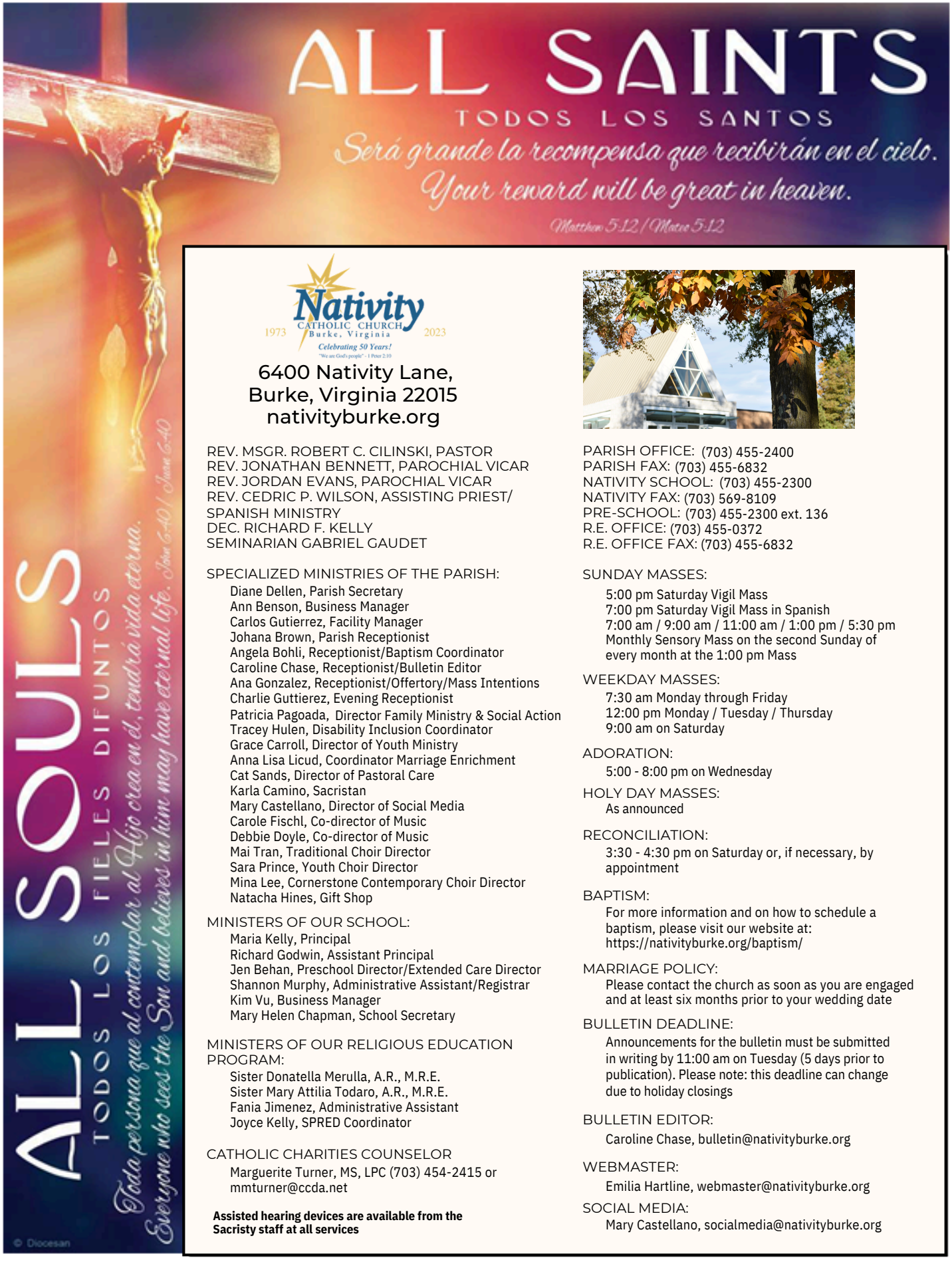


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- 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass
- 7:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass in Spanish
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- Monthly Sensory Mass on the second Sunday of every month at the 1:00 pm Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES:
- 7:30 am Monday through Friday
- 12:00 pm Monday / Tuesday / Thursday
- 9:00 am on Saturday

ADORATION:
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HOLY DAY MASSES:
- As announced

RECONCILIATION:
- 3:30 - 4:30 pm on Saturday or, if necessary, by appointment

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A Message from our Pastor Msgr. 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 Feast day of All Saints!

