



*See in Every Human Face
the Face of Christ*

Pope Saint John Paul II



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

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

HOLY DAY MASSES: As Announced

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

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

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Announcements for the bulletin
must be submitted **in writing** by 9:00 AM on
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from the Sacristy staff at all services**

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



*“Anyone who welcomes a little child in my name, welcomes me”
- Mark 10:2-16*

My dear parishioners,

Each of our lives, and every life, is worth living, no matter what the circumstances. God has made us in his own image and likeness. Every human life is sacred.

Respect Life Sunday provides for us the opportunity to reaffirm the value and dignity of all human life. Pope Francis in his address to Congress said *“the dignity of human life needs to be protected in every stage of its development.”* This is where we begin with our efforts and our prayers.... to be a voice for the voiceless. There are many other life issues.... hunger, housing, racism, family life, euthanasia, care for the environment, healthcare, care for the elderly. Pope Francis also mentioned the death penalty which offers the tragic illusion that we can defend life by taking life. On this Respect Life Sunday, the Church reminds us to embrace a consistent ethic of life.... to teach it.... and to live it.

October 4th was the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. He saw the presence of God in all creation, especially in the small and little things of life - infants, the poor, the sick, the disabled. May we be filled with the spirit of St. Francis and dedicate ourselves again to value all human life and help others to make life affirming decisions. May we follow his example of non-violence and peace, the example of Jesus. May our efforts be filled with compassion, courage and prayer.

Love and Blessings,
Bob Cilinski
Msgr. Robert C. Cilinski,
Pastor

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT MINISTRY
PARENTING IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Date Night

Guest speaker
DR. MICHAEL HORNE

Nativity School Cafeteria
Saturday, October 12th from 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Dinner & Childcare Provided
To register or for more information, please see the parish website under “upcoming events” or contact Anna Lisa Licud marriage@nativityburke.org

POLITICAL ACTIVITY GUIDELINES

As the November Elections approach, it is a good time to review our policies regarding political activities on Church property. You can find additional information at:
<https://vacatholic.org/election2024/>

A few principals to keep in mind:

- Distribution of partisan campaign literature (i.e. leaflets, bumper stickers, etc. that tend to support or oppose a candidate) on church property is not permitted. The same is true for any voter guides or other election-related materials (*other than those prepared by Bishop Burbidge, the Virginia Catholic Conference or the USCCB*). If you discover someone distributing such materials, politely ask them to stop and escort them off the property.
- Candidates for political office may not be endorsed or opposed, either at Mass or through any official Church channel.
- Voter guides or election-related materials other than those prepared by Bishop Burbidge, the Virginia Catholic Conference or the USCCB, may not be distributed.

NATIVITY SCHOOL
TRUNK OR TREAT

October 25, 2024
7pm
Nativity Lane Parking Lot

Trunk Signup Below:

Safe Environment for Spooktacular Sweets & Treats!

Come and Join Us!

ILLUMINATED ROSARY

Sunday, October 6, at 7:00 PM
in the Church Sanctuary.
Please plan to bring your family and friends out for this beautiful event.

Are you separated or divorced?

Journey of Hope is a welcoming parish community for separated and divorced Catholics to share hope, healing, and fellowship that is rooted in Faith, God's Grace and immensurable Divine Mercy. Where ever you are on the journey, join us!

Introductory Meeting

When: Thursday, October 10, 7:00 pm
Where: Nativity School, Room 203

Website nativityburke.org/separated-divorced
 Contact separated.divorced@nativityburke.org



SUPPORT OUR LOCAL POLICE STATION

NATIONAL FAITH & BLUE WEEKEND

The National Faith & Blue Weekend is October 11-14, 2024 under the theme *"Partnering for stronger, safer 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 the 3rd Quarter Police and Faith Leadership Gathering to be held at the West Springfield District Station on October 8, 2024. Faith community leaders from over 70 houses of worship will gather to share resources, create relationships, and connect with the Fairfax County Police Department.

From October 7-13, 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

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 12-13, or by contacting Joe Tiago at jonotionline@hotmail.com.

Pray the Pro-Life Rosary with Us!

When: Usually Friday mornings after Nativity's 7:30 am Mass
Where: 900 S. Washington St, Falls Church, VA.



Join Nativity in peacefully praying the Pro-Life Rosary on the sidewalk in front of the Falls Church abortion facility for mothers in need and for the protection of human life. Contact rickloffredo@outlook.com if you'd like to join us!

