



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

**6400 Nativity Lane,
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SUNDAY MASSES: 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass in Spanish
 7:00 a.m./9:00 a.m./11:00 a.m./
 1:00 p.m./5:30 p.m.

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

HOLY DAY MASSES: As Announced

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

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

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Announcements for the bulletin
must be submitted **in writing** by 9:00 AM on
 Tuesday (5 days prior to publication). Please note: this
 deadline can change due to holiday office closings.
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**Assisted hearing devices are available
 from the Sacristy staff at all services**

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



*“Blessed are the sorrowing for they will be consoled.”
- Matthew 5:1-12*

My dear parishioners,

This week we celebrate the feast of All Saints on November 1st and All Souls Day on November 2nd. We rejoice with all the Saints and pray for our beloved dead that they may now share in the fullness of life and hail from that great communion. Happy Eve of All Hallows..... and Happy Feast Day of All the Saints.

Love and blessings,

Fr. Bob Cilinski
Fr. Bob Cilinski
Pastor

Reflection

Dressed in white baptismal garments and waving palm branches of victory, the redeemed people of God shout praises before the heavenly throne. Who are these dressed in white? Where have they come from? They are people from every nation, race, and tongue: apostles, martyrs, evangelists, missionaries, popes, bishops, doctors, presbyters, religious, virgins, married men and women. With loved ones who have gone before us, we praise and thank God for the salvation that is ours.

What we shall become has yet to come to light, but Jesus tells us we are blessed right now. Though poor and suffering, we are comforted. Hungering and thirsting for holiness, we are filled. Compassionate and single-hearted in our pursuit of justice and peace, we are shown mercy. What love has been bestowed on us! Even though the world does not recognize us, we are children of God. When we stand before God's throne, we will recognize ourselves in God's benevolent gaze. Be glad and rejoice! The kingdom of God is ours!
For reflection: What have I done today to help bring about the reign of God?

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country from November 5-11, 2023. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation.

*God our Father,
We thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.
May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen*

**ALL SAINTS DAY
Wednesday, November 1st**

The Solemnity of All Saints is on Wednesday, November 1st. The Mass schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, October 31
Vigil Mass at 5:30PM

Wednesday, November 1
7:30AM, 9:00AM (school), 12:00PM,
5:00PM and 7:30PM (bilingual)

**ALL SOULS DAY
Thursday, November 2nd
The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed**

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.

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:

Thursday, November 2
7:30AM, 12:00PM and 7:00PM (Mass of Remembrance)

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00PM**

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 Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00pm.

Please know that you are in our prayers and in the prayers of the community of Nativity.

Love and Blessings,
Fr. Bob Cilinski
Pastor

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Nativity Parishioners are joined in fervent prayer for the victims of violence in Israel and Gaza as well as those impacted by related acts of hatred and harassment worldwide.

As a Catholic Community, our words and actions must uphold the dignity of all people.

Let us pray for an end to war and a just and equitable lasting peace in the Holy Land and Beyond.

Love and Blessings,
Fr. Bob Cilinski, Pastor

**OPENING OF THE MASS INTENTIONS
CALENDAR FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 2024
SCHEDULED FOR**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9th AT 9:00AM

Please read the guidelines below to schedule intentions

Due to the large size of our parish, we can honor a maximum of 5 Mass Intention requests per year, per family/household. We are currently opening the calendar for Mass Intentions from **January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 only.**

We try our best to accommodate requested dates but some dates might be unavailable (i.e. Novena Masses etc.). In case of unavailability, we will try our best to schedule on the closest date possible. We greatly appreciate your patience, kindness and understanding as we try to accommodate many requests!

Please stop by the parish office to schedule Mass Intentions or you can visit: <https://nativityburke.org/mass-intentions/> to request intentions online. Your online Mass intention request is **NOT** scheduled until we verify availability of the requested date(s) and you have received an email confirmation!! We are not able to honor phone requests. If you have any additional questions, please email Ayse Kenner at akenner@nativityburke.org.

**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 Food Drive, you donated 10,000 lbs of food. These donations will go a very long way in replenishing the warehouse and will make a big difference in the lives of many families in the Diocese!

The next St. Lucy "Drive-By/Drop-Off" Food Drive will take place in February 2024. Please look for us then and consider donating. And again, Thank You!

