



World Day of the Poor

Love not in word, but in deed

The poor
save us
because
they enable
us to
encounter
the face of
**Jesus
Christ.**
Pope Francis



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Burke, Virginia 22015**
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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
the 1:00pm Mass

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

ADORATION: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday

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/](https://nativityburke.org/baptism/)

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your wedding date.

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from the Sacristy staff at all services**

A Message from our Pastor Rev. Msgr. Bob Cilinski



"Lo the day of the Lord is coming when the proud and evil doers will be subtle..... but for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays"
- Malachi 3:19-20

My dear parishioners,

Today the Holy Father Pope Leo has called us to observe the 9th World Day of the Poor. He invites us to embrace our calling as disciples of Jesus to bring hope to others who suffer from material or spiritual poverty.

God hears the cry of the poor. Those who remember the poor and respond to their needs will share in the rewards of the Kingdom of God. The Church teaches us that our celebration of the Eucharist each Sunday is the *"source and summit"* of the church's life. It's our most important gathering and activity. However, to celebrate an authentic Eucharist, one must always remember to care for the poor. Everything we do flows from the Eucharist, it is the *"source of all that we do"*. The celebration of Mass is an act of unselfish love of Jesus who became poor so that we can become rich.

Today we concluded the Diocesan Week of Service. One could say that our celebration of the Eucharist is made more authentic because as a parish we are so committed to the poor... across the street and around the world... On this World Day of the Poor, let us be renewed in our works of mercy and charity which bring us and all we serve closer to God and one another.

Love and blessings,

Bob Cilinski

Fr. Bob Cilinski,
Pastor



FOR E-GIVING, PLEASE USE
THE QR CODE OR VISIT:
<https://osvhub.com/nativityburke/giving/funds>



Spaghetti Dinner

Nativity Parish Family Dinner

Nativity recognizes that many families are impacted by the government shutdown, and we want to help. All parish, school & religious education families are invited to a free spaghetti dinner. The Knights of Columbus will be cooking!

When: Thursday, November 20 | 6:00–8:00 PM
Where: School Cafeteria

Come together for good food, fellowship, and community support. Please RSVP by Monday, November 17 at <https://nativityburke.org/nativity-spaghetti-dinner/>

NINTH WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

ECUMENICAL SEMINAR

Serving the Poor in Our Community of Faith

An inspiring and thought-provoking seminar in joyful unity with the global observance of the Ninth World Day of the Poor and the Diocesan Week of Service

Panelists



MSGR BOB CILINSKI
Pastor, Nativity Catholic Church



BISHOP RYAN SEROTE
Burke Congregation
The Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-day Saints



REV. DR. MARK BORIAK
Pastor, Prince of Peace
Lutheran Church



REV. GREG MERLO
Pastor of Youth & Young Adults,
Parkwood Baptist Church



REV. SUSANNAH HARDING
Deacon, St Andrew's
Episcopal Church

More Information

THE DETAILS

NOVEMBER 16, 2025
 7:00PM - 8:00PM



LOCATION

Nativity Catholic Church
6400 Nativity Lane
Burke, VA 22015

[HTTPS://NATIVITYBURKE.ORG/ECUMENICAL-SEMINAR/](https://nativityburke.org/ecumenical-seminar/)



THE NATIVITY CRAFT MINISTRY WELCOMES
EVERYONE TO OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
BAZAAR ON:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
FROM 9:00AM TO 1:00PM & AFTER
THE 5:00PM MASS

AND
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
AFTER THE 7:00AM, 9:00AM,
11:00AM & 1:00PM MASSES

WE ARE OFFERING A LARGE ASSORTMENT
OF EXCEPTIONAL HANDCRAFTED ITEMS. BE
SURE TO ALSO CHECK OUT OUR BEAUTIFUL
"UPCYCLED" CRAFTED ITEMS!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOCAL CHARITIES.
WE ACCEPT CASH, CHECKS
AND CREDIT CARDS.



Women of Nativity Annual Advent Giving Tree

The tree is up! Please take the ornament(s) of your choice and return the gifts to the Church Narthex on the collection dates of November 29 & November 30 and December 6 & 7. December 7 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 have requested the gifts be **UNWRAPPED** for easier distribution and for the integrity of their programs that involve young children. Please securely attach the ornament you have chosen to the gift, as this will greatly help us in separating the gifts for the different groups.

GIFT CARDS should be placed in an envelope with the recipient marked on the outside along with the amount of the gift card. Please do not wrap the **GIFT CARDS**. We would very much appreciate your support and prayers for another successful Advent Giving Tree Project!

