



Nativity
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Burke, Virginia
1973 2023
Celebrating 50 Years!
"We are God's people" - 1 Peter 2:10

6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, Virginia 22015 nativityburke.org



REV. MSGR. ROBERT C. CILINSKI, PASTOR
REV. JONATHAN BENNETT, PAROCHIAL VICAR
REV. JORDAN EVANS, PAROCHIAL VICAR
REV. CEDRIC P. WILSON, ASSISTING PRIEST/ SPANISH MINISTRY
DEC. RICHARD F. KELLY
SEMINARIAN GABRIEL GAUDET

SPECIALIZED MINISTRIES OF THE PARISH:
- Diane Dellen, Parish Secretary
- Ann Benson, Business Manager
- Carlos Gutierrez, Facility Manager
- Johana Brown, Parish Receptionist
- Angela Bohli, Receptionist/Baptism Coordinator
- Caroline Chase, Receptionist/Bulletin Editor
- Ana Gonzalez, Receptionist/Offertory/Mass Intensions
- Charlie Guttierez, Evening Receptionist
- Patricia Pagoada, Director Family Ministry & Social Action
- Tracey Hulen, Disability Inclusion Coordinator
- Grace Carroll, Director of Youth Ministry
- Anna Lisa Licud, Coordinator Marriage Enrichment
- Cat Sands, Director of Pastoral Care
- Karla Camino, Sacristan
- Mary Castellano, Director of Social Media
- Carole Fischl, Co-director of Music
- Debbie Doyle, Co-director of Music
- Mai Tran, Traditional Choir Director
- Sara Prince, Youth Choir Director
- Mina Lee, Cornerstone Contemporary Choir Director
- Natacha Hines, Gift Shop

MINISTERS OF OUR SCHOOL:
- Maria Kelly, Principal
- Richard Godwin, Assistant Principal
- Jen Behan, Preschool Director/Extended Care Director
- Shannon Murphy, Administrative Assistant/Registrar
- Kim Vu, Business Manager
- Mary Helen Chapman, School Secretary

MINISTERS OF OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:
- Sister Donatella Merulla, A.R., M.R.E.
- Sister Mary Attilia Todaro, A.R., M.R.E.
- Fania Jimenez, Administrative Assistant
- Joyce Kelly, SPRED Coordinator

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELOR
- Marguerite Turner, MS, LPC (703) 454-2415 or mmturner@ccda.net

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

PARISH OFFICE: (703) 455-2400
PARISH FAX: (703) 455-6832
NATIVITY SCHOOL: (703) 455-2300
NATIVITY FAX: (703) 569-8109
PRE-SCHOOL: (703) 455-2300 ext. 136
R.E. OFFICE: (703) 455-0372
R.E. OFFICE FAX: (703) 455-6832

SUNDAY MASSES:
- 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/

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 11:00 am on Tuesday (5 days prior to publication). Please note: this deadline can change due to holiday closings

BULLETIN EDITOR:
- Caroline Chase, bulletin@nativityburke.org

WEBMASTER:
- Emilia Hartline, webmaster@nativityburke.org

SOCIAL MEDIA:
- Mary Castellano, socialmedia@nativityburke.org



Bishop Michael F. Burbidge Statement for Respect Life Month: A Decisive Moment for our Commonwealth

As Catholics in the United States observe Respect Life Month throughout October, we are encouraged to pause and remember the beautiful truth that every human life is precious, created in the image and likeness of our loving God. Reflecting on this we begin to grasp the immense dignity and worth of every human being regardless of age or ability. We lovingly speak this truth when we accompany mothers in need through the challenges of unexpected or difficult pregnancies assuring them in word and deed that they are not alone and that their temporal and spiritual needs will be met through our Gabriel Project parish-based pregnancy support and the Catholic Charities pregnancy and adoption programs. Our call to love every human life is the why behind our outreach to parents wounded by the loss of a child for any reason: illness, suicide, or the scourge of abortion.

The Church grieves with those who mourn and seeks to bring Christ's healing and consolation to wounded hearts. Project Rachel After Abortion Care stands ready to serve men and women in need of healing from their participation in abortion, offering compassionate and confidential care without judgment. Moreover, Gift for Life financial assistance is available to expectant families in need or those who have experienced a pregnancy loss.

The Church loves God's children enough to speak the truth, and when necessary to warn when dangers or threats loom. The majority of abortions in the United States now take place by means of abortion pills, which carry increased health risks for mothers and are, of course, deadly for their children. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee for Pro-Life Activities states:

Every abortion involves the death of a child and harm to the mother…The Food and Drug Administration has enabled a nationwide mail-order abortion industry by allowing abortion pills to be prescribed in telehealth appointments and sold both at neighborhood pharmacies and online, circumventing state laws that protect life in the womb. This leaves women vulnerable to suffering an abortion alone at home, without any medical supervision. It also sets up additional opportunities for exploitation by violent partners or human traffickers. From now through the end of October, Respect Life Month, the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer and action to stop the spread of abortion pills.

Deep concern for all the members of our local church is also why I am now calling all members of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington to confront the legal threats to the sanctity of human life and the sacredness of marriage that are currently before Virginians on this fall's ballot.