Love and Blessings,

MSGR. 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 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!

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, 12:00PM and 7:00PM.

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/

Monthly Sensory Mass

Sunday, November 8th at 1:00 pm

In an effort to embrace and welcome the neurodiverse members of our community, Nativity Catholic Church is hosting a monthly Sensory Mass on the second Sunday of every month at the 1:00 pm Mass.
All are welcome to attend!
A special invitation is extended to any person in need of sensory accommodations. A sensory Mass requires a welcoming stigma-free environment and accommodations to help reduce over-stimulation and sensory overload. We also invite you to join us after the Sensory Mass for coffee, donuts, and fellowship in the cafeteria. If you would like to learn more about the Monthly Sensory Mass please email Tracey Hulen, Disability Inclusion Coordinator at thulen@nativityburke.org.

Diocesan Service Week: Help Care for Creation – Take Home a Free Tree on Sunday November 15!

One of the most meaningful ways to Care for Creation in Northern Virginia? Plant a tree that feeds the birds. By choosing a tree that supports native caterpillars, you're doing more than adding beauty to your yard — you're providing essential food for birds, especially during nesting season when they rely on caterpillars to feed their young.
In our hot and humid summers, a well-placed native tree can also offer valuable shade, reduce your cooling bills, and keep your home more comfortable. Over time, that tree becomes not only a haven for wildlife but also an investment in your home's value and in a healthier, more sustainable neighborhood.
In support of the Diocesan Week of Service, the Creation Care Ministry invites parishioners to take part in our Tree Planting Project!
Pick up a free native tree seedling after Mass from 8:00 am-4:00 pm on Sunday, November 15 (excluding 5:30 PM Mass), near the mulched area in the parking lot.
We'll have over 200 seedlings of five native species, along with planting instructions and guidance on selecting the right spot at home. Want to do more? Email nativitycreationcare@gmail.com to help with the on-campus planting happening at that same time. Planting a tree is a simple, powerful way to Care for Creation - and now is the perfect time to get involved! Here are the seedling choices:

Swamp White Oak (Quercus bicolor) A medium-sized native tree (40–60 ft) known for its attractive, peeling bark and rounded crown. Acorns provide food for birds and wildlife, while its leaves turn warm shades of yellow, orange, and red in fall. Grows well in sun and part shade, especially in moist, well-drained soils.
Black Cherry (Prunus serotina) A large native tree (50–80 ft) known for its fragrant white spring blossoms that attract pollinators. Small dark cherries provide food for birds and other wildlife, while its leaves turn golden yellow to orange in fall. Grows well in full sun and adapts to a variety of soil conditions. A beautiful, wildlife-friendly choice that supports biodiversity in any yard!
Eastern Redbud (Cercis canadensis) Q 36 A small native tree (15–30 ft) known for its stunning pink spring blossoms that attract early pollinators. Heart-shaped leaves turn golden in fall. Grows well in sun to part shade. A beautiful, wildlife-friendly choice for any yard!
Flowering Dogwood (Cornus florida) Q 72 A beloved native tree with showy white spring blooms, red fall berries for birds, and vibrant foliage. Grows 15–30 ft tall. Prefers partial shade and well-drained soil. Supports pollinators and over 100 species of caterpillars — a true habitat helper!
Allegheny Serviceberry (Amelanchier laevis) Q 36 A graceful native tree with delicate white spring flowers, edible summer berries, and brilliant red-orange fall color. Grows 15–25 ft tall. Attracts birds, bees, and butterflies. Thrives in sun to part shade — beautiful and wildlife-friendly!

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



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

Nativity Family Nights

Coordinated and Shared by Nativity CYO

Join the Nativity Family for upcoming events! All parishioners welcome! Invite your family and friends, purchase your tickets, and enjoy and evening out with your Nativity parishioners.

