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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.

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A Message from our Pastor Msgr. Bob Cilinski



"This poor widow put in more than all the others" - Mark, 12:43

My dear parishioners,

The poor widow in today's gospel reading could not have imagined that her visit to the temple that day would be remembered by Christians for centuries. In one sense she gave little... only two coins, compared to the other contributors who gave a great deal more. The Lord remarks that the little she gave represented her very self. The Lord's emphasis is not on quantity but on quality. He praised her because she gave all.

She lived BIG! Not in the way of the world, but in the way of the widow who was extravagant in the way of giving the very last of what she had for God. She was like the poor Jesus who stripped Himself of glory to become poor for our sake that He might lead us to eternal riches. Extravagant!

Thanks to all parishioners for prayerfully considering your stewardship of *"treasure"* as we prepare for our annual offertory Commitment Sunday, November 24th. Your generosity allows us to do so much good.

Love and blessings,

Brh Cilinski Msgr. Bob Cilinski Pastor

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!!

Unfortunately we are not able to honor phone requests. If you have any additional questions, please email Ayse Kenner at akenner@nativityburke.org.



Dear Nativity Parishioners,

Thank you for hosting Msgr. Vaccari for the Mission Appeal for the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. As Pope Francis reminds us, *"Every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ."*

When we support the Missions both in prayer and financially we serve as missionaries ourselves. These generous gifts give strength and encouragement to the people served by the Catholic Near East Welfare Association and in missions around the world.

The proceeds from the collection have been received in the Mission Office in the amount of \$25,000. Thank you for being our Partner in mission!

Fraternally in Christ, Very Reverend Patrick L. Posery, V.F. Director



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. 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

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

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

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



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS 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.

Monthly Sensory Mass | 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.

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!





ALTAR FLOWERS - Donated by

Ann & Michael Stubbs In Loving Memory of Son Sam Gensel and The Snee Family with Special Intention for All Veterans and Kathleen & Thomas Powers with Special Intention for All Veterans



Cook Breakfast

At Christ House

Who is this for? Adults in their 20s or 30s

We have an email list where a message goes out the week before Christ House with a signup sheet. You sign up for the food items you'd like to provide and will see a reminder of the meeting time and location. If you can't come that day but want to donate food, you can connect with Angela and arrange to drop that off.

Upcoming Dates:

November 16 | December 21

Address: 131 S. West Street, Alexandria, VA Ask to join the email list: **afram@nativityburke.org**



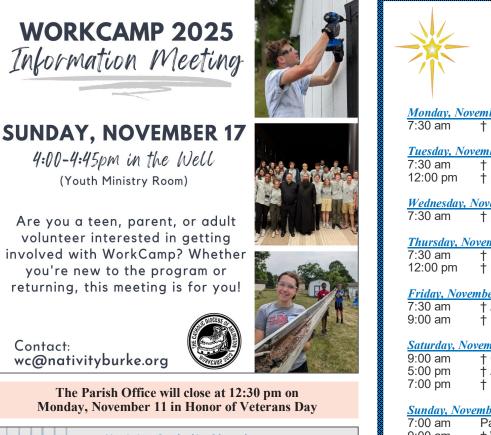


YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOUR

Join us in worship, prayer, and reconciliation.

Friday, December 6 7 - 8:30 P.M.

Nativity Catholic Church Burke, VA



Nativity Catholic Church MARRIAGE & EUCHARISTIC ΙΝΤΙΜΔϹΥ **Guest Speaker** FR. RILEY

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

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

Monday, November 11th † Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

Tuesday, November 12th † Richard J. O'Brien † Marianne Walters

Wednesday, November 13th † Irene Lutkenhouse

Thursday, November 14th

† Daniel & Genevieve Denicola + Maryann Pilot

Friday, November 15th

† Aura Garcia † Lisa Celestino

Saturday, November 16th

9:00 am	† Carmen Rosa Leon
5:00 pm	† Aurora Lao
7:00 pm	† Emma Duffy

Sunday, November 17th

7:00 am	Parishioners
9:00 am	† Wilfredo Dizon
11:00 am	Special Intention for the Hsin Hsin Lin Family
1:00 pm	† Michael Phillip Keenan
5:30 pm	† Peter Joseph Boyd

