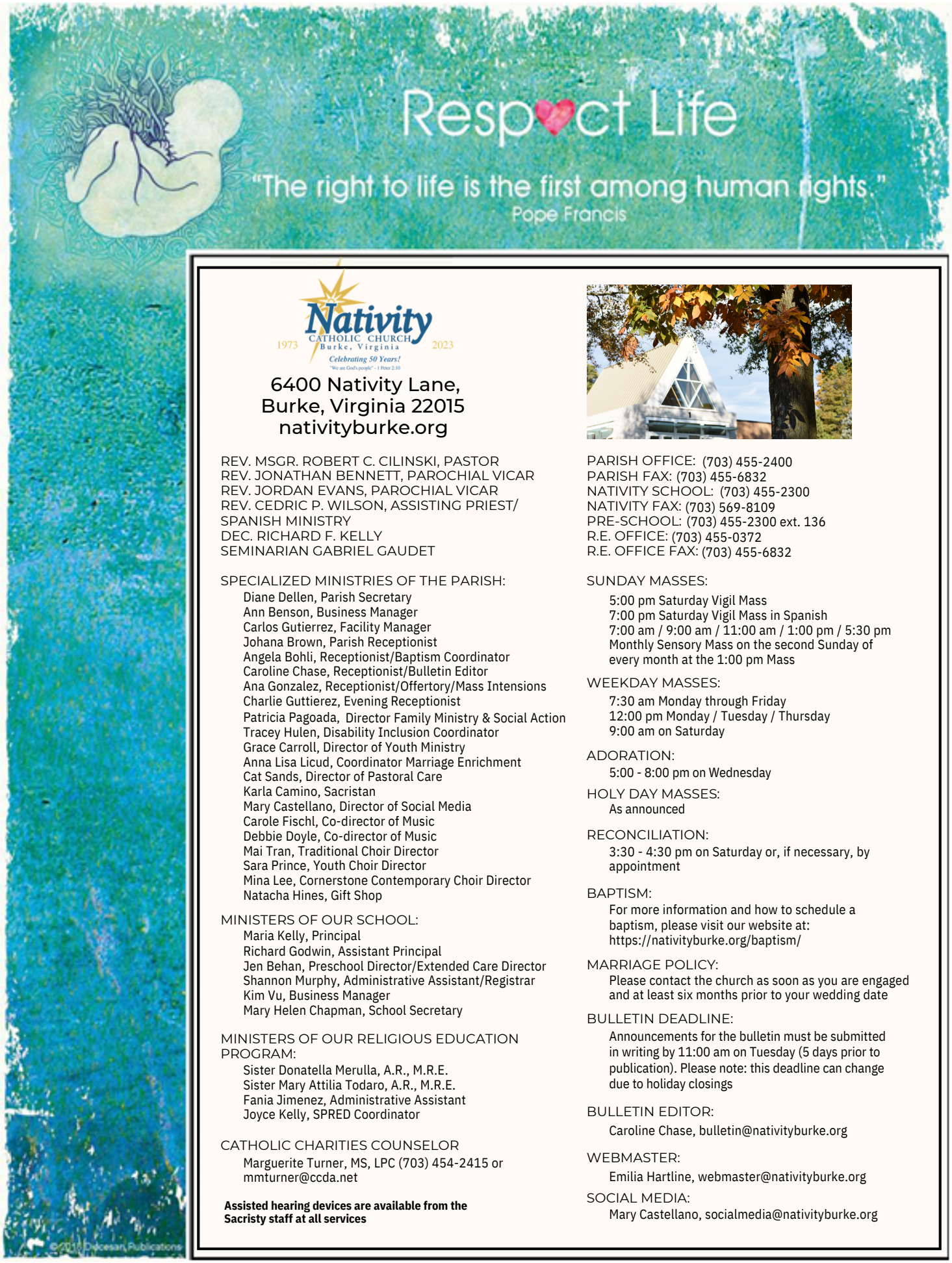


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- 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass
- 7:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass in Spanish
- 7:00 am / 9:00 am / 11:00 am / 1:00 pm / 5:30 pm
- Monthly Sensory Mass on the second Sunday of every month at the 1:00 pm Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES:
- 7:30 am Monday through Friday
- 12:00 pm Monday / Tuesday / Thursday
- 9:00 am on Saturday