Charity Ornaments

Multi-colored Small Tags
Light Green House
Light Pink Christmas Ball
Turquoise Christmas Ball
Orange Gingerbread Men
Lavender Laundry Basket
Lavender Christmas Ball
Light Blue Diamond
Bright Yellow Christmas Ball
Red Ornament
Light Blue Christmas Ball
Light Yellow Christmas Ball

Charity's Name and Description

Annie B. Rose House for Seniors
Appalachian Home Building Project
Catholic Charities Migration & Refugee ECHO
Father Wilson's Counseling Project
Laundry Love
Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC)
MaRih Center
Nativity's Hispanic Outreach Program
Nativity Parish families in need/Sisters Charities
St. Augustine Church, Washington, D.C.
SOME (So Others Might Eat)

Donation Form & Envelope for Direct Mailing

Catholic Charities Gabriel Project
Divine Mercy Care (DMC)
Holy Family Hospital, Order of Malta

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 at Christmas time. Again, we thank our caring parishioners who will make this a special and happy holiday for many of our brothers and sisters! Please feel free to contact Patrice Chadbourne at patdavchad@yahoo.com OR Kathy McHugh at irish5579@gmail.com with any questions.

KNIGHTS KOVAR COLLECTION - THIS WEEKEND



KOVAR is a Virginia Knights of Columbus 501(c) (3) tax exempt charity established in 1971 to empower nonprofit organizations with financial support to improve access to affordable housing, job training, sports participation, and personal care for Virginians with Intellectual Disabilities.

COME AND MAKE ROSARY BRACELETS!

This month the Rosary ministry will be making rosary bracelets. Please join us on Tuesday, November 18 from 1:00-3:00pm in the Father Ready Room at Nativity. These bracelets are easy and so fun to make for yourself or as gifts! All supplies are provided and we provide one-on-one instruction. We will also be making mission rosaries for those that would like to learn. If you have any questions you can contact us at rosaryministry@nativityburke.org.

You're Invited

Advent's Journey of Hope



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 3, 2025 Time: 7:00 PM

Contact: 703-455-2400



MARK FORREST.COM

Only 2 more weeks! Fair Trade Market event coming to Nativity on November 29-30

Your Nativity Creation Care Ministry is excited to introduce you to a wide variety of handcrafted meaningful holiday gifts for all ages and occasions at our Fair Trade Market in the school cafeteria on these dates. Soup and coffee mixes and other food and personal care items; jewelry of many styles; gifts for children including baby gift sets; Christmas ornaments and Nativities; clothing accessories like hats, socks and gloves; home furnishings such as linens, blankets and throws, candles, frames and wall décor; kitchen items including the popular bread warmers; and so much more.

As consumers we have a specific social responsibility: "It is good for people to realize that purchasing is always a moral—and not simply—economic act. Hence the consumer has a specific social responsibility, which goes hand-in-hand with the social responsibility of the enterprise." (*Caritas in Veritate*, no. 66)

The impact of Fair Trade goes way beyond a fair, living wage; it empowers those living in poverty, especially women who are often the most marginalized, to create positive change in their lives and their communities. When women earn a fair wage, they can support their families, but they also gain respect and confidence. Their families grow stronger and they reinvest in the future, becoming leaders in their community. Because Fair trade respects the local laws and customs of producer groups, this often allows women to work at home to stay with their children or childcare services are provided on site. Your support creates these opportunities for artisans to improve their own lives and those of their families.

For more information about Fair Trade and the market, contact Kim Young at nativitycreationcare@gmail.com.

We welcome your assistance for a 2 hour time slot as a shopping assistant. See the sign-up genius posted on the church website under Upcoming Events—Fair Trade Holiday Market.

"By your perseverance you will secure your lives." (Luke 21:19) Consider the hidden yet powerful witness of those in cloistered religious life. Is God calling you to a life of prayer and contemplation? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org

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

CCHD: Working on the Margins Second Collection

Next week's special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Nearly 38 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd. CCHD is made possible by the generous support of Catholics in the United States, especially through the annual parish collection. Thank you for your generosity!



Grounded in Our Catholic Faith

- CCHD was created in response to a mandate from the U.S. Catholic bishops in 1969 to address the root causes of poverty in the United States.
- CCHD provides funding to groups whose activities are consistent with Catholic moral and social teaching and who work to help persons who are poor help themselves.
- More than 683 Catholic priests, 776 Catholic parishes, 18 Catholic Charities agencies, and 51 religious communities are involved in the work of groups around the country that receive funding from CCHD.
- As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us, "The Eucharist commits us to the poor" (#1397). The Eucharist, celebrated as a community, teaches us about human dignity, calls us to right relationship with God, ourselves and others and sends us on mission to help transform our communities, neighborhoods and world. The work of CCHD is an example of "Eucharistic" living.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

**VIRGINIA
PRO-LIFE DAY 2026**
DÍA A FAVOR DE LA VIDA
EN VIRGINIA

JANUARY 15, 2026
15 DE ENERO DE 2026



Join us in Richmond for a day of advocacy and Mass with the bishops!

WE NEED YOUR VOICE!

Register now at:

VAPROLIFEDAY.ORG



ATTENTION PLEASE:

The Italian Cultural and Heritage Society has cancelled the November 20th meeting due to a conflicting Nativity Parish event in the cafeteria.

George Getek Memorial Pro-Life Scholarships

The Knights of Columbus George Getek Memorial Pro-Life Scholarship Program is now available! Students still have time to apply and win!