I implore all Catholics to vote "no" on Ballot Questions 1 and 2 in the Commonwealth of Virginia this election season. These ballot measures pose serious threats to life, liberty, and the happiness of families, parents, and their children. They threaten to unleash a torrent of harms to women, children, and their families.

By learning more about these threats at CatholicsVoteNo.com, all Catholics may properly form their conscience. Together, we can proclaim our greater "Yes" to the Gospel in the public square by voting "No" on these two ballot measures. Early voting is underway, and Election Day is November 3.

This is a decisive moment for the future of our beloved Commonwealth. As important as every "no" vote is, we know we cannot do this without praying for God's divine assistance. Our Lord tells us in Mark 9:29 that certain evils "cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." Therefore, throughout this month of October I invite you to join me in prayer and in fasting as we ask God to protect human life, strengthen families, console those who suffer, and have mercy on all Virginians as we work to defeat Ballot Questions 1 and 2.

Mary, Mother of Life, pray for us!

The Parish Office will be closed all day on Monday, October 12th
in Observance of Columbus Day
Morning Mass at 9:00 am, no noon Mass

PRAY TO HELP PROTECT MOMS IN CRISIS PREGNANCIES AND SAVE THE LIVES OF THEIR CHILDREN

Nativity All-Day Prayer Vigil for Life!
40 Days for Life Fall Campaign Day
Friday, October 23, 2026
7am – 7pm (sign up for just one hour!)
Location: 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church, VA
"When someone prays in front of an abortion facility, the no-show rate for appointments can go to as high as 75%!" (40 DFL)

Sign up to peacefully pray the pro-life Rosary below for 1 hour!



THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE & MARRIAGE
calls for a consistent, universal response from Catholics to protect and preserve objective goods by which God blesses humanity.

As Catholics, we vote no on these ballot measures:

○ YES **BALLOT 1: "Virginia Right to**
● NO **Reproductive Freedom Amendment"**

- Eliminates common-sense health and safety regulations
- Allows unregulated abortion even for healthy babies up to birth for any reason with no limits
- Pushes parents out of irreversible, life-altering decisions involving their underage daughters
- Encourages even non-physicians to operate unlicensed abortion businesses

○ YES **BALLOT 2: "Virginia Remove Constitutional**
● NO **Same-Sex Marriage Ban Amendment"**

- Enshrines radical gender ideology through "sex" and "gender" language
- Conscience rights and religious liberty protections would be effectively denied
- Commercial surrogacy would continue to exploit vulnerable women and violate the rights of children

Pledge to Vote: **CatholicsVoteNo.com**

CATHOLICS VOTE NO

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.

Through October 12th, 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!

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
Monday, November 2nd at 7:00 pm

One of our most beloved traditions at Nativity Church occurs every year during the month of November. This is the month when the whole Church remembers those who have passed from this world in hope of eternal life. At Nativity we celebrate a special Mass for those of our parish family who have died in the past year. We wish to invite your family and friends to this special Eucharist.

This special Mass will take place on Monday, November 2nd at 7:00 pm. Please know that you are in our prayers and in the prayers of the community of Nativity.

Love and blessings,
Fr. Bob Cilinski

Marriage ENRICHMENT MINISTRY

Date Night

No Greater Love: The Story of Tom Vander Woude



CHRIS VANDER WOUDE

SATURDAY • OCTOBER 17 • 6:00 PM

Following the 5:00 PM Mass
All adults in the parish are invited!

Dinner & Childcare Provided

Register Today!
nativityburke.org/date-night/



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

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS donated by
The McMahon Family in Loving Memory of Jim McMahon, loving father, grandfather and husband
AND
Maria Gonzalez in Loving Memory of Elena Irizaeer

Rosary Makers will meet on Tuesday, October 20 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm in the Father Ready Room. We are always looking for new members to help make Mission Rosaries. If you are willing to learn, we are happy to teach you! All supplies are provided for this worthwhile ministry which seeks to put rosaries in any hand that wants one! We begin our meeting with the recitation of the rosary and then we can teach you how to make this very simple rosary that you can take home with you and a bag of supplies to make more. If you have any questions, email us at rosaryministry@nativityburke.org.





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, October 20

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 12
9:00 am † Clara Pomilla

Tuesday, October 13
7:30 am † Michael Gerencser
12:00 pm Special Intention for the McLaughlin Family

Wednesday, October 14
7:30 am † Dottie Andrews

Thursday, October 15
7:30 am Special Intention for Kathy Ogborn
12:00 am † John & Patricia Murray

Friday, October 16
7:30 am † Antonio Cosgaya

Saturday, October 17
9:00 am † The Christopher Family
5:00 pm † David J. Lynch
7:00 pm † Francisco & Julia Gomez *(Spanish)*

Sunday, October 18
7:00 am † Jairo Gustavo Vargas
9:00 am Nativity Parishioners
11:00 pm † Sam & Mae Libero
1:00 pm † Greg Nalepa
5:30 pm † Aurora Lao

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

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

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!



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.

Monthly Sensory Mass: Sunday, October 11th 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.



