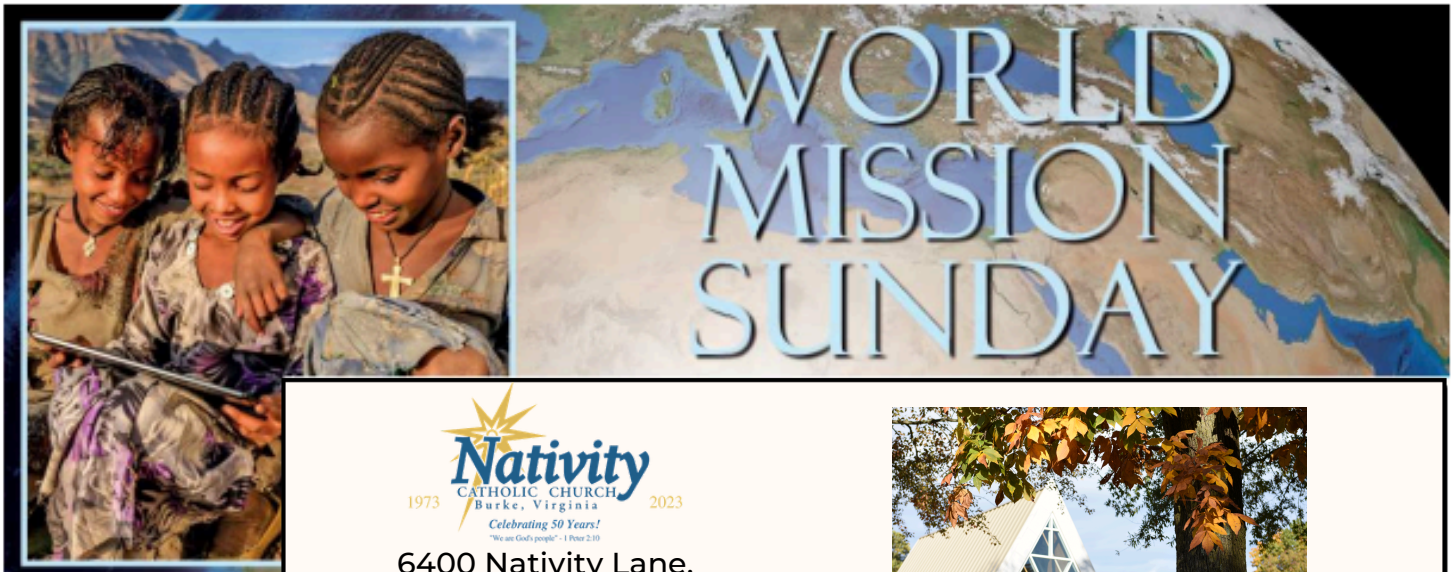
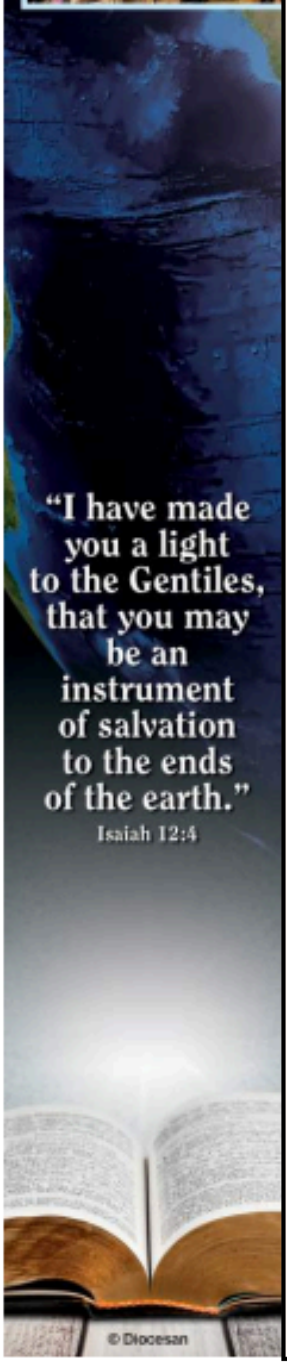




