



CHRIST THE KING



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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/)

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
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**Assisted hearing devices are available
from the Sacristy staff at all services**

A Message from our Pastor Rev. Msgr. Bob Cilinski



"I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink" - Matt 25:35

My dear parishioners,

In America, the end of November always brings us to Thanksgiving. We are a grateful people. Thanksgiving gives us the opportunity to remember and acknowledge the many blessings God has shared with us. Today we honor Christ the King which brings our liturgical year to a close. Next week is Advent and the start of a new liturgical year.

The Feast of Christ the King is dominated by the familiar parable of the sheep and the goats, the very last parable Jesus tells in Matthew's Gospel. It is a grand and sweeping scene in which Jesus is pictured as King and Judge. Everyone is gathered for the great judgment and it is Jesus whom they will face. We will be judged on how we loved. We give honor and loyalty to Christ by being caring for one another. *"Whatever you are doing to the least of these, you are doing to Me. What you failed to do to them, you failed to do for Me."*

They are words that are both comforting and disturbing because they teach us that the real proof of how much we love the Lord, is found in how we treat others around us. It might be hard to see Christ in others. Then if we can't see Christ in others, we can be Christ to others. And so we ask, *"Are we Christ to others?"* The answer to that question tells the truth about us and our eternal destiny. This Sunday we can renew our loyalty to Christ and to be Christ to others. This week we can gather to give thanks to God for all that God has given to us, especially in sending his Son to be our Savior and Lord. He humbled Himself in becoming one of us and living among us and teaches us to have a special care for those who come to us in need. This Sunday carries a word of hope. Advent is right around the corner and marks a new beginning.

I give thanks to God for each of you, the people of Nativity for your goodness, loving spirit, generosity to the poor and needy and to the support of the wonderful parish ministries. We would not be able to bring Christ to others without the sacrifices we make together.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families.

Love and blessings,

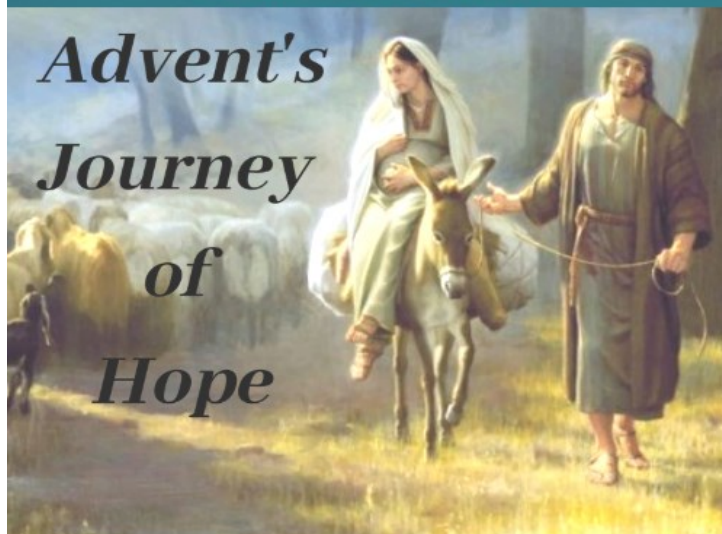
Bob Cilinski
Msgr. Bob Cilinski
Pastor



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

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



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NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR *sponsored by the Craft Ministry in the Fr. Ready Room*

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.

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.

Are you registered in the Parish?

If you are not receiving mail or emails from the parish, chances are you are not registered. You are free to stop by the Parish Office to fill out a registration form to become a registered member of Nativity Parish or go online to: nativityburke.org and download one. Registration is required to be a Baptismal Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor.

Fair Trade Market next weekend - November 29-30!

Nativity Creation Care Ministry invites you to make a difference with your holiday shopping this year! The ministry is sponsoring a Fair Trade Market in the Nativity School cafeteria during Thanksgiving weekend, Nov 29-30.

In the pastoral letter, Economic Justice for All, the US Catholic Bishops stated that *"The economy should work for people, and not the other way around."* Pope Francis reminded us, *"Every economic and political theory or action must set about providing each inhabitant of the planet with the minimum wherewithal to live in dignity and freedom, with the possibility of supporting a family, educating children, praising God and developing one's own human potential...In the absence of such a vision, all economic activity is meaningless."* (Pope Francis, June 15, 2013)

Fair Trade creates opportunities for us to respond to this call in a small but significant way every day through the choices we make as consumers. When we make the conscious choice to purchase Fair Trade items, we are putting the values of Catholic social teaching into action, and working to realize our vision of economic justice.

