

God Bless

Our Grandparents



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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. Monday, Tuesday and
Thursday and 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.

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I believe that
God sent us
Grandparents
As our legacy
from above,
To share the
moments of
our life,
As extra
measures of
His love.

-Author Unknown

A Message from our Pastor Msgr. Bob Cilinski



"Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him." - Matt 18:27

My dear parishioners,

It's all about forgiveness isn't it? That is the prevailing theme in our scripture readings today. We are urged to forgive so we will be granted forgiveness ourselves. In the gospel God forgives a large sum and wipes the slate clean. The man receiving this generosity of God then goes and slams in jail another man asking for time to pay back a very small amount. He is hard and unforgiving. Forgiveness of God is not earned... it is freely given as a gift of love.

The need to forgive is daunting. We know that it is easier said than done. We can become imprisoned by our anger and it can begin to rule our lives. Jesus is the GOOD NEWS and the theme of mercy and forgiveness leaps through all of Jesus' life.

Last Friday was the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and Pennsylvania. We reflect on that horrible day in American history and the grief that we felt. There was also great heroism and support of people of good will. Only prayer and dependence on God could heal the hurt and anger felt by so many people. The words of Jesus about forgiveness came close to home on that day. Forgiveness takes time. It is a process. I find the words of Jesus to be consoling and hopeful. We don't have to remain burdened by the chains of an unforgiving heart. Forgiveness is a way to be transformed by the love of God so that we can show that love to others. It is the only path to follow.

Our Parish Festival is coming up in just a few weeks. Mark Saturday, September 26 on your calendar to celebrate together. The festival features games, a food court, entertainment, beverages, and lots of fun. The Sisters are in charge of the weather. Can't wait! Have a great week, go Commanders!

Love and blessings,

Bob Cilinski

Msgr. Bob Cilinski,
Pastor



Monthly Sensory Mass: Sunday, September 13th at 1:00 pm

In an effort to embrace and welcome the neurodiverse members of our community, Nativity Catholic Church is hosting a monthly Sensory Mass on the second Sunday of every month at the 1:00 pm Mass. All are welcome to attend!

A special invitation is extended to any person in need of sensory accommodations. A sensory Mass requires a welcoming stigma-free environment and accommodations to help reduce over-stimulation and sensory overload. We also invite you to join us after the Sensory Mass for coffee, donuts, and fellowship in the cafeteria. If you would like to learn more about the Monthly Sensory Mass, please email Tracey Hulen, Disability Inclusion Coordinator at thulen@nativityburke.org.

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

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 6:00 pm on Thursday, October 1 - Monday, October 5 - Thursday, October 8.

One parent should attend the first training session if possible. No returning server workshop is scheduled at this time.



This weekend, our second collection supports the annual Mission Cooperative Plan Appeal for our diocese. Our parish mission organization is: Commission for Social Communications Society.

The motto of the Society is to be of service to all without distinction of caste, creed, race or social status in the sphere of Social Communications and without any profit motive whatsoever. This appeal helps our brothers and sisters who do not have access to basic pastoral services that support and grow their faith, like Mass, the sacraments, religious education as well as basic needs – like food, shelter, and healthcare.

You can support these organizations through this week's 2nd Collection. If donating by check, please make your check payable to our parish and put "MCP" in the memo line. Through your support, the MCP Appeal helps these mission organizations form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the global Church. Please be generous.

To say YES to the sanctity of life & the truth about marriage

CATHOLICS



NO

on

BALLOT QUESTIONS 1 & 2

CatholicsVoteNo.com

Early Voting begins September 18
Election Day November 3



CONGRATULATIONS
to Fr. Cedric Wilson on the
48th Anniversary of his Ordination
being celebrated on September 16th



Celebrating A Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary This Year?
If you were married in 1976 or 2001, please join Bishop Michael Burbidge for the 2026 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on:

**Sunday, October 18th at 2:30 p.m. at
the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, VA.
Visit your parish office to register no later than
October 2nd. For more information, visit
<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/marriagejubilee/>**

Retreat For Persons Facing Serious Illness

"God is with you. Be strong.
Do not be afraid." Joshua 1:9

Amid illness and uncertainty, God's love remains a steady source of comfort, strength, and renewal. You, and your caregiver, are invited to a peaceful weekend retreat filled with compassionate care, spiritual support, and gentle rest.

Through prayer, inspiring talks, group discussions, and quiet reflection, you'll encounter God's healing presence. A team of priests, medical professionals, and caring volunteers will accompany you, offering both spiritual and emotional support.