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SUNDAY MASSES:
- 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass
- 7:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass in Spanish
- 7:00 am / 9:00 am / 11:00 am / 1:00 pm / 5:30 pm
- Monthly Sensory Mass on the second Sunday of every month at the 1:00 pm Mass

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

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- 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

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A Message from our Pastor Msgr. Bob Cilinski



"Our Gospel did not come to you in word alone but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction."
- 1 Thes 1-1:5

My dear parishioners,

This weekend with Catholics all over the world, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Our celebration centers on prayer and sacrifice, offered at the Eucharist, for the missionary task: for the Priests, Sisters, Brothers and lay catechists who are helping their people to know the love of Christ through their service in village missions, in small schools, in medical outposts, in orphanages, refugee camps and crowded cities throughout Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America.

Our first reading for today speaks of God's calling each of us "by name" and sending us so others may come to know Him. In the second reading, St. Paul speaks to the Thessalonians: "We give thanks to God always for you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

Throughout our world today, missionaries, "called and sent" by God, proclaim the Gospel and offer help and hope, and the experience of Jesus' love, to the suffering poor. The poor, in turn, ''give thanks to God," remembering in prayer all who offer prayers for the Missions and help through the Propagation of the Faith. Each of us are called to be missionaries. Today on Mission Sunday, in prayer and sacrifice, let us together answer that call.

Love and blessings,

Bob Cilinski

Msgr. Bob Cilinski,
Pastor

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,
Msgr. Bob Cilinski

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.
We are limiting the requests to 5 intentions per family/household per calendar year.
You can visit the parish office to schedule intentions. The online portal to schedule Intensions will open on Monday, November 16 at 9:00 am.

Please be patient & courteous as we try to honor all requests. Unfortunately, we are not able to take phone or email requests. Please only use the online portal for scheduling and do not email your requests.

https://nativityburke.org/mass-intentions/

Due to a scheduling conflict,
the Illuminated Rosary has been cancelled

NO HANDS BUT YOURS MINISTRY (NHBY) - Diocesan Week of Service

As an original Nativity Catholic Church Ministry, the No Hands But Yours (NHBY) Ministry will lead food collection efforts for our Parish, in support of the Arlington Diocese Week of Service, starting on Monday, November 9 - through Sunday, November 16. Parishioners are invited to support this week of service by visiting the NHBY sign-up Genius (QR code & webpage below). Here you will find available slots to volunteer in preparing much needed supplies for Sunday, November 15.
Items can be dropped off the week of 9 November to the Church Office or in the Narthex (main Church entrance past the second set of double-glass doors). You can also drop items off each day after the 7:30 AM daily Mass or on Sunday, November 16 at 7:50 AM in the Church parking lot, side closest to Fairfax County Parkway.
The NHBY Ministry exemplifies Nativity's desire to do God's work by serving those less fortunate members of His flock. NHBY works by distributing food, clothing, & personal items to the poor & homeless in DC & NoVA every Sunday morning, rain or shin . 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 continue to grow through our Nativity community and other ecumenical communities. Now with over 80 members!
For more details on the NHBY Ministry you can visit the Nativity Parish website and under the Ministry tab, select No Hands But Yours.
We also have a Signup Genius where you can access specifics along with our schedule where you can volunteer to assist. Families are also always welcome! (https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAFAC22A1FA7-nohands1). Monetary donations are also welcomed via the Nativity Catholic Church Donation Page. (**https://osvhub.com/nativityburke/giving/funds**). If you have interest in learning more and would like to participate in daily/Sunday runs, please contact Joe McKane (joeinxpt@gmail.com); Jim Valentine (val6405@gmail.com); Jim Housel (jchousel.60@gmail.com), John Rubino (john.albert.rubino@gmail.com), and/or Mike Arens (mjarens1@gmail.com).
Thank you all for helping the needy.