Saturday, November 7th. Georgetown Hoyas vs. University of Maryland Terrapins at 7:30pm, Saturday, November 7th in Capital One Arena. Discounted rate tickets in section 216 (at $61.30/each) and section 217 (at $35.88 /each). Purchase your tickets at https://www.gofevo.com/event/Churchnativity2 or QR code and select the "Buy Tickets Now" option. All Georgetown Men's Basketball tickets are digital.

Saturday, November 28th. Washington Wizards vs Orlando Magic 5:00pm, Saturday, November 28th in Capital One Arena. Ticket prices start at $42.95 (prices adjusted pending location and level in Capital One Arena). Purchase your tickets at https://www.gofevo.com/s/other/Diocesearlington?purl=91d4f27c3a48 or QR code and select the "Buy Tickets Now" option. All Washington Wizards Basketball tickets are digital.



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.

Time: 7:00-9:00 PM
Date: November 11 & 12
Place: Nativity Catholic Church Cafeteria

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 Faithful Witness, 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!

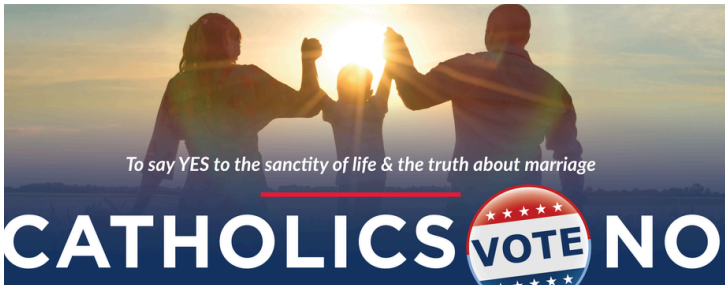


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Enjoy working with children? Consider joining us!
We are in need of substitute teachers with the following minimum qualifications:

- 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.

The Knights of Columbus will have their annual Mass of Remembrance for brother Knights and Knights' Wives that have gone before us on Thursday, November 5 at 7:00PM in the main church. All are welcome.



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MASS INTENTIONS & MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday, November 2 - All Souls
7:30 am † Bryan Borlik
12:00 pm All Souls Novena
7:00 pm † Mass of Remembrance

Tuesday, November 3
7:30 am All Souls Novena
12:00 pm † Bertha A. Cueva

Wednesday, November 4
7:30 am † Stephen Dollins
3:00 pm All Souls Novena *(Sunrise)*

Thursday, November 5
7:30 am All Souls Novena
12:00 am † Anthony Miles Sr.
7:00 pm † Mass of Remembrance KofC Knights & Wives

Friday, November 6
7:30 am All Souls Novena

Saturday, November 7
9:00 am † John Rowley Jr.
5:00 pm † John Leslie Stone III
7:00 pm All Souls Novena *(Spanish)*

Sunday, November 8
7:00 am † Jairo Gustavo Vargas
9:00 am † Liza Penalosa
11:00 pm All Souls Novena
1:00 pm † Charles Hutchison *(Sensory Mass)*
5:30 pm Nativity Parishioners

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



Election Day is this week: 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.

Calling all bakers and prayer warriors!!

IT'S KAIROS COOKIE TIME AGAIN

We need cookies filled with prayer for the men making the next Kairos Prison Ministry Weekend. Several members of Nativity are on the Kairos team. Kairos (Cursillo FOR the inmates) offers the opportunity to act on Jesus' words, *'When I was ill you cared for me, and in prison you visited me' (Matthew 25:36).* These homemade cookies shine the light of God's love into the darkest corners of prison life. Each cookie is a prayer that can bring an inmate or warden closer to God.

Cookies will need to be dropped off at the Nativity Office (or the Narthex) on Monday, November 16. Questions: please contact Dave Druitt at Dcdave0@gmail.com.

There are specific guidelines for cookies and recipes:

Cookie Preparation: The types of cookies that are generally acceptable are Oatmeal, Peanut Butter, Molasses, Chocolate Chip, Ginger and Sugar. Cookies should be between 2" and 2-1/2" in diameter and not more than 1/2" thick. It is very important not to use icing, sugar or any other type of coating on the outside of the cookie. Do not add any kind of fruit or nuts to the cookies.

