# The Lord Our God is RD ALONE



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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. Monthly Sensory Mass on the second Sunday of every month at the1:00pm Mass

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. You may email submissions to bulletin@nativityburke.org.

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A Message from our Pastor Msgr. Bob Cilinski



"To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices" - Mark12:33

### My dear parishioners,

Love of God is inseparable of our love of neighbor. It's a reminder that our love of God begins at Mass on Sunday, but it's more than that. God makes us participants in His divine love in the condition that we love our neighbor.

Our neighbors include everyone with whom we come in contact: family members, friends, work colleagues, strangers, foreigners, even people we don't like, and particularly those most in need of our love and compassion. The failure to love our neighbor causes so much conflict in the world. "*Love God, love neighbor, love self.*" Six words. Easy to say. Harder to live.

This week we can express our love of God and neighbor in our elections. We are called to faithful citizenship by voting and allowing our faith to guide us in our personal discernment of who to vote for. A letter from our bishop and voter guide from the Virginia Catholic Conference found on the parish webpage can help us in prayer as we prepare to vote. The sacredness of life from the moment of conception is the preeminent issue. It's the highest priority because it's life's beginning and most vulnerable. This election could have a significant impact on protecting the child in the womb longing to be born. Preeminent for sure.

But preeminent does not mean only, because life is equally sacred in every moment and every stage. Family life, marriage, child care, education, refugees, racism, care for the earth and creation are life issues that all recent Popes have addressed in Catholic Social teaching. We must pray and ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in choosing the best candidates and policies to promote:

- *1. the dignity of the human person,*
- 2. our solidarity and defense of the weakest among us, and
- *3. subsidiarity, the civil societies call to create favorable opportunities to help each person take up their specific role in contributing to the common good.*

Good governments and economic systems find ways of fostering these three principles of Catholic Social teaching. The church does not endorse any particular candidate or party. It aligns itself with the teaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

May we be grateful for the freedom we share in our democracy to vote in choosing our leaders and participate by bringing our faith into the public square as a light and life for the world.

Love and blessings,

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Msgr. Bob Cilinski Pastor

### MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

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 4th at 7:00pm (Live Streamed) Please know that you are in our prayers and in the

prayers of the community of Nativity.

Love and blessings, Msgr. Bob Cilinski

### "And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices." (MARK 12:33)

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

#### Nativity Catholic Church seeks to hire a Part Time Receptionist, Baptism Coordinator/Assistant Compliance Liaison

Duties are to assist the front desk receptionist with greeting and helping parishioners. This job primarily schedules baptisms, answers questions about baptism procedures/godparent requirements, etc. Job will also provide baptism certificates and register baptisms in sacramental records.

The job includes preparing marriage certificate as requested by the priest celebrating the marriage, recording the names and other information in the marriage register book, preparing notification of marriage forms for the catholic bride and/or groom, and mailing the notifications to the Catholic Church of their baptism. The position is also the assistant liaison for Arlington Diocese Child Protection. Competitive salary based on experience.

### **Requirements:**

\*Proven experience as front desk representative

- \*Familiarity with office machines (e.g., fax, printer, etc.)
- \*Proficient in English (oral and written)
- \*Bilingual Spanish English a plus
- \*Knowledge of MS office including Excel, Word, and Microsoft Office
- \*Strong communication and people skills
- \*Good organizational and multi-tasking abilities

\*Customer service orientation

Submit cover letter and resume NLT November 20, 2024, to Msgr. Bob Cilinski c/o Ann Benson at 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA 22015, or via email to abenson@nativityburke.org.

### OPENING OF THE MASS INTENTIONS CALENDAR FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 2025 SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13th 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 <u>5 Mass Intention requests per year, per family/household</u>. We are currently opening the calendar for Mass Intentions from January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025 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.

The Good Shepherd Players present: LUCKY STIFF Music by Stephen Flaherty - Book and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens (\*\*\*starring members of the Nativity Players\*\*\*) Performances November 8, 9, 15, 16 at 7:30 PM; November 10 and 17 at 2:00 PM Church of the Good Shepherd 9350 Braddock Road, Burke, VA Tickets: \$25/adult, \$20/student (18 or younger) Available at the door or at www.goodshepherdplayers.com

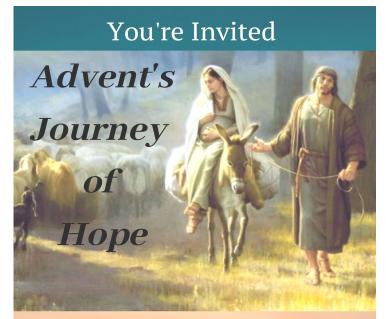


Join us at the Father Martin Performing Arts Center on November 8 and 9 for Nativity Players' annual musical review, "Fall for Broadway!"