ADORATION:
- 5:00 - 8:00 pm on Wednesday

HOLY DAY MASSES:
- As announced

RECONCILIATION:
- 3:30 - 4:30 pm on Saturday or, if necessary, by appointment

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

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A Message from our Pastor
Msgr. Bob Cilinski



Remember your Mercies O, Lord - Psalm 25

My dear parishioners,

Today on Respect Life Sunday, we commit ourselves to the protection of all human life from conception to natural death. For more than a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has paused at the start of October to celebrate Respect Life Month. During this month, we give special thanks to God for the gift of every human life, made in His image and likeness. Archbishop Bill Lori wrote in his Respect Life statement:

Pope Leo has affirmed that true respect for life cannot be selective. His teachings and prayer intentions repeatedly call for the protection of every person at every stage - including the unborn, elderly, sick, disabled, the impoverished, those on death row, and immigrants. This election season in Virginia gives us the opportunity to protect the dignity of life by pledging to vote, going to vote, and voting NO on ballot initiatives #1 and #2.

These ballots in their vague and hidden language, remove protections for women, parents rights, and the value of marriage and family life. Bishop Burbidge is leading our diocese in the effort to protect the dignity of women, the rights of parents in important decisions for their teenagers, the gift of marriage, and the rights of the baby in the womb longing to be born. The church does speak to the moral issues of our day. The discussion of those issues cannot be fully exhausted in just the political arena. There are often deeper moral issues at stake. One of the places we look to for guidance on moral issues is the church. Jesus said *"You are the light of the world.... go and teach."*

I encourage you on this Respect Life Sunday, to prayerfully take your faith into the voting booth and vote in a way that will be pleasing to God, the giver of all life. I am grateful today for the way our Nativity parish supports the sacredness of life in so many ways. Continue to be champions of life.

Accolade of the Week: Many thanks to all who made our Parish Fall Festival so much fun and a great community experience. Especially the Festival Planning Committee chaired by Stephen and TusaRebecca Pannucci, and all the volunteers who served with such dedication and joy. Blessings to all who attended!

Love and blessings,

Msgr. Bob Cilinski
Pastor



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 training sessions this fall.

The training sessions will be held in the church at 6:00 pm on 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.

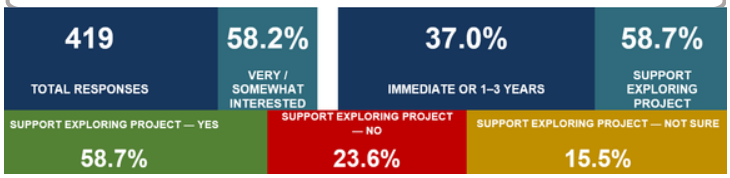
Thank You, Nativity! Columbarium Survey Update:

Thank you to everyone in the Nativity community who participated in our recent columbarium survey. Nearly 60% of respondents support further exploration of the project.

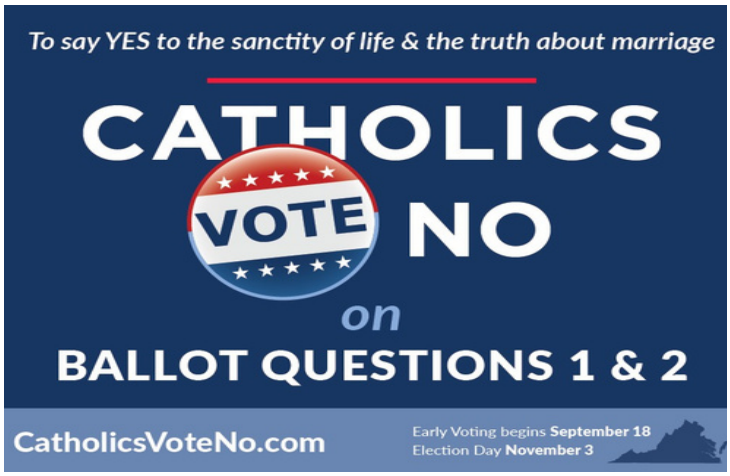
Moving Forward Together:

In response to this strong community support, the Parish Council voted to continue evaluating the project's feasibility. During this next phase, the parish will assess the project's scope, requirements, costs, and long-term considerations while carefully reviewing the survey input. This exploration does not constitute final approval to build; it is an important step toward a thoughtful, well-informed decision.