Many fair trade brands go above and beyond simply paying a fair wage to artisans. They invest in the lives of each artisan in a holistic way that encompasses a mutual respect for their well-being, safety and livelihood. For some brands, part of this is fighting human trafficking by providing alternative employment under safe working conditions.

Please consider all your gift giving needs and shop the Fair Trade Market here at Nativity on November 29-30. Clothing accessories, holiday décor, household items, jewelry, children's items, personal care, cookie and soup mixes, coffee and more will be offered—each item has a story to tell about the artisans who created it. Credit cards accepted. Bring your visiting family and friends! Free reusable bags from Virginia Green Baggers while supplies last.

For more information, see the flier to the right and on the church website under News and Events. You can also access a sign-up genius to volunteer for a 2 hour slot to help at the event.

Nativity Creation Care Fair Trade Holiday Market

IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA • 6400 NATIVITY LANE, BURKE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29 4:00-7:00 PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 8:00 AM-3:00 PM



Gifts for everyone on your list!



We Believe...

People and the planet should not be exploited for the things we buy.

People should be paid fairly for their work.

Small, local businesses are the heartbeat of our communities.

Our everyday purchases can have a positive impact on the world.

Every product has a story.

Your purchase is an important part of the fair trade cycle.

Buying fair is an extension of our faith.

FAIR TRADE WINDS WILL DONATE 10% OF SALES TO NATIVITY CREATION CARE SUSTAINABILITY AND GARDEN PROGRAMS.

Reusable fabric bags donated by Virginia Green Baggers—while supplies last.

QUESTIONS OR WANT TO VOLUNTEER?
NATIVITYCREATIONCARE@GMAIL.COM

WWW.FAIRTRADEWINDS.NET
Cash, check, or credit cards accepted.

CCHD: Working on the Margins - Second Collection

This 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!

NATIVITY ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURAL SOCIETY EVENT

WHEN: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

You have the opportunity to purchase your Festa di Natale tickets this weekend. The Festa will be held on Saturday, December 6. Get your tickets soon, this popular event usually sells out!

Ticket Sale Schedule:

Saturday, November 22 after the 5:00pm Mass or
Sunday, November 23 after the 9:00am & 11:00am Masses.
Cost: \$40.00 per ticket. Check, cash or credit card accepted.

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 for a scholarship! **NOTE: The due date has been extended. Application submissions are due no later than midnight, Sunday, January 4, 2026.**

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.

Students will be more confident, more at ease, and better equipped to address current life topics with others.

For further details and to apply, visit
<https://nativityburke.org/getek-memorial-scholarship/>

ALTAR FLOWERS - Donated by
Mr. Tom Snee
In Loving Memory of Karen Snee



Service of Remembrance 2025

Let the light of your loved one continue to shine this season.

Sunday, December 14
6:00pm

Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home

Send a photo of the light of your life to:
Events@fairfaxmemorial.com
to be included in the candlelight service



Join us for a reception afterwards

Fairfax MEMORIAL
A Tradition Of Trust • Exceeding Expectations

Novena to
Our Lady of Guadalupe
for Couples Struggling with
Infertility, Miscarriage
& Infant Loss

December 4th - 12th

Sign up for the novena, submit your intentions & find more information at:
OurFruitfulLove.com/novena




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

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

OFFICE & MASS SCHEDULE

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT
12:00 NOON ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26
AND WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY ON THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 27 & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27 MORNING MASS
WILL BE AT 9:00AM, THERE WILL
BE NO NOON MASS





MASS INTENTIONS & MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday, November 24
7:30 am Special Intention for our Children
12:00 pm † Walter Hammersley

Tuesday, November 25
7:30 am † Major John Mark
12:00 pm † Marshall Levitan

Wednesday, November 26
7:30 am Special Intention for the Birden Family
10:00 am † James Miller (*Heatherwood*)

Thursday, November 27
9:00 am † Karen A. Snee

Friday, November 28
7:30 am † COL Thomas "Tom" Kullman

Saturday, November 29
9:00 am † Martha Palermo
5:00 pm Parishioners
7:00 pm † Saturnina Woodward

Sunday, November 30 - 1st Sunday of Advent
7:00 am † Sara Mary Jones
9:00 am † Carlos Heraud
11:00 am † Carole & Richard Ellis
1:00 pm † Lana Shipton
5:30 pm † Members of the Hillebrandt Family

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/>

High School Retreat December 19-21



Come be renewed in your faith, build community, & unwind in the breathtaking views of the Potomac. You can expect a weekend of small groups connections, Mass, adoration, confession, games, & great food! Register on the parish website by December 8 at 10 a.m.