IN MARY'S FOOTSTEPS A Group for Widows

We are a group of women who share the experience of the loss of our beloved husbands and join together in faith and fellowship. Our meetings are on the second Monday of the month at 11:00am in the Fr. Ready Room. We have gathered for lunches or dinners out, retreats at the Benedictine Monastery, museum tours, etc. Please feel free to join us at our next meeting on October 7 at 11:00am. For further information, please contact Cat Sands at csands@nativityburke.org. May God bless you!



CHRISTMAS WREATH SALES

It is that time of year again! Nativity's Boy Scout Troop 1100 is selling Christmas wreaths to help fund our camping activities. All sales will be online and shipped directly to the buyer. If you usually buy a fresh wreath, consider supporting our troop. They make great gifts to send to family across the miles. Sales take place in October to be assured of early December delivery. Please use this QR code to go directly to the sales page for Troop 1100 or go to: <https://giftitforward.com> and use fundraising code: TR1100VA001. We will be selling after Mass October 12/13 and 26/27.

Questions? Contact Elizabeth Tramel at andrewandelizabeth@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!!



This weekend, you will notice a display of beautiful olivewood handmade carvings from the Holy Land in our church.

These carvings are made by the Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their main source of income. These brothers and sisters of ours are enduring hardships, especially now, because of the volatile situation in their home country. YOU can support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after Mass. For more information, please contact us at 202-302-5889 or visit www.BethlehemCarvings.org.

**Healing through the Annulment Process
October 19 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, free but please register!**

Want to learn more about our Lord’s healing presence through the Annulment process? As a divorced Catholic have you thought about an Annulment and don’t know where to begin or what it’s about? Join fellow members of the Diocese who have gone through divorce and Rev. Thomas P. Ferguson, pastor of Good Shepherd Church in Alexandria and judge in the Diocesan Tribunal, for a special morning to learn about the Annulment process and how to embark on this unique pathway to healing and renewal.

Participants will attend Holy Mass followed by an informative discussion about the Annulment process led by Fr. Ferguson with opportunity for questions and answers. A procession to Nativity Church’s Grotto and Rosary to Our Blessed Mother to begin the journey to healing will conclude the morning. Attendees are then invited to optional fellowship at a local restaurant after the event. The event is free, but please register by visiting:

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/annulmenthealing/> 

2024 WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT SALE

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

Cost: \$22.00 each - cash, check, or credit card



WHEN: October 19/20, 2024
(before/after Masses)
WHERE: Nativity Narthex
WHEN: October 26/27, 2024
(before/after Masses)
WHERE: Nativity Narthex

ALTAR FLOWERS - Donated by
Barbara and Stan Zagalak
In Loving Memory of
Frank Albrecht



WELCOME BACK FROM THE ROSARY MINISTRY!!

We hope you all had a great summer. Need something to do while the kids are in school? While you sit and wait for them to finish up a sports practice? Come to our October meeting and learn how to make mission Rosaries on:

**Sunday October 20th from 2:00-3:30pm
in the Father Ready Room.**

We welcome back all Rosary makers! New, experienced or those who want to learn. We will have teachers there that will teach new people or give a refresher class to those who need it.

Hope to see you October 20th! If you have any questions please email us at: rosaryministry@nativityburke.org

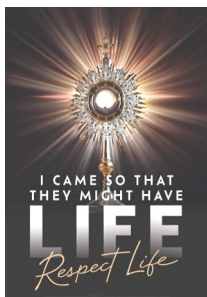
**ECHO Collection THIS weekend 5/6 October
Food Room Most Needed Items**

ECHO’s Food Room continues to break records. We collected 948 lbs on the week of September 7/8.