**Annual Mass in Commemoration
of All the Faithful Departed with Bishop Burbidge**

The Mass in Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed will be held on Thursday, November 2 at 11:00am at Fairfax Memorial Park, 9900 Braddock Road, Fairfax. The Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Included in this beautiful liturgy will be the traditional blessing of the gravesites of deceased priests. Please join us as we pray for our loved ones who have gone on to their eternal reward. Rain Site: Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 8800 Braddock Road, Annandale.

Nativity Players



SAVE THE DATE!
The Nativity Players present:
"Fall for Broadway"
A musical revue extravaganza!
November 10 & 11 at 7:30pm
In the Father Martin Center

The Knights of Columbus in coordination with INOVA will conduct a Blood Drive at St. Raymonds on the 4th of November from 7:00 AM until Noon. You can sign up online at https://www.inovabloodsaves.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/32970 Or visit us in the Narthex after Mass on 28/29 October.

**FALL MARRIAGE
ENRICHMENT**



Program



Come to ANY or ALL of the remaining sessions!
Fridays from 6:30-8:30 PM
Teachers Lounge
**NOVEMBER
3, 10, 17**
marriage@nativityburke.org
or see Upcoming Events in the parish website

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AT NATIVITY PARISH

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DINNER & DESSERT

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MASQUERADE
BALL**

DJ -BOBBY G.
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DANCING

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CASH BAR
(BEER & WINE)

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2023
6:30 PM - 11:00 PM
TICKETS \$40 PER PERSON

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



Prepare and vote: Read the Bishop's Letter and other VCC resources

In the coming weeks, voters will elect members to all 140 seats in the Virginia General Assembly, as well as other offices in some localities. Much is at stake!

Election Day is November 7. New General Assembly maps are in effect for this year's elections. To help you prepare, please visit the VCC Election Resource hub (Link below). There you can view, download and print the following materials, three of which are newly released and one of which is re-issued:

- A pre-election letter from Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Knestout
- A Register to Vote flyer explaining how to register, eligibility and key dates
- A New Political Maps flyer to help you find your new districts and the candidates
- A re-issued Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching resource.

Please review these materials. Share them with family and friends too, and remind them to pray, form their consciences and vote! **For more information visit: vacatholic.org.**

COME AND LEARN HOW TO PROMOTE VOCATIONS

All Are Invited

Thursday, November 9, at 7 pm

Saint Joseph Room, 313 Duke Street

The Very Rev. Edward C. Hathaway, the Pastor and Rector of the Basilica of Saint Mary, Will Be the Speaker



Rev. Fr. Peter Clem, YA, with Seminarian Luke Helbling and the Daughters of St. Paul
[Photo credit: Steve Teslik, SK 2022]



The Serra Club of Arlington, part of the USA Council of Serra International, promotes vocations to the ministerial priesthood and consecrated life in the Diocese of Arlington.

Come for light refreshments and learn more about the mission of the Serra Club of Arlington, which is part of the Pontifical work of the Catholic Church.



For additional information, contact Mary Petrino, President-Elect, Serra Club of Arlington, at mary.petrino@gmail.com.



PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Every Friday, Pray the Pro-Life Rosary, 8:45am-9:45am: Meet in the Narthex after Friday 7:30am Masses and join us on the sidewalk in front of the abortion facility at 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church.



MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, October 30th

7:30 am All Souls Novena

Tuesday, October 31st

7:30 am All Souls Novena

12:00 pm † Ellen E. Waldron

5:30 pm All Souls Novena (Vigil Mass)

Wednesday, November 1st — All Saints

7:30 am All Souls Novena

9:00 am † Samuel Cuomo

12:00 pm † Michael Quinn

3:00 pm † Leonor Carrasco (Sunrise Retirement Home)

5:00 pm Parishioners

7:30 pm † Michael R Gallagher

Thursday, November 2nd

7:30 am All Souls Novena

12:00 pm All Souls Novena

7:00 pm † Mass of Remembrance for all the deceased of the passed year

Friday, November 3rd

7:30 am † Eula Jackson

Saturday, November 4th

9:00 am † Mike Carroll

5:00 pm † Patrick Kiernan

7:00 pm † Luis DeCaro

Sunday, November 5th

7:00 am † Tess DeLaney

9:00 am † Casmir N. Fusco

11:00 am † Deceased family members of McHail & DeMeo Families

1:00 pm † Lisa Pannoni

5:30 pm Parishioners

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



You can designate Nativity Church or Nativity School as the beneficiaries of your Amazon Smile! You can choose Nativity by going to: **YOUR ACCOUNT, YOUR AMAZON SMILE and designating Nativity.** Amazon then contributes a small percentage of each purchase to Nativity. For questions, please contact Ann Benson at: 703 455 2400. Thank you!