Open House at John Paul the Great - Sunday, November 1

Saint John Paul the Great's Open House is fun for the whole family! Learn more about our rigorous college-preparatory curriculum, competitive athletics, inspiring visual and performing arts, and abundant extracurricular opportunities. Meet students, faculty, coaches, administration, and parents to learn more about the programs you love. Pre-register at: https://jpthegreat.fsenrollment.com/portal/new_inquiry

JP Shadow Days - Sign Up Today!

Schedule a shadow day at Saint John Paul the Great! Shadow days give prospective students the chance to see life at JP firsthand! Shadow guests are paired with a current JP student for an entire school day. They attend classes, meet teachers, and enjoy a complimentary lunch from the cafeteria. This is a great way for prospective students to envision themselves as JP students! Sign up at: https://jpthegreat.fsenrollment.com/portal/new_inquiry.

MASS INTENTIONS CALENDAR OPENING FOR:
January 1 thru June 30, 2027

The JAN-JUN 2027 Mass Intentions Calendar will open on Tuesday, November 10 at 9:00 am. The online portal to schedule intensions will open on Monday, November 16. We are limiting the requests to 5 intentions per family/household per calendar year.
You can visit the parish office to schedule intentions or visit: https://nativityburke.org/mass-intentions/



A message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry

On October 4, we celebrated the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, beloved for his deep love of God and his reverence for all creation. Francis recognized creation as a gift from God and called the sun, moon, earth, water, and living creatures his brothers and sisters.

Pope Francis chose his papal name in honor of St. Francis, whose example inspired his 2015 encyclical, Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home. The title comes from St. Francis' Canticle of the Creatures, a prayer of praise for God's beautiful creation. Laudato Si' reminds us that caring for creation is not simply an environmental concern—it is an expression of our faith and our responsibility to one another and to future generations.

This Feast of St. Francis invites us to give thanks for the beauty of creation and to consider how we can care for our common home through our everyday choices.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

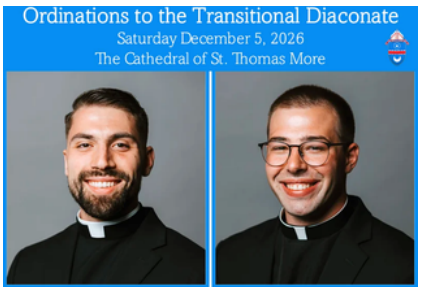
Why Ballot Question 1(in italics below) is Deceptive!
Question: Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to:

(i) protect the freedom to make personal decision about prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, birth control, abortion, miscarriage management, and fertility care;
- NOTE "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 - NOTE "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?"
- NOTE "Virginia law already allows late-term abortion when three physicians agree the pregnancy would substantially and permanently harm 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.



On December 5, 2026, Bishop Burbidge will ordain two seminarians to the Transitional Diaconate (indicating that it is a step on their way to the Priesthood):
Andrew D'Andrea and Gabriel Gaudet.

The Mass will be held at The Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington at 11:00 a.m. and will also be livestreamed.

Visit www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations to learn more about these men, what led them to seminary, and about the ordination events. Pray for our future priests!

Your healing begins here.



This teaching, presented by Dr. Bob Schuchts & Sr. Miriam James Heidland, is for anyone desiring wholeness, freedom, and an encounter with a loving Creator. If you're looking for a deeper understanding of God's love and the healing of your own story, you'll fit right in.

Thursdays: October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 19, December 3, 17, and January 7, 1:00 - 2:15 PM
Fr. Ready Room (Meeting Rm 1)

Workbook recommended and can be purchased here:
https://jpiihealingcenter.org/product/hwp-dbs-smjh/
Contact Anna Lisa: alicud@nativityburke.org

Please note: This is a licensed video series used with the permission of the JPII Healing Center. This is not a JPII Healing Center event.

To Register:
https://nativityburke.org/healing-program/





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

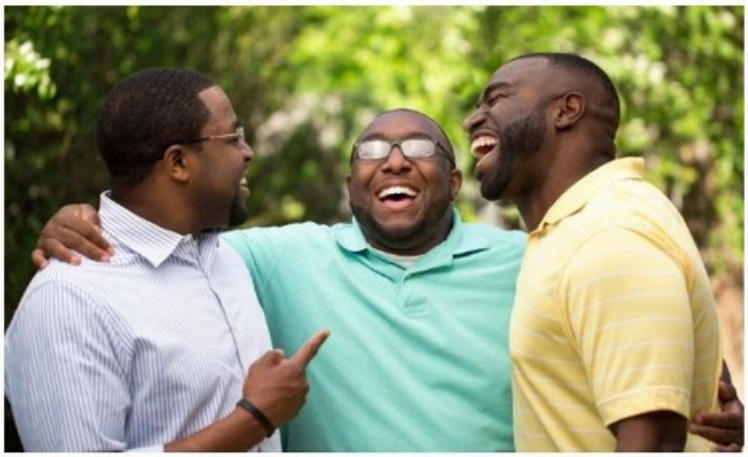
Join us on Friday, October 16th as we mark the anniversary of the election of Karol Wojtyla to the papacy in 1978! The celebration begins with Holy Mass, followed by the opportunity to venerate a first-class relic of St. John Paul II. Then, step back in time with us to St. Peter's Square, 1978, remember 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 Church





Caregivers Supporting Loved Ones with Disabilities

Caregivers of loved ones with special needs (of all ages) are invited to **join us for a time of community,** encouragement, and spiritual support. This gathering will include small group conversations, a presentation from a fellow caregiver, and space to connect with other parish families navigating similar journeys. Caregivers include those caring for family members with special needs such as sensory processing challenges, ADHD, autism, or intellectual, physical, and developmental disabilities, etc. We consider caregivers to be any relative who is walking alongside a family member with special needs. **Caregivers must register in advance to attend.**

SCAN ME!