NHBY Webpage

NHBY Sign-up Genius

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!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MASQUERADE Ball 2026

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026
6:30 PM – 11:00 PM

TICKETS: $45 PER PERSON

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7992 AT NATIVITY PARISH

Join us for the Knights of Columbus Masquerade Ball 2026, the premier event of the fall season. Enjoy a *fun evening* with your spouse, family, or friends while supporting the charitable programs and community outreach of Knights of Columbus Council 7992 at Nativity Parish.

This year features double food lines and additional servers to provide a faster, more enjoyable dining experience, an updated catered menu, and several surprises throughout the evening. A wide range of Raffle and Silent Auction items will also be displayed. Winners will be announced throughout the evening.

YOUR EVENING INCLUDES

- A delicious catered dinner and one glass of Prosecco
- Music and entertainment by our professional DJ
- Dancing
- Open-air photo booth with fun props
- Silent Auction and Raffle items
- Bourbon Tasting Station featuring premium selections

A cash bar will be available throughout the evening.

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE
https://tinyurl.com/ys432tuw
to purchase your tickets today!

ATTIRE
Masks and costumes are encouraged but not required. Guests are welcome to dress in:
Masquerade Costume • Cocktail Attire
Coat and Tie • Business Casual
If you don't have a mask, complimentary masks will be available at the registration table while supplies last.

DINNER MENU

SALAD
Fresh Garden Salad

ENTRÉES
Chicken Marsala
Slow-Roasted Beef
Eggplant Parmesan (*Vegetarian*)

SIDES
Rice Pilaf
Seasonal Steamed Vegetables
Fresh Dinner Rolls with Butter

DESSERT
Chef's Choice Dessert

BOURBON TASTING STATION
Three premium tastings for $25 per ticket.
Discover your new favorite! (Additional tasting tickets available for purchase.)

DIETARY ACCOMMODATIONS
Please let us know of any dietary restrictions when purchasing tickets. Specialty dinners can be provided with advance notice.

An evening of great food, dancing, and new friendships in a warm and welcoming environment

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

JOIN THE NATIVITY ITALIAN HERITAGE & CULTURAL SOCIETY ON OCTOBER 22

FOR A MUSICAL JOURNEY THROUGH SOUTHERN ITALY WITH MUSICIAN ETHNOMUSICOLOGIST CONNOR MARKS. THROUGH LIVE PERFORMANCES ON MANDOLIN, GUITAR, TAMBURELLO, AND MARRANZANO. CONNOR WILL EXPLORE MUSICA POPOLARE - ITS RICH TRADITIONS AND ENDURING CONNECTIONS TO ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE.

DATE: THURSDAY OCTOBER 22 AT 7:00PM
PLACE: NATIVITY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

SOCIAL HOUR WITH WINE AND SNACKS WILL FOLLOW. IF YOU CAN, PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER OR DESSERT TO SHARE.
MEMBERS CAN RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIPS FOR $25/FAMILY OR $20/SINGLE.
GUESTS CAN ATTEND FOR $5.00. YOU DON'T NEED TO BE ITALIAN TO JOIN. JUST HAVE A LOVE FOR THE CULTURE AND HERITAGE.

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/

ALTAR FLOWERS donated by
Barbara, Stan & Debbie Zagalak
in Loving Memory of
Frank Albrecht

2026 WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT SALE

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.

DROP OFF YOUR WORN OUT FLAG
Flag Retirement Ceremony

All Nativity parishioners are invited to join the Knights of Columbus for a patriotic flag retirement ceremony in the Holy Spirit School Gymnasium. Local scouts from both parishes will help retire the colors and we will honor local heroes. If you have a worn or soiled flag that needs to be retired, drop it in one of the special collection boxes available in the Narthex and inside the Nativity school entrance. We will collect thru Sunday, November 8, 2026.

When: Tuesday, November 11 | 7:30 pm
Where: Holy Spirit School Gymnasium |
8800 Braddock Road, Annandale VA

Please contact John Ostrowski at jaostrowski89@gmail.com for more information.