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

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

Protein Items, e.g., can chicken, Spam, chili, Tin Fish (tuna, sardines, salmon, etc.), Canned Fruit, Bagged Beans (black, red, or garbanzo preferred), Lentils, Spaghetti (pasta and sauce) Instant and Ground Coffee, Canned Tomatoes, Tomato (paste and Tomato Sauce), Baked Beans, Bagged Rice (white, jasmine or basmati), Instant (Box) Potatoes, Crackers, Ramen, Can milk, shelf stable milk, Boxed Pasta, Juice (Bottles or box), Tea (Green, Herbal or Black), Healthy Snacks, Spices (garlic, onion, cinnamon, salt, pepper), Masa (Corn) Flour, Boxed cereal, Lemon or Lime Juice, Jelly and Honey, Tortillas, Cooking Oil, Brown Paper Bags, Reusable Grocery Bags. Children’s Toothbrushes, Laundry Detergent, Toilet Paper, Deodorant, Shampoo, Facial Tissues, Dish Soap, Paper Towels Body/Hand Lotion, Band Aids, Shaving Cream/Razors, Diapers - Sizes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Baby Wipes, Sanitary Napkins.



TODAY IS RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

U.S. Bishops Affirm that Ending Abortion Remains our Pre-eminent Priority - Bishop Burbidge’s Respect Life

Month Statement states: Jesus calls each of us to respect that gift of life in every human person. While we live in a society that often rejects those who are weak, fragile, or vulnerable, they are the most in need of our care and protection. The law and millions of our brothers and sisters have yet to recognize this reality... But what we now see is that fifty years of virtually unlimited abortion has tragically created a national mindset where many Americans have become comfortable with some amount of abortion. This allows the abortion industry to continue to provide any amount of abortion... *“abortion remains our pre-eminent priority as it directly attacks our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, destroying more than a million lives each year in our country alone.”* ... We see many politicians celebrating the destruction of preborn children, and protecting access to abortion, even up until the moment of birth. Pope St. John Paul II’s words resonate today: *“we are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, ... we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life.”*

We must renew our commitment to work for the legal protection of every human life, from conception to natural death, and to vote for candidates who will defend the life and dignity of the human person... We must call for policies that assist women and their children in need, while also continuing to help mothers... through local pregnancy help centers... and to all who are suffering from participation in abortion... We must rededicate ourselves to pray on behalf of life... Through the graces of this revival, may we witness, work, and vote so that all children in the womb will be protected in law and welcomed in love, and that all mothers and families will be strengthened by our support and accompaniment.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AT NATIVITY PARISH

FELLOWSHIP

ENJOYMENT

FUN

MUSIC

DINNER & DESSERT

RAFFLE PRIZES

SILENT AUCTION

PHOTO BOOTH

CASH BAR (BEER & WINE)

NATIVITY'S MASQUERADE BALL

DJ - BOBBY G. MASTER ENTERTAINER

DANCING

SATURDAY OCTOBER 26, 2024

6:30 PM - 11:00 PM

TICKETS \$40 PER PERSON

MASKS AND/OR COSTUMES ENCOURAGED BUT NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND AND HAVE FUN





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

Monday, October 7th

7:30 am † Ireanus Trinidad

Tuesday, October 8th

7:30 am † Jerry Horan
 12:00 pm Special Int. for Antonio Admana

Wednesday, October 9th

7:30 am † Terry Moore

Thursday, October 10th

7:30 am † Samson S. Paraguya
 12:00 pm † Henry McClements

Friday, October 11th

7:30 am † Jean Sweet
 9:00 am † Edward Bannon

Saturday, October 12th

9:00 am † Max Kosiek
 5:00 pm Special Int. for all the merchant seamen & sailors serving in our seagoing forces
 7:00 pm † Guillermo Palacios

Sunday, October 13th

7:00 am † Jairo Gustavo Vargas
 9:00 am † Deceased Members of the Andrews Family Parishioners
 1:00 pm † William McLaughlin
 5:30 pm † Frances Ponticello

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



A message from the Creation Care Ministry

October 4: Feast of St Francis of Assisi - Many traditions view St. Francis as an inspiration and guide for those who protect creation. October 4 was his feast day and the last day in the Season of Creation. To celebrate St. Francis, consider visiting the Diocesan Peace and Justice Commission webpage <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/peace-and-justice-commission/> to read the Arlington Diocese Laudato Si reflection document and to learn about the first-year action plan. One of the 23 initiatives as part of the Diocesan Strategic Plan is to, "Implement sustainability projects at the diocesan-level, at parishes and at schools for care of creation. To advance conservation and sustainability in our diocese, parishes and schools to demonstrate stewardship of God's creation." This supports the Strategic Pillars of Invigorate Catholic Education for All, Strengthen Parish and Family Life, and Deepen Our Commitment to Charitable Works.
 For more information: nativitycreationcare@gmail.com.