Sunday, Oct. 25th 7:00–8:30 pm Father Ready Room

nativityburke.org/caregivers-gathering/

NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
Nationally Certified STEM School
ITEEA STEM School of Excellence

Grandparents' Day: Highlighting Generational Guidance



September was a very busy month at Nativity Catholic School: Not only were we just getting into the rhythm of classes and homework, but we had the Priest Barbecue, book fair, and Grandparents' Day! And on the final day of our Book Fair, we celebrated our grandparents by inviting them to school to see their grandchildren at work, at play, at Mass. The day began with morning Mass, where we gathered together as Monsignor delivered his Homily, then thanked both parents and grandparents for their love and support, their faith and guidance, as we partnered with them through some very formative years in their (grand)children's lives. After Mass, students returned to their classrooms, and our grandparents joined Monsignor Bob and our Principal, Maria Kelly, in the cafeteria to talk a bit, and to enjoy some refreshment.

Then it was off to the classrooms, where parents and grandparents were able to see what their (grand)children have been learning – and doing – in a STEM school. (More details in a later bulletin!)

Their last stop? The book fair! All kinds of books offered for our students of every age. Thank you to everyone who stopped by and made our book fair a success – that means more books for our library (more books your students will love)!

****

Substitutes Wanted:
Enjoy working with children? Consider joining us!
We are in need of substitute teachers with the following minimum qualifications:

- 2-plus years of college
- Ability to follow a lesson plan and give effective instructions
- Proficiency in maintaining effective classroom management skills
- Successful completion of Virtus training
- Successful background check

For more information, email Richard Godwin at rgodwin@nativityschool.org, or Shannon Murphy, our Registrar, at smurph@nativityschool.org, or call (703) 455-2300.

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.
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
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.
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/LiPCRmzfyRnYEU8s5.
Name Tags: If you have not received your name tag, email our Warden, Dan Thomas, at warden7992@nativityburke.org.
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 handyknightsofnativity@gmail.com.
3rd Degree Knights: Grow with 4th Degree - participate in patriotic activities that promote Catholic citizenship. 4th Degree Assembly meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Nativity school cafeteria: If you are interested, please contact our Faithful Navigator John Lathrop at fn2996@vakofc.org.



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, DAMES AND THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
ARE JOINING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT
THE LORTON COMMUNITY ACTION CENTER (LCAC)."

WINTER COAT DRIVE



DROP-OFF:

October 24 and 25
October 31 and Nov 1

BEFORE & AFTER
ALL MASSES

We are collecting NEW or GENTLY used clean coats for men, women and children. There is a special need for teen coats in all sizes, teen boys and girls. We also gladly accept NEW warm hats, gloves, scarves and socks.



This collection is in preparation for the 2026 Diocesan Week of Service. The coats will be distributed on Nov. 8

****RE will also collect on Oct. 26/27 and Non. 2/3****

CELEBRATE THE FEAST DAY OF

Saint John Paul II

SAINT JOHN PAUL II NATIONAL SHRINE

Visit the Shrine this October:



OCTOBER 16
Election Anniversary Celebration



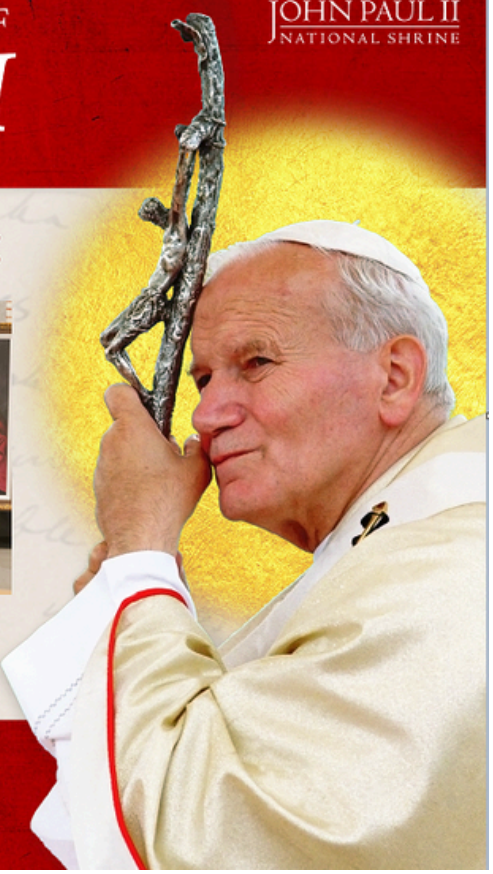
OCTOBER 17
Annual Pilgrimage in Rock Creek Park