MARIAN HOMES, INC. for the intellectually disabled

DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT



SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 14

SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Nativity Catholic Church
6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA 22015
Rear parking lot near the Fr. Martin Center - Drive thru
from 10:00 am-12:00 noon

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

Marian Homes, Inc.
For the Intellectually Disabled

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 19
7:30 am † Henrietta T. Critelli
12:00 pm † Felicidad de Chandeck

Tuesday, October 20
7:30 am † Asuncion Favor
12:00 pm † Anne Solomon
7:00 pm Special Intention for Nativity Parishioners *(Closing Mass 40-hrs Devotion)*

Wednesday, October 21
7:30 am Special Intention for Devin Ichikawa
3:00 pm † Adam Frank Jablonsky *(Burke Health)*

Thursday, October 22
7:30 am † Patti Eardensohn
12:00 am † John & Victoria Pietraszek

Friday, October 23
7:30 am † Andrew Szymczak

Saturday, October 24
9:00 am † Frank Abelardo Fernandez
5:00 pm † Kayla Stone
7:00 pm † Nicolas & Evangelina Pinto *(Spanish)*

Sunday, October 25
7:00 am † Michael F. Morrone
9:00 am † Richard Stanfill
11:00 pm Nativity Parishioners
1:00 pm † Flordeliza Zamora Celebrado
5:30 pm † Special Intention for Perkinson & Treto Family

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

Election Day Is Less Than One Month Away: Make Your Plan to Vote

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, which means we are less than one month away from an important opportunity to put our faith into action. As Catholics, we are called to participate faithfully in our civic life and to prayerfully consider the issues before us. Whether you vote early or on Election Day, now is the time to make a plan to vote, and encourage others to do the same.

Make Your Voting Plan
Early voting is already underway in Virginia. If you plan to vote early, take a few minutes now to find a convenient early voting location and choose a day and time that works for you: https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/early-voting-office-locations/

Election Day: Tuesday, November 3
If you plan to vote on Election Day, make a plan now:
Know where you will vote. Decide when you will go. Set aside enough time to get there and cast your ballot. Encourage a family member, friend, or fellow parishioner to make their own plan. A little preparation now can make it easier to follow through when Election Day arrives.

Put Your Faith Into Action
Our participation in the electoral process is one way we can contribute to the common good and help shape the future of our Commonwealth. Take time to learn about the two proposed constitutional amendments, prayerfully consider the issues, and make your voice heard.

Spread the Word
-Your voice can make a difference. - Share voter information with your family and friends -Talk with your fellow parishioners. - Help someone find their early voting location. Encourage others to make a plan to vote. - Every conversation is an opportunity to help someone become more informed and participate faithfully in our civic life.

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MASQUERADE BALL

DJ MUSIC DANCING

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CASH BAR (BEER & WINE) RAFFLES

BOURBON TASTING STATION

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 24, 2026

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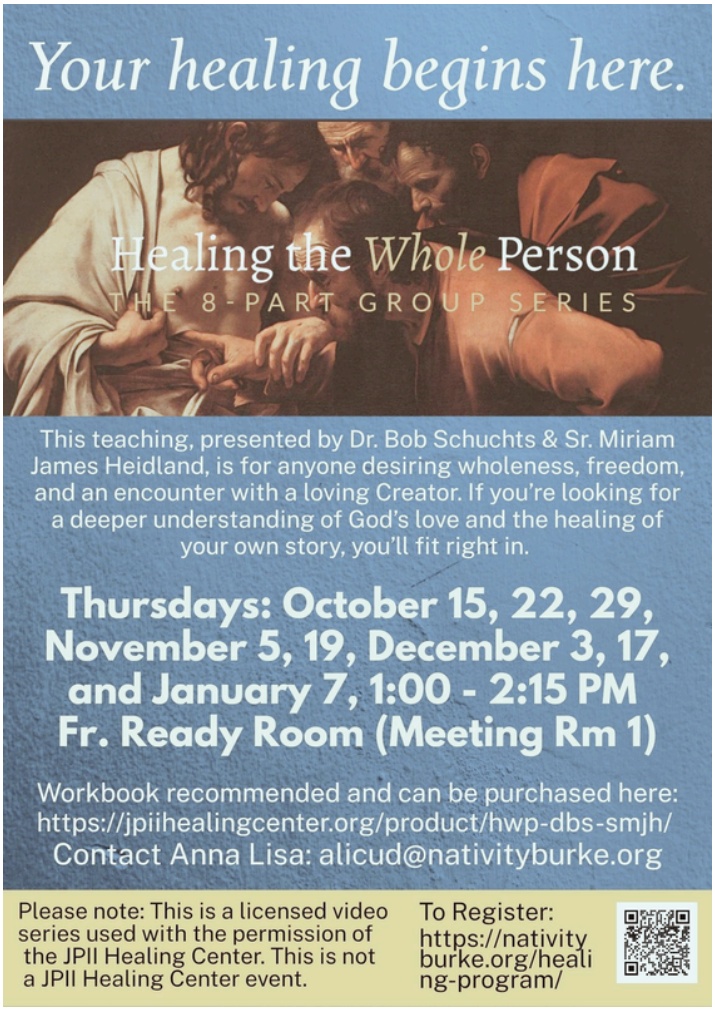
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DINNER TICKET = FULL ACCESS 6:30 PM TO 11:00 PM
DINNER AND ONE DRINK (PROSECCO) INCLUDED