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

NATIVITY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR sponsored by the Craft Group

THE ANNUAL NATIVITY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR WILL AGAIN BE OFFERING VARIOUS ITEMS FOR SALE SUCH AS:

SCARVES, HATS, SWEATERS, BABY ITEMS & **BLANKETS, CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS &** DECORATIONS, AND MANY OTHER GREAT GIFTS. SO PLEASE STOP BY AND GET A HEAD START ON **YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!!**

LOCATION: FR. READY ROOM

WHEN: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH FROM 9:00AM TO 1:00PM AND AFTER THE 5:00PM MASS. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH AFTER THE 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM AND 1:00PM MASSES.

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT NATIVITY MINISTRIES AND VARIOUS COMMUNITY CHARITIES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!





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 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

Nativity Italian Heritage & **Cultural Society November Meeting**

A distinguished military historian will be making a presentation on the United States' military efforts in Italy during World War II. He will be addressing the Italian Campaign in World War II, also called the Liberation of Italy, and will discuss the reaction and attitude of the Italian populous, both before the invasion and after the invasion

Matt Seelinger, our speaker, is the Chief Historian of the Army Historical Foundation (AHF), nonprofit that supports the National Museum of the United States Army at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and has worked for AHF

All are welcome to join as members or attend as guests for \$5. You don't have to be Italian; just enjoy the spirit of Italian Culture. As always a social hour follows. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share if you can.

Date: November 21, 2024 at 7:00pm **Place: Nativity School Cafeteria**

The Women of Nativity (WON) Annual Advent Tree

IT IS TIME AGAIN FOR THE ANNUAL WOMEN OF NATIVITY (WON) ADVENT TREE PROJECT. WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THIS UPCOMING EVENT AND ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO OUR FAITHFUL PARTNERS, THE GENEROUS PARISHIONERS OF **OUR CHURCH!**

PLEASE PICK THE ORNAMENT(S) OF YOUR CHOICE ON NOVEMBER 16, 17, 23, 24 AND RETURN THE REQUESTED **GIFTS TO THE CHURCH NARTHEX ON THE COLLECTION** DATES OF NOVEMBER 30/DECEMBER 1 AND DECEMBER 7/8. **DECEMBER 8 IS THE LAST DAY TO RETURN THE GIFTS!**

WRAPPING INSTRUCTIONS FOR EACH NEWLY PURCHASED GIFT ARE ON THE BACK OF THE ORNAMENT. SEVERAL OF THE ORGANIZATIONS WE SERVICE HAVE REQUESTED THE GIFTS BE UNWRAPPED FOR EASIER DISTRIBUTION AND TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF THEIR PROGRAM INVOLVING YOUNG CHILDREN. PLEASE SECURELY ATTACH THE **ORNAMENT YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO THE GIFT! THIS HELPS** US GREATLY IN SEPARATING AND BAGGING THE GIFTS FOR THE VARIOUS GROUPS.

GIFT CARDS SHOULD BE PLACED IN AN ENVELOPE WITH THE RECIPIENT MARKED ON THE OUTSIDE. PLEASE WRITE GIFT CARD \$ AMOUNT ON THE GIFT CARD. IT IS EASIER TO HANDLE GIFT CARDS IF THEY ARE NOT WRAPPED.

WE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ADVENT TREE PROJECT.