Enjoy performances by our talented cast, featuring songs from both classic and contemporary musicals. Don't miss our all-youcan-eat dessert buffet, and we will also be raffling off some of Kimberly's famous fudge!

Whether you can stay for the whole show or just a bit, we'd love to see you. Doors open at 6:45 PM, and the show begins at 7:30 PM, running for about two hours. To purchase tickets please visit:

https://www.tickettailor.com/events/nativityplayers/1433453



Experience the joyful Advent season of the coming of Christ by reflecting on the Gospels, meditating on the music, and experiencing the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. A perfect time for us to reflect on our journey as we welcome Christ into our hearts. Join us and Mark Forrest, Irish Tenor, for this evening of prayer.

Location: Nativity Catholic Church 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA 22015 Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 Time: 7:00 PM Contact: 703-455-2400



### Mark Forrest.com

Volunteers Needed: The St. Martin de Porres Senior Center provides a variety of services to prevent isolation of seniors and promote their wellness, happiness, and independence.
The senior center is a multicultural community, with more than 20 countries represented. St. Martin de Porres Senior Center provides congregate meals, health screenings, exercises, educational activities, and numerous activities.
Volunteers needs: exercise instructors, nurse or nursing students, computer and tech instructors, breakfast and lunch volunteers, nutritionist, activities assistant, arts and crafts leader, and presenter of topics of interest to seniors. The senior center is located at 4650 Taney Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304. To volunteer, contact Maria Mellor at 703-751-2766 or maria.mellor@ccda.net.

**Gifts for Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF)** Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost \$45,000 per seminarian. Please give generously!

To donate, make checks payable to: "Foundation for the CDA - SEEF." Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Questions: contact John French at john.french@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-3819.



### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

4:00-4:45pm in the Well (Youth Ministry Room)

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: wc@nativityburke.org

### ECHO Collection THIS weekend 2/3 November Food Room Most Needed Items

ECHO's Food Room continues to break records. We collected 781 lbs at the beginning of October.

- Choose sizes appropriate for our 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.

### <u>ECHO 's policy is to not give expired, open or repackaged</u> food to clients. PLEASE do not bring these items or glass jars!!

Protein Items, e.g., can chicken, Spam, chili, Tin Fish (tuna, sardines, salmon, etc.), Canned Fruit, Bagged Beans (black, red, or garbanzo preferred), Lentils, Spaghetti (pasta and sauce) Instant and Ground Coffee, Canned Tomatoes, Tomato (paste and Tomato Sauce), Baked Beans, Bagged Rice (white, jasmine or basmati), Instant (Box) Potatoes, Crackers, Ramen, Can milk, shelf stable milk, Boxed Pasta, Juice (Bottles or box), Tea (Green, Herbal or Black), Healthy Snacks, Spices (garlic, onion, cinnamon, salt, pepper), Masa (Corn) Flour, Boxed cereal, Lemon or Lime Juice, Jelly and Honey, Tortillas, Cooking Oil, Brown Paper Bags, Reusable Grocery Bags. Children's Toothbrushes, Laundry Detergent, Toilet Paper, Deodorant, Shampoo, Facial Tissues, Dish Soap, Paper Towels

Body/Hand Lotion, Band Aids, Shaving Cream/Razors, Diapers - Sizes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Baby Wipes, Sanitary Napkins.

The Car Ministry accepts vehicles, reconditions them and then provides them as a gift to low-income families referred by pastors and social agencies. Click on the *"Donate your Car"* link on the Car Ministry's website, www.carministry.org, or contact the charity's Director, Larry Gordon at 703.237.8479 for more info.

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

### Monday, November 4th

7:30 am All Soul's Novena 7:00 pm Mass of Remembrance for the Souls of our Dearly Departed *(Live Streamed)* 

### Tuesday, November 5th

7:30 am	† Tess DeLaney
12:00 pm	All Soul's Novena

### Wednesday, November 6th

7:30 am † Teresita A. Lirag 3:00 pm All Soul's Novena *(Sunrise)* 

### Thursday, November 7th

7:30 am All Soul's Novena 12:00 pm Parishioners

### Friday, November 8th

7:30 am	All Soul's Novena
9:00 am	† David Lee Rose

### Saturday, November 9th

9:00 am	† Ronald Lane
5:00 pm	All Soul's Novena
7:00 pm	Parishioners

### Sunday, November 10th

7:00 am	† Ernie Weeks
9:00 am	† John P. Rowley Jr.
11:00 am	† Richard J. O'Brien
1:00 pm	+ Kathryn Charlton (Sensory Mass)
5:30 pm	All Soul's Novena
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### In prayer, let us remember the sick and deceased of the parish visit nativityburke.org for the Priest Mass Schedule

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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.