Key Points:

- Eight \$750 scholarships
- No pro-life experience required
- For 8th grade and high school (public, private, Catholic, or homeschooled) and college/university/trade school students
- The applicant or the applicant's parent(s)/guardian(s) must be registered member(s) of Nativity Catholic Church, Burke, Virginia

Students will be more confident, more at ease, and better equipped to address current life topics with others
Application submissions are due no later than midnight, Sunday, November 30, 2025. For further details and to apply, visit <https://nativityburke.org/getek-memorial-scholarship/>



A Thank You Message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry

Thanks to everyone who celebrated the Diocesan Week of Service by participating in the tree planting project at home or on Nativity's campus! 190 tree seedlings of five different native tree species were distributed for planting at parishioner's homes, a neighbor's home or on approved HOA common areas.

At Nativity, 6 trees, 16 shrubs and 225 perennials were planted to enhance the beauty and environmental function of a parking lot area along the driveway. Members of Creation Care Ministry worked tirelessly alongside leaders and volunteers from Women's Bible Study, SPRED and the Lector Ministry on the beautiful fall day that God provided for appreciating his Creation. Young and old learned about the benefits of native plantings to our local birds and insects and their importance in supporting biodiversity.

Thank you to Msgr. Bob and so many of the church staff including Alison, Carlos, Antonio, Ann, Mary, Johana, Diane, Caroline, and Emilia among others who helped to make this project a reality. Join us Sunday, November 16, after the 11:00 am Mass when Msgr. Bob will bless the newly planted area of the church.



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Our senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. Decades of service with little or no pay have left many without sufficient retirement savings. Over 20,500 elderly religious rely on the Retirement Fund for Religious for care and assistance. Please give back to those who have given a lifetime.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

To donate by mail:
National Religious Retirement Office
3211 Fourth Street NE
Washington DC 20017-1194
Make check payable to
Retirement Fund for Religious.

retiredreligious.org

Visit retiredreligious.org/2025photos to meet the religious pictured.
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MASS INTENTIONS & MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday, November 17

7:30 am † Peter Joseph Boyd
12:00 pm Special Intention for Mary Ann & Jeff Breunig

Tuesday, November 18

7:30 am † Garcia Family Members
12:00 pm † Fatimo George Lester Lobo

Wednesday, November 19

7:30 am Special Intention for Zachary DiTrocchio
3:00 pm † James Miller (*Burke Rehab*)

Thursday, November 20

7:30 am † Dick O'Brien
12:00 pm † Elizabeth & John Kovarovic

Friday, November 21

7:30 am Special Intention for Tamara & David Karakis

Saturday, November 22

9:00 am † John Brennan
5:00 pm † Cosme Manuel Rosal
7:00 pm † Animas del Purgatorio

Sunday, November 23

7:00 am † Dick O'Brien
9:00 am † Lena Giovanna Bonanno
11:00 am † Sally Mernah
1:00 pm † Kathleen McHugh
5:30 pm † Lana Shipton

In prayer, let us remember
the sick and deceased of the parish
visit nativityburke.org for the Priest Mass Schedule
<https://nativityburke.org/mass-intentions/>

WORKCAMP 2026 Information Meeting

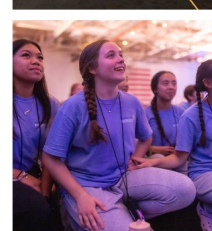
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

4:00-5:00pm 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





A Legacy Honored The Mission Continues



Our community is celebrating the Papal Honor Medal bestowed upon our incredible Sisters for their 35 years of teaching our children. We are profoundly grateful for their extraordinary work, patience, love, and compassion. Their legacy has shaped countless lives within our community, and now, they inspire us to answer a greater call to help children in need around the world.

Extend a helping hand: Answer the call to action

Inspired by the sisters' lifetime of service, our mission is expanding to support vulnerable children and their communities in Congo and the Ivory Coast. By contributing to this campaign, you can directly continue the legacy of hope our sisters have built right here at home.

Please join us this Advent Season in supporting their mission to extend their loving care to children in need across the world



No gift is too small, and every donation is a testament to the collective power of faith and compassion

To donate, please scan QR-Code below or make checks payable to:
Handmaids of Reparation

Donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.
Thank you for supporting our mission



Your support will provide vital assistance for:

- **Religious Sisters' Supplies and Education:** Ensure our sisters on the ground have the resources and training they need to continue their essential work and retirement assistance.
- **Construction of a School and Convent in Congo:** Education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty. You can help build a school to provide a foundation for countless young minds.
- **Support for Our Clinic in Nassian, Ivory Coast:** Your donation will help maintain and expand our critical healthcare services, offering hope and healing to the sick.



Dr. Jennifer Pascual in Concert Sunday, November 16 at 4:00 PM

You are invited to a special afternoon of pipe organ music with Dr. Jennifer Pascual, renowned organist and Director of Music at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. This rare performance outside of NYC will take place on Sunday, November 16 at 4:00 PM at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, Clifton.

Internationally recognized as an organist, conductor, and composer, Dr. Pascual has directed papal liturgies, performed across the world, and hosts the SiriusXM radio program Sounds from the Spires. Following the concert, enjoy a complimentary reception with the opportunity to meet Dr. Pascual. Admission is free with a complimentary reception with light refreshments following the concert along with an opportunity to meet the artist.