**St. Lucy Fall Food Drive:
 Saturday, October 26th from 9:00AM-1:00PM**

The St. Lucy Fall Food Drive will take place from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday, 26 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 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 19-20 October, please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D49ADAE29A6FE3-stlucy#/> Any questions, please email the St. Lucy Team at nativity.stlucyteam@gmail.com. Thank you and God bless you!

DONUT SUNDAY
 THIS WEEKEND





REGISTER TO VOTE!

This fall, voters will select candidates for the office of President, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative and – in some areas – “down-ballot” offices. The deadline to register is **Tues., Oct. 15.**



✓ Who is eligible to register?

- Must be a U.S. citizen.
- Must be a resident of Virginia.
- Must be 18 on or before the next election (e.g., 17-year-olds born on or before Nov. 5, 2006 can register today).
- Not be registered and plan to vote in another state.

✓ How to register:

You can register online, by mail, or at your local registrar’s office, among other locations. Visit **vote.elections.virginia.gov** or **scan the QR code** to:

- Register to vote online.
- Check registration status.
- Find your polling place.
- Apply to vote absentee by mail.

FOR MORE ELECTION RESOURCES FROM THE
VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE VISIT:
vacatholic.org/Election2024



EARLY VOTING BEGINS SEPT. 20. **REGISTRATION ENDS OCT. 15.** ELECTION DAY IS NOV. 5.

Nativity Catholic Church 40 Hours Devotion 2024

Sunday 20th October

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

Monday 21st 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 am - 9:30 am *Confessions*
- 12:30 pm *Daytime Prayer* - Midday Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours
- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm *Confessions*
- 5:00 pm - 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 pm - 10:00 pm *Confessions*
- 11:45 pm *Compline* - Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament afterwards

Tuesday 22nd 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 am - 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 pm - 2:00 pm *Confessions*
- 4:30 pm - 6:30 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
- 8:00 pm *Procession* - Eucharistic Procession throughout the Church ending with Solemn Benediction

Nativity Italian Heritage & Cultural Society

Dr. Heather Bougher, Associate Professor of Art History at the College of Southern Maryland, will be our guest presenter on October 17, at 7:00pm. Dr. Bougher received her PhD in Interdisciplinary Arts from Ohio University in January 2021, focusing on Italy's art and architectural history and aesthetics of the 14th-16th century. She is a member of the College Art Association, Italian Art Society, and the Renaissance Society of America. Dr. Bougher's Italian art history presentation will focus on the art and monuments of Rome and the Vatican.

All are welcome to join as members or attend as guests for \$5. You don't have to be Italian just enjoy the spirit of Italian culture. As always a social hour follows. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share if you can.

Date: October 17 at 7:00pm
Place: Nativity School Cafeteria

RALLY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27



Who: All high school students

What: Mass with Bishop Burbidge, Eucharistic Adoration, inspirational speakers and entertainers, breakout sessions, inflatable games, music, ice cream, and more!

Cost: \$30 (includes registration, bus, snacks, dinner, & t-shirt)

Time: Depart Nativity at 11am, return no later than 9pm

Registration: Fill out the form on the parish website or scan the QR code. Registration closes on October 23.



YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFE TEEN: GRADES 9-12
DINNER - FELLOWSHIP - PRAYER & FORMATION
Sundays | 6:30-8:30pm



EDGE: GRADES 6-8
Twice a month: Sunday 3:30-5:00pm & Friday 7:00-8:30pm
See website for full schedule



REGISTER FOR YOUTH MINISTRY

Whether your child is new or returning, please fill out our 2024-2025 registration form. There is no cost to register, and this form only needs to be filled out once per year. It includes all Diocesan required waivers for on-site gatherings at Nativity. Head to our website to access the forms.

[See website for full schedule](#)

Before attending, please register for the 2024-2025 year of ministry using our free, online forms.

✉ cym@nativityburke.org 📱 [@nativitycym](https://www.instagram.com/nativitycym)

Interdenominational

Infant Memorial Service

Saturday, October 19, 2024
7 p.m.
St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
3700 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax VA 22030

Family and friends of all faiths are welcome.

Please email memorialservice@tepeyacobgyn.com to register.

Types of infant loss include miscarriage, abortion, ectopic pregnancy, deceased embryos from fertility procedures, stillbirth, fatal perinatal diagnosis, death of a preemie baby, and infant death.