OCTOBER 18
Bl. Jerzy Popiełuszko Presentation & Movie



OCTOBER 22
Feast Day Celebration & Mass



3900 Harewood Road NE, Washington, D.C. 20017
www.jp2shrine.org | 202.635.5400 | @jp2shrine

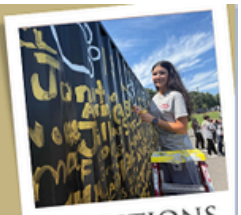
SAINT PAUL VI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL EST. 1983

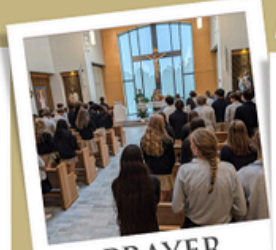
OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 25 from 1–3 p.m.

PICTURE YOURSELF @PVI!


MUSIC


TRADITIONS


PRAYER


THEATRE


SERVICE


LEADERSHIP


ACADEMICS


COMMUNITY


SPORTS



CLUBS


VI MAN

Scan to register
42341 Braddock Road
Chantilly, VA 20152
www.paulvi.net

SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026 · 1:00 - 4:00 PM









SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

VERITAS

Register Here!

703.445.0246 | JPTHEGREAT.ORG | ADMISSIONS@JPTHEGREAT.ORG

17700 DOMINICAN DRIVE, POTOMAC SHORES, VA 22026

CULTURA VITAE

CHESTERTON ACADEMY
OF CHRIST THE KING

You're Invited!

FALL OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, November 7, 2026

3:00-4:30 pm

St. Lawrence Catholic Church



Click to Sign up or Scan the QR code

CHESTERTON-CHRISTTHEKING.ORG

DOMINGO XXVIII
Y ¿TU? ¿COMO LE RESPONDES?
Javier Leoz

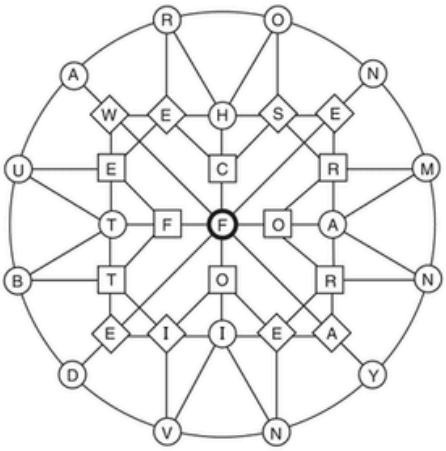
Metidos tan de lleno en nuestros problemas, puede que el Señor pase a nuestro lado, y no percibamos su presencia. Puede que, incluso, pensando que estamos cumpliendo su voluntad –volcados en proyectos y mil historias- nos llame el Señor y encuentre aquello de "ocupado, no molestar".
El Evangelio de hoy cobra fuerza cuando, Dios, sale al camino de nuestra existencia y nos encuentra indiferentes, perdidos, sin ánimo, distraídos y sin afán que montar un castillo de ilusiones, pero sin contar con El.
1.Si echamos una mirada a nuestras celebraciones puede que lleguemos afirmar aquello de "más que una fiesta parece un funeral". ¿A qué se debe? ¿No será porque nuestras actitudes no son las de la alegría, el gozo sino que, por el contrario, queremos someter a Dios a nuestro capricho y antojo?
Hay un viejo proverbio que dice "el infierno está lleno de desagradecidos". Y, la vida que llevamos, puede que en multitud de ocasiones nos haga ser aparentemente así: desagradecidos.
-Con los amigos. Cada día tenemos más excusas para huir de compromisos que exigen dedicación, diálogo, encuentro, etc. Siempre aducimos lo mismo "nos falta tiempo".
-Con la familia. La televisión, el ocio, el deporte, hacen que sean coartada perfecta para no educar –en primera línea o comprometidamente-a los hijos o, simplemente, para evadirnos de una comunicación sincera
-Con Dios. También, el Señor, está pagando los platos rotos de nuestras ocupaciones. No hace mucho que el Papa Benedicto XVI alertaba del peligro que suponía el "intento de silenciar a Dios en la sociedad". Y es que, a veces, en el conjunto de nuestra vida, nos cuesta responder y aceptar a Dios con generosidad, desde la oración, etc, etc.
El activismo, la acción desenfrenada, nos puede llevar a un desentendimiento de Dios. A confinar al Señor en segundo plano y a no caer en la cuenta de que, el Señor, es precisamente dueño de nuestro tiempo y de todo lo que acontece en ese espacio. No podemos idolatrar nuestros proyectos, nuestras ilusiones en detrimento de nuestra fe. No podemos endiosar lo que creamos sin ser conscientes que, aquello que realizamos, es porque Dios así lo quiere y ahí nos envía.
Este domingo es un momento muy conveniente para preguntarnos: aquello que hacemos ¿en nombre de quién y por qué lo hacemos? ¿Somos felices diciendo a todo que sí, menos a Dios que le decimos muchas veces que no?
2.Hoy, como en los tiempos en los que Jesús diserta con esta parábola, también hay un pueblo al que el Señor invita, llama y quiere sentar a su mesa. Ese pueblo somos nosotros. Y, parte de ese pueblo –como también entonces-está, estamos tan ocupados, que Dios encuentra la misma resistencia. ¿Es así? ¿Cómo respondemos a Dios? ¿Con qué actitud venimos a la Eucaristía? ¿Con traje de fiesta o con el buzo de nuestra pereza, egoísmo, envidias, etc?
En nuestra agenda diaria o semanal ¿por qué no apuntamos la Eucaristía diaria, el rosario, la visita al Santísimo, una buena confesión o una visita al enfermo como algo importante para nuestra vida cristiana y como llamada de Dios?
Ya veis, queridos amigos; el Señor sigue invitando a su fiesta. Lo sigue haciendo con fuerza y con la misma delicadeza con que lo hizo al antiguo pueblo de Israel. Lo hace sabiendo que, los entretenimientos del mundo, puede que se antepongan a la gran fiesta a la cual El nos invita.
¿Por qué será que preferimos aquellos festejos que aligeran nuestros bolsillos y nos dejan vacíos por dentro?
¿Será a caso que, la fiesta del Señor –por ser gratuita – no la valoramos como aquellos otros manjares que se pagan a precio de oro o a costa de la carne?
¿Por qué preferimos ir por la vida, vestidos casi de carnaval, y a la Eucaristía no vamos con el traje de la hermandad y de la alegría, del optimismo y de la ilusión, de la esperanza y de la confianza?
¿Por qué, y esto si que es serio, nos cuesta tanto mostrar el traje de la fiesta –la fe, el amor a Dios, la oración pública, la comunión con la Iglesia, la misa diaria o dominical, nuestra identidad cristiana, etc, etc? Respondamos al Señor. Lo hagamos con el traje que nos puso en el día de nuestro bautismo: el traje de los hijos de Dios cosido con los colores de los hilos de la fe, la esperanza y la caridad.