The Key Ingredient is Prayer: Pray individually or as a family over the ingredients before and during mixing. Pray over the cookies as you drop them onto the cookie sheets and bake them. Pray that each cookie brings the inmate, officer or warden who eats it closer to God.

Packing the Cookies: Bag thoroughly cooled cookies in a quart sized zip lock bag, a dozen cookies to a bag. Label each bag with the cookie type inside.

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St. Raymond of Peñafort Catholic Church Blood Drive



Saturday, November 7, 2026

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It is that time of year again! Nativity's Boy Scout Troop 1100 is selling Christmas wreaths to help fund our camping activities. All sales will be online and shipped directly to the buyer. If you usually buy a fresh wreath, consider supporting our troop! They make great gifts to send to family across the miles.

Sales take place in October to be assured of early December delivery.
Please use this QR code to go directly to the sales page for Troop 1100 or go to: https://giftitforward.com and use fundraising code: TR1100VA001.

We will be selling after Mass on November 1/2. Questions?
Please contact Elizabeth Tramel at andrewandelizabeth@gmail.com.
Thank you for your support!

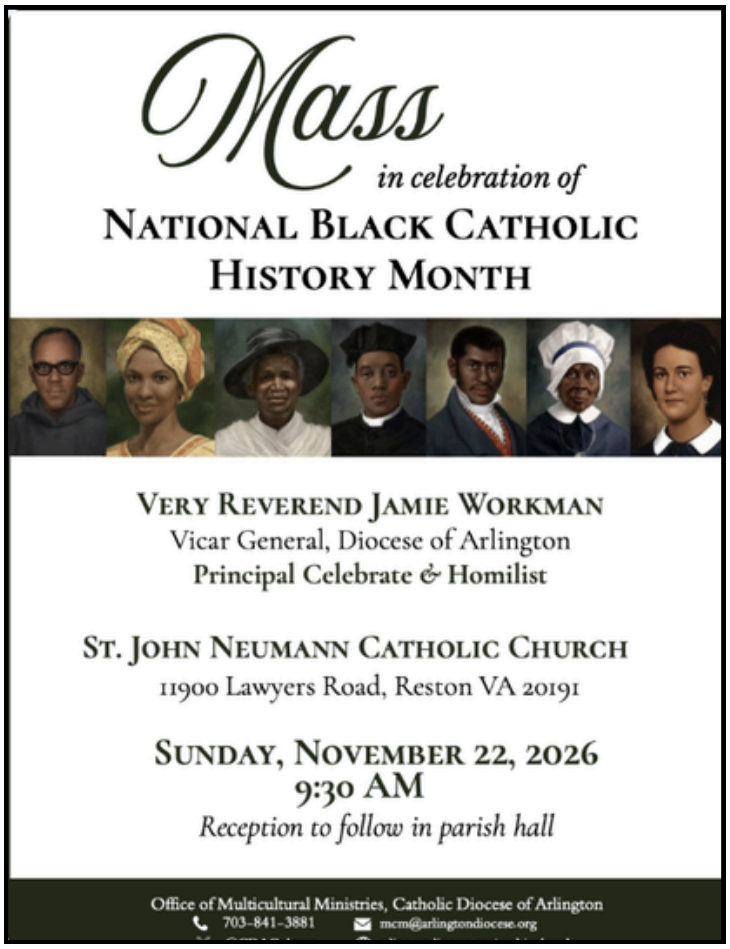
DROP OFF YOUR WORN OUT FLAG
Flag Retirement Ceremony

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.

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:

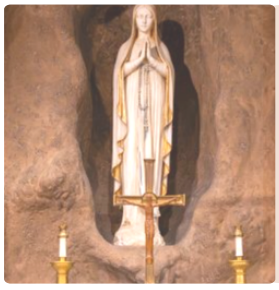
(i) protect the freedom to make personal decision about prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, birth control, abortion, miscarriage management, and fertility care; - NOTE "Virginia lawmakers have framed the ballot language as a general question about women's healthcare and medical decision-making.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

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(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/.