### Love working with children? Want flexibility? Consider subbing at Nativity School... Please Join Us!

We are in need of substitute teachers with the following minimum qualifications:

- Ability to follow a lesson plan and give effective instructions in the absence of the teacher
- Proficiency in maintaining effective classroom
- 2-Plus years of college
- Management skills
- Diocesan-compliant and Successful background check

Contact Mrs. Shannon Murphy at (703) 455-2300 and/or smurph@nativityschool.org.

# We're Hiring

### **Coordinator of Youth** Ministry

- Work on a team with our Director of Youth Ministry and Core Team of adult and teen volunteers
- Make an impact on the faith lives of our young people at Nativity
- Middle school ministry focus (grades 6-8)
- 30 hours, full-time + benefits

**Contact: Rebecca Judge Director of Youth Ministry** rjudge@nativityburke.org

### Men's Cursillo!



The next Men's Cursillo weekend will be held at Missionhurst in Arlington from Thursday, November 7 to Sunday, November 10 Cursillo (pronounced Cur-see-yo) is a movement of the Catholic

Church that provides an opportunity to experience God's love within a community of joyful fun and supportive prayer. The weekend is designed to promote Catholic ideals, fellowship, and spiritual growth in daily living. We'd love to have you join us!! For more information, please contact Marc or Laura Laverdiere at lauralaverdiere@msn.com. There are also Cursillo information cards in the information rack in the narthex. Applications, and more information are available online at: https://www.arlingtoncursillo.org/.

### **IN MARY'S FOOTSTEPS** A Group for Widows

We are a group of women who share the experience of the loss of our beloved husbands and join together in faith and fellowship. We have gathered for lunches or dinners out, retreats at the Benedictine Monastery, museum tours, etc. Due to the Veterans' Day holiday, our next meeting will take place on Monday, November 11th at 10:30am in the church training room. For further information, please contact Cat Sands at csands@nativityburke.org. May God bless you!



### Monthly Sensory Mass | Next Sunday - November 10 At 1:00 pm - Nativity Catholic Church

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. The Mass will include softer music, dimmer lighting, pictorial resources, and self-regulation tools for those with special needs. Families are encouraged to bring any regulation tool (noise reduction items, quiet fidgets, flexible seating items, weighted objects, etc.) that can support focused attention and provide comfort to a person so they can feel safe in their environment and they can better participate in the Holy Mass.



Daylight Saving Time ends on: Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 2:00AM. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night!



### You are invited to a **Solemn Vespers Celebration** On Sunday, November 24 at 7:00pm

Bishop Burbidge invites you to join him for Solemn Vespers in thanksgiving for naming Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Cilinski Reverend Monsignor Paul F. deLadurantaye Reverend Monsignor Dennis W. Kleinmann Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Rippy Reverend Monsignor Lee R. Roos Reverend Monsignor William P. Saunders as "Chaplains to His Holiness" by our Holy Father, Pope Francis

Solemn Vespers will take place at 7:00 p.m. On Sunday, November 24, 2024, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe The Cathedral of Saint Thomas More, Arlington, Virginia Dessert reception to follow in Burke Hall

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge Bishop of Arlington Celebrant & Homilist

Prayerfully prepare to vote using the Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC) Election 2024 Resource Hub. Voters will select candidates for the office of President, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative and - in some areas - "down-ballot" offices. At the VCC Election Resource Hub and in the Narthex, you will find information on Catholic Social Teaching, Candidate Comparison Charts for the Presidential and U.S. Virginia Senate races, a letter from Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Knestout, and more! Find all the resources in English and Spanish at: vacatholic.org/Election2024

### Ignatian Volunteer Corps – Serving the Least Among Us

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) is a Jesuit-sponsored organization that provides retired men and women, age 50 and older with substantive opportunities to serve others and transform lives. IVC matches the skills, talents, and life experiences of these volunteers with nonprofit organizations that assist the materially poor or address issues related to poverty. A unique feature of IVC is a spiritual reflection component that helps volunteers discover the deeper meaning in their service, and their lives. To learn more about IVC contact Mike Goggin, Senior Director, IVC of the National Capital Area: 202-277-4447, mgoggin@ivcusa.org, http://www.ivcusa.org/ NCA. On Sunday, November 3rd, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm, IVC along with over 20 other community organizations will gather at the Springfield Town Center for the Expo to Venture into Volunteering. We'll be there showcasing our work and IVC service corps member opportunities. Come meet us there. It's the perfect time to get involved!

