity Creation Care Ministry (NCCM) will be offering a unique, monthly faith journey this Fall via Zoom. The journey will include 8 sessions to guide individuals, couples, and families. Pope Francis urges Catholics to embark on a journey towards environmental sustainability as part of his encyclical, Laudato Si', on care for our common home. The Vatican's Laudato Si' Action Platform (LSAP) outlines 7 goals, and the CBC/NCCM journey is based on those goals. Participants will work through the LSAP goals monthly, reflecting on actions and supporting others' plans. Sessions will be 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm ET on 10/11, 11/8, 12/6, 1/10/24, 2/7/24, 3/6/24, 4/3/24, and 5/1/24. Contact Kim and George Young at nativitycreationcare@gmail.com or Marilyn Kott at CBCLaudatoSi@outlook.com to express interest.

CALLED: A Conference for Young Adults

Bishop Burbidge invites all young adults (ages 19 to 35, single and married) from parishes across the Diocese of Arlington to join him at **CALLED: A Conference for Young Adults**. Join him on Saturday, September 23, 2023, for the annual Mass for Young Adults, an inspirational keynote from Mr. Sam Goodwin who was trapped in Syria's notoriously brutal prison system, breakout sessions, dinner, prayer, live music, vendors, ministry booths, and plenty of social time! Make new friends and connect to your local Young Adult Ministries as we contemplate how we've been **CALLED** to holiness. We are excited to offer complimentary childcare for this conference! Invite your friends! The Mass and Conference will run from 2:00pm-9:15pm.

Register now to take advantage of Early Bird Pricing! To register visit:

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/young-adult-ministry/called/>



The Nativity community is invited to a Blessed Virgin Mary Foundation Night of Gratitude at the Hylton Center, September 16th in support of the two Catholic Charities Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinics that arose from the closing of the Manassas abortion clinic on the Feast of the Archangels in 2015

Join the celebration with drinks starting at 6:45pm, before entering the beautiful Hylton auditorium at 7:45pm for the story of the closure of the abortion clinic and its redemption by the Catholic Charities Clinic. Then, enjoy Catholic convert and professional comedian, Jeremy McClellan, who will perform. Tickets are only \$10 and you can get them by visiting the link below or by using the QR code. You are welcome to invite friends, family, neighbors. The Hylton Center has a seat for you!



Jeremy McLellan is a rising star in the standup comedy world, honored as a New Face of Comedy at the prestigious "Just for Laughs Comedy Festival" in Montreal and has completed sold-out tours in the US, UK, Canada, and Pakistan. Last year he was awarded a

Teaching Fellowship at Bishop Barron's Word on Fire Institute where he released a 7-part course on Comedy and the Catholic Life. *Get your tickets by visiting: <https://bit.ly/3QYnpmP>*

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PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES TO FATHER CEDRIC WILSON

Who is Celebrating 50 Years as a Professional Augustinian Friar this year
AND

On his 45th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood
Ordained: September 16, 1978



FALL FESTIVAL

Join us!

 **SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

We are excited for Nativity's annual Fall Festival this month! We are still in need of volunteers. Please visit our website to learn how you can give back to your home parish by serving at this great family event!

<https://nativityburke.org/fall-festival/>

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
FALLFESTIVAL@NATIVITYBURKE.ORG**



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

NEW SEVERS: Boys and girls who are now in the fifth through twelfth grade, who would like to be Altar Servers for either the English or Spanish Masses need to attend TWO (out of Three) training sessions this fall. The training sessions will be held in the church at 6:00pm on Thursday, September 21, Monday, September 25, and Monday, October 2. One parent should attend the first training session if possible.



A RETURNING SERVERS WORKSHOP:
Will be held on Thursday, October 5 at 6:00pm.

In Mary's Footsteps - A Group for Widows

The next meeting will be on Monday, September 11th in the "training room" in back of the church. Our group meets on the first Monday of the month to support each other in faith and fellowship. We strive to go forward in our Blessed Mother's "footsteps" of strong faith and peace, as she did after St. Joseph passed. Besides meetings, we go out to dinner one night a month and schedule other outings. Please contact Cat Sands at csands@nativityburke.com with further questions. God bless you!

Jim McDaniel and Joyce Kelly honored with the Lumen Gentium Award for outstanding ministry and service at Nativity



Last week we celebrated all the adult volunteers who serve our parish. Many of these volunteers have said that by giving of their time and talent they receive great joy in return. Thank you to everyone who has made the many aspects of parish life possible through your generosity and sacrifice.

There is one very important aspect of parish life that is in need of further assistance... Religious Education (RE) is in need of YOUR help to teach the children of our Nativity Family in the upcoming school year. Visit our website to learn how you can make a big difference by helping to form the future of our Church: <https://nativityburke.org/re/volunteer-form/>



Celebrating A Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary This Year?

Were you married in 1973 or 1998? Then join Bishop Michael Burbidge for the 2023 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on Sunday, October 15, 2023, at 3 p.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Arlington, VA. Please contact Johana Brown at the parish office to register **no later than Saturday, September 30, 2023.** For more info, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.



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

Monday, September 11th

7:30 am † Dr. James Stormont

Tuesday, September 12th

7:30 am † Maria Navarez
12:00 pm † Marc Angelo Sanidad

Wednesday, September 13th

7:30 am † Moises Reyes Sr.

Thursday, September 14th

7:30 am † John Roskowski
12:00 pm † Jose M. Martin

Friday, September 15th

7:30 am † Teresita A. Lirag
9:00 am † Joseph Zadareky

Saturday, September 16th

9:00 am † James Martin Brady
5:00 pm † Robert & Marjorie Bauer
7:00 pm † Arquimedes Gomez

Sunday, September 17th

7:00 am † Maria Del Carmen Navarro
9:00 am † Teresita A. Lirag
11:00 am † Jessica Raposo
1:00 pm † Michael Ponti
5:30 pm † Edward Rawski

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

2023 WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT SALE

Price: \$22.00 (Cash, check, or credit card)

WHEN: September 9/10, 2023 (before/after Masses)
WHERE: Nativity Vestibule/Narthex and Ministry Fair
WHEN: September 16/17, 2023 (before/after Masses)
WHERE: Nativity Vestibule/Narthex

The Women of Nativity (WON) much appreciate your continued support of our fundraiser benefiting ministries within Nativity and within the local community!