Charity Ornaments Charity Name & Description

PURPLE CHRISTMAS BALL	SOME (SO OTHERS MIGHT EAT): HELPS CLIENTS WITH IMMEDIATE
	AND LONG-TERM NEEDS BY FOCUSING ON FIVE KEY AREAS: HOUSING, EMERGENCY & SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTHCARE,
	EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AND ADVOCACY
LIGHT GREEN HOUSE	APPALACHIAN HOME BUILDING PROJECT: HELPING THE KNIGHTS
LIGHT GREEN HOUSE	OF COLUMBUS COLLECT ITEMS FOR THE FAMILY WHO WILL
	RECEIVE A NEW HOME IN KENTUCKY NEXT JUNE
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LAVENDER LAUNDRT BASKET	MONTH AT A LOCAL LAUNDROMAT. PROVIDES FOOD BASKETS TO
	THE FAMILIES FOR CHRISTMAS
RED ORNAMENT	NATIVITY PARISH: FAMILIES IN NEED/SISTERS' CHARITIES
BRIGHT YELLOW CHRISTMAS BALL	HISPANIC OUTREACH PROGRAM
GREEN CHRISTMAS BALL	ECHO: CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS GIFTS
MEDIUM BLUE CHRISTMAS BALL	ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH, WASHINGTON D.C.: KID'S GIFTS
ORANGE GINGERBREAD MEN	FATHER WILSON'S COUNSELING PROJECT
LAVENDER CHRISTMAS BALL	LORTON COMMUNITY ACTION CENTER: WORKING TO BREAK THE
	CYCLE OF POVERTY AND PREVENT HOMELESSNESS THROUGH A
	VARIETY OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS
LIGHT PINK CHRISTMAS BALL	MIGRATION & REFUGEE SERVICES/CATHOLIC CHARITIES:
	HOUSEHOLD ITEMS TO HELP FAMILIES GET SETTLED IN THEIR
	NEW COUNTRY
DONATION FORM & ENVELOPE FOR	DIVINE MERCY CARE: IS COMMITTED TO HELPING ALL WOMEN
DIRECT MAILING	ACCESS PRO-LIFE MEDICAL CARE BY PARTNERING WITH PRO-LIFE
	DOCTORS TO BUILD THE CULTURE OF LIFE. ALSO PROVIDES
	CHARITY SUPPORT TO TEPEYAC OB/GYN IN FAIRFAX
DONATION FORM & ENVELOPE FOR	GABRIEL PROJECT: CATHOLIC CHARITY SPONSORED; DONATIONS
DIRECT MAILING	ASSIST UNWED MOTHERS WITH PRE / POST-NATAL NEEDS
DONATION FORM & ENVELOPE FOR	HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL: WORK OF THE ORDER OF MALTA,
DIRECT MAILING	PROVIDING STATE-OF-THE-ART PEDIATRIC, OBSTETRIC, AND
	GYNECOLOGICAL CARE TO WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF THE HOLY LAND
MULTI-COLORED SMALL TAGS	SENIORS OF ALEXANDRIA: GIFT CARDS FOR RESIDENTS OF
	ANNIE B. ROSE HOUSE

It is important to return gifts on the scheduled dates to meet the delivery requirements of the charities. It would be sad if we could not fulfill a child's request. Again, we thank our caring parishioners who will make this a special and happy holiday for many of our less fortunate neighbors! Please feel free to contact Patrice Chadbourne at patdavchad@yahoo.com or Kathy Mc Hugh at irish5579@gmail.com with any questions.



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

LIFE TEEN FRIENDSGIVING

Sunday, November 24 | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Open to all high schoolers - sign up to bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish!