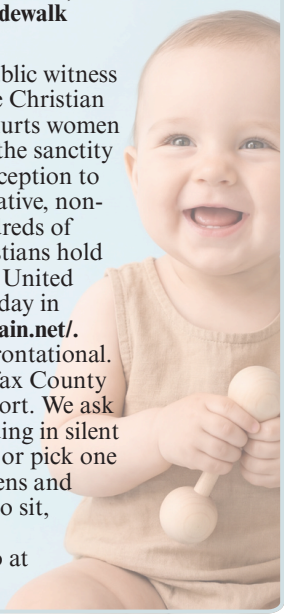
We will keep the parish informed as this work progresses. Thank you for your participation and for your continued commitment to the future of Nativity Catholic Church. Questions or comments? Please contact Joe Tiago at ecumenicalministry@nativityburke.org.



The Parish Office will close at 12:30 pm on Friday, October 9th and will be closed all day on Monday, October 12th in observance of Columbus Day



Life Chain Sunday on October 4th from 2:30 to 3:30 pm
Park at St. Lawrence, 6222 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Meet us on the nearby sidewalk rain or shine!



LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful, prayerful public witness —a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children, hurts women and men, and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. Life Chains are a cooperative, non-denominational effort in which hundreds of thousands of Catholics and other Christians hold vigil together for one hour across the United States and Canada on the First Sunday in October every year! **https://www.lifechain.net/.** Life Chains are safe, legal and non-confrontational. We coordinate each event with the Fairfax County Police who have assured us of their support. We ask adults and youth to spend the hour standing in silent or group prayer. Bring your favorite sign or pick one up there! Small children, senior citizens and handicappedpersons are welcome to sit, just bring your own chairs.
Nativity Contact: Rick Loffredo at RickLoffredo@outlook.com



Support Your Local Police Station!

The National Faith & Blue Weekend is October 9-12 under the theme *"Building Bridges to More Inclusive Communities."* As part of the nation's largest annual collaborative policing initiative, National Faith & Blue Weekend facilitates safer and stronger communities by engaging law enforcement officers and local residents through the connections of faith-based organizations. Faith & Blue is based on the premise that strong communities are built through mutual respect and understanding. Law enforcement and faith institutions are key pillars of each community, and when they work together, neighborhoods thrive.

Nativity Parish supports the local West-Springfield District Police Station and is part of their ecumenical Police and Faith Community, with Joe Tiago on the planning committee. The committee is planning a Faith & Blue Brunch for the Police and Faith Leadership to be held at the West Springfield District Station on October 9. Faith community leaders from over 70 houses of worship are invited to share resources, create relationships, and connect with the Fairfax County Police Department.

From October 6-12, Nativity Catholic Church will be collecting the following items to support our West-Springfield Police Station:

- Appreciation letters and cards
- Healthy snacks, protein bars and shakes
- Baked goods
- Bottled coffee, water, and energy drinks

Donations can be dropped off at the church office during weekdays, at the designated table in the church narthex before/after weekend Masses on October 10-11, or by contacting Joe Tiago at ecumenicalministry@nativityburke.org.

All donated items will be delivered to the West-Springfield District Police Station on Monday, October 12.
Thank you for your generosity!

Nativity All-Day Prayer Vigil for Life - Friday, October 23rd:
As part of the 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign, mark your calendar on October 23rd to join fellow Nativity parishioners for one hour between 7:00am-7:00pm as we peacefully pray the pro-life Rosary on the sidewalk in front of abortion facility at 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church. You CAN make a difference. Former abortion workers report that when someone prays in front of an abortion facility, the "no-show" rate for abortion appointments can go to as high as 75 percent! Be that someone. (40 Days for Life). Sign up Genius to follow! Contact Br. Rick Loffredo, rickloffredo@outlook.com.







DISCOVER GIRL SCOUTS AT NATIVITY

Sunday, October 4 from 3:00 - 4:00pm. Enter through the Main School Lobby. Adults and youth invited, please RSVP so we can contact you about any date/time changes. For more information, contact Cheryl Osborne at cosborne@gscnc.orgor, 703 372 4341.