The king told the attendants to tie the man up and throw him outside. What does this parable mean?

Start at the center.
Then follow the arrows to fill in the blanks.



“ ,

.”

What happened next?

Use this code to fill in the blanks.

⬠	O	K	C	S	G
▽	F	V	N	I	W
△	J	R	Q	Y	P
⬡	Z	A	D	H	B
□	E	U	M	T	L
	○	♡	☆	⏢	◇

Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 7+ October 11, 2026 • Matthew 22:1-14

The Wedding Banquet

Jesus spoke to the crowd in parables. What did He say?

Find the underlined letters hidden in the picture below.

“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son.”



The king was angry. What happened next?

Fill in the missing vowels.

e i a i o i e a e e i a u e i e a u o e l i i e i o
e e e o o e o o e e e o e a i i e a o o u i e e i a
e i o e e e u e e o i e a a e e o a o e a i e i o e

Th__ k__ng s__ __d t__ h__s

s__rv__nts, “Th__ w__dd__ng b__nq__ __t

__s r__ __dy, b__t th__s__ __ __nv__t__d

d__d n__t d__s__rv__ t__ c__m__.

G__ t__ th__ str__ __t c__rn__rs __nd

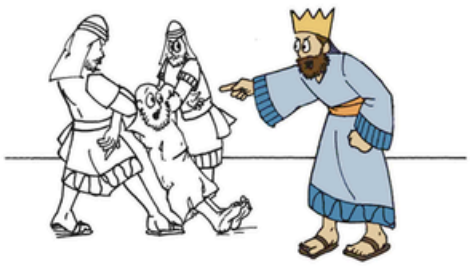
__nv__t__ __ny__ne y__ __ f__nd.” …

Wh__n th__ k__ng c__m__ __n t__

s__ __ th__ g__ __sts, h__ n__t__c__d

__ m__n th__r__ wh__ w__s n__t

w__ __r__ng w__dd__ng cl__th__s.



BURKE FAMILY ORTHODONTICS
Dr. Kevin Toms
Dr. Brandon Cummins*
Dr. Rodney Klima*
EARLY ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT | BRACES | CLEAR ALIGNERS
Book A Free Consultation Today!
703-425-5125
5204 - B Lyngate Court Burke, VA 22015
www.burkefamilyortho.com

SENIOR AND MILITARY DISCOUNTS!
FINANCING AVAILABLE
ROOFING
GUTTERS · SIDING
TREE REMOVAL · DECKS
FREE wind & Hail Damage Inspections for Roofs
Insurance Claims Specialists
MidAtlantic CONSTRUCTION
703-492-HOME (4663) or 571-408-4349
www.MAContracting.com
Voted Best in Business

AGE HAPPILY AT HOME
NOW HIRING CAREGIVERS: We are seeking compassionate individuals to work as In-Home Caregivers, providing essential support and assistance to clients in their homes. For full job description visit bit.ly/ExecutiveHomecare or scan the QR code.
Apply Here
Visit Us Online
Executive Home Care of Manassas
Call/Text Ryan McBroom
703-936-5545
Exercise/Walking • Companionship Medication Reminders
Laundry • Meal Preparation • Transportation Shopping • Housekeeping
Fall Prevention, Dementia Care • Health Care • And More!
executivehomecare.com/manassas-va

IHOP RESTAURANT
Stop by before or after Mass.
Come Hungry, Leave Happy
We are always open!
WE ARE HIRING!
Servers - Hostess
any shift - full and part time
Open 24 Hours
Great taste never sleeps
Your local Burke IHOP proudly supports Nativity Church.
We are open 24 hours a day 7 days a week, 365 days a year.
Free Wi-Fi, Kids Eat free on Tuesday nights, and Wednesday is Senior Night. See what's new at IHOP.
Make it an IHOP day.