ECHO Collection NEXT weekend, 7/8 November

Thank you for including ECHO Food Room needs on your shopping list. Thus far this fiscal year ECHO has distributed 288,560 pounds of food which converts to 240,466 meals given to our neighbors in Burke and Springfield. Thank you donors for your generosity in helping our neighbors. Your help is greatly appreciated. We collected 501 lbs on October 3/4

- Choose sizes appropriate for an average family size of four.
- Include an assortment of food to ensure a variety of items.
- We are short on many other items such as personal care products and the items listed below.
- ECHO 's policy is to not give expired, open or repackaged food to clients. PLEASE do not bring these items or glass jars!!

Bag Rice (White or Basmati), Bag Beans (black, red, garbanzo beans), Lentils, Canned Fruit (100% juice), Cereal & Oatmeal (Low sugar), Can Tomatoes, Tomato paste and sauce, Pasta Sauce, Spaghetti Pasta, Can Milk, Shelf Stable Milk and Hot Chocolate, Snacks (Crackers, raisins, granola bars, dry fruit, nuts, etc.), Baked Beans, Coffee (Instant & Ground), Honey, Pancake Syrup, Cooking Oil, Non-Salt Spices (cinnamon, cumin, pepper, garlic powder, onion powder), Masa (Corn) Flour, Sugar (Granulated), Lemon or Lime Juice, Tortillas (corn, flour), Condiments (Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Mustard), Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Meat (Spam, beef stew, chili, chicken), Canned Fish (tuna, sardines), Paper Bags (Brown Grocery and Reusable), Paper boxes (that hold reams of 8 1/2 x 11 paper), Toilet Paper, Facial Tissues, Adult Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Razors, Shampoo, Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Body/Hand Lotion, Band Aids, Diapers - Sizes 2, 4, 5, 6, Sanitary Napkins.





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The Children's Science Center, in Virginia, has a traveling, interactive, hands-on STEM museum that visits different locations. It is designed to engage children and their families in STEM activities to promote interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

Multiple stations were set up in the Father Martin Center. Each station was led by a parent volunteer, who guided families through more than ten activities throughout the evening.

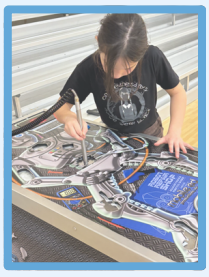
"Ever since Nativity started the first STEAM night four years ago, this is one event our family will never miss!" said Kathrin Loeffert, a Nativity mom. "There are activities here covering all fields of Science – from Paleontology, to Robotics – and our children all love it."

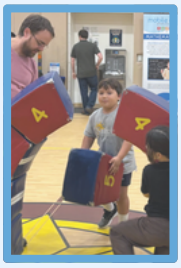












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Fr. Sikora Council 7992 Meetings: Normally 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. First meeting is a business meeting, the second meeting of the month is devoted to faith formation. Rosary 7:15 PM; meeting at 7:30 PM. Fellowship follows. Meet in the Nativity school 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.
31 OCT and 1 NOV: After Masses this weekend, 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. A SUG is available on our Linktree to volunteer to collect coats after each Mass!
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.
14 NOV: Marion Homes Shred Event fundraiser! Help is needed to unload cars and accept donations to Marion Homes. SUG available on the Linktree!
20 NOV: Nativity School has requested our Council's help in preparing and plating student Thanksgiving lunches. Please consider helping out! SUG available on the Linktree!
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!
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.
3rd Degree Knights - Grow with 4th Degree - participate in patriotic activities that promote Catholic citizenship. 4th Degree Assembly meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Nativity school cafeteria: 7:30 PM rosary, 7:45 pm business meeting followed by fellowship. If you are interested, please contact our Faithful Navigator John Lathrop at fn2996@vakofc.org.