Nativity Catholic Church

EMAIL & TEXT SCAM ALERT

Nativity Parishioners, please be aware of scammers **posing as Nativity Priests or Staff**. If you receive an email or text from any Nativity clergy or staff urgently asking you for favors, money, or personal information, this is a scam. **Please ignore and block the sender.** If you have any questions at all, please call the Nativity Parish office: (703) 455-2400

2026 WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT SALE

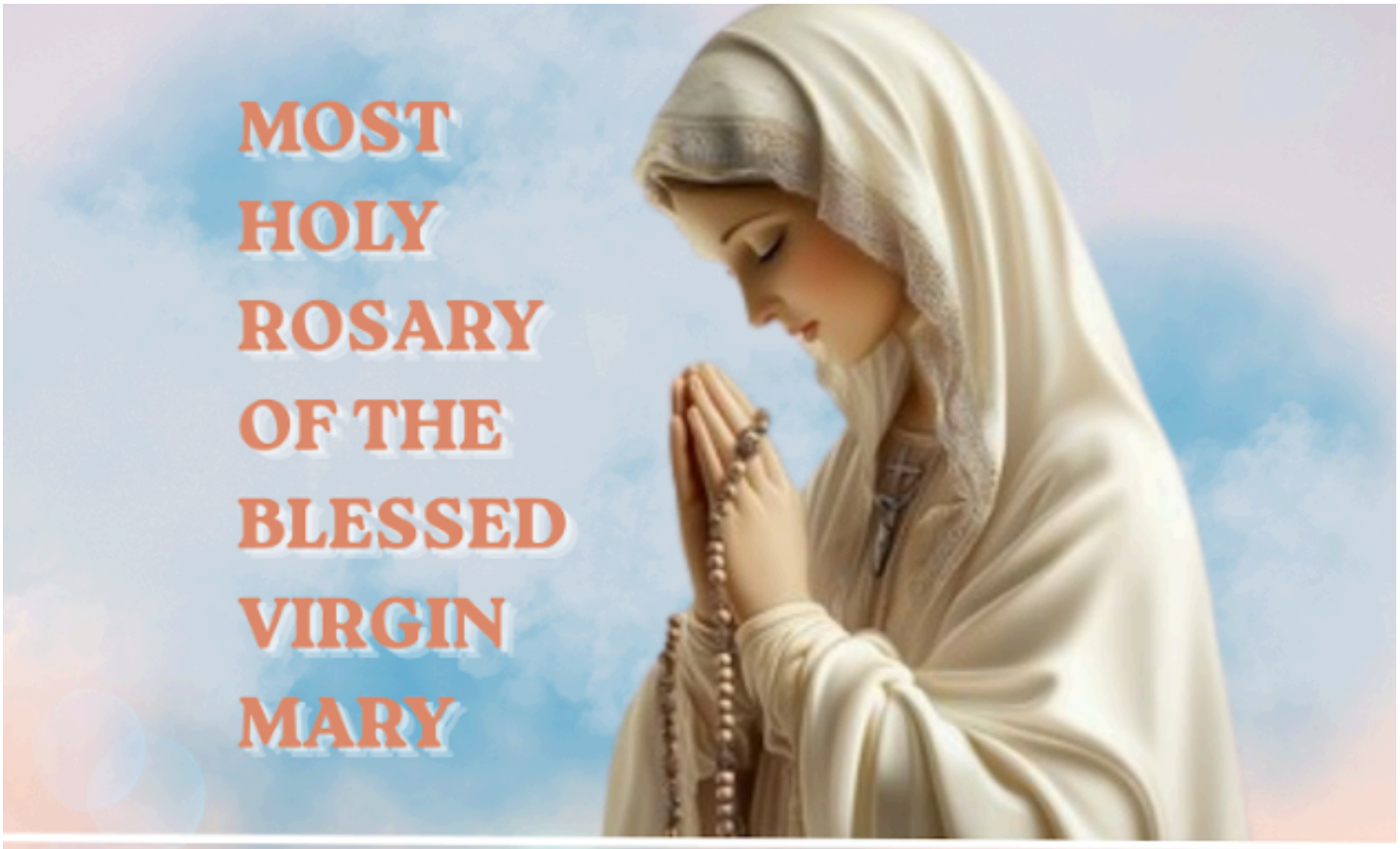
WHEN: October 10/11, 2026 (before/after Masses)
WHERE: Nativity Vestibule/Narthex
WHEN: October 17/18, 2026 (before/after Masses)
WHERE: Nativity Vestibule/Narthex
Price: $23.00 (Cash, check, or credit card)



The Women of Nativity (WON) appreciate your continued support of our fundraiser, benefiting ministries within Nativity and our local community.