Contact Rebecca at cym@nativityburke.org





BREAKFAST WITH

Santa

DECEMBER 6TH FROM 9:30-11:00AM

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INVITE ALL THE CHILDREN OF
NATIVITY PARISH TO JOIN THEM IN THE PARISH CAFETERIA
ON: SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 6TH 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. PLEASE SEND THEM YOUR FAMILY
NAME, AND THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN & ADULTS COMING.
PLEASE EMAIL: 24OEDWYWORKHARD@GMAIL.COM.**

WORKCAMP 2026 *Registration Open*

Teens currently in grades 9-12 are invited to a week-long overnight camp providing them with an opportunity to encounter Christ through service, faith, & fellowship.

Applications for teens and adult volunteers are open now through **January 20.**

Missed the interest meeting? See the handout on our website for details about registration, costs, formation, and volunteer needs.

WorkCamp 2026: June 20-26
Contact: wc@nativityburke.org



Nativity Catholic Church Invites you to a Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, December 13th at 6:45pm

Mass will be followed by a procession to the Father Martin Center and a reception. There will be a Mariachi Band alongside Latin American dancers. All are invited!

Iglesia de la Natividad te invita a una celebración de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe El sábado 13 de diciembre a las 6:45pm. La Misa comienza a las 6:45pm, seguida por una procesión al Centro Padre Martin (gimnasio).

Habrà una banda de mariachis junto a los Bailarines Folklorico.

Invocamos tu intercesión, Mader, nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Nos apareces de maneras que podemos entender. Oramos por todos nuestros hermanos católicos cristianos que sufren persecución religiosa por su fe. Les pedimos que los cubran en su manto, les den coraje de corazón y firme fe en la presencia de su hijo en su sufrimiento.

Parents who have lost children:

Join us for Mass
and a Morning of
Reflection this
Advent season

With:

Very Rev. Jamie Workman
Vicar General, Diocese of Arlington

& Betsy Leon
National Speaker & Author

**Saturday, December 6 | St. Philip
Catholic Church**

7500 St. Philip Ct., Falls Church, VA

8 am - 12 pm
(Parish Mass at 8 am)

Event is free, but please register at:
arlingtondiocese.org/parentsmass
(Space is limited)



Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life
703.841.2550 | familylife@arlingtondiocese.org | @arlingtonfamily



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, Sr. Director, IVC of the National Capital Area: 202-277-4447 or mgoggin@ivcusa.org, or visit www.ivcusa.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.





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



SKY ZONE | FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

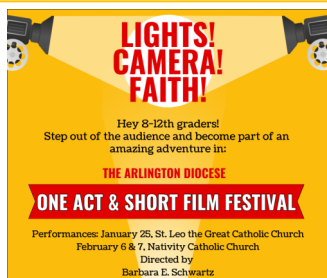
Come hang with your Youth Ministry Edge friends for an exciting evening filled with high-flying flips, trampoline slam dunks, ultimate dodgeball, & much more! Register on the parish website by December 10.

Who: Middle schoolers (Grades 6-8)
When: Check in at 5:45 p.m. | Pick up at 8:15 p.m.
Cost: \$35

See website for full schedule

Before attending, please register for the 2025-2026 year of ministry using our free, online forms.

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



LIGHTS! CAMERA! FAITH!

Hey 8-12th graders!
Step out of the audience and become part of an amazing adventure in:

THE ARLINGTON DIOCESE

ONE ACT & SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

Performances: January 25, St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
February 6 & 7, Nativity Catholic Church
Directed by
Barbara E. Schwartz

Teens, do you dream in scenes? Do you picture yourself commanding a stage or shouting "Action!" behind the camera?

Become a part of the Arlington Diocese One Act and Short Film Festival!

There will be an informal audition and interest meeting for actors, filmmakers and techies December 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Nativity Music Room. Email theatreministry@nativityburke.org or visit <https://barbara-e-schwartz.com/one-act-short-film-festival> for more information on dates for rehearsals and performances.