SCAM ALERT - PLEASE BEWARE

Recently, persons using fake email addresses pretending to be Fr. Bob Cilinski and other parish staff members, have been requesting special favors and/or gift cards. Please note that Fr. Bob, or any of the other priests or parish staff members, **DO NOT and will NEVER email, message, text or ask anyone** for any kind of financial assistance, special requests or favors. Please be careful and delete these kinds of emails or messages immediately. If you are unsure or have any questions, please call the parish office at 703-455-2400.

ANNUAL FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY Wednesday, 8 November at 7:30pm

All parishioners are invited to join the Knights of Columbus for a patriotic ceremony at the Holy Spirit Parish School Gymnasium, 8800 Braddock Road, Annandale. Local scouts from both parishes will help retire the flags and the West Point Glee Club will perform. 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. This patriotic event is a great way to celebrate Veteran's day and to show the proper reverence and respect for the symbol of freedom that is our American Flag. A reception with light refreshments and fellowship will follow the ceremony.

For more information, contact John Ostrowski at jaostrowski89@gmail.com

Pray for those who are discerning a call to proclaim the hope of the Resurrection as religious brothers, sisters, priests or deacons. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at (703) 841-2514 or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.



A Message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry

Recent articles warn us of the danger of toxic clutter: the ordinary, steady din of traffic, compounded by the blast from jet engines; the deafening roar of music delivered directly into our ears; and other manifestations that cumulatively induce us to grow deaf to other, less cantankerous resonances. The steady accumulation of noise pollution and the distress propounded by this cacophony practically eradicate the ability to hear and truly listen. And listening is essential to authentic communication. How can we truly relate to others if we lose the ability to listen? If we are indifferent to others or have little or no interest in relating to them, there is no hope that we will hear what they are trying to communicate. In order to be able to hear the cry of the poor, or the lament of the planet, we must have the ability to listen attentively. Jesus learned and taught how to listen actively. He learned to search eyes and to notice behavior. He reflected. He was deeply attentive to the word of God. In that same vein, Pope Francis reminds us that relationships are key to our growth, both physically and spiritually: with God, with other people, and with other creatures that are part of Gods' creation. Developing these relationships and building community require really listening to one another. Good listening increases the trust, openness, and understanding that create authentic community. People who truly listen to one another are drawn together in a special bond. Effective listening can promote spiritual growth, toward wholeness – and holiness. *(excerpted from Catholic Climate Covenant.)*

NATIVITY ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURAL SOCIETY

It's early to tell you about the November meeting of Nativity Italian Heritage and Cultural Society, but this event requires an early response!

We are having a Wine School Evening, presented by Tenuta Torciano Winery Estate, visiting from Tuscany. Their representative will explain their wine-making process; influences of soil, climate and tradition; wine-tasting etiquette, and why specific foods are paired with specific wines.

We will have a tasting of several wines, and also sample olive oil and vinegar products. RSVP's are required by November 7 so we can tell the winery how many to expect. A \$5 fee (CASH ONLY) will be charged to defray expenses. Please note: due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the program is later in the month.

Guests are welcome for a \$5 guest fee, plus \$5 event fee, but all attendees must RSVP by deadline. Non-members can RSVP to passar@cox.net.

DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023 AT 7:00 PM
PLACE: NATIVITY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Please be aware that the Church, parking lots and Church grounds are private property. Campaigning, placement of political signs or distribution of flyers for political campaigns, is strictly prohibited.

ECHO Food Room November Most Needed Items Nativity Collection: NEXT weekend 4/5 November

Choose sizes appropriate for our average family size of four. Because of the generosity of our community, ECHO cannot give our clients food whose expiration date is long past, open food, or repackaged food (no zip-loc bags). ECHO continues to see a deficit of several thousand pounds a month between food donated and food given to clients. Any donation, large or small, is most gratefully welcomed.

NEEDED ITEMS: Protein Items (can chicken, Spam, sardines, chili with meat, can beef stew), Spaghetti Sauce, Tea, Milk products (canned, shelf stable, hot chocolate), Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Tomatoes, Honey or Jelly, Cooking Oil, Canned Pasta, Box Potatoes, Lentils, Coffee (Instant), Canned fruit, Bag beans (black, red, or garbanzo), Bag Rice, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Crackers, Spices (garlic, onion, cinnamon, salt, pepper), Lemon/Lime Juice, Juice (Bottles or Box), Tortillas, Muffin/Combread Mix, Diapers Sizes 4 & 5, Baby Wipes, Toilet Paper, Deodorant, Shampoo, Facial Tissues, Dish Soap, Bath Soap, Paper Towels, Shaving Cream/Razors, Laundry Detergent.