"MARY, MOTHER OF LIFE"
Respect Life Reflection

When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that she would conceive and bear a son, Mary responded with her fiat, *"May it be done to me according to your word"* (Lk 1:38). Mary conceives Christ in her womb, becoming the mother of God, the mother of Jesus. Jesus himself tells us that he is *"the way and the truth and the life"* (Jn 14:6). In becoming the mother of Jesus, Mary becomes the mother of life. Mary's acceptance in this unforeseen moment demonstrates how each of us must welcome the gift of new human life, even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices.



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INVITE YOU TO OUR:

ILLUMINATED ROSARY

Experience the Power of the Holy Rosary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH: 7:15PM

Everyone is Welcome to attend

nativityburke.org/illuminated-rosary

NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH
40 Hours Devotion - 2026

Sunday, October 18

5:30 pm Sunday Mass | Opening Mass for Forty Hours Devotion with Solemn Exposition at the end of Mass
6:45 pm Vespers | Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours
7:00 — 8:30 pm Confessions
9:30 — 11:30 pm Confessions
11:45 pm Compline | Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours, Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament afterward

Monday, October 19

7:30 am Mass | Simple Exposition of the Most Holy Eucharist at the end of Mass

8:00 am Lauds | Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours
8:30 — 9:30 am Confessions
12:00 pm Mass | Exposition following Mass
12:30 pm Daytime Prayer
1:00 — 2:00 pm Confessions
5:00 — 7:00 pm Confessions
7:00 pm Vespers with Homily | Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours with a Conference on the Eucharist
8:00 — 10:00 pm Confessions
11:45 pm Compline | Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament afterwards

Tuesday 20th October

7:30 am Mass | Simple Exposition of the Most Holy Eucharist at the end of Mass
8:00 am Lauds | Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours
8:30 — 9:30 am Confessions
11:30 am | Reposition of the Most Holy Eucharist in preparation for Mass
12:00 pm Mass | Exposition following Mass
12:30 pm Daytime Prayer | Midday Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours
1:00 — 2:00 pm Confessions
4:30 — 6:00 pm Confessions
6:30 pm | Reposition of the Most Holy Eucharist in preparation for Mass
7:00 pm Mass | Closing Mass for Forty Hours Devotion

MASS INTENTIONS & MASS SCHEDULE

"Weare God'sPeople"
1 Peter 2:10

Monday, October 5
7:30 am Lidia Esther Figueroa de Puig
12:00 am † Girium Dagne

Tuesday, October 6
7:30 am Special Intention for Antonio Admana & Devin Ichikawa
12:00 pm † Lloyd C. Alderman

Wednesday, October 7
7:30 am † Lauretta Cillan-Chung
10:00 am Special Intention for Antonietta Dema *(Sunrise)*

Thursday, October 8
7:30 am † Pat Seiler
12:00 am † Terry Moore

Friday, October 9
7:30 am † Peg & Joe Patchan

Saturday, October 10
9:00 am † Edith & Bill Caroscio
5:00 pm † William & Mary Noonan
7:00 pm † Mary Padilla Vargas *(Spanish)*

Sunday, October 11
7:00 am Nativity Parishioners
9:00 am † The Andrews Family
11:00 pm Special Intention for Aris Paraguya
1:00 pm † Theresa Ferraro *(Sensory Mass)*
5:30 pm † Bruno Gaspardo

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

St. Lucy Fall Food Drive:
Saturday, October 17th from 9:00AM-1:00PM

The St. Lucy Fall Food Drive will take place from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday, 17 October to support Catholic Charities in its campaign against hunger in the Diocese. The St. Lucy truck will be parked at the rear of the church parking lot nearest Old Keene Mill Road (like in the previous food drives).
During that time, you can drive to the truck and our team will take any donations from your vehicle (please place your donations in your trunk for safe and easy removal). Catholic Charities also accepts monetary donations, especially grocery gift cards (Giant, Safeway, etc.); any donation is welcome!
Please make any checks out to CCDA, with "St. Lucy Project" in the memo line. We can always use help with loading donations; if you'd like to volunteer, please sign up at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D49ADAE29A6FE3-stlucy1. If you would like to help hand out the blue bags after Mass on October 10th or 11th, please join us in the narthex after Communion. If you have questions, please email the St. Lucy Team at nativity.stlucyteam@gmail.com.
Thank you and God bless you!