Diocesan priests will provide one-on-one spiritual direction, and therapeutic support will be available in a respectful, nurturing environment. Whether you seek peace, hope, or simply a place to rest in God's love – you are welcome here.

October 2 - 4, 2026

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 at retreat@ccda.net

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.



FALL FESTIVAL

Bring your family & friends and celebrate the season!

SEPTEMBER
26

11:00AM
TO
7:00 PM

NATIVITY
CATHOLIC CHURCH
6200 NATIVITY LANE
BURKE, VA



LIVE
MUSIC



PUMPKIN
ACTIVITIES



FALL
FOOD & TREATS



FAMILY
GAMES & CRAFTS

nativityburke.org/fall-festival

Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Knestout issued the following pre-election letter to the faithful of their dioceses.

This Election Season is Different

August 2026

In Virginia, every year is an election year. However, the contents on the ballot this fall are anything but ordinary. In the upcoming election (Sept. 18 – Nov. 3), the decisions we make will shape the future of our Commonwealth in unprecedented ways. In addition to a U.S. Senate race and local Congressional races, Virginia voters will decide three proposed constitutional amendments with far-reaching consequences.

Two of the proposed changes to Virginia's constitution – Ballot Question 1 (abortion) and Ballot Question 2 (marriage) – concern fundamental matters of right and wrong.

Ballot Question 1 would cement a so-called "fundamental right" to abortion into our state constitution – all the way up to birth and for "every individual," even children. It would endanger women's health and safety and even push parents out of life-changing and irreversible decisions for their minor daughters. It would shield "any individual" who assists in an abortion from legal consequences. When debating the language of the proposed constitutional amendment, legislators even rejected a proposal to require that any baby born alive after an attempted abortion would receive the same level of care and treatment as any other infant.

Ballot Question 1 is extreme, dangerous, radical and horrific.

Ballot Question 2 would remove the definition of marriage as the "union between one man and one woman" from our constitution, and would replace it with "any lawful marriage between two adult persons." We affirm the dignity of every person. We also proclaim the truth that marriage – created by God – is and will always be the union of a man and a woman. God's design for marriage – woven into the fabric of our being – was established before any nation, religion or law. We are called to honor and preserve it. The marital union – between a man and a woman who give themselves completely to each other – is a unique and irreplaceable bond that is the basis of the family and society.

God is the author of life and marriage. We must protect and preserve these extraordinary gifts from our Creator. As Catholics, we have a sacred duty to form our consciences prayerfully and correctly, and to vote NO on Ballot Question 1 and Ballot Question 2. Ballot Question 3 would restore voting rights to individuals who have completed their time of incarceration. This issue is a matter of prudential judgment upon which people of goodwill can disagree. Through the work of the Virginia Catholic Conference, we have consistently supported this measure and continue to do so. In your own assessment of this proposal, we invite you to consider the Church's teaching on participation in the common good, rehabilitation, restoration, mercy and second chances – as well as times when you have witnessed God's redemptive work in your own life and the lives around you.

More information on the three ballot measures can be found on the websites of the Virginia Catholic Conference and our two dioceses. Early voting begins September 18. Election Day is November 3.

As the Catechism reminds us, "It is necessary that all participate... in promoting the common good.... As far as possible, citizens should take an active part in public life" (nos. 1913-1915). Through conscience formation, prayer and fasting, may we as Virginia voters all prepare to cast votes that will honor the gift of life and Jesus who is "the way and the truth and the life" (John 14:6).

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington
Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout, Bishop of Richmond

Come as you are.
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Make authentic connections with other women | Learn more about God

Join us for **Keeping in Balance** where we'll explore Biblical ideas for managing life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness. Your lifestyle of health and holiness awaits.

Here, at Nativity Catholic Church | Wednesday's starting Sept. 23
9:30-11:30 AM (+ childcare)
CONNECT <https://nativityburke.org/www/>
Questions? Contact WWP at wwpnativity@gmail.com

Come as you are.
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Make authentic connections with other women
Refuel and refresh | Learn more about God

Spiritual Motherhood
The Transforming Power of the Feminine Genius Bible study will lead you on a journey of discovering your true identity. Cultivate your unique capacity to nurture, restore, and bring others closer to Christ.

Here, at Nativity Catholic Church | Wednesday's starting Sept. 23 7-9PM
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Attention Please!