Front Side



Back side



Help support us!
SCHOOL OF THE NATIVITY

20%
OF SALES
WILL BE
DONATED

September 15, 2023
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm EST
6230 W Rolling Road, West Springfield, VA

Use code FUND4U at online checkout, in the Panera App,
or at the kiosk in-cafe.*

Bring this flyer or show a digital copy to your cashier when ordering at the cafe or enter the
promo code FUND4U at checkout on Panerabread.com or the Panera App to ensure your
organization gets a portion of the proceeds.**

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The 31st International Week of Prayer and Fasting coalition, in collaboration with the Legion of Mary, Marian Fathers, and others are asking members of parishes to unite for nine days of prayer and fasting from October 20-28, 2023.

The Closing day of the International Week of Prayer and Fasting will be held in-person on Saturday October 28, from 8:30am to 4:00pm at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, with Eucharistic Adoration, Mass at 12 noon, the Rosary, and guest speakers through out the day. Confirmed speakers include Fr. Timothy Byerley, Ray Grijalba, Dr. Carlos Parellada, Sister Deirdre Byrne, and Ted Flynn. Our main celebrant Bishop Emeritus Robert J. Baker, STD. The week will begin with a Virtual Conference starting on October 20, 21, & 23 with the following speakers: Fr. Chris Alar, Fr. Robert Altier, Nikki Kingsley, Fr. David Gunter, Dr. Peter Howard, Mark Houck, Karen Japzon, Fr. Ron Stone, and Maureen Flynn.

Registration is required for the Virtual Conference and watch FREE on Day of Presentation at www.iwopf.org or call 888-478-PRAY. On-demand replays of speakers' talks are available by registering online at www.iwopf.org for an ALL-ACCESS PASS.

In search of paid childcare providers for The Nativity Childcare Ministry

"I became the Childcare Ministry Coordinator because I wanted to help as many families as possible attend parish events. I have people that can help with my son but so many families at Nativity do not have that, so we are here to help!"



Please help out our new ministry and become a childcare provider. Just go to the childcare ministry page on the parish website and answer a few questions and we will get back to you!"

Taylor, Nativity's Childcare Coordinator

<https://nativityburke.org/childcare-ministry/#provider>

LaSalette Lay Community Mass

The LaSalette Sisters who serve in the diocese, would like to extend an invitation to the parishioners of Nativity to attend any of the Novena prayer days or the Mass on September 16 at Saint Michaels. If you have any questions or need any additional information please contact John LaRosa, LaSalette Lay Community at 571-201-5310



Cost of attendance: \$135- card or check
Includes eligibility screening, assistance in form completion, reminder calls throughout the process.

Saturday October 21, 2023

Nativity in Burke Parish (School Cafeteria)
6398 Nativity Ln, Burke, VA 22015
Pre-registration required
Doors open 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Have You Heard?

WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL!

The Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.



eucharisticrevival.org

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



Marriage Enrichment Ministry

Date Night

September
23

6:00-8:30 PM with Fr. Bob Cilinski, "Our Blessed Mother." Refreshments will be served. Childcare will be offered.

Fall Marriage Program Kicks Off

October
13

Meets on Fridays from 7-8:30 PM in the art room. "Choice Wine" is the program. Starts with a potluck dinner, Oct. 13-Nov. 17th.

Adult Children of Divorce Mini-Retreat

October
28

9 AM Mass; Retreat from 10 AM-Noon in the church. Speakers: Art Bennett and Alex Wolfe Refreshments will be served.

Date Night

November
18

6:00-8:30 PM with Laraine Bennett "Art of Living with Less." Refreshments will be served. Childcare will be offered.

Book Fellowship

December
2

With Deacon Kelly from 7:00-8:30 PM in the cafeteria.

For detailed information email Anna Lisa or see the upcoming events on the parish website

marriage@nativityburke.org

DO YOU ENJOY COOKING?

Join our Youth Ministry Hospitality Crew!

We are in need of parishioners to cook about once a month for our high school Youth Ministry program on Sunday evenings from 5:00-7:30pm.

Contact Director of Youth Ministry, Rebecca Judge rcym@nativityburke.org

Free Time After College Classes? Join the Nativity School Extended Care Team
**** Competitive Hourly Rate! ****

Love working with children? Creative with Fingerpaint?
 Like to Sift Sand? The following qualifications are necessary:

- A LOVE of Children and ‘Can-Do’ Attitude
- Afternoon Availability, 2 to 6 p.m.
- Diocesan Compliance to Work With Kids

To apply, or for more info, please contact Jen Behan, Director, at jbehan@nativityschool.org, or (703) 455-2300.

MARIAN HOMES, INC. for the intellectually disabled

DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

SATURDAY-SEPTEMBER 23

SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 Nativity Catholic Church
 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA 22015
 Parking Lot - Drive thru - from 10:00 am-12:00 noon

DONATIONS GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED
 Proceeds will be for the benefit of the intellectually disabled
 Bring your old documents, cancelled checks, paper, manila folders, windowed envelopes, etc.
 NO newspapers, magazines, card board
 NO heavy metal objects, especially 3-ring binders
 NO hard-drives, discs, tapes, etc.

Marian Homes, Inc.
 For the Intellectually Disabled

Love is Given Prayer Group

Please join us every Thursday evening from 7:00PM-8:30 PM for an evening of prayer, praise and community. We meet each week in the Fr. Ready room. Come in through the school entrance, first room on your left. We look forward to seeing you!

RCIA – Encounter Jesus through Full Communion with the Catholic Church ‘Come and See’

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about Catholicism? Are you missing the Sacrament of the Eucharist or Confirmation? We invite you to join Nativity’s Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) journey of faith, starting September 18, 2023, with our Monday evening sessions from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Fr. Ready Room.

RCIA forms new disciples, as adults prepare to enter the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30, 2024, with reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Our Monday sessions continue until just prior to Pentecost Sunday 2024, preparing for life in the Church as intentional disciples. This faith journey deepens one’s personal relationship with Jesus by encountering him through passionate teaching, personal witness, table discussion time with opportunities for Q&A, prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, spiritual events, and a Lenten outreach project.

RCIA is open to those who have not been baptized, Christians baptized in another faith, and baptized Catholics who have not received catechesis for the other Sacraments of Initiation. For details, contact the Church at (703) 455-2400, or speak to Father Bob Cilinski, or e-mail Linda Loffredo at lindaloffredo@gmail.com. Visit our website <https://nativityburke.org/rcia/> for more information and registration.

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!

Join the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary!

Formed to assist and support the Knights, our Church and the four virtues of Charity, Unity, Sorority and Patriotism. We are spouses, daughters, mothers, or sisters of Knights of Columbus who are in good standing or deceased. Our fellowship and informational meetings are held on the First Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Ready Room.

