



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and the first commandment."

Matthew 22:37-38

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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



"You shall love God, and love your neighbor as yourself" - Matt 22 - 38

My dear parishioners,

When we read sacred scripture we encounter narratives describing many hardships , struggles, and injustices that existed in biblical times. Wars pollute the land, devastating human life and non-human life. Political and social oppression leads to forced migration and exile .

Biblical times exist in contemporary times. Countries are at war with one another. The gospel today is a call to live in right relationships. If God loves us with a love beyond all telling, then we must love one another in the same way. It is this love that we are called to participate in, to imitate, and to gradually become in our daily lives.

Let us put our faith into action. Pray, feed the hungry, help the poor, care for the sick, and build homes in Haiti and Honduras and Appalachia.

Love and blessings,

Msgr. Bob Cilinski,
Pastor

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Fr. Cedric Wilson
October 27th



THANK YOU FROM THE ST. LUCY TEAM

On behalf of the St. Lucy Team of the
Fr. Sikora Council Knights of Columbus:
Thank You for your wonderful generosity!!!
During the recent St. Lucy Fall Food Drive, you donated 7,799 lbs of food and gave $3,390 in monetary donations!
These will help to replenish the food warehouse and will make a big difference in the lives of many families in the Diocese!

The next St. Lucy Food Drive will take place in February 2027. Please look for us then.
And again, Thank You!

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/

ALL SAINTS DAY
The Solemnity of All Saints is Sunday, November 1st
The Mass schedule is as follows:
Sunday, November 1 - 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 1:00PM and 5:30PM.

ALL SOULS DAY
The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed is Monday, November 2nd
Each year All Souls Day is a day of special prayer for all those who have died. We pray that those souls in need of perfection may swiftly pass through their purification and come into the presence of God. All Souls Day envelopes will be available in the back of the church and parish office.
It is the grace of the Communion of Saints that we can have this special relationship of prayer with those who have departed this life.
The Mass schedule is as follows: 7:30AM and 12:00PM

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/

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 15. Parishioners are invited to support this week of service by visiting the NHBY Sign-up Genius (QR code and webpage below). Here you will find available slots to volunteer in preparing much needed supplies for Sunday, November 15.

Perishable and non-perishable 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 15 at 7:50 AM in the Church parking lot, side closest to Fairfax County Parkway. Please mark your packages/items with "NHBY WOS" when dropping off. For perishables, add the date in which the item(s) was prepared.

Drop-offs for perishables and non-perishables can also be coordinated with the points of contact below.

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 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 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 at 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 Sign-up Genius | NHBY Webpage | NHBY Donation Page

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.

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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.

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Lions and Dragons and Lambs, oh my!

The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation - Presented by Rev. Kevin J. O'Brien, Ph.D.

For many people, reading the Book of Revelation is a frightening experience! The destructive catastrophes on earth, the cataclysmic chaos in the cosmos, and the hauntingly evil creatures that invade the world can scare us! And yet, strangely enough, the author wrote the last book of the Bible to offer hope and encouragement by presenting Jesus as the FaithfulWitness, the Lord of lords and King of kings, the Lamb who loves, forgives, and saves!

The Book of Revelation challenges us, as Church, to be PILGRIMS of HOPE and live as a royal, priestly, and prophetic people, believing that Jesus is always there, knocking on our door! Furthermore, we are reminded quite emphatically that the opportunity to repent and be forgiven is always available! It is never too late!

The aim of these two presentations is to examine the significance of the major themes, characters, and symbols in the Book of Revelation, especially the 144,000, the number 666, Armageddon, and the Seven Golden Lampstands.

Come and join us as we reflect upon this wonderfully inspiring, challenging, and hope-filled book!

Time: 7:00-9:00 P.M.
Date: Wednesday, Nov. 11 & Thursday, Nov. 12
Place: Nativity Catholic Church Cafeteria



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.