ROSARY MINISTRY - HELP WANTED Can you count to 10!!



Please join us for our November rosary ministry meeting. Tuesday, November 21st from 1:00-3:00pm in the Father Ready room. We will be teaching you how to make mission rosaries and prayer bracelets.

Come join us in praying the Rosary every Tuesday and Thursday after the noon Mass. We will be praying the special intention for peace in Israel and Ukraine. Please sign up on the church website under rosary ministry at nativityburke.org.

Join...

Nativity's Young Adult Ministry

WHAT DO WE OFFER?

**Weekly
Small
Groups**

Small groups meets at various days/times during the week

Fellowship

Thursdays: Basketball in the Fr. Martin Center from 8:30-10:30pm

**Service
Opportunities**

Every Third Saturday- Cook and Deliver Breakfast at Christ House at 8am



REGISTER TO RECIEVE OUR
MONTHLY EMAIL & TEXT
UPDATES

JOIN US IN FUNDRAISING FOR OUR NATIVITY SISTERS' ORDER

HANDMAIDS OF REPARATION OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

PROCEEDS WILL ASSIST WITH THEIR PROJECTS IN:

- BUILDING A CONVENT AND SCHOOL IN CONGO
- EDUCATION AND SUPPLIES FOR OUR RELIGIOUS SISTERS
- SUPPLIES FOR THE IVORY COST CLINIC AND SCHOOL



**DINE IN AND CARRY OUT ALL DAY ON
NOVEMBER 14TH & 15TH**



SPARTAN'S FAMILY RESTAURANT

When you place your order on the phone or in person
make sure you tell them you are supporting the

“Nativity Sisters’ Fundraiser”

to make sure that proceeds will be donated to our Sisters

Gifts can be also purchased on their website.

Enter code: *Nativity Sisters*

to ensure our Sisters receive credit

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR ORDER AND THEIR
MISSIONS, VISIT THEIR WEBSITE:

HANDMAIDSOFREPARATION.ORG



WORKCAMP 2024
Information Meeting

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12
 4:30-5:15pm in the Well

Are you a teen, parent, or adult volunteer interested in getting involved with WorkCamp? Whether you're new to the program or returning, this meeting is for you!

Contact:
 Brigid Williams
 wc@nativityburke.org






***** ALL PARISH EVENT *****
NATIVITY'S 5K/FUN RUN
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH FROM 7AM - 11AM
REGISTRATION OPEN - EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT UNTIL 11/1

"THEREFORE, SINCE WE ARE SURROUNDED BY SUCH A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES, LET US THROW OFF EVERYTHING THAT HINDERS AND THE SIN THAT SO EASILY ENTANGLES. AND LET US RUN WITH PERSEVERANCE THE RACE MARKED OUT FOR US, FIXING OUR EYES ON JESUS, THE PIONEER AND PERFECTER OF FAITH, WHO FOR THE JOY THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM ENDURED THE CROSS." HEBREWS 12: 1 - 3



ON CAMPUS AT NATIVITY
6400 NATIVITY LANE
BURKE, VA 22015

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC)
 We are a social group, mostly age 60 and over. (35 to 59) Ask about our free associate-membership group.) Meet us for: walk in historic cemetery and dinner (Nov 5); square dancing (Nov 7, 21, 28); Thursday lunch (Nov 9); dinner in Fairfax City (Nov 12); Annual Dinner Dance (Nov 18); Flamenco dance performance (Nov 19); Thanksgiving Day dinner (Nov 23); serving evening meal at Christ House (Nov 25); tailgate party and Ice & Lights show (Nov 26); Christmas party (Dec 2). For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptsenva@gmail.com.


YOUTH MINISTRY

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

HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS
 GIRLS: Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00pm, weekly
 GUYS: Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm, 2x/month



EDGE: GRADES 6-8
 Alternating Sundays | 3:30-5:00pm
 & Fridays | 7:00-8:30 pm



WORKCAMP INTEREST MEETING
 Come learn more about WorkCamp, an annual week-long overnight camp fostering Christ-centered service, faith, and fellowship for high schoolers within the Diocese.
 Who: High schoolers, parents, and adult volunteers
 When: Sunday, November 12 from 4:30 p.m-5:15 p.m
 Where: The Well (Youth Ministry Room)

[See website for full schedule](#)
 Before attending, please register for the 2023-2024 year of ministry using our free, online forms.