Contact kdelatte65@gmail.com for information or to be added to our email distribution list.

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC)

We are a social group, mostly age 60 and over.
(40 to 59? Ask about our free associate-membership group.)

Meet us for: picnic at Occoquan Regional Park (Sept 3); Square Dancing (Sept 5, 19, 26); outdoor Stations of the Cross at Nativity Church (Sept 6); Slavic Festival (Sept 10); Thursday lunches (Sept 14, 28); dinner in Fairfax (Sept 17); walk on the W&OD Trail (Sept 21); musical "Into the Woods" (Sept 24). For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



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

Classes begin September 17th

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

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

Lead Catechist needed:

Day	Grade	Time
Sunday (Session 2)	K, 1, 4	7:00-8:15pm
Monday (Session 4)	RCIC	7:00-8:15pm
Tuesday (Session 5)	2	4:45-6:00pm
Tuesday (Session 6)	K, 3, 5	7:00-8:15pm

Assistant Catechist needed:

Day	Grade	Time
Sunday (Session 1)	5, 6	3:45-5:00pm
Sunday (Session 2)	1, 3, 4, 5, 6	7:00-8:15pm
Monday (Session 4)	RCIC, 2, 6	7:00-8:15pm
Tuesday (Session 5)	K, 1	4:45-6:00pm
Tuesday (Session 6)	K, 5, 7	7:00-8:15pm

To Sign-up visit:
 OUR PARISH WEBSITE:
NATIVITYBURKE.ORG
 UNDER THE RELIGIOUS
 EDUCATION TAB
 OR USE QR CODE
nativityburke.org



ECHO Food Room Most Needed Items - September Nativity Collection: THIS weekend 9 & 10 September

Choose sizes appropriate for our average family size of four. Because of the generosity of our community, 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. Any donation, large or small, is most gratefully welcomed. We collected 663 lbs last time.

NEEDED ITEMS: Protein Items (can chicken, Spam, sardines, chili with meat, can beef stew), Spaghetti Sauce, Baked Beans, Ketchup or Mayonnaise, Milk products (canned, shelf stable, hot chocolate), Sugar, Masa (Corn) Flour, Honey or Jelly, Cooking Oil, Canned Pasta, Box Potatoes, Lentils, Coffee (Instant), Canned fruit, Bag beans (black, red, or garbanzo), Bag Rice, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Crackers, Spices (garlic, onion, cinnamon, salt, pepper), Lemon/Lime Juice, Juice (Bottles or Box), Tortillas, Muffin/Cornbread Mix, Diapers Sizes 4 & 5, Baby Wipes, Toilet Paper, Deodorant, Shampoo, Facial Tissues, Dish Soap, Bath Soap, Paper Towels, Shaving Cream/Razors, Laundry Detergent.



MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT MINISTRY
DATE NIGHT

Speaker: Fr. Bob Cilinski

Our Blessed Mother

REFRESHMENTS • CHILDCARE • FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, September 23, 2023
 6:00-8:30 PM in the Cafeteria
 Register on the parish website or by emailing
marriage@nativityburke.org



Council Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesday. First meeting is a business meeting, 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.

Linktree Universal Sign-up Link: Volunteer for an event! Scroll down to view all events at: https://linktr.ee/fr_sikora_council_7992.

14 September, Exemplification: Meet in the church at 7pm. New members and 1st and 2nd Degree Knights who wish to make 3rd Degree should arrive in coat and tie. Reach out to Br. Chris Odell at cokofc7992@gmail.com. Families and Brother Knights are encouraged to attend. **Instead of having separate ceremonies, all three degrees can now be conferred in a single ceremony. The new exemplification focuses on the history and principles of our Order. It presents a fuller and richer understanding of who we are, what we stand for and what we are called to be. It hearsken back to the simple ceremonies of Unity and Charity first approved by Father McGivney. **Again, All Knights are encouraged to attend!*

23 September, Marian Homes Shed Event: 9:45am – noon. Volunteer on linktree.

26 September, 7:00 – 8:30 pm: Catholic Investments for Catholic Families - Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors' advisory services. RSVP free, but required, scan the QR Code to register. Event will be in the Nativity Catholic School Cafeteria. Learn more about our faith-based investments at our upcoming Financial Seminar and Social. Call Our Knights of Nativity Advisor, Worthy Past Grand Knight, Carlos Perez at 1-866-868-1492 if you have any questions about the event. **All parishioners are invited to attend & learn how Catholics now have an opportunity to work with Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors (KoCAA) through one of our Financial Advisors.*

29 September, Nativity Fall Festival, Set-up: Volunteer on linktree.

30 September, Nativity Fall Festival: Events & clean-up: Volunteer on linktree.

30 September, Soccer Challenge: Volunteer on linktree.

Mowing: A deceased Knights family needs your help taking care of the lawn this fall. Volunteer on linktree.

Food for Others: Volunteer drivers for food distribution 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 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." Email handyknightsofnativity@gmail.com.

The Fraternal Committee: Brothers helping brothers in need of assistance: Brothers and the families of living and deceased brothers in need of a helping hand, contact Br. John Landy at navyy8@yahoo.com or 703-250-1492.

3rd Degree Knights - Grow with 4th Degree - participate in patriotic activities that promote Catholic citizenship. 4th Degree Assembly meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Nativity school cafeteria: 7:30 pm rosary, 7:45 pm business meeting followed by fellowship. If you are interested, please contact our Faithful Navigator Vince Augelli at fn2996@vakofc.org.



33 Days to Morning Glory

A Do-It-Yourself Retreat in Preparation for Marian Consecration written by Fr. Gaitley. Fr. Gaitley is truly an inspiring writer who offers us an updated version of spiritual readings and prayerful pondering inspired by St Louis de Montfort.

Here is what people have said about the 33 Days to Morning Glory program. "Fr. Gaitley lays it all out for us and unpacks how we work to become a saint" and "Consecration to Mary was a doorway to other things. . . I received the grace of trust and how I handle day to day life is now different." We are offering this program with a weekly small group discussion during the month of October. Each person buys their own book and has a daily reading. On Wednesday evenings 7:45 to 9:00 PM, we meet via Zoom for 6 meetings. We look forward to having you, beginning Sept. 27th. Register on the Nativity website: nativityburke.org/33-days/#register or contact Jim Housel, 33dayconsecration@nativityburke.org.