For more information, call 703-817-1770 or visit www.st-andrew-org/concerts.

NEED TO TALK?

Catholic Charities provides quality mental health services & counselors grounded in a Catholic understanding of the human person. "Nativity's Counselor" Ms. Marguerite Turner,

MS, LPC visits Nativity to counsel clients in-person on Thursdays from 10:00am-6:00pm. She is available to talk with any parishioners who may be struggling.

To set up an appointment, please contact Marguerite at 703-454-2415 or mmturner@ccda.net.



**Knights of
Columbus**
Virtus Agency

Viva Cristo Rey!



Knights of Columbus Holy Martyrs

- Fr. Luis Batis Sainz
- Fr. Jose Maria Robles Hurtado
- Fr. Mateo Correa Magallanes
- Fr. Miguel de la Mora de la Mora
- Fr. Rodrigo Aguilar Aleman
- Fr. Pedro de Jesus Maldonado Lucero

Come venerate the Knights of Columbus Holy Martyrs and heroic priests who gave their lives during the Cristero War, boldly proclaiming

Viva Cristo Rey!

Their relics now travel as a testament of hope, courage and fidelity to Christ.

**Save the Dates
November 21-23**

**Events in Manassas and
Woodbridge**

Use the QR Code below to sign up for more information, event location, and to receive reminders.



JP Drama presents the 2025 fall play
William Shakespeare's

Much Ado About Nothing

A JP Drama production

November 21 | 7:00 pm
November 22 | 7:00 pm
November 23 | 2:00 pm

Buy tickets here!

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School
17700 Dominican Drive • Potomac Shores, VA 22026
Directed & choreographed by Mr. Paul Hope - Poster design by Evelyn Wiederholt

ST. PAUL VI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENTS

D.W. Gregory's

Radium Girls

NOVEMBER 13-15 AT 7 PM
NOVEMBER 16 AT 1 PM

Teatro Montini
St. Paul VI Catholic High School
42341 Braddock Rd., Chantilly VA 20152

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YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFE TEEN: GRADES 9-12

DINNER - FELLOWSHIP - PRAYER & FORMATION

Sundays | 6:30-8:30 p.m.



EDGE: GRADES 6-8

Fridays twice a month:

6:30-8:00 p.m.

See website for full schedule



LIFE TEEN RETREAT

All high schoolers are invited to join us at our Life Teen retreat, December 19-21, 2025. Come be renewed in your faith as we rest in the loving presence of Christ. Registration is now open.

Who: High schoolers (Grades 9-12)

Cost: \$100

Registration closes on December 3

[See website for full schedule](#)

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

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

Pro-Life Corner

End of Life Considerations - May Healthcare Serve and Protect Human Life

Jesus is the Divine Physician who modeled how to care for the sick during his time on earth. Healthcare professionals share in Christ's healing mission and are entrusted with the care and protection of human life in its most vulnerable circumstances. Their goal must always be the service and safeguarding of human life, and never its destruction. Yet in a time of scientific and technological developments, there are many instances in healthcare settings in which God's design for the human person is violated, especially as patients approach the end of their earthly lives...

Despite our best efforts, it can sometimes be difficult to recognize the profound value of human life when we see its full weakness and fragility. Yet, the faithful care of human life until its natural end is entrusted to every person. Death is a decisive moment in our encounter with God, and the time preceding this encounter holds great significance.

To those who care for the sick, the scene of the Cross provides a way of understanding that even when it seems that there is nothing more to do there remains much to do, because "remaining" by the side of the sick is a sign of love and of the hope that it contains. Healed by Jesus, we become men and women called to proclaim his healing power and provide care for our neighbors, until the very end.

Act - Prayerfully reflect on the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:29-37) and what the Lord reveals about caring for the sick through it.

One Step Further - Learn more about the importance of authentic hospice and palliative care from a Catholic perspective: bit.ly/witness-good-samaritan.

[Excerpts taken from <https://www.respectlife.org/prayer-guides/>]

Divine Mercy Chaplet: One of the best ways to help the dying is to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, as prescribed by Jesus, as he said to St. Faustina, "My daughter, encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given to you. It pleases Me to grant everything they ask of Me by saying the chaplet. ... Write that when they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the merciful Savior" (Diary, 1541).

End of Life Medical Directives

The Advance Medical Directive is a legal instrument authorized by, and meeting the requirements of the laws of Virginia which can be completed for use by all Catholics-whether young or old, healthy or dying. Check with church office or go to: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/family-life/respect-life/end-of-life-medical-directives/>

The National Catholic Bioethics Center

Provides education, guidance, and resources to the Church and society to uphold the dignity of the human person in health care and biomedical research, thereby sharing in the ministry of Jesus Christ and his Church. <https://www.ncbcenter.org>

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.