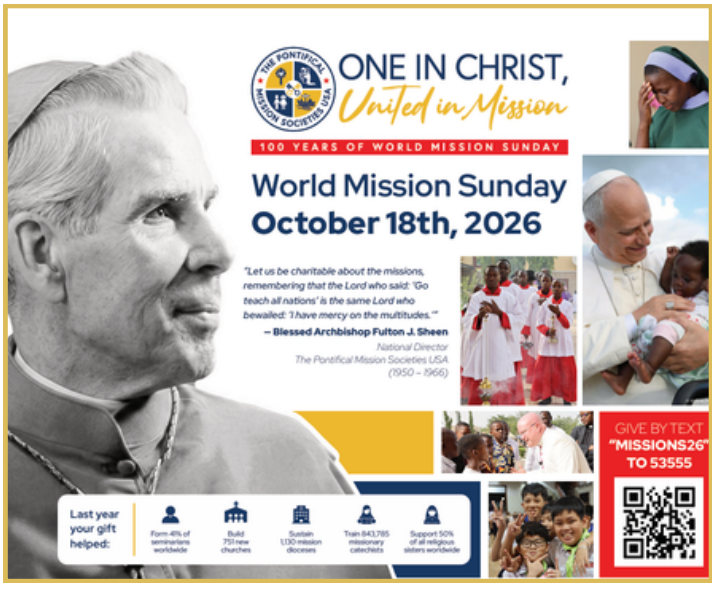
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MASKS AND COSTUMES ENCOURAGED

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7992
NATIVITY PARISH, BURKE, VA



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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.

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.



You're Invited - Chesterton Academy of Christ the King Open House November 7!

Discover Chesterton Academy of Christ the King, a classical high school in the Catholic tradition dedicated to forming students in faith, reason, virtue, and truth. Join us for our Fall Open House on November 7 from 3:00–4:30 p.m. on our campus at Saint Lawrence Church in Alexandria. Families are invited to learn more about the school, meet members of the faculty, and see what makes a Chesterton education truly special. Visit our website at Chesterton-ChristTheKing.org to RSVP.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

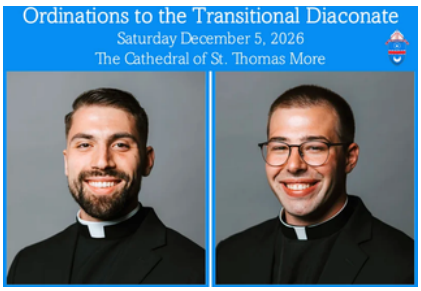
Why Ballot Question 1(in italics below) is Deceptive!
Question: Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to:

(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:
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(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!

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY: GRADES 9-12

Life Teen
Every Sunday | 6:30-8:30pm

HS Small Groups!
Guys Group; 7-8pm on Monday evenings
Girls Group: 7-8pm on Thursday evenings

RALLY, October 25th
Diocesan HS Youth rally @ Bishop O'Connell HS!
(Register on our Nativity YM Wbsite!)