### NO HANDS BUT YOURS MINISTRY



*No Hands But Yours* is an original Nativity Ministry doing God's work by serving those less fortunate members of His flock. We work distributing food, clothing, and personal items to the poor and homeless in DC and northern VA 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 have grown through our Nativity community and continue to do so. For more details visit the Nativity Parish website at https://nativityburke.org/service/ no-hands-but-yours/. Families are also welcomed! If you have interest in learning more and would like to participate in daily/ Sunday runs, please contact John Rubino at: john.albert.rubino@gmail.com.



## **Retirement Fund** for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND!

Proceeds from the annual Retirement Fund for Religious appeal enable the NRRO to distribute financial assistance to hundreds of religious communities each year.

The majority of donations are distributed as Direct Care Assistance. Direct Care Assistance is a per capita distribution based on specified criteria, including level of need. Religious communities may apply annually for these funds, which can be used to help meet immediate eldercare needs or saved for long-term retirement expenses. Throughout the year, additional funding is allocated for retirement education and other programming.



### ALL 6TH-8TH GRADERS ARE INVITED TO...





5325 PORT ROYAL RD, SPRINGFIELD, VA 22151 Register today! Spots are limited

cym@nativityburke.org

Contact Rebecca at:



Hello from the Rosary Ministry!! Please join us for our monthly meeting on November 19th from 1-3pm in the Father Ready Room here at Nativity. We will be learning how to make Rosary Bracelets as well as our traditional mission Rosaries. All supplies will be provided. Thank you to all who have been turning in finished Rosaries. Let's get as many Rosaries into praying hands as we can!! If you have any questions you can contact us

at rosaryministry@nativityburke.org

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### Start your Christmas shopping early!

### Join us for wine, fellowship, and shopping all in one evening!

A variety of hand-crafted wood crafts, jewelry, greeting cards, candles, embroidered gifts, and more will be for sale.

Contact: sipandshop@paulvi.net



# 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.

www.vacatholic.org

### 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.

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

November 3, 2024



# Nativity School Cafeteria Saturday, November 23 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Dinner & Childcare Provided https://nativityburke.org/date-night/ Contact Anna Lisa Licud marriage@nativityburke.org



When: Thursday, November 7, 7:00 pm Where: Nativity School, Room 203

Website **nativityburke.org/separated-divorced** Contact **separated.divorced@nativityburke.org** 

### **ECHO NEWS**

### Making Thanksgiving Truly Festive

Once again ECHO is working to connect clients who would welcome the gift of a Thanksgiving feast with people in our community who would like to donate groceries for a festive meal to a family having a hard time this season. A donor may ask for a specific size of family to assist, and ECHO will match the donor with a local household in need. ECHO will offer a list of foods for the donor to deliver or suggest an amount of grocery store gift cards that can be delivered or mailed. Cards should be mailed to arrive at the recipient's home by November 24. If you would like to help one or more families have a happy Thanksgiving, contact Fran Eck at franalaneck@msn.com. **ECHO's Holiday Gifts for Children** 

The ECHO elves are working to stock the Holiday Gift Shop! ECHO needs donations of new toys (not gift-wrapped, please) for children ages 0-15 for this much-anticipated program. Donations should be made no later than December 6th. Donations can be chosen from our Amazon wish list and delivered directly to ECHO. Find the list at www.amazon.com/ hz/wishlist/ls/31K8QEMXDB5SX/ref=nav wishlist lists 1, but it may be most easily accessed through our website, www.echoinc.org/wishlist-on-amazon. Or donors may deliver gift items directly to our donation door. Popular items are baby dolls, scooters with helmets, soccer balls (sizes 3,4,5), riding toys, and family board games. See a complete list of suggestions at ECHO's website under the "Donate Goods" tab. ECHO, located at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, is open on weekday mornings from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00.

### **Evening Volunteers Needed**

Volunteering at ECHO is fun and rewarding. Currently, there are few daytime positions open. However, for a person who is available between 7:00 and 9:00 pm on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, there are several openings in housewares, clothing, admin support, and the teen program. If you'd like to find out more, email volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org.

### See ECHO's website www.echo-inc.org for a list of most-needed food and personal hygiene items.

### **Upcoming Dates to Note**

November 9 - Scouting for Food Drive November 11 - Closed for Veterans Day November 24 - Thanksgiving Meal delivery deadline December 7, 8, 10 - Holiday Gift Shop December 15 - Christmas Meal gift delivery deadline

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.