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

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

Pray for Peace in the Middle East with fellow Parishioners!

The Nativity Rosary Ministry leads the rosary 3 times a week and we encourage all to join us. The rosary is prayed after the noon Masses on Tuesday and Thursday at Nativity, and we gather via Zoom on Sunday evenings at 7:30 PM. Contact Brenda Zepf at zepfmb@gmail.com for the link (which is sent out just before the meeting) Come and pray the rosary with us. We are praying for the people experiencing the terrors of war with the killing, the fear, the evil destruction and the horror in which the families find themselves. We must pray for these people in any way and every way that we can. Feel free to take a rosary from the rosary board. We are reaching out to God in trust and we know He will hear us! Again, join us in prayer for the Middle East. Diane Fields, diane.l.fields44@gmail.com.



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If you are interested in purchasing one like this one with your own custom caption, please scan the QR Code below and use the form to complete your order.

Or email: handyknightsofnativity@gmail.com, and we will email you a copy of the online form.

Limited Supply – We only make 30 each year





Council Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesday. First meeting is a business meeting, the second meeting of the month is devoted to faith formation. Rosary 7:15 PM; meeting at 7:30 PM. Fellowship follows. Meet in the Nativity school cafeteria. Linktree Universal Sign-up Link: https://linktr.ee/fr_sikora_council_7992
Volunteer for an event! Scroll down to view all events.

3, 4 & 5 November, Masquerade Ball: Event set-up assistance needed: It takes a lot of volunteers to set-up, request your assistance to make this evening a huge success.

6 November, 6:45 PM Mass of Remembrance: Need volunteers to be Reading Lectors, Drivers for Windows, and reserve attendance.

10 & 11 Nov, Fall for Broadway: Nativity Knights are supporting the Nativity Theater at Fall for Broadway. We need food and beer/wine servers. Times are subject to change/update. Volunteer on linktree.

18 Nov, Adopt a Highway: Clean up Old Keene Mill Road - Be apart of the Elite Eight. Volunteer on linktree.

19 Nov, Donut Sunday: Support the parish and meet fellow parishioners. **Joint support with Religious Education.*

Food for Others: Volunteer drivers for food distribution to the poor. If you have a truck, SUV or van and can occasionally help deliver to 7 Corners on Thursday evenings or to Springfield on Friday evenings please consider helping. For Thursdays, please contact Br. Mark Sawyer at sawyerkoc7992@verizon.net. For Fridays, please contact Br. Matt Stockburger at mstock_w@yahoo.com.

Name Tags: Email Vince Augelli at VaKC23@gmail.com.

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

Handy Knights Ministry: If you are unable to perform basic maintenance tasks or small repairs in your home due to health or other factors, call the "Handy Knights." Email handyknights@nativity@gmail.com.

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

3rd Degree Knights: Grow with 4th Degree - participate in patriotic activities that promote Catholic citizenship. 4th Degree Assembly meets the second Tuesday of the month in the school cafeteria: 7:30pm rosary, 7:45pm business meeting followed by fellowship. If you are interested, please contact our Faithful Navigator Vince Augelli at fn2996@vakofc.org.

Join the Knights! The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. Join today!

Do you need a ride to a medical appointment or to go grocery shopping and are unable to drive? The Shepherd's Center-Fairfax Burke provides these services. Feel free to contact the Shepherd's Center Fairfax Burke at 703-323-4788 for information.

· LARAINÉ BENNETT ·
ART OF LIVING WITH LESS



MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT MINISTRY
DATE NIGHT
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH
 CAFETERIA FROM 6-8:30 PM

Childcare Provided | Refreshments | Fellowship

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



The Knights of Columbus invite all the Children of Nativity Parish to join them in the Parish Cafeteria on Saturday morning, December 2nd from 9:30AM to 11:00AM for fun, fellowship and a chance to meet and have breakfast with Santa.

There will be a continental breakfast, Christmas crafts and a little something from Santa for all boys and girls who attend. So that Santa knows you will be there, we request you let his elves know that you plan to attend; send them your family name, and the number of children and adults coming. You can use whichever way is best for you: email to bpb7992@gmail.com or text to 703-402-8513.

The Knights of Columbus - Ladies Auxiliary

Formed to assist and support the Knights, our Church and the four virtues of Charity, Unity, Sorority and Patriotism. We are spouses, daughters, mothers, or sisters of Knights of Columbus who are in good standing or deceased.