NATIVITY STARS BASKETBALL

REGISTRATION

All boys and girls in grades 3-8 in Nativity's Religious Education Program or enrolled in Nativity Catholic School are welcomed to register

Registration opens October 1st

Register at <https://nativityburke.org/cyo-basketball/>


PRACTICES AND GAMES

Practices begin late October
Games run from December to March

VOLUNTEERS

Coaching and volunteer roles are available.
Please reach out if interested!

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT
CYOSPORTS@NATIVITYBURKE.ORG



Pro-Life Corner

Keys To Bioethics: Clear answers to bioethical challenges arising from scientific and technological progress <https://laityinvolved.org/project/keys-to-bioethics/>

34th Annual Life Chain: Oct 6, 2:30 - 3:30 pm, 6222 Franconia Road, Alexandria - <https://www.lifechain.net/>. Join us in this peaceful, prayerful public witness of solidarity by the Christian community supporting the sanctity of human life. Park at St. Lawrence.

Nativity All-Day Prayer Vigil for Life: Oct 18, 900 S. Washington St, Falls Church Donate one hour for this 40 DFL vigil (from 7am-7pm) to join us in peaceful prayer on the sidewalk in front of the Falls Church abortion facility. Msgr. Bob will join us (!) during the 11am-12pm shift, give a short speech, and join us in a tour of the "A Best Choice Mobile Ultrasound Unit" that will be parked nearby from 10:45am - 12:15pm so that three shifts can enjoy the mobile ultrasound unit tour. SIGN UP here: bit.ly/42FrC2j

Please consider volunteering for the diocesan Gabriel Project parish-based pregnancy help outreach, a model of the national USCCB “Walking with Moms” initiative, The ministry offers a Gabriel “Angel” to accompany an expectant mother with emotional, spiritual and material support. An upcoming volunteer companion orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church from 6-7:30 p.m. in Classroom #5 in the building adjacent to the church. To learn more, please contact director Sarah LaPierre at gabrielproject@arlingtondiocese.org, call (703) 841-3812 or click: www.arlingtondiocese.org/gabrielproject.

Prayerfully prepare to vote using the Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC) Election 2024 Resource Hub. This fall, voters will select candidates for the office of President, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative and – in some areas – “down-ballot” offices. At the VCC Election Resource Hub, you will find information on Catholic Social Teaching, Candidate Comparison Charts for the Presidential and U.S. Virginia Senate races, register-to-vote flyers, a letter from Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Knestout, and more! Find all the resources in English and Spanish at: vacatholic.org/Election2024

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Marriage Enrichment Ministry is looking for a few individuals to help on our October 12 date night. Come make a positive impact to support marriages and families. Email marriage@nativityburke.org or call 571-208-2821.



The Art & Environment Ministry needs more helping hands!

Nativity’s Art & Environment Ministry always needs help to change the church décor as the Church goes from one liturgical season to another, especially for Christmas and Easter. Volunteers are needed to help:

- During the month of December to help assemble and put up the creche (first week in December), the Christmas trees (2nd week in December), and prepare the wreaths to put up on Monday, December 23
- During Holy Week and Saturday of Easter Vigil (April 15 – 19), to prep and decorate for Easter.

Please contact Vickie Sands at artandenvironment@nativityburke.org if you are interested in helping decorate. More hands help get the tasks finished more efficiently.



Nativity Catholic Church



EMAIL & TEXTING SCAM ALERT


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

Historically, scammers have posed as Father Bob, now they are posing as our other Nativity priests.

OCDS Silent Retreat - Friday Oct. 25 - Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024
St. John of the Cross: Transformation of the Spiritual Life
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Please note that the 2024 Mass Intentions Calendar is fully booked thru December 31, 2024. We will open the January 1 - June 30, 2025 Mass Intentions Calendar in November. Stay tuned for the bulletin Announcement with the exact date!

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.



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That morning, the students celebrated Mass, then worked on their communication and problem-solving skills, role-playing different scenarios to offer assistance in handling conflict and guidance to ‘do the right thing.’

“After ziplining, on our return to Nativity,” said Vargo, “we all immediately entered the Chapel for a closing ceremony, where Father gathered our fears and sent them away. We ended the day as we had begun it: Together, in prayer.”