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



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 School's Teachers Lounge. Interested, contact: Kathryn Quan at jaynekathrynq1@yahoo.com.







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Feeding the Hungry; Nourishing the Soul

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PLEASE DONATE

---- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17th | 9AM-1PM ----

Nativity Parish Parking Lot

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

FOOD ITEMS MOST NEEDED

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

Please no glass containers

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

GIFT CARDS AND MONETARY GIFTS ALSO ACCEPTED
Checks can be made out to "CCDA" with "The St. Lucy Project" in the memo

A message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry

Congratulations to the Fall Festival Committee for another outstanding event including successful scrambling to move indoors late in the day! Creation Care thanks all who volunteered to help as Grounds Crew--cans and plastics were recycled at Nativity while glass bottles were delivered to the Purple glass bins and plastic film was collected for the Girl Scout project for Francisco's Memorial Bench. Thanks to CCM members Kathy Walters, Anne Zimmerman and others, many enthusiastic young people earned nature books, magnifying glasses or native animal toys as prizes for completing a native tree "scavenger hunt" while learning more about the value and importance of our native trees as habitat.
Signage about the benefits of reusable water bottles greeted the thirsty at the water bottle refill station and CCM members gave out free tickets and "I drink from the tap" stickers to those seen carrying a reusable bottle.



Our visiting raptor "wildlife ambassadors" captivated festival goers, especially Msgr. Bob (pictured here).

The raptors' caretakers reminded the audience of the important role that each of God's creatures plays in maintaining the health of our planet and how we can help. Thanks again to all for the great day!

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Why Ballot Question 1 (in italics below) is Deceptive!
Question: Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to:

(i) protect the freedom to make personal decision about prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, birth control, abortion, miscarriage management, and fertility care;
- "Virginia lawmakers have framed the ballot language as a general question about women's healthcare and medical decision-making. This is blatantly misleading. In truth, the amendment expands abortion up to the moment of birth, endangers women's health and safety, and pushes parents out of life-changing and irreversible decisions for their minor daughters and creates strife in families." (1) "Tucked in between care services that are already protected and practiced every day in Virginia is the word 'abortion'." (2) "Since the actual amendment, not shown on the ballot, gives the right to the "individual" not an adult, it means that a child could make life-altering decisions about abortion, pregnancy, or other reproductive services without a parent's knowledge or involvement." (3) "It would enable a child, without her parents' knowledge or consent, to receive puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and sterilization surgery." (4)

(ii) protect doctors, nurses, and patients from being punished for these decisions; and - "They conveniently left out predators and traffickers who would have equal protection under the law. The amendment will prevent those who harm women or break Virgina laws from being held accountable." (2) "… opening the door for Big Pharma and a no-guardrails abortion industry to exploit women for profit." (3)

(iii) allow for restrictions on access to abortion during the third trimester of pregnancy except when the patient's health is at risk or the pregnancy cannot survive?"
- "Virginia law already allows late-term abortion when three physicians agree the pregnancy would substantially and permanently hard the woman's health. This amendment removes that safeguard, leaving the decision solely to the abortion provider performing and profiting from the procedure." (3) "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." (5)

References: (1) https://catholicsvoteno.com/ (2) https://vshl.org/37069-2/ (3) https://static1.squarespace.com/static/60d201847c78ef1e9e5ff099/t/6a67a7c0e84a9673043466ba/1785178048882/Amendment+1+Redliner+.pdf (4) https://www.nationalreview.com/2026/09/virginias-amendment-1-is-extreme-and-deceptive/ (5) This Election Season is Different – Pre-election Letter, Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Knestout, August 2026.