MOST MASS INTENTIONS HAVE BEEN FILLED THROUGH THE END OF DECEMBER 2026

WE CURRENTLY DO NOT HAVE ANY MORE MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

THE MASS CALENDAR FOR 1 JANUARY, 2027 - 31 JUNE, 2027 WILL OPEN IN THE MIDDLE OF NOVEMBER 2026, PLEASE WATCH FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE BULLETIN OR ON OUR WEBSITE

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

Monday, September 14
7:30 am † Ann & Bill Moloney
12:00 pm Special Intention for Galileo & Melba Namata

Tuesday, September 15
7:30 am † Edith & Louis Kane
12:00 pm Special Intention for Connie Prescott

Wednesday, September 16
7:30 am † John Leslie Stone III
3:00 pm † James Martin Brady (*Burke Health*)

Thursday, September 17
7:30 am Special Intention for James Broderick
12:00 pm † Edna & James Broderick

Friday, September 18
7:30 am † The Depalma Family

Saturday, September 19
9:00 am † Myrna & Danilo U. Javier
5:00 pm † David J. Lynch
7:00 pm † Luis Moreno (*Spanish*)

Sunday, September 20
7:00 am † Costello & Yankosky Families
9:00 am † Girium Dagne
11:00 am † Babette Williams
1:00 pm Special Intention for Dandy & Ayma Ramboyong
5:30 pm † Patricia Lichter Rohrer

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

**NATIVITY ITALIAN HERITAGE & CULTURAL SOCIETY
SEPTEMBER KICK-OFF MEETING**

WE ARE KICKING OFF THIS YEAR'S FIRST PROGRAM WITH A SOCIAL GATHERING OF LAUGHTER, FRIENDSHIP AND AN ITALIAN TRIVIA CONTEST ON SEPTEMBER 24 IN THE NATIVITY SCHOOL CAFETERIA. COME AND TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF ITALIAN ART, CULTURE, HISTORY AND PERSONALITIES. WE WILL HAVE PRIZES FOR FIRST PLACE, SECOND AND THIRD PLACE. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 AT 7:00PM
PLACE: NATIVITY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

SOCIAL HOUR WITH WINE AND SNACKS WILL FOLLOW. IF YOU CAN, PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER OR DESSERT TO SHARE.

MEMBERS CAN RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIPS FOR \$25/FAMILY OR \$20/SINGLE. GUESTS CAN ATTEND FOR \$5.00. YOU DON'T NEED TO BE ITALIAN TO JOIN, JUST HAVE A LOVE FOR THE CULTURE AND HERITAGE!

Please join us...



11th Annual Mass Honoring Military and First Responders

*Sunday, September 13, 2026, 11:00 AM
St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
3700 Blenheim Blvd, Fairfax, VA 22030*

*Main Celebrant & Homilist:
Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge,
Bishop of Arlington*

For more details, contact us at
heroes.mass@gmail.com

Employment Opportunities in the Diocese

Find the perfect Opportunity at:
<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/human-resources/>

Nativity Catholic Church

Love to Sing?

The Traditional Choir is
seeking new members this fall!

- Choir sings at the 9:00 am Sunday Mass, Christmas Midnight Mass & Easter Vigil/9:00 Morning Mass
- Rehearses at 7:30 pm on Thursday evenings at the church throughout the school year
- Our repertoire spans a variety of music (Traditional, Classical, Gospel, Contemporary, Chant)
- ALL voices are needed (soprano, alto, tenor bass & high soprano)
- You must be able to match pitch or repeat/mimic musical phrase
- We welcome those over 18 years of age
- Opportunity to heighten spiritual experience, serve God and others, enhance Mass liturgy!

Contact Choir Director Mai Tran in person
after the 9:00 am Mass or at
maitran2020@yahoo.com if interested



**** CYO CHEER NATIVITY STARS ****

REGISTRATION

Registration opened September 9th!

All girls in grades 3-8 are welcome to register
Registration and Information:

<https://nativityburke.org/cyo-cheer/>

PRACTICES AND GAMES

Practices: Begin mid-late October
Cheer Events: December to March

VOLUNTEERS

Coaching and Schedule Coordinator volunteer roles available.
High School Student Volunteer roles available (cheer experience preferred); receive volunteer hours!

Information: <https://nativityburke.org/volunteer-coaches-needed/>

Please reach out if interested!

**FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT
CYOSPORTS@NATIVITYBURKE.ORG**

JOIN OUR YOUTH & CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Do you have a 7th-12th grade student interested in joining the Youth Choir? We will start our rehearsals again this September, but registration starts now! We will rehearse every other Monday evening from 7:00-8:30pm in the church.

No audition necessary! See the website or contact Sara Prince, sprince@nativityburke.org for more information.