Caffi SERVICES, INC
PLUMBING HEATING HVAC REMODELING
1313 POWHATAN STREET ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314-1342
(703) 836-6775
www.caffiservices.com
service@caffiservices.com
Serving the DC Metropolitan Area since 1967

HEATHERWOOD™
INDEPENDENT LIVING, ASSISTED LIVING, AND MEMORY CARE
Check out our Signature Summer of Events!
Go to HeatherwoodByRUI.com/events to sign up or learn more today!
703.425.1698
9642 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015

YOUR HOME IS OUR PRIORITY
LONG & FOSTER REAL ESTATE | Forbes
C - 703-622-5862
SHELLEYD@LNF.COM
WWW.SHELLEYDRAHEIM.COM
Elite Producer & 100 Best Agent Washingtonian Magazine
REALTORS LICENSED IN VA
SHELLEY DRAHEIM & EMILY PHILLIPS

Society of African Missions
Are You Called to be a Missionary?
The SMA Fathers (Society of Africa Missions) are looking for young people and adults ready to embrace a life of service and purpose.
Join us as a missionary priest or lay associate and bring the light of Christ to communities in Africa, and around the world.
Take the first step today!
"Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)
23 Bliss Avenue
Tenafly, NJ 07670
vocations@smafathers.org
http://smafathers.org

Have You Been Injured?
Call a Personal Injury Attorney!
- Car Accidents - Slip & Falls - Dog Bites
- Cosmetic & Spinal Injuries
- Wrongful Death - Truck Crashes
Tara Tighe Umbrino, Esq.
Founder, Valor Injury Law
(703) 828-0051
www.valorinjury.com
Woodbridge, VA - 13895 Hedgewood Dr. Ste 341
VALOR

HAMBLETON Handyman
"Your Home Repair Expert"
(571) 513-6668
• Carpentry & Wood Rot
• Drywall & Painting
• Plumbing & Tile
• Bathrooms Remodels
• Honey-Do Lists
Family Owned • Full-Time Employees • 10+ Years in Business

NEW YORK LIFE
YURI SERGIO CASTILLO
Registered Representative* & Insurance Agent
New York Life Insurance Company
www.newyorklife.com/agent/ycastillo
✓Insurance
✓Life Insurance
✓Term Life Insurance
✓Whole Life Insurance
✓Long-Term Care Insurance
✓Individual Disability Insurance
✓529 College Savings Plans*
✓Investments*
✓Annuities
✓Wealth Solutions
✓Small Business
"I am here to help protect what matters most --- your family, your future, and your peace of mind."
571-221-0100
ycastillo@ft.newyorklife.com
8075 Leesburg Pike, Suite 400
Vienna, Virginia 22182

JULIA BARTON
ASSOCIATE BROKER | REALTOR®
MILITARY RELOCATION PROFESSIONAL
FATHOM REALTY, NORTHERN VIRGINIA
CALL/TEXT 703-828-8585
VISIT WWW.JUSTLISTEDWITHJULIA.COM
JUSTLISTEDWITHJULIA@GMAIL.COM
FATHOM

B·J· Pool & Spa
A Full Service Pool and Spa Company
Please visit our showroom!
703.323.1333
bob@bjpoolandspa.com
www.bjpoolandspa.com
Parishioner
Robert M Seh
6413 Little Ox Rd.
Fairfax Station, VA

WALK THE WAY. DEEPEN YOUR FAITH.
Camino de Santiago
BookThatGetaway.com
Dream Vacations

ACCOUNTING & TAX SOLUTIONS, INC
• Tax Preparation/Planning
Individuals • Corporations • Partnerships • Estates • Trusts
• Accounting/Bookkeeping
• Payroll Services/Retirement Plans
Mary Elizabeth Nuti, EA - Parishioner
Admitted to practice before the Internal Revenue Service
703-451-1040 • 9243 Old Keene Mill Road, Burke

MURPHY LAW GROUP, PLLC
Wills, Trusts, Estates, & More
9300-B Old Keene Mill Road, Burke, VA
703-455-7177
www.MurphyLawVA.com

KELLIHER FAMILY DENTISTS
Jeremiah J. Kelliher, D.D.S.
Sean P. Kelliher, D.D.S.
Karen Kelliher Wilson, R.D.H.
Kathleen Kelliher Katch, R.D.H.
(703) 451-5030
6120 Brandon Ave.
Suite 211, Springfield