145th Men's Cursillo Retreat November 9-12

The next Men's Cursillo Retreat will be held at San Damiano in November. This retreat offers an opportunity to relax and rediscover the peace Jesus meant for you to know, walking daily with Him, as God's beloved son.
It will be held during the week from Nov 9-12 and information about it can be found on the Arlington Cursillo Website https://www.arlingtoncursillo.org/upcoming-mens-weekend
Anyone interested or with questions can contact Marc Laverdiere at mglaverdiere@msn.com.



ECHO Collection this weekend, October 3/4
Food Room Most Needed Items:

Thank you for including ECHO's Food Room needs on your shopping list. Your help is greatly appreciated. We collected 822 lbs on August 29/30!! Note: ECHO 's policy is to not give expired, open or repackaged food to clients. PLEASE do not bring these items or glass jars!! Most needed items:
Bag Beans (black, red or garbanzo beans preferred), Lentils, Canned Fruit, Cereal/Oatmeal (low sugar), Can Tomatoes, Tomato paste, Canned Milk, Shelf stable milk, Hot Chocolate, Snacks (Crackers, raisins, granola bars, dry fruit, nuts, etc.) Baked Beans, Coffee (Instant and Ground), Honey, Pancake Syrup, Cooking Oil, Non-salt spices, Masa Corn Flour, Granulated Sugar, Lemon or Lime Juice, Tortillas, Condiments, Mac and Cheese, Canned Meat, , Paper boxes, Toilet Paper, Facial Tissue, Toothpaste, Razors, Shampoo, Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Body/Hand lotion, Band Aids, Diapers. (sizes 2, 4, 5, 6), Sanitary Napkins.

This weekend there will be a display of beautiful olivewood handmade carvings from the Holy Land in Our Church. These Carvings are made by the Christian of Bethlehem who use them as their source of income.
During this difficult time in the Holy Land, Bethlehem is still isolated and suffering. Tourism has completely stopped for almost three years. Most Christians in Bethlehem have no jobs and no support for their families, they are living in constant fear.
Christians in the Holy Land used to comprise more than 37% of the population. There are less than 1% now. As Christians of faith, it is our duty to support our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.
YOU can support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after Mass.
For more information, please contact 202-302-5889 or visit www.BethlehemCarvings.org.

St. John Paul II National Shrine events in Washington DC:
Friday, October 16th - Anniversary of the Election of Karol Wojtyla - 5:00-8:00 pm
Join us on Friday, October 16th as we mark the anniversary of the election of Karol Wojtyla to the papacy in 1978! The celebration begins with Holy Mass, followed by the opportunity to venerate a first-class relic of St. John Paul II. Then, step back in time with us to St. Peter's Square, 1978, remember the festive Roman crowds with a pizza party full of fun and fellowship, and relive the worldwide celebration of a new pope from a "distant land."



NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Priests' Barbecue: Serving Students More Than Food





One of our favorite start-of-school traditions is the Priest Barbecue, hosted by Monsignor Bob, Father Bennett, Father Wilson, Father Evans, Sister Donatella, and Sister Mary Attilia – hamburgers and hotdogs served up by the Knights of Columbus.

It was a BEAUTIFUL Friday afternoon – students played soccer, shot baskets, and talked to their friends. Many thanks to The Knights of Columbus for grilling up the best hamburgers and hotdogs to share with all of us!

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Nativity Classroom Openings:

Now accepting student applications for Preschool 3, and 2nd, 5th, and 6th grades for this 2026-27 School Year. It's not too late – join us! For details, visit the school website: www.nativityschool.org/application-process/ or contact Shannon Murphy at (703) 455-2300.

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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.

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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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