Andrew Vu
Director of Sacred Music
Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church
Winchester, Virginia

*Organ Meditations
on
Life Eternal*

Sunday, November 16
at 3:30 pm

Cathedral of Saint Thomas More
3901 Cathedral Lane
Arlington, Virginia

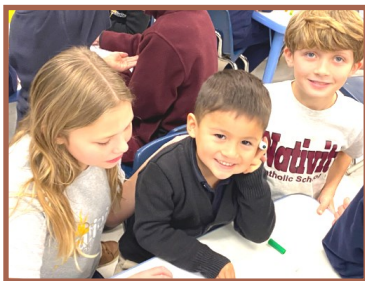


NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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Nativity Students Are Buddy-Buddy

One of our best-loved student programs here at Nativity Catholic School is our Buddy program, where each of our younger students is partnered up with an older student. Throughout the school year, our preschoolers meet up with our 4th graders; our pre-Kindergarteners join our 5th graders; the Kindergarteners buddy-up with the 6th graders; 1st grade pairs with 7th grade, and our 2nd graders connect with our 8th graders. Buddies spend time together several times a month, whether worshipping at Mass, reading books, writing our letters with chalk outside on the black top, discussing Saints, doing STEM projects together, and so much more!



Important Upcoming Dates ~

Tues, Nov 25 - End of Trimester 1
Wed, Nov 26 - Thanksgiving Break Begins
Tues, Dec 2 - Students Return to School

At Nativity, faith fills us. Love lives here. Nativity Stars are filled with the Holy Spirit! Join us to see how your child would spend his or her days here -- learning, praying, sharing, and laughing.

We may be just the school for which you've been searching!

Contact us at www.nativityschool.org, (703) 455-2300, or smurph@nativityschool.org.



Pray the Pro-Life Rosary and Witness with Us!

When: Friday mornings after the 7:30 am Mass
Where: 900 S. Washington St, Falls Church, VA

Join Nativity in praying the Pro-Life Rosary for mothers in need and for the protection of human life. Your peaceful presence outside on the sidewalk in front of the Falls Church abortion facility makes a difference by increasing awareness and to parents who find themselves in unplanned/crisis pregnancies. Contact rickloffredo@outlook.com.



Fr. Sikora Council 7992 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.

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>. Your dues will be **free for one year**: Be sure to enter our council #7992 and the code **RCANTER** when you register.

Please email our Deputy Grand Knight, Vince Augelli, at dgk7992@nativityburke.org or the Grand Knight, Michael Bender 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.

Judy Jagielski: Thursday Nights Ride to Nativity Support Group. SUG is live!

17 November @ 7:00 pm: Exemplification in the church. Knights come out to celebrate our newest Knights. Wear your name tag. No SUG

20 November: Parish Pasta Dinner 6-9 pm. We need Knights to work the kitchen cooking, preparing, & clean-up. SUG is live!

22 November: We need 8 Knights for our quarterly highway clean up on Saturday, November 22 from 10:00am - 12:00pm. Join your brother Knights as we clean up Old Keene Mill Road!

25 November: Turkey Pick-up for the Needy (Must have SUV or truck) SUG is live!

6 December: Breakfast with Santa! Come join us in the cafeteria for a fun filled breakfast with a special guest! Knights, we need your help on Friday night to prepare and on Saturday for the breakfast. SUG is live!

7 December: Knights Donut Sunday. SUG is live!

13 December: Fr. Sikora Gravesite Rosary-Lunch SUG is live!

16 December: Knights Christmas Party – come celebrate with family & friends! SUG is live!

15-16 November: Kovar Capital Campaign. KOVAR is a Virginia-based 501(c)(3) charity founded by the Knights of Columbus in 1971, providing financial support to nonprofits that serve Virginians with intellectual disabilities through housing, job training, sports, and personal care.

Prayer Requests: Prayer requests will stay active for one month. Prayer update (health, location, contact, etc.) status is deeply appreciated. Send an updated request for continued support.

<https://forms.gle/LiPCRmzfRnYEU8s5>

Food for Others: Volunteer for food distribution to the poor, delivered on designated Thursday or Friday evenings. For Thursdays, contact Br. Mark Sawyer at sawyer koc7992@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.

Name Tags: If you have not received your name tag, email our Warden, Robert Myers, at warden7992@nativityburke.org.

Nativity Ushers assist at collections: Volunteer for your Mass! Volunteer on LinkTree to maintain a database of potential helpers!

Sunday Mass Coffee and Cookies: We are providing coffee and cookies following Sunday morning Masses. See 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 handyknights@nativity.org.

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 navy8@yahoo.com.

3rd Degree Knights - Grow with 4th Degree: Participate in patriotic activities that promote Catholic citizenship. 4th Degree Assembly meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Nativity school cafeteria.

7:30 pm rosary, 7:45 pm business meeting followed by fellowship.

If you are interested, please contact our Faithful Navigator Murray Rupert at fn2996@vakofc.org.

Where Is Your Calling to Serve or Practice Your Faith? Considering a Mission Trip to Support The Poor in Underserved Communities?