### Pray the Pro-Life Rosary with Us!



When: Usually Fridays after Nativity's 7:30am Mass. Where: 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church. Join Nativity in peacefully praying the Pro-Life Rosary on the sidewalk in front of the Falls Church abortion facility for mothers in need and for the protection of human life.

Contact rickloffredo@outlook.com if you'd like to join us!



LIFE TEEN: GRADES 9-12 DINNER - FELLOWSHIP - PRAYER & FORMATION

Sundays | 6:30-8:30pm





### EDGE: GRADES 6-8

Twice a month: Sunday 3:30-5:00pm & Friday 7:00-8:30pm See website for full schedule

### WORKCAMP INTEREST MEETING

Sunday, November 17 from 4:00-4:45 p.m. in the Well

### ALL SAINTS BONFIRE & S'MORES

Life Teen: Sunday, November 3 | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Open to all high schoolers - bring your own camp chair!

### See website for full schedule

Before attending, please register for the 2024-2025 year of ministry using our free, online forms.

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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Marriage Enrichment Ministry is looking for a few individuals to help out during our **November 23** date night. Come make a positive impact to support marriages and families. Email marriage@nativityburke.org or call 571-208-2821.



**Pro-Life Corner Tepeyac Pro-Life OB/GYN** - Faith-based Pro-life OB/GYN restoring integrity of human person at tepeyacobgyn.com, call 703.273.9440.

**Pope John Paul II:** "Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights-for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination." (Christifideles Laici (1988), no. 38)

**Dignity of Human Life vs. Direct Right-to-Life Violations by the Numbers:** Every single life is a precious gift from God and has infinite value. Tragically there are over a million documented direct right-to-life abuses in the U.S., as exemplified in these 2023 statistics.

Death by Abortion\* -1,032,600Death by Death Penalty\*\* -24Death by Euthanasia\*\*\* -0

God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being. (CCC 2258)

\*Guttmacher's estimated clinician-provided abortions only in US states without a total abortion bans in 2023. This is an underestimate of total abortions, since the chemical abortion pills are obtained and used from providers in these states that are protected by "shield laws" via telehealth appointments and sent through the mail. https://www.guttmacher.org/monthly-abortionprovision-study.

\*\*In 2023, 24 death row inmates were executed in the United States. U.S. capital punishment - executions per year 2000-2023. Published by Statista Research Department, Oct 22, 2024 \*\*\*Euthanasia is not legal in U.S., but Assisted Suicide accounted for over 1,300 deaths in 2021. Where Most People Die By Assisted Suicide, Katharina Buchholz. Source: Annals of Palliative Medicine, country and state administrations (Statista)

All human lives have dignity. The right to life is preeminent. Consider not only abortion's harmful physical and emotional effects on women, but also the sheer magnitude of abortion's horrific bloodshed, suffering, and death on the weakest and most innocent of all human beings—at the very dawn of their lives either preborn in the womb or born alive and left to die an also barbaric death.

Respect Life advocate Abby Johnson indicated at her October 19th speech at St. John the Beloved parish in McLean: "in spite of legal bans or partial bans, abortions are actually occurring in all 50 states through abortion pills. We live in a lost society. Abortion is a sin problem, a culture problem, a Jesus problem, a broken society problem. We need to fix our culture and bring Jesus to where the culture is broken. We are baptized. We are given the grace to be on mission. Save the culture."

"But I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child - a direct killing of the innocent child." —Mother Teresa



NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL Nativity A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence



### Nativity's 'Trunk OR Treat' Annual Family Fun!

nativityschool.org

It was a dark and eerie Friday evening as we gathered - costumed and full of candy - to celebrate our PTO's "Trunk OR Treat" festivities. The perfect prelude to Thursday's afternoon of classroom parties and parade, we sang, we danced, we tricked, we treated – and, oh, how we laughed! A fun, festive celebration for the whole family, we all look forward to Trunk OR Treat, where families are invited to a Christ-centered, safe, family celebration! Each registered car trunk is decorated by the family, using a Halloween theme, including 400 to 500 individual treats available to the trick-or-treaters.