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MASS INTENTIONS & MASS SCHEDULE

"Weare God'sPeople"
1 Peter 2:10

Monday, October 26
7:30 am † Stephen Boling
12:00 pm † Rene Lindsey

Tuesday, October 27
7:30 am † Earthquake Victims
12:00 pm † Special Intention for Solita Kampley

Wednesday, October 28
7:30 am † Depalma Family
10:00 am † Adam Frank Jablonsky *(Heatherwood)*

Thursday, October 29
7:30 am † Laura Ogborn
12:00 am † Edward Chrobak

Friday, October 30
7:30 am † Richard Massone

Saturday, October 31
9:00 am † Leonila Nellie Soriano Magbitang
5:00 pm † Patrick and Agnes Lachance
7:00 pm Special Intention for Rosa "Tita" Corte *(Spanish)*

Sunday, November 1 - All Saints
7:00 am Special Intention for Kevin Lasquete
9:00 am † Gerry Caiazzo
11:00 pm † Charles Penalosa
1:00 pm Nativity Parishioners
5:30 pm † Patricia P. Macey

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

Election Day is about a Week Away: Make Your Plan to Vote

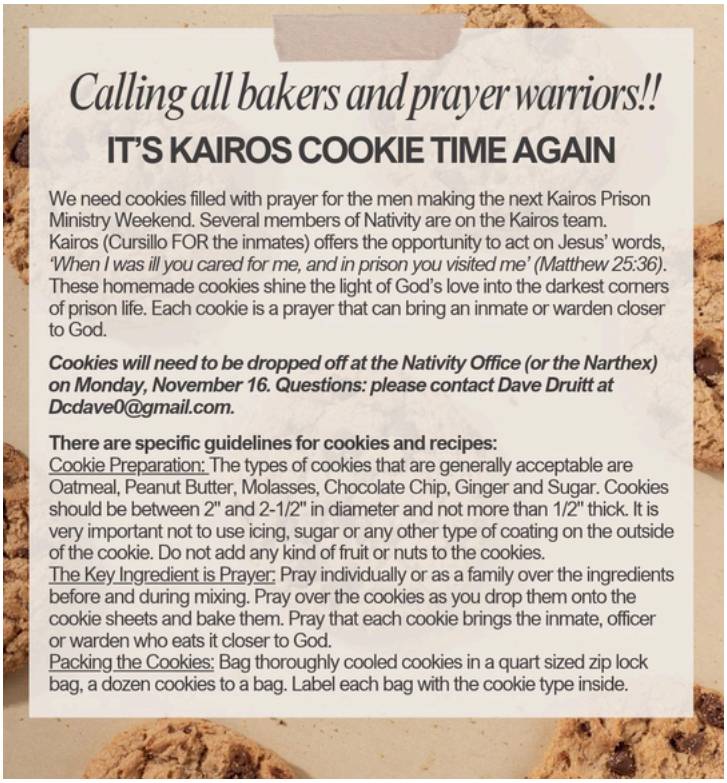
Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, which means we are less than one month away from an important opportunity to put our faith into action. As Catholics, we are called to participate faithfully in our civic life and to prayerfully consider the issues before us. Whether you vote early or on Election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

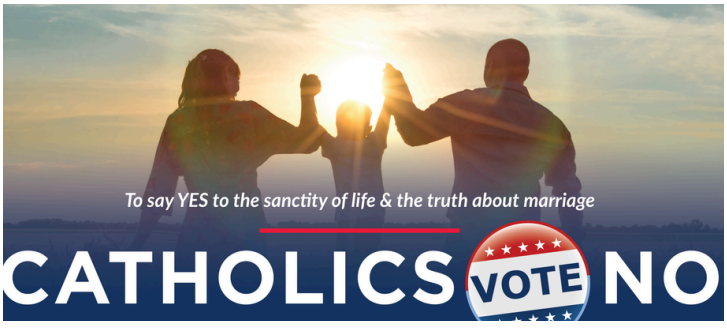
Election Day: Tuesday, November 3
If you plan to vote on Election Day, make a plan now:
Know where you will vote. Decide when you will go. Set aside enough time to get there and cast your ballot. Encourage a family member, friend, or fellow parishioner to make their own plan. A little preparation now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