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 Keys To Bioethics: Clear answers to bioethical challenges arising from scientific and technological progress https://laityinvolved.org/ project/keys-to-bioethics/

"This is My Body: A Catholic Approach to Gender" Dysphoria" by Jason Evert: Here is a brief summary of Evert's National Eucharistic Congress speech (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YiDHNZ tYLQ): "Let's distinguish gender theory which is a set of ideologies from gender dysphoria is something individuals experience." The secular world is telling Catholics that we have to choose between either affirming these impacted people in their views or abandoning them. However, as Catholics, we know that we cannot lie to them with false compassion because they deserve the truth and also they shouldn't be rejected because every person has infinite value. Evert points to Pope Francis' better "option of accompaniment where we walk with these individuals in truth and love... Pope Francis said: I asked myself if the so-called gender theory is not at the same time an expression of frustration and resignation that seeks to cancel out sexual difference because we no longer know how to deal with it... The removal of sexual difference in fact creates a problem not a solution."

"When a child experiences gender dysphoria the studies are clear: 80 to 95% of the time as they go through puberty they will naturally come to identify with their biological sex. So about 90% of the time it resolves itself unless "gender affirmative care" intervenes. "Evert said that transitioning has four stages: (1) Social transitioning (change pronouns, restrooms, sports). (2) Administer puberty blocker drugs "to children as young as eight years old... these drugs can cause suicidal ideation and attempt... The United Kingdom just banned these drugs for minors." (3) Inject with cross-sex hormones to get secondary sex characteristics, which sterilizes the child so "will never be able to have children... to keep up the look you become a pharmaceutical patient for the rest of your life." (4) Surgery, which advocates call a ""gender affirma-tive procedure"... one of the most common surgery is a bilateral mastectomy... Oakland California Children's Hospitals is now doing double mastectomies for 12-year-old girls; throughout the state of Oregon now a girl can now at the age of 15 get a double mastectomy without her parents' permission... if you follow all these individuals about 10 years after the procedure, the suicide rate climbs to 19 times higher than the general population; isolate out the female-to-male transitioners and you're looking at a the suicide rate is 40 times more than the general population... 90% of people who commit suicide have a diagnosable mental health condition... These procedures... are making their bodies a false target of intervention." Biology is not bigotry... Every single cell of the human body that has a nucleus is sex specific. That's why you could never change your sex."

"Our whole culture here from politics to pharmaceuticals to sports to the media is currently out to sea with this transgender moment, but what is about to hit our shores is an absolute tsunami of de-transitioners: they're turning around... and winning lawsuits" like Keira Bell. Evert says, "the church can step in not with condemnation but with clarity. The church's answer to this disintegration of man is an integrated vision of man John Paul the Great gave it to us in his Theology of the Body."

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.

> Marriage Enrichment Ministry Autumn Marriage Program

Renewed: 7 Steps for an Amazing Marriage



Fridays, November 8, 15 & 22 6:30- 8:30 PM Nativity School Teacher's Lounge Potluck Dinner

Anna Lisa: marriage@nativityburke.org

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.



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





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

Register today: Spots are infine

Contact Rebecca at: cym@nativityburke.org



A message from Nativity Creation Care Ministry



Coming Soon! Fair Trade sales event in the Nativity Cafeteria on Saturday November 30 - Sunday December 1.

Your Nativity Creation Care Ministry is pleased to announce the annual Fair Trade sales event during Thanksgiving weekend. Fair Trade embodies the principles of Catholic Social Teaching including

but not limited to, care for God's Creation and the Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers. Fair trade promotes the use of reused, reclaimed and recycled materials, helping conserve, preserve and cultivate the environment so that resources are available for future generations.

Meant to be a long-term system, not short-term charity, Fair Trade works to make communities on all levels sustainable. Fair Trade Organizations are invested in the people they work with, helping them meet nutritional needs, get access to health care, receive financial training and more, depending on the needs of the community. In addition, Fair trade products celebrate the cultural diversity of communities around the world. Often, artisans use centuries-old techniques passed down from previous generations, incorporating traditional craft methods into stylish, unique products that protect their cultural heritage and allow you to enjoy the skill and beauty of their craft.