Pro-Life Corner

George Getek Memorial Pro-Life Scholarship Program –

Extended: Students now have until Sunday, January 4th, 2026, to submit their application. For more details, go to <https://nativityburke.org/getek-memorial-scholarship/>

KOVAR Enduring Love Campaign – Homes for Intellectually Disabled: Stand with parents who seek to find a home for their children that outlive their ability to provide direct care on their own. Contact Mark Sawyer, sawyermark7992@verizon.net.

Virginia Pro-Life Day in Richmond – Thursday, Jan 15, 2026 – Save the Date! Join us in Richmond for a day of advocacy and Mass with the Bishops Burbidge and Knestout! Support Life issues and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow parishioners across the state in this exciting day. Your personal presence is vital as we seek to stop the extreme abortion amendment to the Virginia Constitution. Register at vaprolifeday.org.

Contact rickloffredo@outlook.com for carpooling.

National March For Life (MFL) – Friday, Jan 23, 2026 – Save the Date! Join people of goodwill from across our country in peacefully and joyfully rallying around the basic truth that every human life – including the unborn and their mothers – is beautiful, has unique dignity, and worthy of protection. Msgr. Bob has generously approved a bus. And we have beautiful, warm yellow Nativity for Life beanies available. SUG upcoming. Contact rickloffredo@outlook.com.

The Lamb Center: provides laundry, showers, hot meals, counseling, and financial assistance for poor and homeless. <https://nativityburke.org/service/the-lamb-center/>

Tepeyac Pro-Life OB/GYN: Faith-based Pro-life OB/GYN restoring integrity of human person with modern medicine and healing of Christ. tepeyacobgyn.com, 703.273.9440.

Gabriel Project: Pregnancy Outreach for Expectant Mothers. Offers emotional, spiritual, material, and financial support through a pregnancy helpline and parish-based volunteer "Angel" support. helpforpregnantwomen.org. 866.444.3553,

A Woman's Choice Center: Providing Compassionate Support. Free pregnancy, medical, educational, and support services for women and families. awomanschoicecenter.com, 703.538.4305.

Mary's Comfort of VA: Ensuring Expectant Mothers Shelter, Support and New Beginnings. Provides full support, including training in parenting and life skills, career coaching and educational advancement. maryscomfortva.org, 703.455.4500.

Catholic Charities Pregnancy and Adoption Services:

Provides transformative services to those whose lives are impacted by unplanned pregnancy. <https://www.cdda.net/need-help/pregnancy-and-adoption-services/>, 703.841.3830.

Project Rachel: Help after Abortion. A safe place to share your emotions and work toward healing. helpafterabortion.org, 703.841.2504.

Rachel's Vineyard: A safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem broken hearts. Weekend retreats offer supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. www.rachelsvineyard.org/, 877.467.3463.

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC):

We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. Meet us for: Walk along W&OD Trail in Vienna (Dec. 2); Thursday Lunch (Dec. 11); Navy Band Christmas Concert at DAR Constitution Hall/dinner near White House (Dec. 20); Breakfast with Santa at Arlington K of C (Dec. 21); Christmas Day dinner (Dec. 25); serving meal at Christ House (Dec. 27); Mass at St. Anthony Church/lunch (Dec. 28); New Year's Eve lunch celebration (Dec. 31); New Year's Day lunch in Old Town Alexandria (Jan. 1). For details, visit: bit.ly/ptsc or email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.



NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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nativityschool.org



Fifth Graders Know Hyperbole – That's No Exaggeration

Our Fifth Graders love a good challenge. One of their most recent? An “hyperbolic” challenge! The students had to catch their homeroom teacher using ‘hyperbole’ in the classroom – but not during an actual lesson on hyperbole! It had to be when she was teaching another subject – almost ANY other subject; or checking in to see how her students were doing. Each time the class was able to “catch” Mrs. Thomma using hyperbole, a plastic star was dropped in the ‘hyperbole jar.’ Once 20 stars filled the jar, the students earned a ‘board game afternoon.’ It did take a couple of months for the students to earn their prize, as Mrs. Thomma tried very hard not to get caught. But every week or so, she’d make statements like “Oh, about 100 years ago when I was in fifth grade,” or, “I look good for 100, don’t I?” I think everyone enjoyed ‘board game afternoon.’ We scheduled it to coincide with our recent School-wide Pajama Day, making it even more fun!