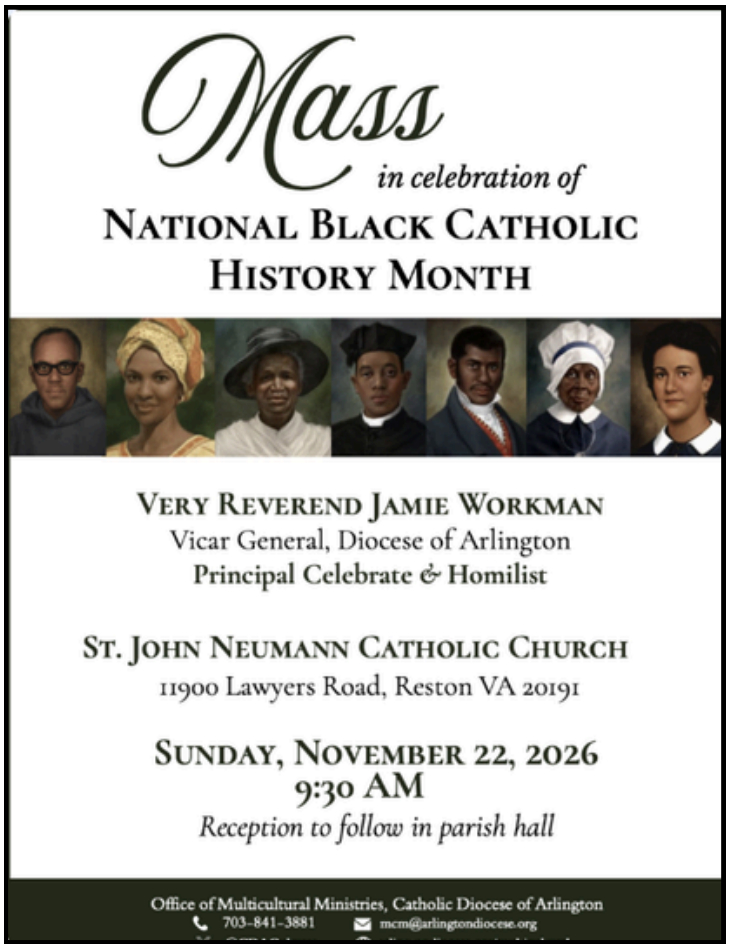
Open House at John Paul the Great - Sunday, November 1

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.

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

PRO-LIFE CORNER

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

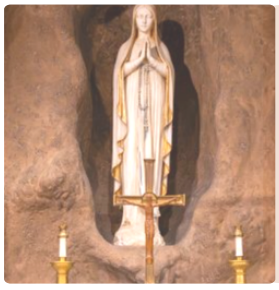
(i) protect the freedom to make personal decision about prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, birth control, abortion, miscarriage management, and fertility care; - NOTE "Virginia lawmakers have framed the ballot language as a general question about women's healthcare and medical decision-making. 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.



Relics of St. Bernadette of Lourdes Coming to Springfield, Virginia November 5 – 6

The faithful of Northern Virginia will have an extraordinary opportunity to welcome and venerate the relics of St. Bernadette Soubirous of Lourdes when they visit St. Bernadette Catholic Church from 5-6 Nov. The two-day visit is part of the St. Bernadette Relics Tour – Journey of Grace, a national pilgrimage organized by the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes in France that is bringing the relics of one of the Church's most beloved saints to Catholic communities across the United States. For more information and the schedule, please visit: https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/relics-of-st-bernadette-of-lourdes-coming-to-springfield-virginia-november-5-6/. Admission is free.



Inaugural Catholic Military Conference

The inaugural Catholic Military Conference—the first-ever national conference for Catholic service members, veterans, and their families—will take place November 9-11, 2026, at the Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles in Chantilly, VA. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services, USA (AMS), will host the three-day event. He will speak and celebrate daily Mass, including on Veterans Day, November 11.
Registration is now open. Early Bird registration tickets are available to actively serving members of the military and their spouses for $350 and to military retirees, veterans, and civilians for $400. This is a $75 discount to general admission tickets. There is also a VIP ticket available which offers many special features including a private reception with Archbishop Broglio. There will be many other speakers, visit the website for the lineup.

Register today at https://catholicmilitaryconference.org/.