Friday, Nov 8 - 12:00 Parent/Teacher Conf. Monday, Nov 11 - 11:00 Dismissal (Veterans' Day) Monday, Nov 11 - 12:00 Parent/Teacher Conf. Tuesday, Nov 12 - 4th Grade Field Trip Thursday, Nov 14 - 1st & 2nd Grade Field Trips \*

#### Join the Nativity School Extended Care Team! Love Working With Children? Creative with Fingerpaint? The following qualifications are necessary:

- A LOVE of Children!
- 'Can-Do' Attitude
- Afternoon Availability, 2:30 to 6:00 pm
- Diocesan Compliance to Work With Kids

To apply, contact Jen Behan, Director, at jbehan@nativityschool.org.



Linktree Universal Sign-up Link - Volunteer for an event! Scroll down to view all event. https://linktr.ee/ fr\_sikora\_council\_7992.

Council Meetings: 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.

**Linktree Universal Sign-up Link:** Volunteer for an event! Scroll down to view all events.

https://linktr.ee/fr\_sikora\_council\_7992 Mass of Remembrance: Wednesday, November 6 in the church. We will hold our annual Mass of Remembrance of the departed members of our council and departed spouses of our brothers. Widows and family members will be in attendance. Volunteer as a driver for our widows. Let's make a good showing, and more importantly pray for the souls of our council's departed. Coat, tie and name tag is the dress for Knights. Sign up on the LinkTree. Coats for Kids: Sunday, November 10 at Lorton Community

Action Center. Volunteer to distribute warm coats! See SUG on LinkTree.

**Exemplification Ceremony:** November 20 at 7:00 PM in the church we will welcome new members to our council. Sign up to be a new member of the Knights below. All Knights, families and friends are welcome to attend. If you are a current 1st or 2nd Degree Knight reach out to dgk7992@nativityburke.org to make your 3rd Degree.

Breakfast with Santa: Saturday, December 7 in the school cafeteria. Sign up to share some holiday cheer with our young families! SUG pending 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. Fridays, contact Br. Matt

Stockburger at mstock\_w@yahoo.com.

Name Tags: If you have not received your name tag, email Warden Br. Lenny Richoux at warden7992@nativityburke.org. Nativity Ushers assist at collections: Volunteer for your Mass! Volunteer on Link Tree for a database of potential helpers! Sunday Mass Coffee and Cookies: We are providing coffee and cookies following Sunday morning Masses. Info on Linktree

Handy Knights Ministry: Parishioners unable to perform basic maintenance tasks or small home repairs due to health or other factors, contact the "Handy Knights." Email handyknightsofnativity@gmail.com.

The Fraternal Committee: Brothers helping brothers in need of assistance. Brothers and their families (living and deceased) 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. Next meeting is November 12. If you are interested, please contact our Faithful Navigator Mark Corzine 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. Please email our Deputy Grand Knight, Michael Bender, at dgk7992@nativityburke.org or the Grand Knight, Chris Odell at gk7992@nativityburke.org with any questions.

Event pre and post management tools are available on Linkfree. Program Chairs & Event leads, review and complete all event tasks.

November 3, 2024

St. Andrew the Apostle Concert Series Presents: Father & Son Organ/Violin Duo Charles Tompkins and Gregory Tompkins





Featuring works by: J.S. Bach Naji Hakim Jehan Alain Florence Price and Heinrich Biber (virtuosic Rosary Sonata for violin)

# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 4:00 PM

### ADMISSION IS FREE. DONATIONS WELCOME.

A meet-the-artists reception with light refreshments will follow the concert in the Parish Hall.





# Conversatio: Life as a Benedictine Sister

# Benedictine Vocation Discernment Weekend

**Benedictine Sisters of Virginia** 



Listen in silence. Listen to your heart. Prepare for Advent.

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- Pray with the Sisters
- Time for
   Quiet
- Meet other Discerners
- . Reflect on your Path



Is God Calling You?

### SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH 7600 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, Virginia www.stbernpar.org

### CONCERTS at Saint Bernadette 2024-2025

# Vania Pimentel, piano "Sounds of Brazil"

### Friday, November 8 at 7:30pm

Pianist Vania Pimentel will perform a captivating selection of Brazilian music to kick off Concerts at SAINT BERNADETTE 2024-2025.

The program will feature a rich variety of music from renowned Brazilian composers, including Chiquinha **Gonzaga**, Ernesto **Nazareth**, Heitor **Villa-Lobos**, Francisco **Mignone**, Camargo **Guarnieri** and more. The performance will highlight iconic Brazilian styles, from folk tunes to tangos and dances, offering a musical journey through Brazil's diverse cultural landscape.