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Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching*

The central and enduring themes of Catholic social teaching are organized under four principles that provide a moral framework for decisions in public life.

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The Dignity of the Human Person

Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Direct attacks



on innocent persons are never morally acceptable. In our society, the gravest example is abortion. Euthanasia, assisted suicide, human cloning, in vitro fertilization

and the destruction of embryos for research are others. Protecting the dignity of life also includes overcoming poverty, ending use of the death penalty, and opposing racism, torture, unjust war, human trafficking and all activities that contribute to the "throwaway culture" identified by Pope Francis.

The Common Good

The common good is achieved when social conditions allow people to reach their fulfillment more fully and easily. It



upholds the fundamental right to life, which makes all other rights possible. It asserts the right to food, shelter, education, employment, health care, housing, freedom

of religion and conscience, and family life. It requires an economy that serves people, not the other way around. It calls on employers to uphold the dignity and rights of workers by offering productive work, decent and just wages, adequate security in their old age, the choice of whether to organize and join unions and the opportunity for legal status for immigrant workers. Workers should contribute a fair day's work for a fair day's pay, treat employers and co-workers with respect and contribute to the common good. This principle requires we protect and care for all of God's creation, especially the most vulnerable among us, and the earth, our common home.

Subsidiarity

The human person is social. The family is the fundamental building block of society, based on marriage between a man



and a woman, a sanctuary for creation and nurturing of children. Policies and programs should defend, strengthen and respect this foundational unit and uphold parents'

rights and responsibilities to care for and educate their children. Further, every person and association has a right and duty to actively shape society and promote the well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. Subsidiarity means that society's larger institutions should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local ones. These larger institutions are obliged, however, to protect human dignity and meet human needs when smaller institutions cannot adequately do so.

Solidarity

We are one human family, despite our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences, called to love our neighbor as ourselves. We must work to



eradicate poverty, disease and racism; and welcome immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers who are seeking employment, safety, education and

a better life for their families. Solidarity requires preferential concern for the poor. A basic moral test of any society is how it treats those who are most vulnerable. This preferential option for the poor and vulnerable includes all who are marginalized – unborn children, persons with disabilities, the elderly and terminally ill, victims of injustice and oppression and immigrants.

*Adapted from *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, Nos. 44-56, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2015.



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- Tuesday, October 31 - Dress Down Day
- Tuesday, October 31 - Classroom Halloween Parties
- Tuesday, October 31 - Halloween Parade, 2:15 pm
- Wednesday, November 1 - Winter Uniform Begins
- Wednesday, November 1 - All Saints Mass, 9 am
- Thursday, November 2 - School Pictures
- Friday, November 3 - Field Trip, 2nd, 3rd & 5th Grade
- Friday, November 3 - School Pictures
- Monday, November 6 - School Pictures
- Wednesday, November 8 - School Pictures
- Thursday, November 9 - Early Dismissal, 11:30 am
- Thursday, November 9 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Friday, November 10 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Thursday, November 16 - 'Christmas Trees' Go Home

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- 6:45PM Refreshments
- 7:00PM Keynote Address – Fr. Anthony Bozeman, SSJ
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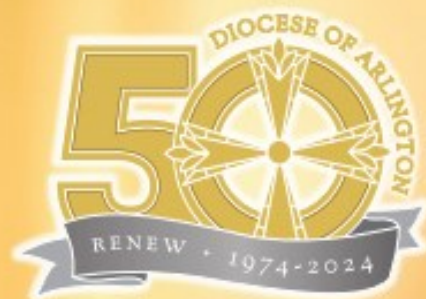
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Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday October 29

Ex 22:20-26
Ps 18:2-4,47,51
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Matthew 22:34-40

Monday October 30

Romans 8:12-17
Ps 68:2,4,6-7b,20-21
Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday October 31

Romans 8:18-25
Ps 126:1b-6
Luke 13:18-21

**Wednesday November 1
Solemnity of All Saints**

Revelation 7:2-4,9-14
Ps 24:1b-4b,5-6
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12a

**Thursday November 2
All Souls Day**

Wis 3:1-9
Psalm 23:1-6
Rom 6:3-9
John 6:37-40

Friday November 3

Romans 9:1-5
Ps 147:12-15,19-20
Luke 14:1-6

Saturday November 4

St. Charles Borromeo, Bp
Romans 11:1-2a,11-12, 25-29
Ps 94:12-13a,14-15,17-18
Luke 14:1,7-11

Today's Gospel reading reminds us that we cannot love God without loving ourselves *and* others, but God must always come first.