Members of the Knights of Columbus, guided by the principle of charity, incorporate the corporal works into their daily practices both nationally and internationally. [Viridiane's Hope for Children's Health and Education](#), a Virginia-based nonprofit and Catholic charity affiliated with the Arlington Diocese—founded by a Nativity Knight—embodies this mission through international outreach in rural villages of Cameroon, West Africa. Their initiatives include drilling water wells, constructing schools and sanitation facilities, renovating chapels, offering educational programs, and supporting community projects. Since 2022, missionary teams have traveled to Cameroon with Viridiane's Hope to engage in these activities. In 2025, Nativity Knights partnered with Viridiane's Hope to implement projects such as drilling wells, chapel and altar renovations, providing comfort to the sick, preparing gardens, planting banana trees, and facilitating educational outreach for youth.

Looking ahead, **Viridiane's Hope** is partnering with **Nativity Knights** and [Commissioned by Christ](#), to organize **two mission trips to Cameroon in 2026**: February 17 - 27 (4–6 participants), and October 22 – November 1 (12–15 participants). Individuals interested in serving the poor in underserved communities internationally while practicing the corporal works of mercy are encouraged to consider these opportunities. **An interest meeting will be held at Nativity Catholic Church in the Fr. Ready Room on Saturday November 8, 2025, at 7:00pm.** For additional information please contact Joe Tiago at [vhche.org@gmail.com](mailto:vhche.org) or Michelle Haworth at michelle.haworth@commissionedbychrist.org.

To learn more about ongoing work in Cameroon, visit <https://vhche.org>, **follow and friend** Viridiane's Hope on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Commissioned by Christ is a Catholic, non-profit organization bringing adults and families closer to Christ through short-term mission trips to serve the needs of the poor. For upcoming global missions, visit <https://www.cbc-missions.org/global-missions>.



Viridiane's Hope Missionaries and Nativity Knights pose in front of a chapel being remodeled in the Village of Bangang, Cameroon (Feb 2025)

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For more information, email Rich Godwin at rgodwin@nativityschool.org, or call him at (703) 455-2300, ext.146; or you can contact Shannon Murphy, our Registrar, at (703) 455-2300, or smurph@nativityschool.org.

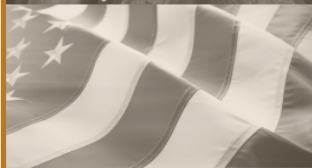
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NOTE about VOTIVE CANDLE PLACEMENT

For safety and fire hazard reasons, we kindly ask that parishioners refrain from placing candles on the wooden ledge on which the statue of St. Anthony sits. Candles should be contained in the votive candle rack/stands provided at the brick wall to the left of the St. Jude niche.

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If you have any questions, please contact the
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December 4th - 12th

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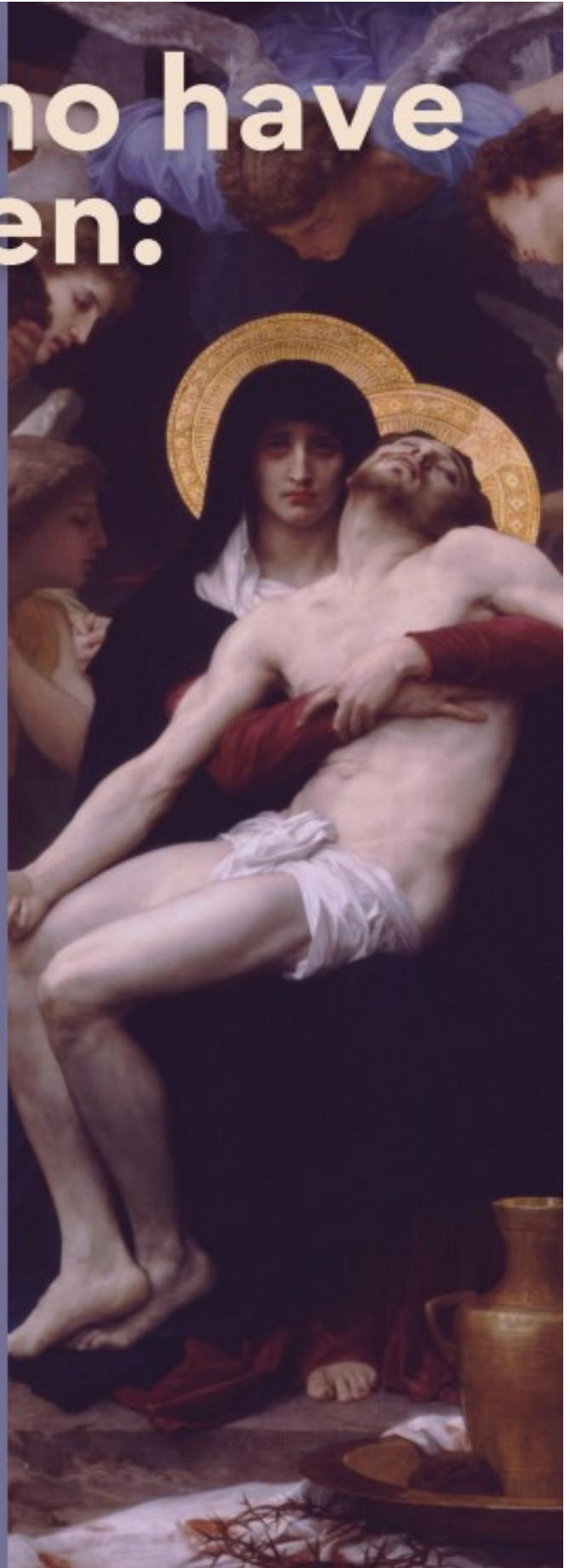
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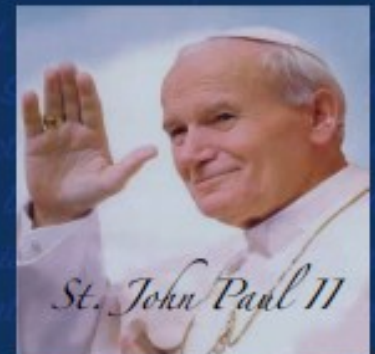
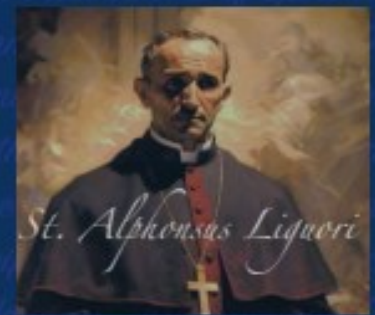
Event is free, but please register at:
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(Space is limited)