# The concert, like all our concerts, is free and open to all.

No tickets are required. A free-will offering will be accepted. Reception to follow. Advent Lessons and Carols Friday, December 13, 2024 - 7:30pm

U. S. Navy Band Chamber Ensemble Friday, February 21, 2025 - 7:30pm

> Capital Wind Symphony Friday, June 6, 2025 - 7:30pm

### For more information: dmathers@stbernpar.org • 703-451-8576 x 112



Saint Bernadette is six minutes west from the I-95/I-395/I-495 interchange, has ample free parking, and is handicapped accessible (park at west end of church and use the ramp.)

### DOS NOTAS DE UN COMPÁS: DIOS Y EL HOMBRE Padre Javier Leoz

Amar a Dios es relativamente fácil: es una realidad tan invisible, nos exige tan poco que –conquistarle a nuestra manera- (como dirían los jóvenes) ¡está chupado! Pero ¿le amamos como Él quiere? ¿Le cortejamos como El merece? ¿Le festejamos totalmente? ¿Le buscamos desde abajo y con los de abajo?

1.- Sí, amigos; mirar hacia arriba, pensar en alto o en voz baja en Dios, no es muy comprometido a simple vista. Hacerlo, a través de la aduana de los hermanos; advirtiendo al que está en frente de mí como a un hermano (en el trabajo, en la vecindad, en la política, en la profesión, en el día a día) es todo un reto. Amar al prójimo, en muchísimos momentos, se convierte en todo una aventura; en una utopía. A veces, en algo insalvable y muy embarazoso que pone a prueba la autenticidad o falsedad de nuestra fe. Pero, el Señor, nos advierte: el amor de Dios se filtra por el hombre y, el amor al hombre (el auténtico, que no conoce límites ni tregua, ni descansa –como diría San Pablo) tiene su origen y su fuente en Dios.

2.- Con el evangelio en la mano, la Palabra de Dios, nos invita a volcarnos con el de arriba y con el de abajo; a sonreír al guapo y al feo; a ayudar al que me cae bien y al que me cae mal; a perdonar al que está lejos y al que tengo cerca; a entregarme con el alegre y con el triste; con el pobre y con el rico...

¡Escucha, hermano mío! Nos dice Jesús en el Evangelio de este día. Ya sé que eres sabedor de los Mandamientos de mi Padre; que intentas amarle (aunque a veces lo olvides); que respetas su nombre (aunque algunos lo maldigan y blasfemen); que miras al cielo (aunque andas demasiado pendiente de lo que ganas en la tierra). ¡Escucha, hermano mío! Nos repite, Jesús: No arrincones ni el amor a Dios, ni tampoco el amor a los hombres. No te justifiques diciendo: ¡No puedo más! ¡Ya he cedido bastante! ¡Ya estoy canso de ser yo siempre quien perdone, quien se acerque, quien haga borrón y cuenta nueva, quien ponga la segunda mejilla!

¡Escucha, hermano mío! Nos responde Jesús: yo también ofrecí la segunda mejilla; compartí la mesa con el que me traicionó y hasta me fié de quien, en las horas más amargas de mi vida, tres veces me negó. Pero los amé con locura. ¿Sabéis por qué? Porque eran hermanos míos. Hijos de un mismo Padre. Y, por mi Padre y porque sé que le agrada a mi Padre, los amé con la misma fuerza que os amo a vosotros.

Que esta eucaristía, con la escucha atenta del Evangelio, nos ayude a descubrir esas dos vías que –juntas y en paralelo- van derechas a la gloria que Dios nos tiene prometida: verle y contemplarle cara a cara por el amor que le tributamos en la tierra y porque, en el hermano, supimos honrarle, cuidarle y respetarle. ¡Escucha, hermano mío! ¡No lo olvides! Que en el Año de la Fe no olvidemos ninguno de los dos caminos esenciales a nuestra fe: el amor a Dios y el amor al hombre

HAZME VIVIR, SEÑOR, COMO TÚ DICES Y VIVES Que haga, no aquello que el mundo espera, sino aquello que Tú deseas: para construir tu Reino siendo tu sal y tu luz Con tu fuerza, Señor, y en tu Palabra que viva con el fervor de tus discípulos con la sencillez de María o arropado con el testimonio de los mártires Pero, Señor, que no viva de espaldas a tu Verdad: que mi "sí" a tu voluntad, se manifieste en un compromiso sincero por un mundo mejor que mi "si" a tu Palabra sea luego imagen real de lo que pienso y realizo Que lejos de desafinar en mi existencia cristiana sepa armonizar mi idea, con mi práctica mis ilusiones, con mis realidades mis anhelos, con mis luchas diarias mi amistad contigo, con la fraternidad del día a día