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. Please contact our Deputy Grand Knight, Stephen Resch, at dgk7992@nativityburke.org, if interested in participating in our next exemplification for new knights.
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!
4 OCT: Life Chain! Please volunteer to peacefully witness on Franconia Road sidewalk in front of St. Lawrence Church from 2:30-3:30 pm along with other Life Chains across the United States and Canada! No SUG needed. Questions? Contact rickloffredo@outlook.com.
6 OCT: Bishop's Postcard Campaign! Please volunteer to write 100 postcards using diocesan-provided short script to encourage parishioners to Vote NO on Constitutional amendments 1 & 2. SUG with more details on the Linktree! Questions? Contact rickloffredo@outlook.com.
17 OCT: St. Lucy Food Drive! Volunteer to help unload from donors vehicles and load into the St. Lucy truck. SUG available on the Linktree! Also, we will need all brother Knights help to distribute the blue St. Lucy bags at all Masses the weekend of 10-11 October. Help us to love our neighbors who need food assistance this fall!
18 OCT: Illuminated Rosary! Assistance is needed to help religious education students form and pray the rosary. SUG available on the Linktree!
23 OCT: Nativity All-Day Prayer Vigil for LIFE! Need volunteers to peacefully lead the Pro-Life Rosary at each of the 12 hours. SUG on the Linktree! Questions? Contact rickloffredo@outlook.com.
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 (volunteer to sell tickets) as well as for this event (volunteer for the event)!
30 OCT: Nativity's Halloween Trunk-or-Treat is coming soon! Help needed to cook, wrap, and distribute hotdogs and water at this fun family event! SUG available on the Linktree!
Food for Others: Volunteer for food distribution to the poor, delivered on designated Thursday or Friday evenings. For Thursdays, contact Br. Mark Sawyer at sawyerkoc7992@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.colella.86@gmail.com.
Widow Support: **Updated** We need drivers to support rides to appointments. See SUG for details!

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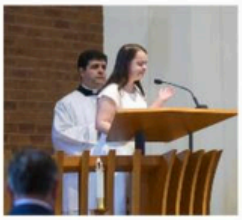
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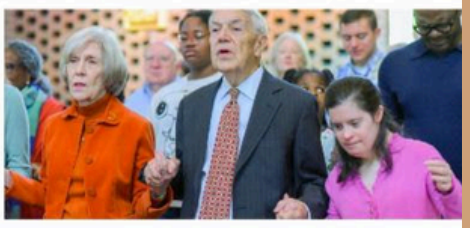


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El consentimiento explícito de los novios es una parte esencial, según el ritual del matrimonio, en la comprensión sacramental, para convertirse en esposo y esposa. Se puede expresar de distintas maneras. Van desde el simple: "Sí quiero" de la forma interrogativa hasta expresiones más completas. La que resulta más explícita incluye, a su vez, tres acciones esenciales: yo te recibo a ti, me entrego a ti, prometo serte fiel. Se trata, pues de una recepción recíproca, entrega mutua y promesa de fidelidad sean cuales sean las circunstancias de la vida que se comienza: la adversidad, la prosperidad, la salud, la enfermedad.

También resulta muy significativa una expresión que figura en final del consentimiento. Ha cambiado en la renovación del ritual. Estábamos familiarizados con las palabras "hasta que la muerte nos separe", según la fórmula anterior. Ahora ha cambiado y se ha convertido en esta otra: "todos los días de mi vida". La donación y recepción mutua tiene vocación de durar toda la vida. Cuando la relación que se va a reconocer, atestiguar y celebrar es lo suficientemente intensa y apasionada, no resulta imaginable la separación. El deseo de vivir juntos, programar y construir juntos el futuro es tan absorbente que uno puede y quiere anticipar el tiempo y comprometer la vida entera.

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En la medida que estos momentos mágicos se dan y son abundantes en la vida de una pareja, se entiende el sentido de la expresión: "hasta que la muerte nos una más". El amor conyugal no es meramente caduco y temporal, como todo amor verdadero pide eternidad, es ya aperitivo de la eternidad. Ese final hacia el que caminamos y esperamos traerá la plenitud de un amor y una entrega, que ya no estará amenazada por la muerte. Y esa alegre esperanza constituye una buena noticia para la vida conyugal.



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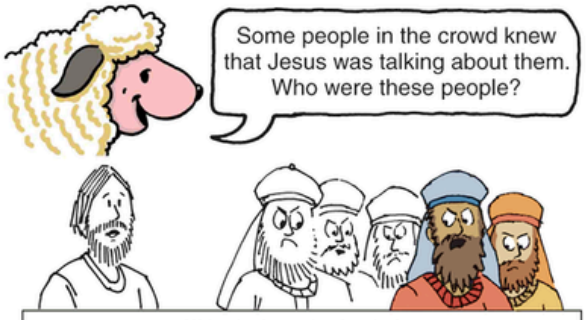
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