What’s up next? Not sure yet. Perhaps an Idiom or Simile or Alliteration challenge? We’re accepting suggestions!



Important Upcoming Dates ~

Tues, Nov 25 - End of Trimester 1

Wed, Nov 26 - Thanksgiving Break Begins

Tues, Dec 2 - Students Return to School

Mon, Dec 8 - Thur, Dec 11 - Santa’ Workshop

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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 for 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!**

Widow Support: Thursday Nights Ride to Nativity Support Group.

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!**

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 sawyermark7992@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 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 navy8@yahoo.com.

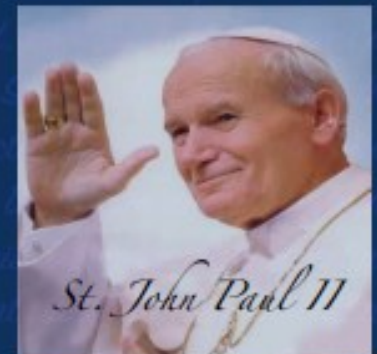
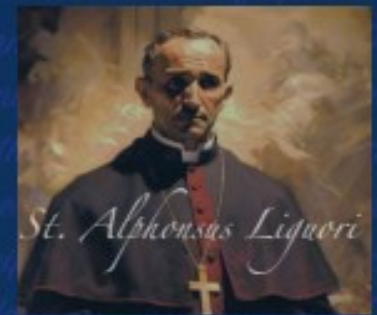
3rd Degree Knights - Grow with 4th Degree: Participate in patriotic activities that promote Catholic citizenship. 4th Degree Assembly meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Nativity school cafeteria. 7:30 pm rosary, 7:45 pm business meeting followed by fellowship.

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

Sick / Homebound Visits

Are you or someone you know sick and/or homebound for any reason? We can arrange home visits from the parish and provide prayer and the sacraments. We would love to bring God’s Grace and Peace to anyone in difficult times.

Please contact Cat Sands, Pastoral Minister, at csands@nativityburke.org to schedule a visit.



The Blessed Virgin Mary



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





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RE SUNDAYS

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Contact Anna Lisa Licud
marriage@nativityburke.org
Marriage Enrichment Ministry



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Walk with the Holy Family starting in Advent! To benefit Catholic Relief Services, the Virginia CRS Chapter will be hosting a state-wide virtual walk-a-thon fundraiser, "Walking with the Holy Family", from November 30th to January 4th.

Through Advent and the Christmas Season, walk on your own time in solidarity with families who must leave their homelands due to food insecurity, violence, or instability and raise funds to support CRS programs throughout the world. For more information, visit bit.ly/VACRS or scan the QR code.

Navigating the Journey with Love and Faith Initiatives

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For more information go to Encourage or contact encourage@arlingtondiocese.org

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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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Solemnidad de Jesucristo, Rey del Universo
Lucas 23, 35-43: Jesucristo Rey del universo y de los corazones**Autor: P. Raniero Cantalamessa, ofmcap****Sitio Web: P. Raniero Cantalamessa, ofmcap****2 Samuel 5, 1-3; Colosenses 1,12-20; Lucas 23, 35-43**

La solemnidad de Cristo Rey, en cuanto a su institución, es bastante reciente. La estableció el Papa Pío XI en 1925 en respuesta a los regímenes políticos ateos y totalitarios que negaban los derechos de Dios y de la Iglesia. El clima del que nació la solemnidad es, por ejemplo, el de la revolución mexicana, cuando muchos cristianos afrontaron la muerte gritando hasta el último aliento: «Viva Cristo Rey». Pero si la institución de la fiesta es reciente, no así su contenido y su idea central, que es en cambio antiquísima y nace, se puede decir, con el cristianismo. La frase «Cristo reina» tiene su equivalente en la profesión de fe: «Jesús es el Señor», que ocupa un puesto central en la predicación de los apóstoles.

El pasaje evangélico es el de la muerte de Cristo, porque es en ese momento cuando Cristo empieza a reinar en el mundo. La cruz es el trono de este rey. «Había encima de él una inscripción: "Este es el Rey de los judíos"». Aquello que en las intenciones de los enemigos debía ser la justificación de su condena, era, a los ojos del Padre celestial, la proclamación de su soberanía universal.

