

LONG LIVE 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. Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 a.m. on Saturday

HOLY DAY MASSES: As Announced

RECONCILIATION: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. on Saturday
or, if necessary, by appointment

BAPTISM: For more information and how to schedule a
baptism, please visit our website:
<https://nativityburke.org/baptism/>

MARRIAGE POLICY: Please contact the Church as soon
as you are engaged, and at least six months prior to
your wedding date.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Announcements for the bulletin
must be submitted **in writing** by 9:00 AM on
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**A Message from our Pastor
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. We give honor and loyalty to Christ by being caring for one another.

This Sunday we can renew our loyalty to Christ and to be Christ to others. 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 am humbled by recently being named a *"Chaplain to His Holiness"* by our Holy Father Pope Francis. 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 bring Christ to others, through the sacrifices we make together.

This recognition by Pope Francis is for the parish of Nativity who supports my priesthood by your prayers and participation in ministry with me. I invite you to join me and the other newly named monsignors for Solemn Vespers tonight, November 24 at 7:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, Virginia. I thank God for my family, parishioners and friends who have journeyed with me in my priesthood.

Accolade of the week goes to Robinson High School girls cross country team who won the Virginia State Championship and West Springfield who placed a close second. *"Keep running steadily in the race, do not lose sight of Jesus"* - Hebrews 12:1-3

Happy Thanksgiving,

Bob Cilinski
Msgr. Bob Cilinski
Pastor



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November 18, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In just a few weeks, the Church throughout the world will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom we in the United States especially honor as Patroness of our nation, on Monday, December 9, 2024. This great feast day, as the prayers of the Mass for the Solemnity remind us, celebrates the singular privilege that our Blessed Mother was preserved from all stain of original sin so as to be *"a worthy dwelling"* for our Incarnate Lord.

The Solemnity this year falls on the Second Sunday of Advent which, liturgically, outranks the celebration of the Solemnity itself. It is for this reason and because of its importance in our lives as Catholics that the observance of the Solemnity is transferred to the next day, December 9.

When the transfer of certain Holy Days of Obligation occurs, the obligation for the faithful to attend Mass is usually dispensed. In the United States, however, the obligation of attending Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception remained, even if the liturgical celebration took place on another day. The Dicastery for Legislative Texts of the Holy See has confirmed that attendance at Mass for the holy day is obligatory. For the faithful in the Diocese of Arlington, attending Mass for the Solemnity on December 9 still remains as such.

While the obligation to attend Mass varies from diocese to diocese, it is a beautiful time to celebrate and honor Mary as the patroness of our country as we seek her powerful intercession asking that her Son bless our nation and the world, especially at this time, with his peace. Those who are unable to participate at Mass because of health or hardship are dispensed by that very fact and are encouraged to join the universal Church in honoring Mary in some way during the day, for example through their personal prayer or acts of charity and piety.

It is my hope that all of us, priests and lay faithful, will see this celebration as a privilege and an opportunity to come together and fittingly honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. May our coming celebration of Advent and the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception confirm in our hearts the great love that God has for the world by sending his Only Begotten Son, born of the Virgin, and of the tremendous motherly affection that Mary has for all of us, her children.

Sincerely in Christ,

Michael F. Burbidge

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

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 Women of Nativity (WON) Annual Advent Tree

THE TREE IS UP! PLEASE TAKE THE ORNAMENTS OF YOUR CHOICE AND RETURN THE 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 GIFT IS 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 FROM THE TREE 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 ANNUAL ADVENT TREE.

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.