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY: GRADES 6-8

Edge
6:30-8:00pm, October 16th

Blaze (Girl's Small Group)
5:00-6:15pm, October 16th

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IMPORTANT

Registration for Sacramental classes: First Communion, Confirmation and OCIC classes are now closed. Registration for all other grades are still open!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
REGISTRATION OPEN!
CLASSES STARTED SEPTEMBER 20TH!

NOTE: If a session is full, it will automatically show you other available options.

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To register go to our parish website or scan Qr Code

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A Message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry

The St. Fiacre vegetable garden, adjacent to the school playground, had another great summer, harvesting 254 pounds of vegetables for the food-insecure! Members of the Creation Care ministry, along with members of the Laurel Garden Club of West Springfield/Burke, continue to maintain the garden and harvest the vegetables.
They donate the vegetables to Nativity's ministry, No Hands But Yours, and to a special education teacher at a Fairfax County Title 1 school, who provides them to her food insecure families. This summer we had bumper crops of yellow squash, tomatoes, and tomatillos! The Nativity School children started the yellow squash plants from seeds along with some tomatoes and green bean plants. Thank you to them for helping us get the gardens off to a good start! Our garden is named for St. Fiacre. He was born in Ireland and moved to France to seek solitude for his prayer life. The bishop in France gave him as much land as he could plow in one day. He plowed with the tip of his staff. People heard of him and flocked to learn about the Christian faith. He used his green thumb to grow food to feed the pilgrims and herbs to heal the sick. Today, he is honored as the patron saint of gardeners and herbalists.

Nativity Parishioners,

We want to pass along a big thank you to everyone at Nativity Church for the generous snack donations and for your continued kindness and support of our officers at West Springfield District Station. We truly appreciate everything you do for us!

PFC Anita R. Conroy
Community Outreach Officer
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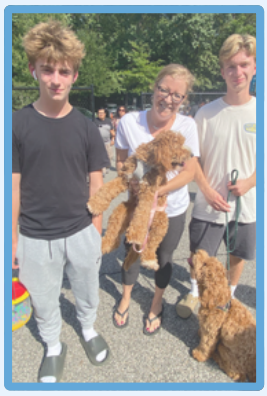


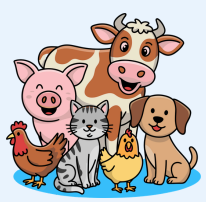
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Feast Day For Our Family Friends





All eyes were focused on those among us who were furred, feathered, finned, clawed, or winged -- our animal companions! As part of our celebration of the life of St. Francis of Assisi, we host our own "Blessing of the Animals," in his name and on or near his Feast Day, October 4.

Legendary for his compassion, the Patron Saint of animals (and merchants and Ecology) is often described as having the ability to talk with animals.

Father Jordan offered the blessing and led us in prayer. While many children were holding their pets during the blessing, others held photos, stuffed animals, and other remembrances of their loved ones in lieu of the actual pet.

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

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- 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.

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Fr. Sikora Council 7992 Meetings: Normally 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. The second meeting this month, Tuesday, 20 October, will be held in cafeteria after completion of the 7:00 PM Mass to mark the end of Nativity's 40 Hours of Devotion (likely after the normal 7:30 PM start time).

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.
18-20 OCT: 40 Hours of Devotion – Help ensure continuous Eucharistic Adoration! SUG on our 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!
5 NOV: Our Council's annual Mass of Remembrance will be held on Thursday evening at 7:00 PM in the main Church. We need every Knight to seriously consider attending this sacred event, where we will pray for the souls of our dearly departed Brothers. Please state if you will be in attendance using the SUG on our Linktree!
7 NOV: Blood Drive at St. Raymond's. Please consider donating blood and/or volunteering to support this event. SUG will be placed on our Linktree when available.
11 NOV: All Nativity parishioners are invited to join the Knights of Columbus for a patriotic flag retirement ceremony at the Holy Spirit School Gymnasium. If you have a worn or soiled flag that needs to be retired, drop it in one of the special collection boxes available in the Narthex and inside the Nativity school entrance on or before Sunday, 8 November.
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.