This event will offer beautifully crafted items ranging from jewelry and accessories to home goods, toys, clothing, food, and holiday items-each has a story to tell. The Haitian metal art is particularly popular with Nativity parishioners. Handmade products make wonderful gifts and mean so much more than traditional mass-produced items. Consider meaningful holiday gifts this year and support fair trade, especially during these challenging times for the artisans!

Creation Care is also looking for volunteers to assist shoppers at the sale for 2 hour time slots. Please see the sign-up genius on the church website under Fair Trade Market. For more information, contact Kim Young at NativityCreationCare@gmail.com.



Why does our parish have a Marriage Enrichment Ministry?

The Marriage Enrichment Ministry strengthens marriages in the Church and supports and accompanies engaged and married couples called to the holy vocation of marriage.

Our roots are grounded in the 2014-2015 Synods of Bishops on the Family and the apostolic exhortations "Amoris Laetitia" and "Familiaris Consortio," the Pathways document addresses these concerns and calls for, among other things:

- Providing couples with effective and thorough preparation for sacramental marriage,
- using prayer and rituals to reinforce the need to partner with God to form a strong marriage, and
- providing ongoing support for recently married couples as they embark on marriage and family life.

Why attend events and programs?

First and foremost, to strengthen your marriage and your relationship with God. And, to help you accomplish that, you and your spouse will have the opportunity. . .

To spend dedicated time in prayer and reflection with each other. To hear encouraging testimonies from our speakers and each other. For fellowship with other married couples of faith.





SAVE THE DATE!!

The Knights of Columbus invite all the Children of Nativity Parish to join them in the Parish Cafeteria on

Saturday morning, December 7th 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. Please email 24oedwyworkhard@gmail.com.

The Importance of Sunday Mass

As the body will die without food, the soul will expire without nourishment. As Catholics, that spiritual nourishment comes at the Sunday Eucharist. The Lord's Day is essential for our faith. Make Sunday Mass the heart of your week.

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.



NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL Nativity A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence nativityschool.org



Nativity's Supreme Halloween

Our celebration began early on October 31st, when Ms. Kelly and her administrative team surprised the staff by turning the Teacher's Lounge into a little cafe, serving coffee, tea, and the most whimsical donuts we have seen in quite a while! After lunch, we enjoyed classroom parties, crafts and games. The fun culminated in a parade around the outside of the school, returning through the front doors of the church to the applause of Monsignor Bob and his team - in-costume - handing out Halloween treats to us.



Important Upcoming Dates ~~

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 Saturday, Nov 16 - PTO Family/Friends Run 7-11am Monday, Nov 18 - Discover Catholic Schools Week Monday, Nov 25 - Decorated Turkeys Due Tuesday, Nov 26 - End of First Trimester ****

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.

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Coats for Kids: Sunday, November 10 at Lorton Community Action Center. Volunteer to distribute warm coats! See SUG on LinkTree.

Blood Drive: Saturday, November 16 from 7:00am to 12:00 noon at St. Raymond Penafort Catholic Church, held in coordi-nation with INOVA Blood Service. Currently less than 38% of our population is eligible to donate blood. If you are eligible to donate, sign up online at: https://inovabloodsaves.org/donor/ schedules/drive_schedule/34087. The blood banks need our help, please consider giving the gift of life. Volunteer for after-Mass signups on SUG on LinkTree. **Exemplification Ceremony:** November 20 at 7:00pm 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.

Adopt A Highway: Saturday, November 23 from 10:00am to 12:00 noon in the parking lot. Clean up Old Keene Mill Rd! Use SUG on LinkTree.

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 warden 7992@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. There is no regular meeting in November due to the Flag Retirement Ceremony (see above). Next meeting is December 10. 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.

November 10, 2024

You're Invited Advent's Journey of Hope Experience the joyful Advent season of the coming of Christ by reflecting on the Gospels,

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

MASS IN CELEBRATION

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, and the Office of Multicultural Ministries' Black Catholic Ministry, invite you to Mass in celebration of National Black Catholic History Month on Sunday, November 17 at 11:00 am. Mass will begin at 11:00 am at our newly renovated Cathedral of St. Thomas More with a reception to follow in Burke Hall. All are invited to attend and reflect on the crucial roles Black Catholics play in the life of the Church.