RETREAT FOR PERSONS FACING SERIOUS ILLNESS

October 6 -8 2023

San Damiano Retreat Center
White Post, VA

NO COST TO PARTICIPATE

This retreat is appropriate for

- Individuals facing serious illness and their caregiver
- Men and Women

We are unable to accommodate individuals who are dealing with

- Serious Mental Illness
- Impaired Memory

No smoking or vaping on premises

SPACE IS LIMITED!

Register August 15 thru September 15

This retreat offers a unique opportunity for persons who face serious physical illness to participate in a weekend retreat of spiritual renewal and refreshment.

Be comforted, inspired, and renewed by God's great love for you through prayer, worship, talks, breakout session and reflection time, led by our team of priests, doctors, nurses and caring volunteers. Spiritual Direction provided by Father Bob Ciliniski.

Space is limited! Registration closes September 15. Contact retreat@ccda.net or call (703) 841-3830. Provide your contact info and a member of the nursing team will contact you for an intake interview.

Love working with children? Want flexibility? Consider subbing for us...

We are in need of substitute teachers for the new school year with the following minimum qualifications:

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



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

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Give a child the gift of a Catholic education and receive most of your donation back in federal and state tax savings!

The Virginia Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credit Program will award a 65% state tax credit for donations made to the Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation, which will, in turn, provide scholarships for new students wishing to attend our diocesan Catholic Schools. You do not have to itemize in order to receive the 65% tax credit! Donations must be preauthorized in advance. Please call Jeanne Combos at 703-841-2764 (or email at DASF@arlingtondiocese.org) or go online for more details and to download the preauthorization request form at:

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Scholarship-Foundation/>

Catholic Investments for Catholic Families

Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors' advisory services



Learn more about our faith-based investments at our upcoming Financial Seminar and Social.

September 26, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Nativity Catholic School Cafeteria
6398 Nativity Lane, Burke VA 22015



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National Shrine Grotto
of Our Lady of Lourdes

PILGRIMAGE

to Emmitsburg, MD

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

National Shrine of
Elizabeth Ann Seton



NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

FALL FESTIVAL

Volunteers Needed!!

SIGNUP USING THE QR CODE



WE NEED YOUR HELP ON SEPT 30, 2023 FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- CAKE DONATIONS FOR CAKE WALK
- GAMES
- TICKET SALES
- PUMPKIN DECORATING AND MORE!

SIGN UP OR CONTACT
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The Associates of St. John Bosco invites you to the 7th Annual Bosco Benefit on Thursday, October 5, 2023. Join in an evening of good food, fellowship, and giving in support of the programs of the Associates of St. John Bosco, whose mission it is to help college students to keep their Catholic faith during college.

Keynote speaker is Sr. Deirdre Byrne, a sister, surgeon, and retired US Army Colonel. For ticket and sponsorship information, please visit: www.asjb.org/boscobenefit.



Prepare and vote: Read bishops' letter and other VCC resources

In the coming weeks and months, voters will elect members to all 140 seats in the Virginia General Assembly, as well as other offices in some localities. Much is at stake!

Early voting begins September 22. Election Day is November 7. New General Assembly maps are in effect for this year's elections. To help you prepare, please visit our Election Resource hub. There you can view, download and print the following materials, three of which are newly released and one of which is re-issued:

- A pre-election letter from Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Knestout
- A Register to Vote flyer explaining how to register, eligibility and key dates
- A New Political Maps flyer to help you find your new districts and the candidates
- A re-issued Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching resource.

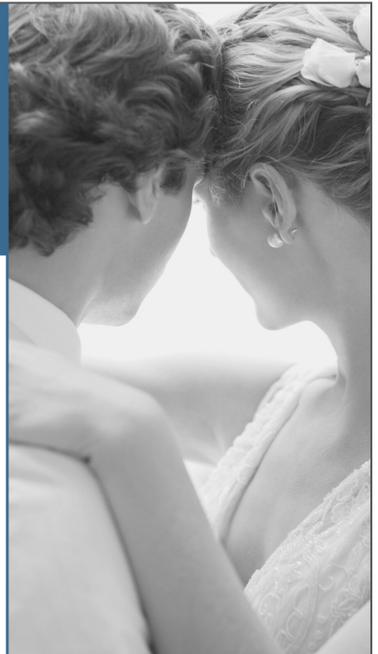
Please review these materials. Share them with family and friends too, and remind them to pray, form their consciences and vote!

For more information visit: vacatholic.org

Do you need a ride to a medical appointment or to go grocery shopping and are unable to drive? The Shepherd's Center–Fairfax Burke provides these services. Feel free to contact the Shepherd's Center Fairfax Burke at 703-323-4788 for information.

Help Transform Lives by Donating Your Car

Help transform the lives of the poor and vulnerable by donating your used car, truck, motorcycle, RV, or boat, to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. Your donation is tax deductible while supporting a cause that is near and dear to your heart. We'll arrange for the pickup of your vehicle donation at no cost to you. Please call 877-570-GIVE (4483) or visit <https://ccda.careasy.org/home> to complete our easy online form.



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- Date Nights*
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- Monthly Flock Note*
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- Events and Fellowship*
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- Marriage Enrichment Programs*
- Prayers*
- Resources and Support*

The Joy of Love and Marriage

The Marriage Enrichment Ministry strengthens marriages in the Church and provides support to all couples called to the holy vocation of marriage.

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

Preventing Homelessness in Fairfax County....

Family PASS provides intensive case management to address the underlying challenges that lead to homelessness: wage disparity and lack of affordable housing in Fairfax County. Our clients are working families who struggle to keep a roof over their heads due to low wages and high housing costs. As needed, we provide emergency rental assistance to avoid eviction, and then work with families to develop educational/career goals that would lead to a living wage. We also work with clients on the following: budget counseling and connecting them to community resources, assist with educational expenses, including tuition, books, technology, etc. assist with utilities, childcare, transportation, and some debt reduction, as it relates to families being able to work, achieving their goals, and stabilizing their family.

To learn more or to donate, visit our website www.familypassfairfax.org

Mass for Marriage Jubilarians



Married in 1998 or 1973?

Join us for the annual Mass for couples celebrating silver (25 year) or golden (50 year) anniversaries!



Sunday October 15, 2023
St. Agnes Catholic Church | 3:00 pm
1910 N. Randolph St., Arlington, VA

The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington | Principal Celebrant and Homilist



Catholic Diocese of Arlington | Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life
703-841-2550 | FamilyLife@arlingtondiocese.org



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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.