Para descubrir cómo nos toca de cerca esta fiesta, basta con recordar una distinción sencillísima. Existen dos universos, dos mundos o cosmos: el macrocosmos, que es el universo grande y exterior a nosotros, y el microcosmos, o pequeño universo, que es cada hombre. La liturgia misma, en la reforma que siguió al Concilio Vaticano II, sintió la necesidad de trasladar el acento de la fiesta, haciendo énfasis en su aspecto humano y espiritual, más que en el –por así decirlo– político. La oración de la solemnidad ya no pide, como hacía en el pasado, que «se conceda a todas las familias de los pueblos someterse a la dulce autoridad de Cristo», sino que «toda criatura, libre de la esclavitud del pecado, le sirva y alabe sin fin».

En el momento de la muerte de Cristo, se lee en el pasaje evangélico --recordémoslo--, pendía sobre su cabeza la inscripción «Jesús es el Rey de los judíos»; los presentes le desafiaban a mostrar abiertamente su realeza y muchos, también entre los amigos; se esperaban una demostración espectacular de su realeza. Pero Él eligió mostrar su realeza preocupándose de un solo hombre, y encima malhechor: «Jesús, acuérdate de mi cuando estés en tu reino. Le respondió: "En verdad te digo, hoy estarás conmigo en el paraíso"».

En esta perspectiva, el interrogante importante que hay que hacerse en la solemnidad de Cristo Rey no es si reina o no en el mundo, sino si reina o no dentro de mí; no si su realeza está reconocida por los Estados y por los gobiernos, sino si es reconocida y vivida por mí. ¿Cristo es Rey y Señor de mi vida? ¿Quién reina dentro de mí, quién fija los objetivos y establece las prioridades: Cristo o algún otro? Según san Pablo, existen dos modos posibles de vivir: o para uno mismo o para el Señor (Rm 14, 7-9). Vivir «para uno mismo» significa vivir como quien tiene en sí mismo el propio principio y el propio fin; indica una existencia cerrada en sí misma, orientada sólo a la propia satisfacción y a la propia gloria, sin perspectiva alguna de eternidad. Vivir «para el Señor», al contrario, significa vivir por Él, esto es, en vista de Él, por y para su gloria, por y para su reino.

Se trata verdaderamente de una nueva existencia, frente a la cual la muerte ha perdido su carácter irreparable. La contradicción máxima que el hombre experimenta desde siempre –aquella entre la vida y la muerte– ha sido superada. La contradicción más radical ya no es aquella entre «vivir» y «morir», sino entre vivir «para uno mismo» y vivir «para el Señor».



Hoy te alabamos, Padre, porque en la resurrección de tu Hijo, Cristo Jesús, lo constituiste Rey y Señor del universal de todo lo creado con un poder y un reino eternos que no cesarán. gracias también, porque, a su vez, Cristo ha hecho de nosotros, los bautizados en él, un reino de sacerdotes para nuestro Dios.

Haz, Señor, que venga tu reino al mundo de los hombres, y danos la fuerza de tu Espíritu para mantener irrevocable nuestra entrega personal a la construcción de tu reinado en nuestro mundo: tu reinote verdad y de vida, tu reino de santidad y de gracia, de justicia, de amor y de paz. Así mereceremos alcanzar de ti el reino eterno con Cristo.

Amén.



Then the second criminal said,
"Jesus, remember me when You
come into Your Kingdom!"
How did Jesus answer him?

Use the code to read Jesus' words.

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The people stood watching, and the rulers even
sneered at Jesus. What did they say?

Use the graph to find out.

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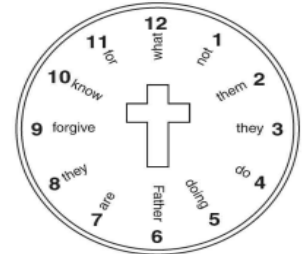
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November 23, 2025 • Luke 23:33-43

Two Criminals Talk to Jesus

Jesus was taken, along with 2 criminals,
to the place where they were to be crucified.
What did Jesus say about those who crucified Him?

Use the clock code to find out.



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What happened next?



Find the underlined words in the word search below.

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One of the criminals hurled insults at Him: "Aren't You the
Christ? Save Yourself and us." But the other criminal said, "Don't
you fear God since you are under the same sentence? We are
punished justly, but this Man has done nothing wrong."

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