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Fiesta de Todos los Santos

Celebramos a las personas que han llegado al cielo, conocidas y desconocidas. 1 de noviembre

Por: Tere Vallés | Fuente: Catholic.net

Este día se celebran a todos los millones de personas que han llegado al cielo, aunque sean desconocidos para nosotros. Santo es aquel que ha llegado al cielo, algunos han sido canonizados y son por esto propuestos por la Iglesia como ejemplos de vida cristiana.

Comunión de los santos La comunión de los santos, significa que ellos participan activamente en la vida de la Iglesia, por el testimonio de sus vidas, por la transmisión de sus escritos y por su oración. Contemplan a Dios, lo alaban y no dejan de cuidar de aquellos que han quedado en la tierra. La intercesión de los santos significa que ellos, al estar íntimamente unidos con Cristo, pueden interceder por nosotros ante el Padre. Esto ayuda mucho a nuestra debilidad humana.

Su intercesión es su más alto servicio al plan de Dios. Podemos y debemos rogarles que intercedan por nosotros y por el mundo entero.

Aunque todos los días deberíamos pedir la ayuda de los santos, es muy fácil que el ajetreo de la vida nos haga olvidarlos y perdamos la oportunidad de recibir todas las gracias que ellos pueden alcanzarnos. Por esto, la Iglesia ha querido que un día del año lo dediquemos especialmente a rezar a los santos para pedir su intercesión. Este día es el 1ro. de noviembre.

Este día es una oportunidad que la Iglesia nos da para recordar que Dios nos ha llamado a todos a la santidad. Que ser santo no es tener una aureola en la cabeza y hacer milagros, sino simplemente hacer las cosas ordinarias extraordinariamente bien, con amor y por amor a Dios. Que debemos luchar todos para conseguirla, estando conscientes de que se nos van a presentar algunos obstáculos como nuestra pasión dominante; el desánimo; el agobio del trabajo; el pesimismo; la rutina y las omisiones. Se puede aprovechar esta celebración para hacer un plan para alcanzar la santidad y poner los medios para lograrlo:

¿Como alcanzar la santidad?

-Detectando el defecto dominante y planteando metas para combatirlo a corto y largo plazo.

-Orando humildemente, reconociendo que sin Dios no podemos hacer nada.

-Acercándonos a los sacramentos.

Un poco de historia

La primera noticia que se tiene del culto a los mártires es una carta que la comunidad de Esmirna escribió a la Iglesia de Filomelio, comunicándole la muerte de su santo obispo Policarpo, en el año156. Esta carta habla sobre Policarpo y de los mártires en general.

Del contenido de este documento, se puede deducir que la comunidad cristiana veneraba a sus mártires, que celebraban su memoria el día del martirio con una celebración de la Eucaristía. Se reunían en el lugar donde estaban sus tumbas, haciendo patente la relación que existe entre el sacrificio de Cristo y el de los mártires La veneración a los santos llevó a los cristianos a erigir sobre las tumbas de los mártires, grandes basílicas como la de San Pedro en la colina del Vaticano, la de San Pablo, la de San Lorenzo, la de San Sebastián, todos ellos en Roma.

Las historias de los mártires se escribieron en unos libros llamados Martirologios que sirvieron de base para redactar el Martirologio Romano, en el que se concentró toda la información de los santos oficialmente canonizados por la Iglesia.

Cuando cesaron las persecuciones, se unió a la memoria de los mártires el culto de otros cristianos que habían dado testimonio de Cristo con un amor admirable sin llegar al martirio, es decir, los santos confesores. En el año 258, San Cipriano, habla del asunto, narrando la historia de los santos que no habían alcanzado el martirio corporal, pero sí confesaron su fe ante los perseguidores y cumplieron condenas de cárcel por Cristo.

Más adelante, aumentaron el santoral con los mártires de corazón. Estas personas llevaban una vida virtuosa que daba testimonio de su amor a Cristo. Entre estos, están san Antonio (356) en Egipto y san Hilarión (371) en Palestina. Tiempo después, se incluyó en la santidad a las mujeres consagradas a Cristo.

Antes del siglo X, el obispo local era quien determinaba la autenticidad del santo y su culto público. Luego se hizo necesaria la intervención de los Sumos Pontífices, quienes fueron estableciendo una serie de reglas precisas para poder llevar a cabo un proceso de canonización, con el propósito de evitar errores y exageraciones.