Important Upcoming Dates

Friday, September 15 - Panera Fundraiser Night - 4-8

Friday, September 15 - Grandparents' Day

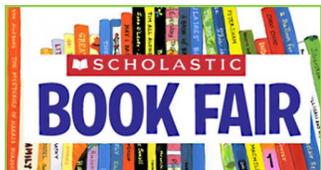
Tuesday, September 19 - Eighth Grade Retreat

Friday, Sept. 22 - PTO Family Game Night - 6-8:30

Tuesday, Sept. 26 - Homework Assistance Begins

Monday, October 2 - 7th Grade Fellowship

Book Fair Just Around the Corner!



Sunday, Sept. 10 thru Friday, Sept. 15 - Book Fair!

Join us at Nativity to see how your child would spend his/her days here -- learning, praying, sharing, loving, and laughing. We may be just the school for which you've been searching!

Yes, Catholic education is worth the investment!

Nativity Catholic School is committed to making Catholic education accessible to those who desire it, and offers financial assistance to make their dream come true.

Contact Mrs. Shannon Murphy, our Registrar, for more information, at (703) 455-2300 and/or smurph@nativityschool.org.

PW Catholic Business Network – September Meeting
The Prince William Chapter of the Catholic Business Network of Northern Virginia invites YOU to our next event on Wednesday, September 20, from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM at the Benedictine Monastery (9535 Linton Hall Road, Bristow). Join us in this beautiful new meeting space for a timely presentation on human trafficking by Bill Wolf, who has dedicated his personal and professional life to combatting human trafficking – most notably recognized by receiving the Presidential Medal for Extraordinary Efforts to Combat Trafficking in Persons. Light refreshments provided. Members: \$25 / Non-members, door, or less than 48 hours before the event: \$35. Register today through the PW-CBN website at: <https://cbnova.org/event-5382582>.



Join the Knights!
Do you want to make a difference as a Catholic Gentleman? Then join the Knights of Columbus! Visit <https://info.kofc.org/us.html> and enter our council #7992 for local information and to register.

YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFE TEEN: GRADES 9-12
Sundays | 6:30-8:30pm



DINNER - FELLOWSHIP - PRAYER & FORMATION

EDGE: GRADES 6-8
Alternating Sundays | 3:30-5:00pm
& Fridays | 7:00-8:30 pm
See website for schedule



HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS
Build meaningful relationships with your peers & deepen your prayer life

GIRLS: Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00pm, weekly, beginning September 12

GUYS: Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm, 2x/month, September 14 & 28

Please register for the 2023-2024 year of ministry using our free, online forms.

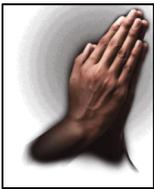
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YOUTH SOCCER CHALLENGE:

THE NATIVITY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL WILL HOLD THIS YEAR'S SOCCER CHALLENGE COMPETITION AT THE FALL FESTIVAL, ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, FROM 11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM ON THE FIELD BEHIND THE SCHOOL. ALL YOUTH, BOYS AND GIRLS, AGED 9 THROUGH 14 ARE INVITED TO COMPETE.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT DAVE ZIVICH AT DAVEZIVICH@GMAIL.COM. TO VOLUNTEER AS A SOCCER CHALLENGE SCORER OR JUDGE SIGN UP AT: [HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/30E0D4EACAC29A2F58-SOCCER1#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4EACAC29A2F58-SOCCER1#)

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.

NATIVITY - BAPTISM PROCEDURES

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

TO SCHEDULE A BAPTISM

Step 1: Paperwork

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

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

Please bring the following to the Parish Office:

1. Copy of child’s Birth Certificate
2. A certificate of eligibility for your Catholic godparents. Please review our Godparent Requirements. Godparents who are registered members of Nativity DO NOT need to provide a certificate.
3. Completed Baptism Application.

Scheduling the date of the Baptism will take place ONLY after these items are received.

Step 2: Preparation for New Parents

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

Step 3: Nativity Schedules the Baptism Date

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

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

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CONTACT: John French • john.french@arlingtondiocese.org

To make a gift online:
https://arlingtondiocese.org/Donate_SEEF

Mission Trip for Young Adults

The Diocese of Arlington Young Adult Ministry is partnering with Commissioned by Christ to offer a Mission Trip for Young Adults to Piura, Peru. It is often by being sent on Christian service that a person's faith life becomes a much more tangible and important part of who they are. Join other young adults from around the diocese February 28 - March 2, 2024 on a transforming journey serving the Catholic mission parish Santísimo Sacramento. For more information and to sign up, visit the website at www.arlingtondiocese.org/young-adult-ministry/mission-trip-for-young-adults/.

NEED TO TALK?

Catholic Charities provides quality mental health services & counselors grounded in a Catholic understanding of the human person. “Nativity’s Counselor” Ms. Marguerite Turner, MS, LPC is back at Nativity counseling clients in-person and is available on Thursdays from 10:00am-6:00pm to talk with any parishioners who may be struggling. To set up an appointment, please contact Marguerite at 703-454-2415 or mmturner@ccda.net.





LIFE-GIVING *Wounds*[®]

Adult Children of Divorce Mini-Retreat with Art Bennett

Mass and the retreat is in the church.



Nativity Catholic Church
6400 Nativity Lane
Burke, VA 22015



Saturday, October 28th
9 AM Mass
9:35 AM Refreshments
10:00 AM- Noon Retreat

Register at:

[https://nativityburke.org/category/
upcoming-events/](https://nativityburke.org/category/upcoming-events/)

Come and join us!



BIOETHICS SEMINARS FOR ADULTS

WITH SR. MALIA GRACE REED, O.P.

hosted by SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Tuesdays at 7:00pm



REGISTER HERE!

- September 12, 2023 ... What is Truth?
- September 19, 2023 ... The Dignity of the Human Person
- September 26, 2023 ... From Love to Desire to Joy
- October 3, 2023 ... The Rational Powers of the Human Soul
- October 10, 2023 ... The Nature of Human Love
- October 17, 2023 ... Marriage & Human Sexuality



Sister Malia Grace Reed, O.P., is the chair of the Bioethics Department at John Paul. Sister Malia Grace has been a Dominican Sister of St. Cecilia (also known as the “Nashville Dominicans”) for 13 years and a member of the John Paul faculty for 8 years. She has a background in philosophy through her studies as a Dominican and under the mentorship of Sister Terese Auer, O.P., the author of John Paul’s four-year Bioethics Curriculum.