When we have difficulty loving God with all our heart, mind and soul all the time, every day, every moment, no matter what's going on, it's because we're spending too much time focused on other people and/or on our own plans and wishes.

Yes, we must focus on others in order to love them. And yes we must focus on our own needs so that we can love others *as much* as we love ourselves. Our own needs are important and we are responsible for seeing that our needs get met; otherwise we don't have enough to share with others – enough energy or enthusiasm or kindness or patience. Likewise, we shouldn't focus so much on ourselves that we neglect the needs of others.

So the question then becomes: What are the priorities? In other words: How much time should we spend alone with God? How much time should we spend nurturing ourselves? How much of our time and needs and wants should be sacrificed for the sake of others?

Interestingly, we find the right balance only after we put God first and make our relationship with him our highest priority.



This divine friendship is what heals us in our unmet needs. It's what empowers us to love others even when they are difficult to love. And we don't have to be alone with God all day to have intimacy with him.

We love him first and foremost simply by relying on him for success in loving others

and ourselves. If we keep turning to him for guidance, healing and strength, we are loving him with all our heart, mind and soul all the time, every day, every moment, no matter what's going on.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † How good are you at setting priorities and keeping God at the top?
- † What puts your priorities out of order?
- † What can you do to increase God's role in your everyday life?
- † Describe some of the techniques you've used to increase God's priority in your everyday life.
- † How has focusing on your relationship with God helped you to be more loving to yourself and kinder toward others?

DOMINGO XXX
¿RESUMIMOS EL EVANGELIO?
Ciclo A Javier Leoz

En diversas ocasiones los encargados de una ponencia o los llamados 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 algunas, 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 dedillo 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 disfrutaba 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 mandamiento angular del amor- muchos de nosotros, y también de los que no están en esta Eucaristía, lo entendemos o lo vivimos a nuestra 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 consecuencias, 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 descubre 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 mismo es porque, a la fuerza, cumple a la perfección el resto de los mandamientos. ¿O no?

EN RESUMEN
J. Leoz

Ayúdame a entregarme y amar
y a no buscar razones para amar
Ayúdame, Señor, a perdonar
y a no filtrar interesadamente el perdón
Ayúdame, Señor, a conocerte
y a no excusarme con decir que “ya te conozco”

EN RESUMEN, SEÑOR

Recuérdame que, no es tan importante
el que yo sepa mucho de Ti
cuanto que yo te quiera de verdad
Que lo esencial no es fijarme en la letra
sino en las consecuencias que al leerla
para mi vida entraña y exige

EN RESUMEN, SEÑOR

Indícame cómo escuchar y vivir tu Palabra
Cómo cumplir y vivir tu Ley
En dónde poner el acento
y de donde quitarlo
Dónde y cómo está el prójimo
y no “mi amigo querido”

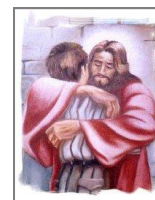
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Que no sea un sabelotodo
y si un eternamente abierto a todos
Que no presuma de haberte conocido
cuando, por lo que sea,
doy la espalda a mi hermano
Que no caiga en la vanidad de crearme perfecto
cuando, bien de sobra sé, que Tú sólo eres el Santo

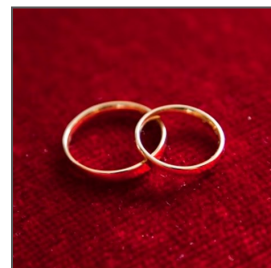
EN RESUMEN, SEÑOR

Ayúdame a mirar con amor
como Tú miras
Ayúdame a ver las cosas
como Tú las ves
Ayúdame a caminar
con tus mismos pasos
Ayúdame a vivir
con tus mismos pensamientos.
Pues, sé Señor, que la letra a veces mata
pero tu Espíritu siempre da la vida.

Amén.



Amor conyugal



Bonifacio Fernández, cmf - Miércoles

El matrimonio es una continuada experiencia de amor entre un hombre y una mujer. Una experiencia muy especial e intensa de amor interpersonal, íntimo, profundo, responsable. Es un amor intenso, total y tendencialmente para toda la vida, en todas las circunstancias.