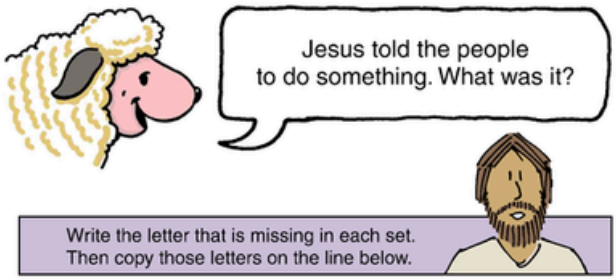
El Concilio Vaticano II reestructuró el calendario del santoral:

Se disminuyeron las fiestas de devoción pues se sometieron a revisión crítica las noticias hagiográficas (se eliminaron algunos santos no porque no fueran santos sino por la carencia de datos históricos seguros); se seleccionaron los santos de mayor importancia (no por su grado de santidad, sino por el modelo de santidad que representan: sacerdotes, casados, obispos, profesionistas, etc.); se recuperó la fecha adecuada de las fiestas (esta es el día de su nacimiento al Cielo, es decir, al morir); se dio al calendario un carácter más universal (santos de todos los continentes y no sólo de algunos).uentes 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?





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Ages 7+ | November 1, 2026 • Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to Him, and He began to teach to them.

Write the letter that is missing in each set. Then copy those letters on the line below.

1) P Q S T U V ___

2) B C D F G H ___

3) H I K L M N ___

4) K L M N P Q ___

5) F G H J K L ___

6) A B D E F G ___

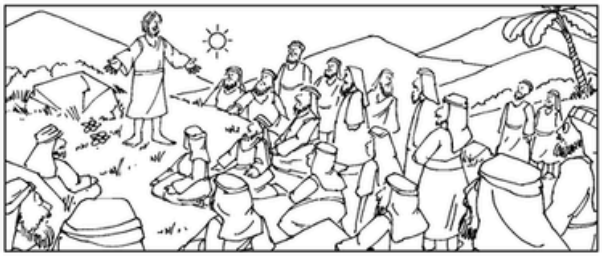
7) D F G H I J ___

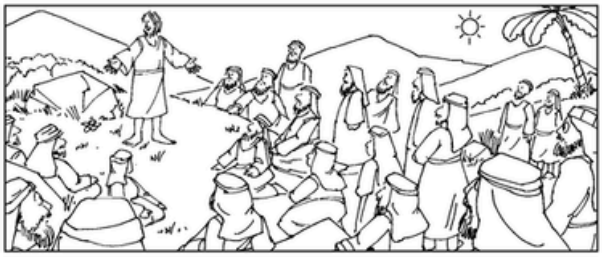


"_____ and be glad,

because great is your reward in heaven."

Find 15 differences in the pictures below.





Find out what Jesus said.

Use these words to fill in the crossword. Then fill in the blanks.

God, see, evil, meek, poor, pure, earth, heart, mercy, mourn, shown, called, filled, heaven, hunger, insult, people, spirit, thirst, blessed, inherit, falsely, kingdom, children, merciful, comforted, persecuted, peacemakers, righteousness









"16)_____ are the

19)_____ in 1D)_____,

for theirs is the 20)_____

of 8D)_____.

16)_____ are those who

23A)_____, for they will be 11D)_____. 16)_____ are the 25)_____, for

they will 15)_____ the 4)_____. 16)_____ are those who 8A)_____ and 3)_____

for 12)_____, for they will be 17)_____. 16)_____ are the 14)_____, for

they will be 13)_____ 23D)_____. 16)_____ are the 21)_____ in 7)_____, for they will 1A)_____

18)_____. 16)_____ are the 10)_____, for they will be 11A)_____ 9)_____

of 18)_____. 16)_____ are those who are 24)_____ because of 12)_____,

for theirs is the 20)_____ of 8D)_____. 16)_____ are you when 6)_____ 2)_____

you, persecute you and 5)_____ say all kinds of 22)_____ against you because of Me."

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