Captain Pells
703-560-0060
CAPTAINPELL.COM
10195 FAIRFAX BLVD FAIRFAX, VA 22030

Peter K. Cocolis, Jr.
DMD, MAGD
Family & Cosmetic Dentistry
5803 Rolling Road, #211, Springfield, VA 22152
smiles4va.com
703-912-3800
Quality Care
Friendly Atmosphere
Cutting-edge Technology

Call (703) 255-9599
DOUGLAS ROOFING
Family-owned since 1985

ADVERTISE HERE
Promote your Business AND support your Parish.
Mike Jurosky - 717-648-5996 - mjurosky@diocesan.com

Brennan's TREE SERVICE
703-218-8003
www.brennanstreeservice.com
10% off any tree work for parishioners
• Tree Removal • Spikeless Pruning • Stump Grinding
• Free Unsplit Wood • Lot Clearing • Tree Planting • Free Chips

Merino's Maids LLC
House Cleaning
Maid service
• Excellent References
• 25 Continuous Years of Experience
• Weekly, Bi Weekly, Monthly
• Moving IN-OUT Cleaning Specialist
Merinos Maids LLC
Fully Licensed & Insured
Sandramerino2145@gmail.com
Call for Free Estimate (703) 867-2145

DESIGNPRO REMODELING
Eric Colton Parishioner
Call or Text 571-268-1069
designproremodeling.com

I ♥ SPARTANS FAMILY RESTAURANT
9542 BURKE RD. BURKE, VA 22015
www.ILoveSpartans.com (703) 503-5800

Virginia Eyecare Center
member of Vision Source
(703) 569-3131
Dr. Courtney Shay
Dr. Timothy LaFreniere
Dr. Mallory Cranmer
Dr. Bryan Procopio
Dr. Alyssa Shema
Dr. Diana Mamoud
9314-A Old Keene Mill Rd
www.virginiaeyecare.com

MARY KAY
Joanne Fabish, Parishioner
Independent Beauty Consultant
703-455-8958
www.marykay.com/jfabish

DAVE'S
LIGHT YARD WORK & ODD JOBS
Weeding, flower bed cleanup, shrub trimming & light mowing
Call or text (703) 899-7536
Ask about my Senior Discount.

Wills, Trusts and Probate for Catholic Families
Complimentary Consultation
PJI LAW
300+ Reviews ★★★★★
www.pjilaw.com | (703) 865-6100 | welcome@pjilaw.com

RAFAGINO
"Upscale Dining in Burke"
Open Tues - Sun 5-9pm
www.rafagino.com
9570 Old Keene Mill Rd.
703-455-3095

GENERAL, IMPLANT & COSMETIC DENTISTRY
Cristian Alcantara, DDS
Providing Exceptional Dental Care for 40 years
703-569-6644
www.springfieldvadental.com
6201 Old Keene Mill Court, Springfield, VA 22152

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com • Email: info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com
Family Owned
5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22315
Just off S. VanDorn St (Kingstowne)
703-971-7400

I am truly blessed to have helped many of our parishioners
Diane A. Sundt, ABR, GRI, SRES
diane.sundt@LNF.com
703-615-4626
Over 20 Years Experience
Parishioner
Military Relocation Specialist
Licensed in Virginia
6045 Burke Centre Pkwy
Burke, VA 22015

kids first...
pdc pediatric dental care
www.mypdcdentists.com
Dr. John Han
(Parishioner)
Fairfax Office: 703.383.3434
9901 Fairfax Blvd., Fairfax, VA 22030
Springfield Office: 703.992.7100
6120 Brandon Ave. Suite 114, Springfield, VA 22150

Burke MOO THRU
real ice cream from real dairy farmers
NOW OPEN! Owned and operated by Nativity parishioners

FIERCELY CATHOLIC
fiercelycatholic.com

FAMILY & COSMETIC DENTISTRY
DR. SUSANA RAYGADA, DMD, Harvard University
DR. KATRINA HERNANDEZ-LEVERIZA, DMD, Univ. of Pennsylvania
Rated Top Dentist by Virginia Living Mag. and Checkbook
5211 Lyngate Ct, Burke, VA • 703-323-1400 • dentistburkeva.com

Cardinal PLAZA SHELL
Expert Maintenance & Repairs
703-451-6232
www.CardinalPlazaShell.com

State Farm™
Providing Insurance and Financial Services
Auto - Life - Home - Health - Business Insurance - Bank
6560 Backlick Road • Suite #207 • Springfield, VA 22150
Agent
Arceli Magpayo Brown
703-269-0673
arceli@arcelibrown.com • www.arcelibrown.com
Call me for a Quote
Parishioner Over 10 Years & Over 30 Years Experience
Se Habla Español
Licensed in VA - DC - MD

Certified Public Accountants
BUTLER & WAGNER P.C.
AN AFFILIATE OF PADGETT
Accounting Services & Business Advisory
Income Taxes | Eldercare Bookkeeping
www.BaW.cpa
Burke Professional Center • 5210-B Lyngate Court
703-426-5560

DIOCESAN ▸ To Advertise 800-233-8200 or Diocesan.com/Advertising

©2026 Diocesan