Free Admission • 17700 Dominican Dr., Potomac Shores, VA 22026 • St. Thomas Aquinas Hall (downstairs)



You can designate Nativity Church or Nativity School as the beneficiaries of your Amazon Smile! You can choose Nativity by going to: **YOUR ACCOUNT, YOUR AMAZON SMILE and designating Nativity.** Amazon then contributes a small percentage of each purchase to Nativity. For questions, please contact Ann Benson at: 703 455 2400. Thank you!

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.

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 Baptismal Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flower Book is open with several dates still available. 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 now also go online and reserve flowers on our website at: <https://nativityburke.org/altar-flowers/>.

BIBLE STUDIES AT NATIVITY PARISH (1/23)



Tuesday morning Bible Study: We meet from 10am to 11:30 am in Fr Ready room. This year we are looking at the Gospel and readings for Sunday, seeking to find within something which touches our lives and /or the world around us. Contact Miya Johnson miyajohnson@verizon.net

Tuesday evening Young Adult Bible Studies: 6 weeks in small groups. At different times throughout the year, we offer 6-week long Bible studies where we'll encounter Jesus through the Gospels. We read three chapters of Scripture each week and come together to talk about it. You can register to do this either over Zoom or at a local coffee shop or restaurant, each group meeting at different dates and times. Register for the next Lent session beginning the week of February 26 at <https://nativityburke.org/ya-bible-study/> Contact Alison Fram afam@nativityburke.org

Wednesday morning and evening. Walking With Purpose: Meeting in person. Walking with Purpose is a study program that aims to help bring women closer to Christ through Scripture. Meets weekly in person on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Register at <https://nativityburke.org/www/> OR Contact Erin Barrett wwpnativity@gmail.com

Thursday evening Bible Study: Meeting in person/virtually. We just finished our study of the Catholic Epistles, James, 1 & 2 Peter, Jude, 1, 2 & 3 John, very short epistles sent out to the universal Church. We will next look at how the books in the bible were selected. Meets each Thursday from 7:30 – 9:00pm in person in the school's Art Room and virtually. Contact Deacon Dick Kelly Deaconrfk@aol.com

Friday morning Women's Bible Study. Meetings are Friday Mornings from 9:30-11:30 AM. We are currently studying Hebrews through February 10th. Our last two studies will be on Christ's Passion (Feb 24-Mar 31) and the Sermon on the Mount (Apr 14-May 5). We are operating with a hybrid format of in-person and Zoom meetings. Register for the next session at <https://nativityburke.org/womens-bible-study-registration/> Contact Camille Pryor at wbs@nativityburke.org

Viernes por la noche Estudio Bíblico: El estudio bíblico en español "Little Rock" es un programa que ayudara a aumentar tu fe. Este ministerio está en nuestra parroquia de Natividad desde 2014, alentando a los fieles a tener una mejor visión de la Iglesia Católica y crear en ellos un interés mas profundo en las sagradas Escrituras. Horario: Viernes de 7:00-9:00 pm. Desde Septiembre 24, 2021 a Junio 3, 2022. Lugar: Salón Fr. Ready. Este ciclo estaremos estudiando: El evangelio según San Juan y las Cartas. Contactarse Elba Pfeifer elbitabonita@aol.com

Saturday morning That Man Is You: Meeting in person. A men's program that combines Scripture with the best research from science in an engaging interactive program that addresses the pressures and temptations facing Catholic men in our modern culture. Meets each Saturday 6:50 - 8:00 am in the Fr Ready room. Contact Tim Yeager yeagertd@verizon.net or Bob Sands bob@sandmark.net.

Saturday morning Men's Prayer and Reflection Group: Meeting virtually/in person. Men of all ages – Join us in reading and reflecting on Sunday scriptures and discussing how it relates to our lives and helps us become better Catholic husbands, dads, family members and friends. We meet Saturdays from 8:00 – 9:00 am virtually and in-person in the Training/Cry Room at the back of church. Drop-ins are always welcome! Contact Rick Loffredo rlickloffredo@outlook.com.



Fall 2023 Newsletter



WELCOME BACK TO FALL ADVENTURES IN LEARNING (AIL)

The Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke is very happy to **welcome you back** to our four-week Fall session on Wednesday, September 6, 13, 20 and 27. The AIL Planning Committee has lined up a diverse and interesting group of speakers and topics.

Please join us every Wednesday afternoon in September. **Coffee and tea will be ready and waiting! One registration fee of \$20 will be collected at the door. This covers everything at all four sessions.**

SCHEDULE INFORMATION

Dates: Wednesday September 6 to Wednesday September 27

New Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 8922 Little River Turnpike

Time: Doors open at 1:00. See detailed schedule below.

1:30 - Speaker Presentation and time for Questions

3:00 – Varied Small Groups, including Book Club led by Kim Moden

PROGRAM SPEAKERS (sequence of speakers subject to possible change)

September 6 – Fraud Prevention –Fairfax Police Detective Becker

September 13 – Older Drivers Start your Engines – Mike Perel, NHTSA (Ret)

September 20 – Washington Trolley Story – Larry Velte, Museum Volunteer

September 27 – German Prisoner of War in America: My Father's Story – Helga Warren, Author and Ann Shields, Researcher

SHEPHERD'S CENTER OF FAIRFAX-BURKE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

For us to meet our vision of providing seniors with transportation to Medical appointments and other trips of necessity, we need DRIVERS! If you feel this would be something you would be interested in volunteering for please call 703-323-4788, or visit our Web Site www.scfbva.org.

We are also eager to welcome new riders. If you or someone you know are in need of our service, please use the same contact information to sign up.

REFORM

An Invitation to *Christ-Centered Wellness*



THE BASILICA OF ST. MARY • ALEXANDRIA, VA
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14
FRIDAY 7-8:30 PM • SATURDAY 8:30AM-1PM

Retreat led by Reform Wellness

Schedule

Friday, October 13

7:00 pm | Welcome and Holy Hour

7:30 pm | Conference #1

8:30 pm | Benediction

Saturday, October 14

8:30 am | Holy Mass

10:00 am | Conference #2

11:30 am | Conference #3

12:30 pm | Fellowship



JACKIE MULLIGAN
Chief Eucharistic Officer



DR. BRIDGET VANDER WOUDE
Chief Wellness Officer



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[REFORMWELLNESS.CO/EVENTS](https://reformwellness.co/events)





Take aim at holiness

Quo Vadis Paintball Challenge

Saturday October 28, 2023

8:15am - 2:00pm

Corpus Christ Parish/Pev's Paintball/Aldie, VA
Mass, Paintball, Lunch with priests &
seminarians. Dads welcome.

Cost: \$50, includes gear and ammo.