Important Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday, Oct 9 - New Family Open House, 9:30 am
- Friday, Oct 11 - 12 NOON Dismissal
- Monday, Oct 14 - NO SCHOOL, Columbus Day
- Friday, Nov 1 - Winter Uniform Begins
- Friday, Nov 8 - 11:30 am Dismissal
- Friday, Nov 8 - 12:30 pm Parent/Teacher Conf. Begin
- Monday, Nov 11 - 11:30 am Dismissal (Veterans' Day)
- Monday, Nov 11 - 12:30 pm Parent/Teacher Conferences

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Linktree Universal Sign-up Link - Volunteer for an event!
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Council Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. First meeting is a business meeting, the second meeting of the month is devoted to faith formation. Rosary 7:15 PM; meeting at 7:30 PM. Fellowship follows. Meet in the Nativity school cafeteria.

Linktree Universal Sign-up Link:

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Donut Sunday: Sunday, October 6 in the Fr. Martin Center. Sign up to prep and serve your fellow parishioners. A great recruiting opportunity! See SUG on LinkTree.

Illuminated Rosary: Sunday, October 6, at 7 PM in the church sanctuary. Please plan to bring your family and friends out for this short, but beautiful event. Please reach out to Br. Bob Sands for information. See SUG on LinkTree.

Nativity All-Day Prayer Vigil for LIFE: Friday, October 18 (as part of the 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign). Volunteer to lead the Pro-Life Rosary for one hour so that each of the 1-hour slots (from 7 AM - 7 PM) has a Knight in attendance. See SUG on LinkTree.

Financial Readiness Seminar: Tuesday, October 22, 7-9pm. All are invited to better understand the benefits available to Catholics through the Knights of Columbus.

Trunk or Treat: Mark your calendar for Friday, October 25! This event is designed to provide a safe place for the children of the parish to come, show off their costumes, collect some treats, and have some fun. See SUG on LinkTree.
Masquerade Ball: Saturday, October 26 with preparation on Friday and cleanup on Sunday. Ticket sales will be before and after Mass starting October 5. See SUG for sales and the event on LinkTree.

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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. Fridays, contact Br. Matt Stockburger at mstock_w@yahoo.com.

Name Tags: If you have not received your name tag, email Warden Br. Lenny Richoux at warden7992@nativityburke.org.
Nativity Ushers assist at collections: Volunteer for your Mass! Volunteer on Link Tree for a database of potential helpers!

Sunday Mass Coffee and Cookies: We are providing coffee and cookies following Sunday morning Masses. 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.

The Fraternal Committee: Brothers helping brothers in need of assistance. Brothers and their families (living and deceased) in need of a helping hand, contact Br. John Landy at navyy8@yahoo.com.

3rd Degree Knights - Grow with 4th Degree: participate in patriotic activities that promote Catholic citizenship. Next meeting is October 8. If you are interested, please contact our Faithful Navigator Mark Corzine at fn2996@vakofc.org.

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. Please email our Deputy Grand Knight, Michael Bender, at dgk7992@nativityburke.org.

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³Standard & Poor's AA+ Ranking North American Life Insurance Companies from Strongest to Weakest by S&P Global Ratings. As of January 25, 2023.
⁴Investments are offered through Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, information found on www.kofcassetadvisors.org.

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6, 2024: Gn 2:18-24 | Ps 128:1-6 | Heb 2:9-11 | Mk 10:2-16

Supernatural Love in Marriage

Do you love someone who isn't loving you back? Have you experienced God's supernatural love helping you love those who are difficult to love?

Those of us who are married expect to be loved by our spouses as much as we need to be loved. And we assume that it's always going to be mutual: We will always be loved with the same passion as we love them.

However, most marriages enter difficulties that require supernatural love as well as supernatural persistence. That's why we need the Sacrament of Matrimony instead of just a civil ceremony at the courthouse or beach. Marriages need divine grace to endure with the permanence that God provides.

Jesus explained that the law of Moses permitted divorce because of the hardness of people's hearts. This is not an approval of divorce. He wants us to have hearts like his own, which never stops loving anyone.

In the days of Moses, when a marriage became difficult or unsatisfying, many men abandoned their wives. Although marriage was, from the beginning (Genesis Chapter 1), supposed to be a permanent covenant that united one man with one woman, a bill of divorce would allow an abandoned or rejected woman to remarry for her protection. It was never intended to be an approval of divorce.