How did Jesus answer them?

Follow the arrows to fill in the blanks.



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SIN VIVIR AL MARGEN
Domingo XXIX
Javier Leoz

Donde no llega la razón, llega el corazón. Donde no llegues tú, llegaré yo. Y, cuando leo estas letras, me preguntó por qué a veces es tan difícil combinar fe e ideas, política y religión, el cielo con la tierra, lo humano con lo divino. ¿Hasta dónde puede llegar la fe? ¿Hasta dónde pretenden llegar aquellos que solamente juzgan y se rigen por la razón o la ideología de la que, siempre, queda alguien al margen?

1.Cuántas situaciones de injusticia se evitarían si, por ejemplo, la moral iluminase ciertas actuaciones que las damos como insignes conquistas del mundo moderno cuando, a la corta o a la larga, comprobaremos que son decadencia ¿Es intromisión denunciar que la humanidad, en más de una ocasión, se autodestruye cuando legisla en contra de la dignidad del propio ser humano?

-Dar al César, lo que es del César, no siempre implica quedarse al margen de aquello que consideramos negativo para un progreso bien entendido. ¿No sería más bien cobardía o falta de valentía a la hora de defender unos criterios que consideramos válidos, esenciales e irrenunciables para nuestro futuro?

-Dar al César, lo que es del César, no es decir "amén" a todo lo que el poder establecido nos mete hasta los tuétanos y, normalmente, en contra de los más desfavorecidos.

-Dar al César, lo que es el César, es saber que, la Iglesia, no es una institución política –ni mucho menos- pero que no puede ni debe vivir al margen de lo que gime en su interior: su ser profético que le empuja a denunciar cuando se rebasan ciertos límites, y a anunciar que, la última instancia a la que debemos someternos, es precisamente Dios.

2. Ser buen cristiano no significa vivir divorciados de las instancias donde se cuecen los destinos del mundo. Hoy hay diversas corrientes en las que se proclama aquello de "la Iglesia en la sacristía" "la fe es un ámbito privado" "en la calle hay que ser ciudadano, no cristiano".

Ante estas soflamas no cabe sino, recordar, que la fe es un derecho público y privado, personal y comunitario, social y no marginal. Como personas, hemos de ejercer libremente nuestro ideario cristiano sin miedo a ser tachados de entrometidos. Qué gran perjuicio, para el Evangelio, para la Iglesia y para la sociedad misma, si –nuestro cristianismo- lo redujéramos a ser eso: buenos ciudadanos. No nos hemos bautizados para ser los necios del mundo. Más bien al contrario; nuestro bautismo nos empuja a salar aquellas situaciones que requieren un punto de verdad o de ilusión, de alegría o de justicia, de dignidad o de equidad.

Pero ¿qué ocurre cuando la Iglesia hace, dice o evidencia todo esto? Que escuece y se pretende silenciarla. Nunca, un paciente que se acerque a un médico, le criticará por el hecho de que estudie, cure y sane sus heridas. Al contrario, aunque le duela, sabe que en ello se le va la vida.

Aquí está el término medio. La sociedad tiene sus propias normas pero, sus legisladores, no son perfectos y por lo tanto tampoco muchas de las cosas que dicen, hacen o estampan en cuño de ley. Y, cuando la Iglesia alerta de ciertos excesos no es por intrusión (ni mucho menos) sino porque, en la herida, se puede desangrar el futuro de una sociedad caprichosa, hedonista donde vence el fuerte, sufre el pobre y el "césar" (por sus deliberaciones o actuaciones) se marcha de su palacio ajeno al sufrimiento producido en su pueblo.

¿Difícil papeleta el saber hasta dónde entramos unos y hasta donde han de entrar otros? Tal vez. Lo que nunca debemos hacer como cristianos es eso....conformarnos con ser buenos vecinos. En todo caso intentar por encima de todo ser buenos cristianos. Aunque a más de uno le duela. ¡Qué se va hacer! ¡O somos cristianos o no lo somos!



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