Do you have a 3rd-6th grade who likes to sing? Sign up for Children's Choir! We will start our rehearsals this September, but registration starts now! We will rehearse every other Monday evening from 7:00-8:00pm in the church. See the website or contact Sara Prince, sprince@nativityburke.org for more information.

Jesus, who is Love, is the center of the Holy House of Nazareth.



He brought heaven into His home on earth. Take time to think about the hidden life of the Holy Family and learn how to bring the warmth of His Love into our homes. Join fellow parishioners on a 6-week small group, online retreat via Zoom from Sep. 29—Nov. 3, 2026, with a consecration to the Holy Family on Nov. 8.



Nativity Religious Education Program



Classes start Sept. 20th

"We need you! Please share your time and your heart with our children. Become a catechist and help us guide them closer to Jesus."

Scan the QR-Code to Sign-up!



WE NEED CATECHISTS FOR THE GRADES AND SESSIONS BELOW:

Session	Day	Primary Catechist (Grade)	Assistant Catechist (Grade)
1	Sundays 3:45pm-5:00pm	N/A	5
2	Sundays 7:00pm-8:15pm	K	K, 6, 8
3	Mondays 4:45pm-6:00pm	N/A	1
4	Mondays 7:00pm-8:15pm	N/A	N/A
5	Tuesdays 4:45pm-6:00pm	1	N/A
6	Tuesdays 7:00pm-8:15pm	N/A	7

VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS RECEIVE 50% TUITION DISCOUNT FOR A SCHOOL YEAR COMMITMENT

We also need office Volunteers for both Sunday Sessions



All volunteers working with children need to submit Diocesan paperwork for a background check and complete a Virtus training

nativity.ccd@nativityschool.org

'Come and See' - OCIA (formerly RCIA) the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith? Are you missing the Sacrament of the Eucharist or Confirmation?

Then we invite you to join Nativity's OCIA/Order of Christian Initiation of Adults journey of faith. The Welcome Class is on Monday, September 21, 2026, at 7:00 pm with our weekly Monday evening sessions from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Fr. Ready Room.

OCIA forms new disciples, as adults prepare to enter the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 28th, 2027, with reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and/or First Holy Communion.

Our Monday evening sessions continue weekly until just prior to Pentecost Sunday (April 26, 2027) 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.

OCIA 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 Parish Office at (703) 455-2400, or speak to Monsignor Bob Cilinski, or email Linda Loffredo at lindaloffredo@gmail.com. Visit our website <https://nativityburke.org/rcia/> for more information and online registration.

"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

COME JOIN THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY!

The Nativity Prayer Shawl Ministry is almost 18 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.

If you are in need of a prayer Shawl for yourself or others who are seriously ill, please visit the parish office to pick one up. 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. It is important to know that the shawls are just a tangible sign of the prayers of our parish for those in need!

The next Prayer Shawl meeting will be held on Monday morning, September 21st at 9:30 am in the Fr. Ready room. This ministry is open to all members of our community! For more information, please contact Bonnie Carpenter at: jim-bonnie@cox.net.



NATIVITY'S

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL 7992

Masquerade BALL

AN EVENING OF FUN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026
6:30 PM – 11:00 PM
NATIVITY PARISH ♦ BURKE, VA

Unmask the Fun!

- DELICIOUS DINNER
- DJ & DANCING
- OPEN-AIR PHOTO BOOTH
- BOURBON TASTING STATION
- SILENT AUCTION
- RAFFLE ITEMS

\$45
PER TICKET

Suggested Attire:
Appropriate and friendly costumes, coat and tie, cocktail attire, and business casual dress are all welcome.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

FAITH ♦ FAMILY ♦ COMMUNITY ♦ FUN



WORLD CLASS SPORTS

PRESENTS

NATIVITY SHOOTING STARS

PRESEASON CLINIC SERIES

LOOKING TO GET PREPARED FOR THIS UPCOMING BASKETBALL SEASON.

REGISTER NOW \$100 ALL CLINIC DATES	TUESDAY/THURSDAY: 9/29, 10/1 ★ ★ ★ TUESDAY/THURSDAY: 10/6, 10/8	3RD-5TH GRADE 6PM - 7PM ★ ★ ★ 6TH-8TH GRADE 7PM - 8PM
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SATURDAY:
 10/11, 8AM-5PM



SUNDAY:
 10/12, 1-5PM



EACH PLAYER WILL RECEIVE POSITION SPECIFIC WORKOUT PLAN

TELL A FRIEND
BRING A FRIEND!


NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
 6398 NATIVITY LN, BURKE, VA 22015

★ **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE 9/18** ★
 ★ **PRICE GOES TO \$125 AFTER DEADLINE** ★

REGISTER HERE:



Would you like to broaden your knowledge on the presence, power, and beauty of our Blessed Virgin Mary?