Marriage is a reflection of God's faithful union with us. Permanence in marriage is a divine gift from God so that we can reflect him well. If we don't believe in the permanence of love within marriage, how can we believe that God is always in love with us – including when we don't deserve it? And how can children who watch us believe?

Remember, sometimes the lover goes to the Cross for the beloved. The vocation of marriage ordains the spouses to be a reflection of Christ's passion for all.

God never forces us to stay "married" to him. He loves us even when we turn away from him. Likewise, an unloved spouse is called by God to continue loving the one who abandons the marriage, even if only from afar. This is also true in any God-ordained friendships, and between priests and the laity they serve, and parents with their children.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Have you ever quit a relationship because it was too hard? Did you really stop loving that person?
- † How is the way you handled it like or unlike the heart of Christ?
- † How has God helped you love someone who quit loving you? How did you open yourself to receive his divine help?
- † Describe how this reveals to others what God's love is really like.

Como un niño en las manos de Dios Quizá, con nuestros miedos, hemos hecho de Dios un extranjero

Por: P. Fernando Pascual, L.C. | Fuente: es.catholic.net

Un niño se siente seguro cuando, a su lado, están sus papás. Puede correr, gritar, pelearse, caer al suelo. Tal vez un golpe abre una pequeña herida y la sangre se pasea por la rodilla. El niño se asusta, llora, corre a ver a su madre. Pronto un beso y un pequeño masaje, acompañado por las palabras "mi rey, no es nada", hacen desaparecer las lágrimas, y el niño vuelve a sus aventuras y su sueños.

Así es el niño: un continuo sucederse de estados de ánimos, de risas y de lágrimas, de miedos y de seguridades. La brújula se mantiene con un norte constante si cerca hay alguien que le quiere, le sigue, le endereza y le ayuda cuando las cosas empiezan a ponerse mal. El niño juega tranquilo si sabe que mamá está a su lado. Las madres tienen un sexto sentido para detectar los peligros y para descubrir las enfermedades cuando empiezan los primeros síntomas. El niño se da cuenta de esto, casi sin decirlo, y por eso vive con una paz envidiable.

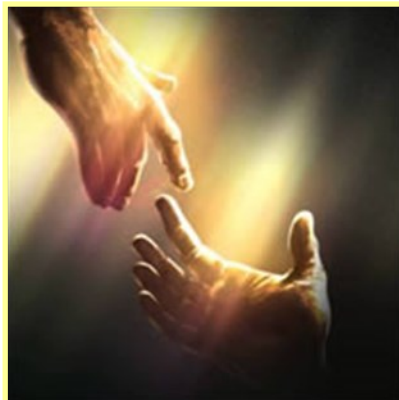
Los mayores vivimos a veces muy seguros de nosotros mismos. Hacemos nuestros programas, vamos al trabajo, pensamos en el verano y controlamos que quede un ahorrito en el banco. Nos sentimos tranquilos cuando todo está bajo control, y la posibilidad de una bancarrota, una crisis laboral, la expulsión de la fábrica o el susto de un accidente nos angustian, nos paralizan, quizá incluso nos llevan a la desesperación.

¿Por qué somos tan distintos de los niños? Porque creemos que la madurez coincide con la autosuficiencia, y porque pensamos que vivir siempre arropados por los padres es señal de infantilismo. Además, buscamos la seguridad en cosas que no son para nada estables. Incluso, si somos honestos, nosotros mismos no podemos garantizar nuestra salud ni siquiera para las próximas 24 horas...

En el Evangelio se nos pide que volvamos a ser como niños si queremos entrar en el Reino de los cielos. Es decir, hay que dejarle las riendas a Dios, para que nos conduzca y nos lleve a donde quiera con su cariño de Padre bueno. Hay que levantar los ojos llorosos al cielo para pedir perdón cuando hemos pecado o para pedir ayuda cuando las cosas en la familia o el trabajo no van bien. Hay que saber cerrar los ojos cada noche con la seguridad de que mañana Dios seguirá allí, fiel, dispuesto a ayudarnos si nos dejamos ayudar, a levantarnos si caemos, a consolarnos si las heridas de la vida son profundas.

Dios es como una madre, nos dice la Biblia. Lo que pasa es que a veces nos sentimos demasiado grandes y no le dejamos cogernos de la mano para ir al médico, para cambiarnos de ropa o para pedirnos que dejemos a los demás un poco de nuestro tiempo, cualidades o incluso de nuestro dinero.