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.

Sign Up For the Diocesan E-Newsletter!

Receive special video messages from our bishop, learn about unique opportunities to get involved, and be the first to know thenews about our Diocese - straight to your inbox. Sign up here: arlingtondiocese.org/email

Nativity Men! Join us on Saturday, November 16th from 8:00-9:00am in the Fr. Ready Room for a presentation on the Prison Ministry

Join us on Saturday, November 16th where our guest speaker, Mr. Gene Del Polito, will talk about this 6th Corporal Work of Mercy and answer questions.

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.



LIVE YOUR FAITH. CONSUME WITH YOUR CONSCIENCE.

Our faith asks us to respect the dignity of work, God's people and His creation. Understanding the impact of our purchases and consumption helps ensure our choices don't harm others or the environment. —Karen Kasmauski for CRS

JOIN US ON AN ETHICAL BUYING JOURNEY.

Fair Trade is an alternative way of doing business—one that builds equitable, long-term partnerships between consumers in North America and producers in developing regions. Fair Trade is endorsed as a means for sustainable development (it's not a hand out) by Catholic Relief Services, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and by all major religions in the United States.

CALL TO ACTION FROM POPE FRANCIS

Fair Trade offers a powerful response to Pope Francis' challenge to "do something" from his World Peace Day Message in 2015. He condemned trafficking—the modern day slavery of 11 million men, women and children—and urged us to action.

Fair Trade products are free from exploitation. And the Fair Trade logo on a package assures just wages and safe working conditions, combating poverty.

Choosing fair trade is a prayerful decision. Pope Francis said, "We know that God will ask each of us: "What did you do for your brother? (cf. Gen 4:9-10). The globalization of indifference...requires all of us to forge a new worldwide solidarity and fraternity capable of giving them new hope and helping them to advance..."

ASK YOURSELF:

- Will my purchase affect positive change?
- Did making the product cause undue harm to the environment?
- Will the product make a positive contribution to my life/society as a whole?
- Who made the product and where is it from? What is their life like?

With FIAT and the Nashville Dominican Sisters Saturday November 23 9:00 a.m.—Noon

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For high school girls Enjoy a day in God's creation Pray and hang out with the sisters 9:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Family 9:30 a.m. Go to Leesylvania Park Hike & hang Noon - Departure (Rain plan: board games at parish or park shelter)

Deadline to register: November 11.

Office of Vocations vocations@arlingtondiocese.org / 703-841-2514 ArlingtonVocations.org/FIAT



November 10, 2024

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

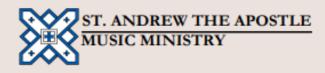


Featuring works by: J.S. Bach Naji Hakim Jehan Alain Florence Price and Heinrich Biber (virtuosic Rosary Sonata for violin)

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.





St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church 🔶 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, Virginia 🔶 www.st-andrew.org/concerts

Llegó una pobre viuda Autor: P. Raniero Cantalamessa, ofmcap Sitio Web: P. Raniero Cantalamessa, ofmcap 1R 17, 10-16; Hebreos 9, 24-28; Marcos 12, 38-44

Un día, estando frente al arca del tesoro del templo, Jesús observa a los que allí echan limosnas. Se fija en una viuda pobre que deposita allí todo cuanto tiene: dos moneditas, o sea, la cuarta parte de un as. Entonces, se vuelve a sus discípulos y dice: «Os digo en verdad que esta viuda pobre ha echado más que todos los que echan en el arca del tesoro. Pues todos han echado de lo que les sobraba; ésta, en cambio, ha echado de lo que necesitaba todo cuanto poseía, todo lo que tenía para vivir».