Experiencia vivida

El amor matrimonial despierta y hace visible lo mejor de ambos cónyuges. Y esto en un proceso de crecimiento y convivencia diaria con todas sus vicisitudes. Amar al cónyuge es darle vida e invitarle a crecer como persona y como cónyuge. Significa crecer juntos como hombre y como mujer que se complementan y se entregan al cien por cien. La relación conyugal es mucho más que un acuerdo de dones y roles. No es cuestión de conveniencia, de buscar compañía y apoyo en otra persona, de satisfacción sexual. Esas expectativas no son capaces de crear una auténtica relación de amor matrimonial.

Experiencia contada

Dentro de la comunidad de los creyentes este amor conyugal es signo sacramental. Quienes viven esta experiencia de amor saben lo significativa que es para ellos. Saben también que su experiencia recuerda y remite más allá de sí mismos, que no sólo está en sus manos, sino que están ellos en manos de este amor, que lo poseen y son poseídos por él. Los cónyuges cristianos experimentan la presencia de un amor mayor, que los alienta y recrea, que conecta con su deseo profundo de que su amor dure para siempre, que inspira y robustece en la lucha por la creciente fidelidad. El amor conyugal remite al amor de alianza de Cristo con la Iglesia. Lo significa y lo representa como un espejo.

Experiencia sagrada

En la comunidad de los creyentes descubrimos que la experiencia de amor conyugal, que se expresa en la convivencia íntima y el caminar diario, es lo que más se parece al amor intenso y fiel con que Cristo ama su Iglesia, la acompaña, se comunica con ella, le entrega la intimidad de su palabra y de su confianza, la cuida como su propio cuerpo. Como los otros sacramentos también el matrimonio comunica lo que significa. Por eso podemos hablar del amor conyugal como reflejo y espejo, manifestación y comunicación del Amor. Es cierto que el amor de Cristo a su pueblo se hace presente también en otros sacramentos y formas de vida. Pero en el matrimonio se significa, se hace presente y se comunica la intimidad, la intensidad y la fidelidad de ese amor divino inabarcable. En los matrimonios se nos revela y comunica todo el alcance del «como yo os he amado», del «nos amó hasta el extremo». La asombrosa profundidad del amor incondicional y fiel del Mesías por su pueblo se hace presente, visible y efectivo en el amor conyugal de los esposos. Ellos son la presencia significativa y fascinante de ese amor activo de Cristo al mundo. Gracias a ellos, y en ellos, Jesucristo resucitado sigue teniendo corazón y manos, labios y pies, para mostrarse entrañablemente fiel y enamorado de todos y cada uno de nosotros. El matrimonio es sacramento de amor y profecía en acción.

Jesus said, "And the 2nd is like it:
Love your neighbor as yourself."

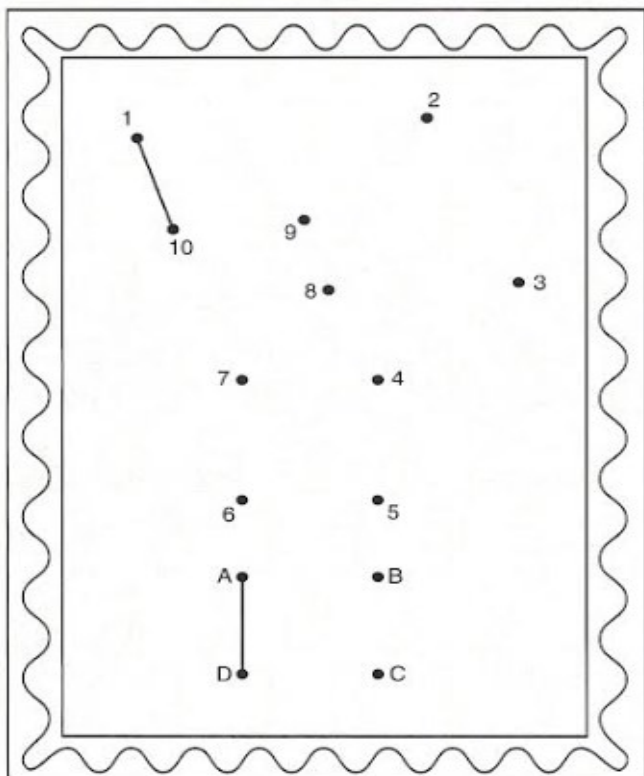
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One of them tested Him: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Connect the dots.

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October 29, 2023 • Matthew 22:34-40

The Greatest Commandment

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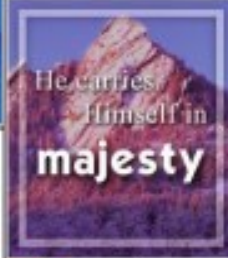


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