Come join us at our Legion of Mary meeting, held on Wednesdays, at 7:00 pm in the Teachers Lounge. Interested, contact: Kathryn Quan at jaynekathrynq1@yahoo.com.

Venerate the relics of St. Bernadette Soubirous at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, September 18-20.

In addition to the relics, visitors can touch a portion of the rock that makes up the Grotto where the Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858, wash with water from the spring, light a candle, and entrust your petitions to the intercession of St. Bernadette and Our Lady of Lourdes.

On Friday, September 18, Cardinal Robert McElroy, Archbishop of Washington, will celebrate the Opening Mass with the Relics at 12:10 pm. On Saturday, September 19, Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, will celebrate the 4:30 pm Mass, followed by a candlelit procession to pray the Rosary. On Sunday, September 20, Archbishop Gabriele Caccia, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, will celebrate the Closing Mass with the Relics at 12:00 noon. More information can be found at www.nationalshrine.org/events.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Mother of Mercy Clinics: A duty to serve the most vulnerable of God's people

"Catholic Charities Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinics, a fruit of the Year of Mercy, and named for the maternal care that is the Church, provides free health care services to adults from low income households with no or not enough health care insurance in Western Prince William County, Manassas City and Manassas Park.

"The Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington mission proclaims a "duty to serve the most vulnerable of God's people." Catholic Charities provides transformative services that offer hope and healing to those that operate in the peripheries of society – especially those in isolation and poverty.

"After an abortion clinic closed down, members of the community in Manassas bought the facility and approached Catholic Charities to see if it could offer a service of hope and transformation. Thus, Catholic Charities Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic emerged. Three years later, in 2021 in the midst of a global pandemic, a second clinic was opened in Woodbridge.

"The clinic does not charge clients receiving basic medical care they could not otherwise obtain. All of the doctors and nurses who work at the clinics will volunteer their time to provide this free medical care." Email freeclinic@ccda.net or call 703-335-2779 to donate time/treasure or to get questions answered. [Above text and image from <https://ccda.net/find-help/medical-mental-healthcare/free-medical-care/>]

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington (ccda.net)

Catholic Charities is the main arm for practical help, serving those in need in diocese.

Annual Retreat for People with Serious Illness and their Caregivers (retreat@ccda.net)

Medical & Mental Healthcare: Mother of Mercy Free Health Clinics (see above)

Senior Services: St. Martin de Porres Senior Center (Alexandria) offers exercise, social activities, health presentations, meals, and referrals for seniors 60+ (helps reduce caregiver burden through community support). ccda.net/find-help/senior-services/

Emergency Assistance & Other: Food, financial help, and referrals that can support caregivers (e.g., meals, housing aid). ccda.net/find-help/emergency-assistance/

Hospital Ministry: www.arlingtondiocese.org/assistance/ministries/hospital-ministry/

The Lamb Center: provides laundry, showers, hot meals, counseling, and financial assistance for poor and homeless.

<https://nativityburke.org/service/the-lamb-center/>

Tepeyac Pro-Life OB/GYN: Faith-based Pro-life OB/GYN restoring integrity of human person with modern medicine and healing of Christ. tepeyacobgyn.com, 703.273.9440.

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.



Topic: Faith Life



Breakfast and Childcare will be provided



Come connect, meet other families, and discover how we can grow together in faith, community, and friendship.

TRINITY HOUSE COMMUNITY GATHERING

When: September 12 | 9:30 am

Where: Nativity Cafeteria

RSVP

<https://bit.ly/4hlysh0>





Nativity Catholic Church New Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Join Our New Bible Study,
"Praying with Scripture Together: Heart & Liturgy" At

We are launching a new Bible Study on Tuesday mornings, focused on personal daily meditation and contemplation of the upcoming Sunday Gospel and reflection on the first and second readings. We will encounter our Lord Jesus through scripture, prayer, and community.
No matter where you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here!

Tuesdays | 10:00 am - 11:30 am | Starting September 15th
Fr. Ready Room (in-person and virtually during the winter)

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Bible study facilitator:
Tanya Quinonez at tanyaaglewings@hotmail.com
For more information contact:
Deacon Richard Kelly at deaconrfk@aol.com
Please register by September 8

Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge 2026

The Knights of Columbus (K of C) soccer challenge will be held Saturday, September 26th from 11:00am to 3:00pm at the Nativity Fall Festival. Youth ages 9 through 14 are invited to participate. Each player will be allowed 15 penalty kicks at the goal which will be divided into scoring zones. Highest score in each age group will be declared the champion and will be eligible to compete at the October K of C District competition. Questions, please contact Jim Batrla at jbat747@gmail.com. Council volunteers are needed to help run the soccer challenge. Volunteer at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4EACAC29A2F58-43421618-soccer>.