A Message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry

September may have been warm, but autumn has now fully arrived with crisp temperatures of October! All of us will cheer God's creation with emerging fall color changes around us--with reds and golds and maroons permeating the tree canopy above and the shrubs and plants below. Many who hibernated during the heat of the summer came out to play, hike, and work in the yard—for it is now the best tree planting season of the year, lasting right through November or early December, frosty weather permitting. It is important to plant native trees, as well as other plants, because they are highly adapted to local soil and weather conditions, easy to maintain, and generally need less water and zero fertilizer to thrive. Local pollinators and other insects must have them for nutrition, so that they in turn can become food for birds and small animals. Critically, the food web is not supported by non-native plants. Sometimes you may see bees on a non-native plant or tree (think crepe myrtle or butterfly bush), but the insect is getting only a quick sugar water drink, instead of the healthy, complex food it needs from the native plants it grew up with. Stay tuned for free native seedlings from the parish's tree planting event in November during the Diocesan Service week!

PLEASE NOTE: Virginia Green Baggers sew reusable grocery bags and distribute them for free at events in Northern Virginia including Creation Care's annual Fair Trade Market at Thanksgiving. Last year they donated over 100 bags to us to package your purchases! All of the bags are unique and are made with fabric scraps donated by friends and family.
Their goal is to take as many plastic and paper bags out of circulation as possible--to prevent the buildup of these bags in landfills and in the oceans, to reduce our dependence on petroleum and to reduce pressure on the world's forests.If you or your group would like to help them cut or sew, or donate fabric, please email teachhss@aol.com. No sewing experience necessary—they are very simple bags and a great starter project!



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Nativity Students Crafting Cultural Connections





As part of Hispanic Heritage Month, students explored the rich cultural traditions, colorful art, and creativity of Mexico, celebrating the beauty and diversity of Hispanic heritage, while learning to appreciate the traditions that make each culture so special!

Tania Dee, our Preschool through Third Grade Spanish Teacher, helped us celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by praying the Rosary in Spanish with our Third Grade; creating Frida Kahlo paper plate portraits and colorful papel picado with our Second Graders, and crafting 2D piñatas, muñecas Lele, and muñecos Panchito with our First Grade.

Honoring the rich spiritual traditions of Hispanic culture, the Third Graders also offered prayers for Pope Leo XIV, as he underwent surgery, asking Our Blessed Mother to intercede for him and guide his medical team.









Yes, Catholic education is worth the investment! Nativity Catholic School is committed to making Catholic education accessible to those who desire it, and offers financial assistance to make their dream come true.

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At Nativity, faith fills us. Love lives here. Nativity Stars are filled with the Holy Spirit!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

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.

24, 25, 31 OCT and 1 NOV: After Masses over the next two weekends, we're starting the Diocesan Week of Service with a Coat Drive! All are invited to donate gently worn coats, in all sizes, into the bins in the Narthex. Along with the Dames and Women of Nativity, Pastoral Ministries,Youth Ministry, and Prison Ministry, Knights will deliver donated coats to the Lorton Community Action Center on 8 November. SUG is available on our Linktree to volunteer to collect coats after each Mass!

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. Help is needed to sign up donors following Masses. SUG available on the Linktree!

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.

21 NOV: Adopt-a-Highway! Join your fellow Knights as we safely clean up trash along Old Keene Highway. SUG available on the LInktree!

5 DEC: Breakfast with Santa is a great opportunity for the whole family! Consider volunteering to help make this event fun and memorable. SUG will be placed on the Linktree soon!