Cuando nos ponemos en manos de Dios, le dejamos escribir una historia llena de amor, de alegría, de paz. Una historia de esperanza, como en la vida de los santos. No cuesta nada dejarse llevar por Dios si descubrimos que nos ama. Por eso los niños confían ciegamente en sus padres. La desconfianza infantil es normal cuando llega un extraño, pero no cuando entran en casa papá o mamá. Quizá, con nuestros miedos, hemos hecho de Dios un extranjero, cuando, de verdad, es siempre un Padre que nos ama.





Then what did Jesus do with the children?

On each line write the letter in the alphabet that comes after the one given.

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H M G H R A Q L R

A M C

A K D R R D C

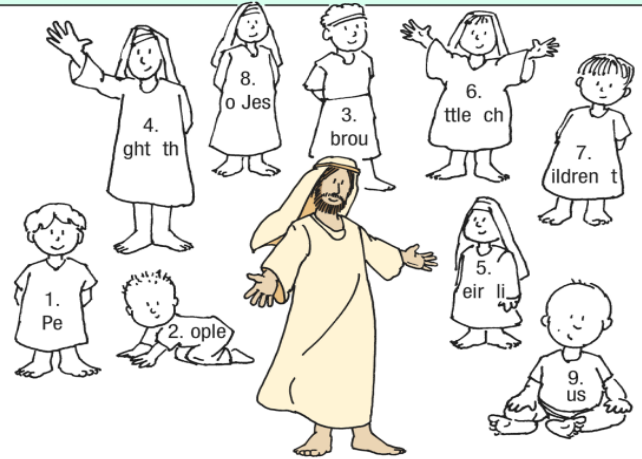
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Jesus and the Children

Jesus was talking to some Pharisees. What happened next?

Fill in the blanks with each group of letters. Use the "1" letters first, then the "2" letters, and so on.



Jesus' disciples told the people to stop. What did Jesus say?

Find Mark 10:14. Write a word to fit the definition. Transfer the letters to the lines below.

Something to play with

1 2 3

A female child

4 5 6 7

An infant

8 9 10 11

A beverage we get from cows

12 13 14 15

What you wave with

16 17 18 19

The location of your eyes, nose, mouth

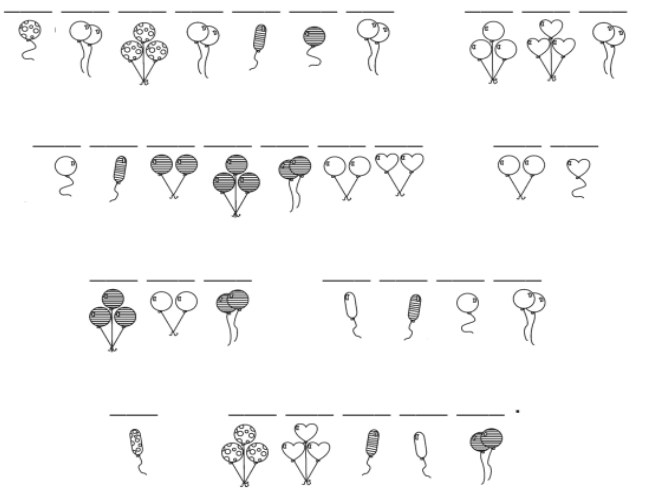
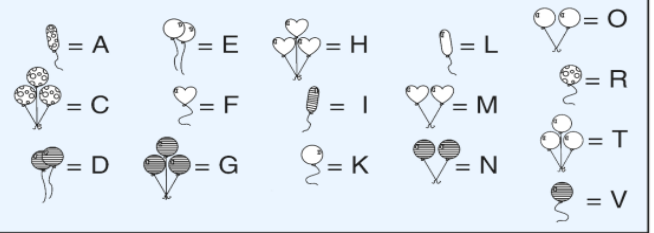
20 21 22 23

It lights the day

24 25 26

" 7 23 1 1 16 23 7 5 1 1 14 23
22 16 13 7 19 6 23 18 22 2 12 23
1 2 12 23 9 18 19 19 2 18 2 1
16 5 18 19 23 6 1 16 23 12 20 2 6
1 16 23 15 13 18 4 19 2 12 2 20
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Jesus told the disciples how to enter the kingdom of God. What did they have to do?



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