CYO BASKETBALL ** NATIVITY STARS **

REGISTRATION

Registration opened September 9th!
All boys and girls in grades 3-8 are welcome to register
Registration and Information:
<https://nativityburke.org/cyo-basketball/>

PRACTICES AND GAMES

Practices: Begin mid-late October
Games: December to March

VOLUNTEERS

Coaching volunteer roles available.
High School Student Volunteer roles available (basketball experience preferred); receive volunteer hours!
Information: <https://nativityburke.org/volunteer-coaches-needed/>. Please reach out if interested!

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT
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The Nativity Rosary Ministry was busy this summer!

Over 850 World Mission rosaries were made as part of the nationwide 75,000 rosary effort for Archbishop Sheen's Beautification ceremony this month. Just one example of the work our Nativity Rosary Ministry does. If you are looking for a new way to serve and deepen your commitment to the Blessed Mother, consider joining Nativity's Rosary Ministry. We will teach you how to make Mission Rosaries, rosary bracelets, one decade rosaries and more! All that is required is your time--all supplies are provided. We pray the rosary at each meeting and then teach anyone who wants to learn.

Our first kick-off meeting of the year will be on Sunday, September 27th from 2:00-3:30 pm in the Fr. Ready Room. We are saving a spot for you! For questions email rosaryministry@nativityburke.org.

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



A Message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry:

Creation Care invites you to earn FREE TICKETS at the Saturday, September 26 Fall Festival by bringing your reusable water bottle to one of two water-bottle stations for a refill! DID YOU KNOW?

1. Tap water is carefully regulated, treated, and monitored for safety. Bottled water is less stringently tested. Many bottled water brands (such as Dasani and Aquafina) are simply filtered tap water anyway.
2. Tap water is much more affordable, typically costing less than a penny per gallon (Fairfax Water rates are about \$0.004/gallon, less than half a penny), while bottled water can cost \$1-12 per gallon!
3. Bottled water is worse for the environment, requiring large amounts of plastic production, huge amounts of waste (to the tune of 50 billion bottles each year), additional energy and water to produce, and transportation costs for distribution.
4. The plastic in bottled water has been shown to shed microplastics into the water, which people then ingest, causing health concerns. It is exacerbated when the bottles get heated up (such as when you leave a case of bottled water in the trunk of your car).
5. This is the invitation of this year's Season of Creation: to let Living Water from the heart of Jesus flow through us and become a source of hope, peace and action in our communities. One action on our part's can be to better care for the vital resource of water on our planet.



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For details, visit the school website:

www.nativityschool.org/application-process/

or contact Shannon Murphy at (703) 455-2300

Students Discovering a Different View of Their World



Our Science Lab is one of our students' favorite places – especially when we use our microscopes! We're on a one-to-one student to microscope basis, but also want students to develop the skills to work together.

Dependent upon the specific Science Curriculum, a lesson can be taught in the Science Lab and the MakerSpace from once a week to once a month. Nativity Kindergarten students opened a window into the tiny universe of everyday things during an exploration into microscopy this past week, by closely examining a cleaning sponge, sunflower pollen, fish scales, a bug, and more! After rotating through 14 stations and discussing their results, students then drew freehand what they had observed on their favorite slide.

Love working with children? Want flexibility? Substitutes wanted!

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.



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Fr. Sikora Council 7992 Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
The 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.

Join the Knights! The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. Join today at <https://www.kofc.org/joinus>. As we continue to celebrate Blessed Michael J. McGivney's Beatification, please enter the Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY to join online for free. Please email our Deputy Grand Knight, Stephen Resch, at dgk7992@nativityburke.org or the Grand Knight, Vince Augelli at gk7992@nativityburke.org with any questions.

Volunteer for an event! Scroll down to view all events, https://linktr.ee/fr_sikora_council_7992.

Knights, are you receiving the Grand Knight Newsletter? If not, go to: <https://NativityBurke.flocknote.com/NativityKnights> to sign up.

13 SEPT: Corporate Communion 9:00 am Mass. This is a chance for brother Knights and their families to attend the 9:00 am Mass together as a group. Sit in the reserved rows at front. Wear your name tag! SUG available on the Linktree!