Aid available. Register by Oct. 13.

www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis



HELP LOW INCOME STUDENTS RECEIVE A CATHOLIC EDUCATION

*and receive most of your donation back through tax savings!
(without having to itemize)*



The Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation (DASF) is part of the Virginia Education Improvement Scholarship Tax Credit Program which provides scholarships to low income students new to a Diocese of Arlington Catholic school.

- Donors receive 65% of their approved donation in Virginia tax credits
- Donors do not have to itemize to use the tax credit
- Donors who itemize also receive a partial Virginia tax deduction and a partial federal tax deduction
- Donating appreciated stock also avoids capital gains taxes

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Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday September 10

Ezra 33:7-9
Ps 95:1-2,6-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

Monday September 11

Colossians 1:24-2:3
Ps 62:6-7,9
Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday September 12

Colossians 2:6-15
Ps 145:1b-2,8-11
Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday September 13 St. John Chrysostom, Bp, Dr

Colossians 3:1-11
Ps 145:2-3,10-13b
Luke 6:20-26

Thursday September 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4b-9
Ps 78:1b-2,34-38
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

Friday September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Timothy 1:1-2,12-14
Ps 16:1b-2a,5,7-8,11
John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

Saturday September 16 St. Cornelius, Pope and St. Cyprian, Bishop

1 Timothy 1:15-17
Ps 113:1b-7
Luke 6:43-49

This Sunday's readings all speak of the need to stand up for what is holy and right and true in a way that invites others to turn away from sin. If we don't, we indirectly play a part in the sins he or she commits, and we will be held accountable (see the first reading).

If we do take a stand against sin but without compassion and mercy and unconditional love, that, too, is a sin (the second reading).

Jesus shows us in the Gospel reading that in our efforts to stop a fellow Christian from sinning, it's important to rely on our Christian community for advocacy and prayer support. How?

First, we speak to the sinner. When we know that someone is harming himself and others (all sins are harmful even when we can't see the harm), if we don't try to impart this knowledge to him or her at least once, our silence is unloving and uncaring.

Once we've shared the truth, even if the sinner does not change, we're free of any guilt. But we must not stop trying, and so we take one or two others with us in a

stronger effort to help the sinner understand and repent.

And if that fails, we try again with still more backing.



When every attempt to help someone has failed, only then do we quit. In reality, it's not us who's walking away. The sinner is the one who has chosen the path of separation. However, remember how Jesus treated the Gentiles and tax collectors (i.e., the outsiders, the separated ones): He never stopped loving them. He still chose to die for them.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Whose sins have greatly disturbed you lately?
- † What have you done about it? How loving and caring have you been while handling it?
- † What bothers you about the way some people have pointed out your sins or the sins of others? How could they have been more compassionate?
- † Share the story of a time when someone successfully led another into repentance and growth. Explain why the effort was effective.

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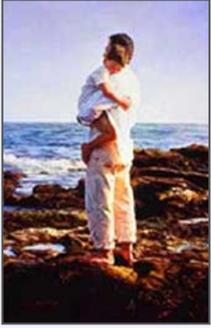
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Todos, en muchos aspectos, tenemos un ideal. Todos, en algún momento de nuestra vida, hemos anhelado llegar a metas altas. Todos, en algún instante, hemos intentado buscar la perfección y escapar de la mediocridad o de las cosas dejadas a medias.

Y, en todo ello; en los ideales, metas y búsqueda de la perfección, nos hemos dado cuenta que no siempre hemos estado a la altura y que, para llegar hasta el final, hemos tenido que corregir aquello que no era bueno para lograr nuestros propósitos. ¿O no?

-¿Sirve de algo iniciar un viaje sabiendo que, en el bolsillo, no tenemos lo suficiente para hacer frente a los gastos?

- ¿Es bueno, para nosotros y para los que nos rodean, encerrarnos en nuestros defectos y presumir de lo que sabemos son en el fondo errores?

- ¿Por qué, con frecuencia, pensamos que la conversión o el cambio lo tienen que realizar los demás y no en nuestra vida?

Jesús, en el evangelio de este domingo, nos ofrece unas pistas que son muy dignas de ser tenidas en cuenta:

Primero: la corrección fraterna no significa el modelar las personas a nuestro antojo. Cuántas veces nos creemos con derecho a apuntar las debilidades de los demás y a ocultar las nuestras. El Señor nos indica el camino y el sentido auténtico de la corrección fraterna: buscar que nuestros hermanos estén en comunión con Dios.

Segundo: nuestro objetivo, como cristianos, no es juzgar ni pregonar desde la azotea de nuestras palabras, posición o privilegios, las actitudes o vida de los demás. Nuestra oración, nuestra misión o nuestro reto debe ser precisamente el que los demás encuentren la verdad de Dios.

Tercero: aquello de “*a mí plin*” no es bueno ni característico de una vida cristiana. Los problemas de los demás, aunque nos parezca una intromisión, deben de ser también los nuestros. No podemos vivir indiferentes al sufrimiento de los que nos rodean. Ser cristiano es compartir la alegría y la tristeza, el gozo y el llanto, el éxito y el fracaso con todos.

Cuesta, y mucho, corregir y ser corregido. Corregir; porque siempre hay riesgo de perder amigos y de ser subjetivo o dejarnos seducir o condicionar por nuestras ideas, ideologías o preferencias. Cuesta, y mucho, ser corregido; entre otras cosas porque el nivel de nuestra fe no siempre está suficiente cultivado como para afrontar o acoger una dinámica de este tipo.

Sólo, desde la lectura de la Palabra de Dios, desde el amor a Cristo, desde el deseo de encontrarnos con El es cuando, la corrección fraterna, es entendida como un camino que nos abre las puertas hacia el encuentro personal y auténtico con Jesús y a una mejora en nuestra relación con los demás.

Vivimos en una sociedad donde, los defectos y los fallos de la Iglesia, son aireados no como llamada al cambio o la reflexión sino como destrucción. También, a nuestro alrededor, con nuestra forma de enjuiciar situaciones y personas, podemos caer en la misma tentación: querer someter todo aquello que no nos agrada. Y eso, amigos, no es corrección amigable, fraterna o cristiana, sino todo lo contrario: aniquilación del adversario.

Pidamos, desde la fuerza que nos da la oración, que seamos capaces de discernir nuestra propia vida, de fomentar comunidades cristianas más auténticas y de que, nuestra maduración en la fe vaya creciendo de tal manera, que gustemos y acojamos la corrección como un camino hacia la perfección humana, comunitaria y personal.