Podemos llamar a este domingo el «domingo de las viudas». También en la primera lectura se relata a historia de una viuda: la viuda de Sarepta que se priva de todo cuanto tiene (un puñado de harina y algo de aceite) para dar de comer al profeta Elías.

Es una buena ocasión para dedicar nuestra atención a las viudas y, naturalmente, también a los viudos de hoy. Si la Biblia habla con tanta frecuencia de las viudas y jamás de los viudos es porque en la sociedad antigua la mujer que se quedaba sola está en mucha mayor desventaja que el hombre que se queda solo. Actualmente no existe gran diferencia entre ambos; es más, dicen que la mujer que se queda sola se las arregla, en general, mejor que el hombre en la misma situación.

Desearía, en esta ocasión, aludir a un tema que interesa vitalmente no sólo a los viudos y viudas, sino a todos los casados, y que es particularmente actual en este mes de difuntos. La muerte del cónyuge, que marca el final legal de un matrimonio, ¿indica también el final total de toda comunión? ¿Queda algo en el cielo del vínculo que unió tan estrechamente a dos personas en la tierra, o en cambio todo se olvidará al cruzar el umbral de la vida eterna?

Un día algunos saduceos presentaron a Jesús el caso límite de una mujer que había sido sucesivamente esposa de siete hermanos, y le preguntaron de quién sería mujer tras la resurrección de los muertos. Jesús respondió: «Cuando resuciten de entre los muertos, ni ellos tomarán mujer ni ellas maridos, sino que serán como ángeles en los cielos» (Marcos 12, 25). Interpretando de manera errónea esta frase de Cristo, algunos han sostenido que el matrimonio no tiene ninguna continuidad en el cielo. Pero con esta frase Jesús rechaza la idea caricaturesca que los saduceos presentan del más allá, como si fuera una sencilla continuación de las relaciones terrenas entre los cónyuges; no excluye que ellos puedan reencontrar, en Dios, el vínculo que les unió en la tierra.

De acuerdo con esta perspectiva, el matrimonio no termina del todo con la muerte, sino que es transfigurado, espiritualizado, sustraído a todos aquellos límites que marcan la vida en la tierra, como, por lo demás, no se olvidan los vínculos existentes entre padres e hijos, o entre amigos. En un prefacio de difuntos, la liturgia proclama: «La vida no termina, sino que se transforma». También el matrimonio, que es parte de la vida, es transfigurado, no suprimido.

Pero ¿qué decir a quienes tuvieron una experiencia negativa, de incomprensión y de sufrimiento, en el matrimonio terreno? ¿No es para ellos motivo de temor, en vez de consuelo, la idea de que el vínculo no se rompa ni con la muerte? No, porque en el paso del tiempo a la eternidad el bien permanece, el mal cae. El amor que les unió, tal vez hasta por poco tiempo, permanece; los defectos, las incomprensiones, los sufrimientos que se infligieron recíprocamente caen. Es más, este sufrimiento, aceptado con fe, se convertirá en gloria. Muchísimos cónyuges experimentarán sólo cuando se reúnan «en Dios» el amor verdadero entre sí y, con él, el gozo y la plenitud de la unión que no disfrutaron en la tierra. En Dios todo se entenderá, todo se excusará, todo se perdonará.

Se dirá: ¿y los que estuvieron legítimamente casados con varias personas? ¿Por ejemplo los viudos y las viudas que se vuelven a casar? (Fue el caso presentado a Jesús de los siete hermanos que habían tenido, sucesivamente, por esposa a la misma mujer). También para ellos debemos repetir lo mismo: lo que hubo de amor y donación auténtica con cada uno de los esposos o de las esposas que se tuvieron, siendo objetivamente un «bien» y viniendo de Dios, no se suprimirá. Allá arriba ya no habrá rivalidad en el amor o celos. Estas cosas no pertenecen al amor verdadero, sino a la limitación intrínseca de la criatura.