18 SEPT: Volunteer pitmaster grillers needed from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm for Priests BBQ in Nativity parking lot near Fr. Martin Center. SUG available on the Linktree!

24 SEPT: Our next exemplification for new knights begins at 7:00 pm. For more information, contact our Deputy Grand Knight, Steve Resch at dgk7992@nativityburke.org or the Grand Knight, Vince Augelli at gk7992@nativityburke.org.

25, 26 SEPT: Volunteers needed to help set-up, cook, and serve at Nativity's 2026 Fall Festival. Many opportunities available. SUG available on the Linktree!

4 OCT: Donut Sunday! Please volunteer to help set up, make and serve coffee and donuts for our fellow parishioners! Wear your name tag! SUG available on the Linktree!

24 OCT: Save the date for our Masquerade Ball! Plan to attend, plan to volunteer, or plan to do both! SUGs available on the Linktree for both ticket sales at masses prior to this event as well as for this event!

Food for Others: Volunteer for food distribution to the poor, delivered on designated Thursday or Friday evenings. For Thursdays, contact Br. Mark Sawyer at sawyerkc7992@verizon.net. For Fridays, contact Br. Matt Stockburger at mstock_w@yahoo.com. Deliver food from Giant to the FFO warehouse Tuesday mornings; contact Br. Bob Colella robert.coella.86@gmail.com.

Widow Support: **Updated** We need drivers to support rides to appointments. See SUG for details!

Prayer Requests: Prayer requests will stay active for one month. Prayer update (health, location, contact, etc.) status is deeply appreciated. Send an updated request for continued support. <https://forms.gle/LiPCRmzfzRnYEU8s5>

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

Nativity Ushers assist at collections: Volunteer for your Mass! Volunteer on LinkTree to maintain a database of potential helpers!

Sunday Mass Coffee and Cookies: We are providing coffee and cookies following Sunday morning Masses. See info on LinkTree.

Handy Knights Ministry: Parishioners unable to perform basic maintenance tasks or small home repairs due to health or other factors, contact the "Handy Knights." Email handyknightsfnativity@gmail.com.

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

We are currently looking for volunteer readers for the 1:00 PM Sunday Mass. If you are interested in serving, training will be provided! Please stop by the sacristy right after Mass today to speak with us, or send an email to Karla Camino at kcamin@nativityburke.org for more information.

DOMINGO 24 EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Enfasis Sugerido

"La ira y la rabia son cosas odiosas, y aun así el pecador se aferra a ellas con fuerza. ¿Es correcto que una persona alimente la ira en contra de los demás, y al mismo tiempo espere ser sanada por el Señor?"

Perspectiva Salesiana

¿Alguna vez han estado disgustados? ¿Alguna vez han estado furiosos? ¿Alguna vez han estado enojados? ¡Por supuesto que sí! El enojo (con sus múltiples facetas) inevitablemente hace parte de la vida... algunas veces; de hecho constituye una parte muy volátil de la vida. Como cualquier otra emoción, no se puede negar ni reprimir.

En lo que a las emociones se refiere, el enfado no es un pecado, como no se consideraría pecado la dicha, el miedo o la felicidad. Sin embargo, la manera en que manejamos nuestro enfado – o nuestro fracaso a la hora de manejarlo – determinará si este ha de transformarse en una virtud, o en un vicio: si ultimadamente desembocará en algo constructivo, o en algo destructivo.

Muy pocas personas planean enojarse. El enojo es una respuesta, o una reacción intensa que se desata ante una injusticia o una herida, bien sea real o percibida; es por esto que la mayoría de las veces nos toma por sorpresa. He aquí la dificultad que genera esa emoción tan "molesta": es precisamente debido a su espontaneidad e intensidad, que el enfado muchas veces nos lleva la ventaja... y con mucha más rapidez puede salirse de nuestro control. El enojo, por así decirlo, puede llegar a convertirse en el inquilino a quien no hemos invitado y que de repente se convierte en el amo de la casa. Francisco de Sales hace la siguiente observación: "Una vez admitimos el enojo es muy difícil volver a expulsarlo. Este empieza como una pequeña rama, y en tiempo record se convierte en una viga". Francisco de Sales nos da el siguiente consejo: "Es mejor que intentemos encontrar formas de vivir sin el enojo, que fingir que podemos manejarlo de manera discreta y moderada. En la medida en que reine la razón, y que exponamos nuestros reproches y correctivos con calma, las personas los aprobarán y los aceptarán. Pero si hacemos esto con rabia e ira, nuestros reproches, nuestras sanciones, serán recibidas con miedo en lugar de amor".