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En diversas ocasiones los encargados de una ponencia o los llama-dos a desarrollar un tema, suelen concluir con la siguiente coletilla: “en resumen” o “resumiendo”.
También, Jesús de Nazaret, nos hace una síntesis de todo aquello por lo que El se ha movido, ha hablado y actuado: el amor de Dios en beneficio del hombre.
¿Sirven unas normas que sean cumplidas sin ser tener en cuenta la razón por las que se pensaron? ¿Son las leyes, por lo menos al-gunas, resorte de los derechos humanos, paradigma de la dignidad de las personas?
1.Hoy, en un mundo convulsionado, confundido, complicado y en el que día a día, una y otra vez, nacen leyes –consensuadas por una mayoría-en pro del bienestar, nos podríamos preguntar: ¿Son esas leyes justas o injustas? ¿Favorecen a todos o a una minoría? ¿Están encaminadas al bien común o al bien particular? ¿Están regidas desde la ética y la moral o desde el simple capricho?
El Evangelio de este día nos da la tónica que ha de llevar en su vida un cristiano: el amor a Dios y al prójimo ha de sostener lo que somos, decimos y hacemos.
Los escribas que tentaban a Jesús intentaban desempeñar al dedil-lo nada más y menos que 613 mandamientos. Con ello, sin darse cuenta, miraban tanto al libro que olvidaban al autor; se fijaban tanto en la letra que vivían de espaldas al espíritu con el que fue escrita; adornaban de tal manera su existencia que, escasamente, percibían el dolor o las miserias de aquellos que les rodeaban. Porque, la cuestión, no era quién cumplía más y mejor la Ley. Jesús pone el dedo en la llaga y les recuerda que, el amor a Dios, pasa necesariamente por el amor al prójimo. No nos puede ocurrir como aquel conductor que presumía de un cumplimiento perfecto del código de normas del tráfico pero, en esa obsesión, apenas dis-frutaba ni del paisaje que cruzaba con sus coches en sus numerosos viajes y, lo que es peor, dejaba a pie de carretera a personas que necesitaban su auxilio o su atención.
2.Hoy, sin embargo, me da la impresión que –también este man-damiento angular del amor-muchos de nosotros, y también de los que no están en esta Eucaristía, lo entendemos o lo vivimos a nues-tra manera. A menudo solemos decir y escuchar: “yo amo a Dios y no necesito de la Iglesia” “yo hago el bien y, eso, es suficiente”. Y, en estas frases, que pueden ser pancarta de una gran verdad, también pueden darse motivos para la autojustificación, para no beber de las fuentes de la Palabra o, incluso, para amar a Dios y al prójimo…pues eso…”a nuestra manera” pero no “a la manera de Dios”. ¿No os parece que esto es así?
Cuando decimos “yo amo a Dios” ¿Lo hacemos con todas las con-secuencias, en todo y sobre todo?
Cuando presumimos de hacer el bien ¿Lo hacemos sin distinción, todos los días y a todas las horas como Dios mismo nos ama?
Cuando, en un intento de posicionarnos al margen de la vivencia religiosa, solemos afirmar que “lo importante es hacer el bien” ¿no os parece que, en el fondo, se esconde una ideología en la que Dios cuenta poco o nada?
Sí, hermanos. De sobra sabemos que amar a Dios y al prójimo es el resumen o la síntesis de todo el evangelio.
Pero, cuando uno descu-bre el amor que Dios nos tiene (y, en contrapartida, el amor que hemos de ofrecer a los demás) es cuando cae en la cuenta que, el resto de los mandamientos, apuntalan todo ese edificio amoroso en el que conviven, disfrutan y se encuentran el amor divino con el amor humano. O dicho de otra manera: quien ama a Dios, sobre todas las cosas y quien se vuelca en el prójimo como en uno mis-mo es porque, a la fuerza, cumple a la perfección el resto de los mandamientos. ¿O no?





While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them some questions of His own.

Use the graph code to write in the missing letters.

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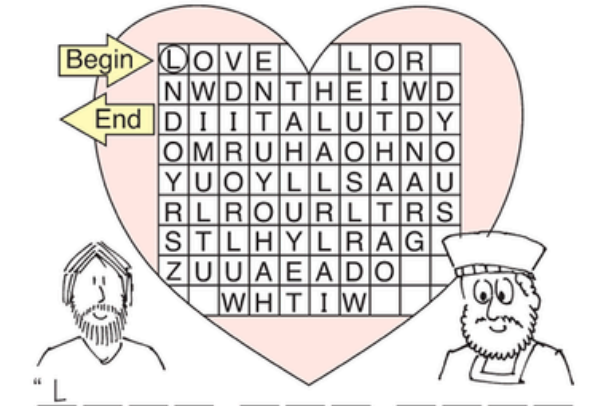
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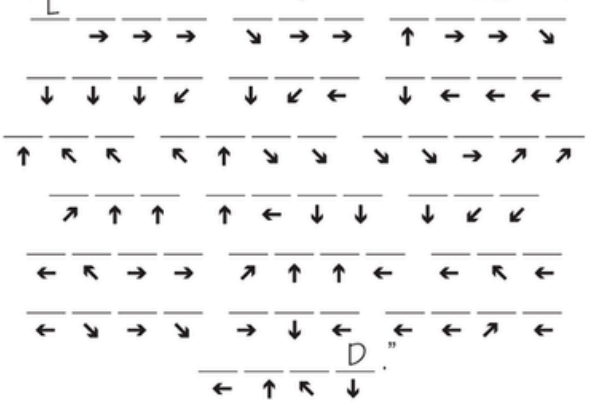
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A Pharisee asked Jesus,"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Follow the arrows through the letters to find Jesus' answer.