### HAZME VIVIR, SEÑOR, COMO TU DICES Y VIVES

Sin dividir mi estancia contigo, del servicio a los demás la oración que te contempla y te necesita del trabajo que me aguarda en la tierra que me espera Sin olvidar que, aun mirándote con mis ojos, o escuchándote con mis oídos me faltará por recorrer el camino del recio compromiso de la vida que se ofrece sin medida de los gestos de perdón o de confianza. HAZME VIVIR, SEÑOR, COMO TÚ DICES Y VIVES Desviviéndote, en tu intimidad con el Padre y deshaciéndote por la salvación de la humanidad Guiándote por la mano del Padre y dirigiendo con la tuya el camino del que te desea y busca Proclamando la bondad de Dios en un mundo egoísta y mostrando, con tus heridas y tu cruz, que tu vida no es solo palabra...no solo proyectos... que, tu vida, es hacer aquello que vives: ¡DIOS!



# Cuatro Principios de la Doctrina Social \*

Los temas centrales y perdurables de la doctrina social católica se organizan bajo cuatro principios que proporcionan un marco moral para tomar decisiones en la vida pública.

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### La dignidad de la persona

La vida de una persona es sagrada. La dignidad de la persona es lo fundamental para haber una visión moral para la sociedad.



Los ataques directos hacia personas que son inocentes nunca son moralmente aceptables. En nuestra sociedad, el ejemplo más grave es el aborto. Eutanasia, suicidio asistido, clonación,

fertilización in vitro y la destrucción de embriones para la investigación son otros. Protección de la dignidad de la vida también incluye superar la pobreza, acabar con el uso de la pena de muerte y oponerse al racismo, la tortura, la guerra injusta, el tráfico de seres humanos y todas las actividades que contribuyen a la "cultura desechable" identificada por el Papa Francisco.

### El bien común

El bien común se alcanza cuando las condiciones sociales permiten que las personas logren su realización personal



plenamente y fácilmente. El bien común defiende el derecho fundamental a la vida, que hace posible todos los otros derechos. Este afirma el derecho a alimentos, vivienda,

educación, empleo, salud, libertad de religión y conciencia, y vida familiar. Este requiere una economía que atiende a personas, no al revés. Pide a los empleadores a respetar la dignidad y los derechos de los trabajadores ofreciendo trabajo productivo, salarios justos, seguridad adecuada en la edad avanzada, la opción de poder organizar y unirse a los sindicatos y la oportunidad para obtener el estatus legal para los trabajadores inmigrantes. Los trabajadores deben contribuir con un día de trabajo para la paga de un día justo, tratando a los empleadores y compañeros de trabajo con respeto y contribuir al bien común. Este principio requiere de proteger y cuidar toda la creación de Dios, especialmente a los más vulnerables entre nosotros y la tierra cual es nuestra casa que compartimos.

#### Subsidiariedad

La persona humana es sociable. La familia es el pilar fundamental de la sociedad, basada en el matrimonio entre



un hombre y una mujer, es un santuario para la creación y la crianza de los niños. Las políticas y los programas deben defender, fortalecer y respetar esta unidad

fundamental y defender los derechos y responsabilidades de los padres de cuidar y educar a sus hijos. Además, cada persona y asociación, en forma activa, tiene un derecho y un deber de formar la sociedad y promover el bienestar de todos, especialmente a los pobres y vulnerables. Subsidiariedad significa que grandes instituciones de la sociedad no deben abrumar o interferir con las instituciones más pequeñas o locales. Estas grandes instituciones están obligadas, sin embargo, a proteger la dignidad humana y satisfacer las necesidades humanas, cuando las instituciones más pequeñas no pueden hacerlo adecuadamente.

#### Solidaridad

Somos una familia humana, a pesar de nuestras diferencias



nacionales, raciales, étnicas, económicas e ideológicas, llamados a amar a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos. Debemos trabajar para erradicar la pobreza, la enfermedad y el

racismo; y dar la bienvenida a los inmigrantes, refugiados y solicitantes de asilo que están buscando empleo, seguridad, educación y una vida mejor para sus familias. Solidaridad requiere preocupación preferencial a los pobres. Una prueba moral básica de cualquier sociedad es de cómo se trata a aquellos que son más vulnerables. Esta opción preferencial a los pobres y vulnerables incluye todos los que están marginados, niños no nacidos, las personas con discapacidad, ancianas, desahuciadas, víctimas de injusticia y opresión; y los inmigrantes.

\*Adaptado de Formando la conciencia para ser ciudadanos fieles (núms. 44 a 56), de la Conferencia Católica de los Obispos de los Estados Unidos del año 2015