Juana de Chantal por su parte sugiere lo siguiente: "Traten de apaciguar sus pasiones y vivan de acuerdo a la razón y la sagrada voluntad de Dios". Es mejor darle un respiro a nuestro enojo antes de tomar decisiones importantes o de embarcarnos en un curso de acción determinado.

Por encima de todo, no debemos alimentar ni nutrir nuestro enfado. Consentir repetidamente el enojo puede tener resultados desastrosos para nosotros. Cuando nos obsesionamos con nuestras heridas, cuando repasamos dolores pasados, cuando nos aferramos al resentimiento, dejamos de ser personas que se ocasionalmente se enfurecen, para gradualmente convertimos en personas amargadas. Ser adictos a la furia es como beber veneno, pero esperar que sean los demás quienes perezcan. Aunque puede que, por fuera, nuestro enojo realmente haga daño a los demás, el veneno que produce eventualmente nos mata desde adentro.

Atiendan las palabras del Libro de Sirach: "La ira y la rabia son cosas odiosas, y aun así el pecador se aferra a ellas con fuerza. ¿Es correcto que una persona alimente la ira en contra de los demás, y al mismo tiempo espere ser sanada por el Señor? Del mismo modo en que una piedra lanzada hacia arriba va a caer sobre quien la ha lanzado, el golpe dado con rabia va a herir a más de uno. Perdonen las injusticias cometidas por sus semejantes; y así cuando ustedes oren sus propios pecados serán perdonados" (Sir 27: 25; 28: 2-3)

Eviten sustentar y regodearse en la ira; recuerden que esta es una emoción, y que no debe convertirse en una forma de vida.



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Fall Marriage Program: The Good, the Messy, and the Beautiful:

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An Ascension Press study with Edward and Beth Sri

-  Fridays in October: 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
-  6:30–8:30 PM | Nativity School Teacher's Lounge
-  Potluck, Fellowship and Marriage Program



Register here: <https://nativityburke.org/mem-program/>

Fall Grief Retreat:**Finding the Passion of Christ in Your Story**

You do not have to grieve alone. Join other mothers of loss on September 18th & 19th for a fall retreat hosted by the Diocese of Arlington Chapter of Red Bird Ministries.

Draw closer to the Lord in your grief and find comfort, healing, and hope by connecting with others who understand the extraordinary cross you are carrying. For all mothers of loss, from pregnancy through adulthood.

When: Friday, September 18 (6:30–9:00 pm) and Saturday, September 19 (9:00 am–5:30 pm) Where: Morning Star Retreat House in Great Falls Cost: \$40 (includes \$25 grief group journal, breakfast, & lunch) Register: www.redbird.love/arlington-va Questions? Email elizabeth@redbird.love


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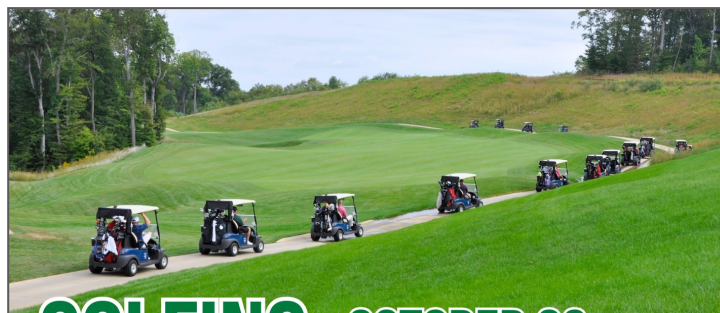
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For dates, details, and registration visit: nativity-burke.org/disability-inclusion or for additional information or questions contact Tracey Hulen, Disability Inclusion Coordinator at thulen@nativityburke.org.





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"This is how My heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive each other from your heart."



Then Jesus told a story.

Use the bank of word parts to complete the story.

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The king _____ of _____ ven is like a king who
wan _____ to _____ tle accounts with his
ser _____. A man who _____ ed him was
bro _____ to him. He was not _____ le to pay.
The mas _____ took _____ ty on him, canceled his
de _____ and let h _____ go.



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September 13, 2026 • Matthew 18:21-35

The Servant Who Would Not Forgive

Peter came to Jesus and asked,
"Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"
How did Jesus answer?

Add and subtract letters to find out.

- pencil = _____
- himbl + - aligator + - amp = _____
- arn + - frg + - mg = _____
- un + - las + - dou + - arn +
 - un + - las + - kot = _____
- ger + - ous + - nake = _____

But the servant was not so kind to one of his debtors.
The master called the servant in again.
What did he say?

Use the numbers on the coins to find the correct words to write on the lines below.



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