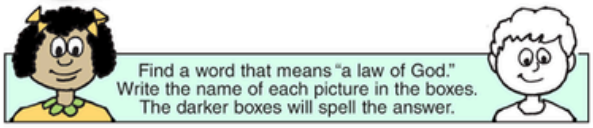




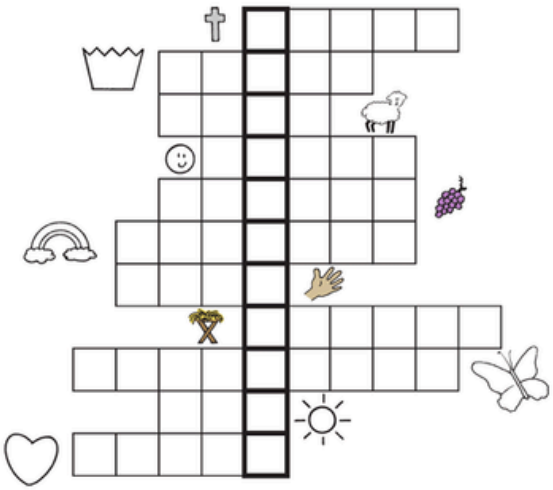
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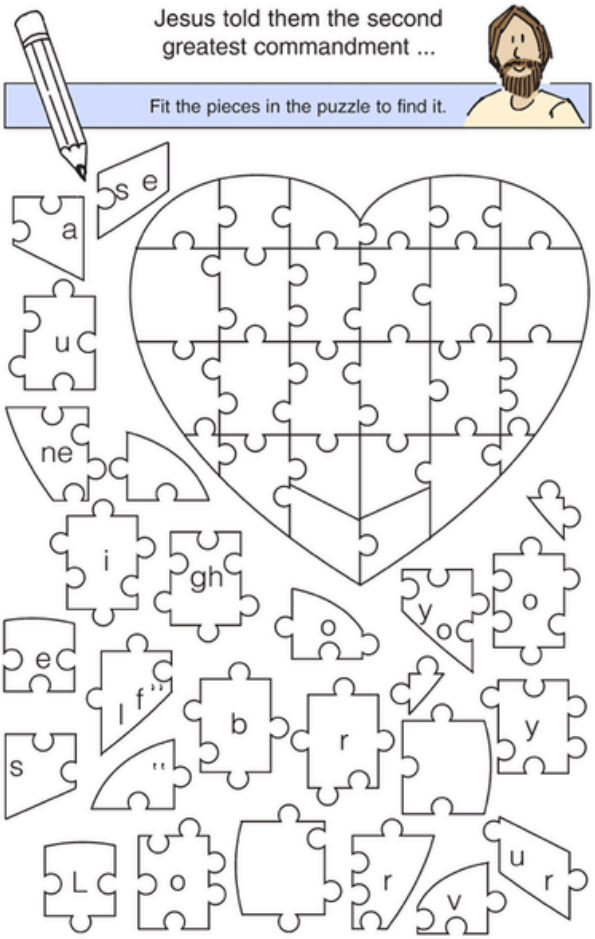


Find a word that means "a law of God." Write the name of each picture in the boxes. The darker boxes will spell the answer.



Jesus told them the second greatest commandment ...

Fit the pieces in the puzzle to find it.



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