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February 13-15

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Fr. Stephen Vaccaro was ordained in 2017 as a priest of the Diocese of Arlington, and is currently assigned as parochial vicar at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Winchester, VA.



Fr. Ed Guilloux was ordained in 2019 as a priest of the Diocese of Arlington, and is currently assigned as parochial vicar at St. Stephen Catholic Church in Middleburg, VA. He was born in France and moved to the United States as a child.



Retreat cost is \$499 per couple. Financial assistance may be available.

For more information or to register, please contact Deacon Maines:

mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org or visit our website at ArlingtonDiocese.org/Retreat



¡UN NUEVO DÍA NOS ESPERA!

Domingo XXXIII ©

Javier Leoz

Amisgos; las lecturas de este domingo tienen un sabor a fin y a brote de algo nuevo. Dentro de no muchos días saldrá a nuestro encuentro el Adviento.

1.Acabará un ciclo litúrgico, y con el que saludemos –el Señor- nos dará la posibilidad de intentarlo de nuevo. De reengancharnos a El. De no conformarnos con cumplir cuatro o cinco puntos de nuestra religión cristiana.

Los templos donde nosotros celebramos nuestra fe deben ser exponente de la gran riqueza espiritual que llevamos dentro. Porque ¿Para qué los santuarios de piedra si, luego, somos fríos como hogares del Espíritu, si a continuación no hacemos de nuestro interior una digna morada, cálida y cercana para Dios?

El final siempre nos trae un principio. Y, también la última etapa de los tiempos que nos anuncia la Palabra de este día, dará paso a algo totalmente distinto.

*De la misma forma que, la noche da paso al día

*El otoño a la primavera

*La evaporación a la nube y, ésta a su vez a la lluvia

*Lo mismo que, de la chispa surge el fuego....y mil ejemplos más, también, Jesús, nos habla de un final que dará lugar algo totalmente novedoso. No sabemos cuando ni tampoco nos debe de preocupar demasiado. Lo primordial es que nos mantengamos unidos y cosidos a sus ideales. Sin olvidarlos. Practicándolos. Reavivándolos y, sobre todo, renovándolos a la luz de la fe. En definitiva, con la veleta de nuestra existencia, apuntando hacia lo que en Jesús fue motor decisivo: Dios y sólo Dios.

2.Nuestra vida aun con ocaso, tiene su horizonte puesto en Dios. Mientras tanto, San Pablo, nos anima a no quedarnos de brazos cruzados por el camino y, por supuesto, a no arrinconar la vivencia de nuestra fe en la comodidad del interior de las cuatro paredes de un templo o de una serie de ritos realizados mecánicamente. Hay que mirar hacia delante. Cumpliendo cada uno con nuestras propias obligaciones. No atrincherándonos en los castillos que nos hemos construido y abriendo las ventanas de nuestra vida, de nuestra conciencia y de nuestro ser para que Jesús venga todos los días hasta nosotros.

¿Qué nos esperan contrariedades y zancadillas? ¡Por supuesto! Llamará la enfermedad a nuestra puerta; las cosas no nos saldrán como nosotros quisiéramos; a veces –Dios- no se nos revelará con la fuerza que quisiéramos. Porque los “pequeños cataclismos” no se dan sólo en la corteza de la tierra. También, en el corazón del hombre, en la felicidad, en su bienestar, en su mente, en su pensamiento....ocurren pequeños accidentes que, a veces, nos hacen tirar la toalla y concluir que Dios hace tiempo que se desentendió del mundo.