HAZLO CON AMOR

Si tengo defectos y dificultan mi camino

ayúdame a superarlos...pero con amor

Si avanzo en la dirección equivocada

indícame el camino verdadero...pero con amor

Si hay algo que de mí no te gusta y te hiere

házme saber...pero con amor

Si mi vida se dispara hacia un túnel sin salida

advértemelo...pero con amor

Si soy egoísta o vanidoso

si la envidia no me deja ser feliz

si tengo mil vicios o caídas

dímelo...pero con amor

Si no soy como no tengo que ser,

no pretendas que sea como tú,

pero si tú vives en la verdad y yo en la mentira

dime cómo se sale de ella...pero con amor

Si me falta corazón y caridad

reza por mí...pero hazlo con amor

Si estoy mal conmigo mismo y con los demás

si me encuentro agarrotado por la soberbia

si hace tiempo que perdí el norte de mi existir

mírame a los ojos...pero hazlo con amor

Si pensamos de forma diferente

si crees que podemos caminar juntos

si todavía confías en mí

lo intentemos de nuevo...pero con amor

Pero una cosa te digo:

Si piensas que, sólo soy yo, el que fallo

Si crees que, soy sólo yo, el falto de caridad

Si crees que tú eres el santo, el bueno y el sabio

no me digas entonces nada...

Porque es cuando me daré cuenta

que tú tampoco dejas actuar a Dios.

Dime lo que quieras...

pero eso sí...hazlo con amor

Amén

Javier Leoz



Todos somos pecadores... pero no corruptos Homilía del 11 noviembre 2013

Por: SS Francisco | Fuente: Catholic.net

Pecadores, sí. Corruptos, no

El que no se arrepiente y simula ser cristiano hace tanto mal a la Iglesia. Es cuanto afirmó el Papa Francisco en la Misa del lunes (11 de noviembre de 2013) celebrada en la capilla de la Casa de Santa Marta. El Papa reafirmó que todos debemos decirnos "pecadores", pero debemos estar atentos a no convertirnos en "corruptos". Quien es benefactor de la Iglesia pero roba al Estado, añadió Francisco, es un injusto que conduce una doble vida.

Jesús no se cansa de perdonar y nos aconseja que hagamos lo mismo. El Papa se detuvo en su homilía sobre la exhortación del Señor a perdonar al hermano arrepentido, del que habla el Evangelio. Cuando Jesús pide que se perdona siete veces al día, observó el Obispo de Roma, "hace un retrato de sí mismo". Jesús, prosiguió, "perdona" pero en este pasaje evangélico también dice: "Atención a quien causa escándalos". No habla de pecado, sino de escándalo, que es otra cosa. Y añade que "es mejor para él que se le ponga una piedra de molino al cuello y se lo arroje al mar, antes de que escandalice a uno de estos pequeños". De ahí que el Papa se preguntara qué diferencia hay entre "pecar y escandalizar":

"La diferencia es que quien peca y se arrepiente, pide perdón, se siente débil, se siente hijo de Dios, se humilla, y pide precisamente la salvación de Jesús. Pero de aquel otro que escandaliza, ¿qué cosa escandaliza? Que no se arrepiente. Sigue pecando, pero finge ser cristiano: la doble vida. Y la doble vida de un cristiano hace tanto mal, tanto mal. '¡Pero, yo soy un benefactor de la Iglesia! Meto la mano en el bolsillo y doy a la Iglesia'. Pero con la otra mano, roba: al Estado, a los pobres... roba. Es un injusto. Ésta es doble vida. Y esto merece – lo dice Jesús, no lo digo yo – que le pongan en el cuello una muela de molino y sea arrojado al mar. No habla de perdón, aquí".

Y esto, subrayó el Pontífice, porque "esta persona engaña", y "donde está el engaño, no está el Espíritu de Dios. Ésta es la diferencia entre pecador y corrupto". Quien "conduce una doble vida – dijo – es un corrupto". Diverso es quien "peca y quisiera no pecar, pero es débil" y "va a lo del Señor" y pide perdón: "¡a ese el Señor lo quiere! Lo acompaña, y está con él":

"Y nosotros debemos decirnos pecadores, sí, ¡todos, aquí, eh!, todos lo somos. Corruptos, no. El corrupto está fijo en un estado de suficiencia, no sabe qué cosa es la humildad. Jesús, a estos corruptos, les decía: La belleza de ser sepulcros blanqueados, que parecen bellos, por afuera, pero dentro están llenos de huesos muertos y de putrefacción. Y un cristiano que se vanagloria de ser cristiano, pero que no hace vida de cristiano, es uno de estos corruptos. [...] Todos conocemos a alguien que está en esta situación, ¡y cuánto mal hacen a la Iglesia! Porque no viven en el espíritu del Evangelio, sino en el espíritu de la mundanidad".

El Santo Padre recordó que San Pablo lo dice claramente en su Carta a los cristianos de Roma: "No se uniformen a este mundo". Es más, precisó, el "texto original es más fuerte" porque afirma que no hay que "entrar en los esquemas de este mundo, en los parámetros de este mundo". Esquemas, reafirmó, que "son esta mundanidad que te lleva a la doble vida":

"Una podredumbre barnizada: ésta es la vida del corrupto. Y Jesús no les decía sencillamente "pecadores" a estos, les decía: "hipócritas". Y qué bello, aquel otro, ¿no? Si cometiera una culpa siete veces al día contra ti y siete veces viniera a ti diciendo: "Estoy arrepentido, soy pecador", tu lo perdonarás. Es lo que Él hace con los pecadores. Él no se cansa de perdonar, sólo con la condición de no querer hacer esta doble vida, de ir a Él arrepentidos: "¡Perdóname, Señor, soy pecador!". 'Pero, vas adelante, vas adelante: yo lo sé'. Y así es el Señor. Pidamos hoy la gracia al Espíritu Santo que huye de todo engaño, pidamos la gracia de reconocernos pecadores: somos pecadores. Pecadores, sí. Corruptos, no".





What else did Jesus say?

Unscramble the letters and write the words on the correct lines.

- 1. ereht
- 2. reegttoh
- 3. heerw
- 4. wot
- 5. temh
- 6. mean
- 7. emoc
- 8. heter

Jesus said, "For _____
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What do you do if they refuse to listen?

Each app symbol represents two missing letters. Use the code to fill in the blanks.



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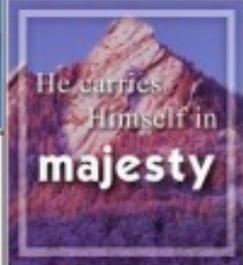


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