¿Qué hacer frente a ello? Cargar las pilas en lo que somos y tenemos con la fuerza de la fe, la esperanza y la confianza en Jesús. Un día vendrá. En el momento que menos pensemos. Pero, mientras llega, no dejemos de salir al camino. No nos cansemos de mirar al cielo. No consintamos que, las persecuciones de guante blanco (porque también nosotros somos perseguidos por nuestra forma de entender la vida) sean más fuertes que nuestros ideales. Que no sean más decisivos que nuestro propósito de ser, unos amigos de Jesús, que saben dar la cara por El, con El y desde El.

No olvidemos el presente, aun cuando estamos pensando en el futuro; ni olvidemos el futuro aun cuando estemos volcados en el presente. Cuentan que había un hombre que quiso realizar, junto a su mujer, una peregrinación a un santuario ubicado en la orilla de un lago. Durante la travesía, en el bote, el peregrino perdió la moneda que le servía para el viaje. La mujer empezó a refunfuñar, pero el marido le decía que confiara en Dios. Llegada la hora de comer, pidieron a la gente que les ofrecieran un pescado. Y un pescador obsequió a la mujer un gran pescado para que lo cocinara y comieran. Y he aquí que, mientras la mujer preparaba el pescado, al abrirlo, encontró en el mismo, no solamente la moneda perdida por el marido, sino también una hermosa perla de gran valor.

Que el Señor, en este domingo, haga que la confianza sea en nuestra vida cristiana un distintivo para seguir viviendo y creyendo.

¡QUE LLEGUE ESE DÍA, SEÑOR!

Donde mi vieja vida, sea recompensada con otra, buena y definitiva

Donde Tú, y sólo Tú, seas el centro de toda mi historia

Donde vea, y sólo piense, que Tú eres lo más valioso

¡QUE LLEGUE ESE DÍA, SEÑOR!

Porque siento que, mis días, me producen cansancio

Porque veo que, mis días, están demasiado vacíos de cosas trascendentes

Porque intuyo que, mis días, están excesivamente llenos de trastos inservibles

¡QUE LLEGUE TU DÍA, SEÑOR!

Y, cuando llegue, que por lo menos me encuentres con fe

Y, cuando llegue, que por lo menos me tropieces con esperanza

Y, cuando llegue, que por lo menos me halles esperando tu llegada

Y, cuando llegue, me sorprendas vestido con traje de fiesta

¡QUE LLEGUE TU DÍA, SEÑOR!

Y, si tardas en llegar, que no me aleje de Ti

Y, si tardas en llegar, que no me limite a cumplir tus preceptos

Y, si tardas en llegar, que no finja quererte



¡QUE LLEGUE TU DÍA, SEÑOR!

Porque, así entenderé, que la historia tiene su curso

Que la historia tiene un feliz término

Que la historia, cuando estás Tú dentro, es horizonte cierto

Que la historia, si le faltas Tú, está abocada al fracaso

Por eso, y por mucho más,

¡QUE LLEGUE TU DÍA, SEÑOR!

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What else did Jesus say?

Write the name for each picture.
Then transfer the letters to the lines below.



32 33 3



7 28 14 5 19

20 6 12 17 2

29 22 8 25



34 24 1 27 11 23 10



9 26 15 30

16 31 21 35

4 18 13



"

10 2 28 30 4 16 12 15 34

26 19 4 9 18 33 7 12 11 11

35 24 12 30 11 12 16 23"



Jesus said something to the disciples
about this. What did He say?

Write all of the 1's in order.
Then return to the top and write all of the 2's in order. Then return
to the top and write all of the 3's in order. Do the same with the 4's.

As	1	will	2	out	3	claiming	4	for	1	be	2
that	3	I	4	what	1	left	2	you	3	am	4
you	1	on	2	are	3	he	4	see	1	another	2
not	3	and	4	here	1	every	2	deceived	3	the	4
the	1	one	2	For	3	time	4	time	1	of	2
many	3	is	4	will	1	them	2	will	3	near	4
come	1	will	2	come	3	Do	4	when	1	be	2
in	3	not	4	not	1	thrown	2	My	3	follow	4
one	1	down	2	name	3	them	4	stone	1	Watch	2

"

_____, _____;

_____, _____,

_____, _____,

_____."



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and with gifts dedicated to God.

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Jesus said He would help His followers.
What did He say He would do?



Add and subtract letters to find out.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

"

G+2 Z-3 H+1 N-2 K+1 J-3 G+2 U+1 H-3

Z-1 L+3 W-2 V+1 L+3 U-3 A+3 V-3 C-2 L+2 G-3

Z-3 H+1 V-3 C+1 R-3 L+1 S+1 K-3 C-2 R+2

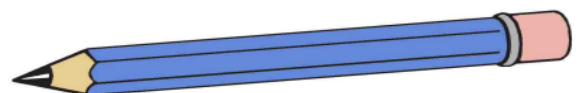
M+1 Q-2 P-2 C+2 P-1 H-2 W+2 L+3 X-3 Q+1

D-3 C+1 U+1 H-3 Q+1 Q+2 D-3 P+2 L-3 H-3 R+1

Y-2 F+3 K+1 N-2 E-3 D+1 D-3 A+1 K+1 C+2

S+1 R-3 P+2 C+2 Q+2 L-3 V-3 S+1 M+2 Q+1

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