Charity Ornaments Charity Name & Description

PURPLE CHRISTMAS BALL	SOME (SO OTHERS MIGHT EAT)
LIGHT GREEN HOUSE	APPALACHIAN HOME BUILDING PROJECT
LAVENDER LAUNDRY BASKET	LAUNDRY LOVE
RED ORNAMENT	NATIVITY PARISH FAMILIES IN NEED
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.
ORANGE GINGERBREAD MEN	FATHER WILSON'S COUNSELING PROJECT
LAVENDER CHRISTMAS BALL	LORTON COMMUNITY ACTION CENTER
LIGHT PINK CHRISTMAS BALL	MIGRATION & REFUGEE SERVICES
MEDIUM BLUE DIAMOND	MARIH CENTER (NEW THIS YEAR)
DONATION FORM & ENVELOPE FOR DIRECT MAILING	DIVINE MERCY CARE (DMC)
DONATION FORM & ENVELOPE FOR DIRECT MAILING	GABRIEL PROJECT
DONATION FORM & ENVELOPE FOR DIRECT MAILING	HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL
MULTI-COLORED SMALL TAGS	SENIORS OF ALEXANDRIA



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.

Serve Those in Need with Your Gift to Catholic Charities

The theme for the 2024 Catholic Charities Parish Christmas Collection is Together in Hope. When vulnerable people come to Catholic Charities, they encounter Christ's love and the hope that springs from love. And, in a beautiful way, our own faith is strengthened when we join Together in Hope with those needing a helping hand. Donate at Mass on December 7/8; via the special insert in the bulletin; or at ccca.net/Christmas; or add the Christmas Collection to your parish e-giving account.

THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSING & MASS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, NOV 27th - Office Closes at 12:00 noon
 THURSDAY, NOV 28th - Office Closed all Day
 Mass at 9:00 am
 FRIDAY, NOV 29th - Office Closed all Day
 Mass at 7:30 am

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Nativity Creation Care Fair Trade Holiday Market

In the school cafeteria • 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 4:00-7:00 PM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 8:00 AM-5:30 PM



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.



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?

High School Retreat December 20 - 22



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

Contact Rebecca at cym@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 4, 2024 **Time:** 7:00 PM

Contact: 703-455-2400



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

Monday, November 25th

7:30 am † Aninyouatef & Aatef Morkos

Tuesday, November 26th

7:30 am † James Michael Boyle

12:00 pm † Alfonse Meccariello

Wednesday, November 27th

7:30 am † Karen A. Snee

10:00 am † Joseph & Doris Wiedmann (*Heatherwood*)

Thursday, November 28th

9:00 am † John Heavy

Friday, November 29th

7:30 am † Dave Bradley

Saturday, November 30th

9:00 am † Augusto & Hershelieda

5:00 pm † Angela & Santiago Machado

7:00 pm † Pablo and Maria Santana

Sunday, December 1st

7:00 am † Carole Ellis

9:00 am † Ernie Weeks

11:00 am Parishioners

1:00 pm † William McLaughlin

5:30 pm † Jairo Gustavo Vargas

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

ALTAR FLOWERS - Donated by

Barbara and Stan Zagalak
In Loving Memory of Frank Albrecht
and

Tom Snee
In Loving Memory of Karen Snee



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

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.

NATIVITY ITALIAN HERITAGE & CULTURAL SOCIETY FESTA DI NATALE



DINNER AND GALA EVENT ON DECEMBER 7 AT 7:00PM, DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM. LIVE MUSIC FEATURING LAURA FARRELL, DINNER CATERED BY BOYD & PARKER EVENTS.

TICKET AND EVENT INFORMATION:

TICKETS ARE \$42 AND ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE USING THE QR CODE OR LINK BELOW. THERE ARE STILL A FEW TICKETS AVAILABLE! FOR MORE INFORMATION OR IF YOU ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY ACCESSING THE ONLINE FEATURE YOU CAN CONTACT:

MARTIN NOVAK AT 703-371-6693 OR JAISON HARRIS AT 856-466-5037

[HTTP://HTTPS://EVENTS.EVENTGROOVE.COM/EVENT/FESTA-DI-NATALE-93226](http://https://events.eventgroove.com/event/festa-di-natale-93226)



Follow Bishop Burbidge on X!
Bishop Burbidge has over 25,000 followers on Twitter! His daily reflections and posts are popular and insightful. Follow him @BishopBurbidge.

NATIVITY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR *sponsored by the Craft Group*

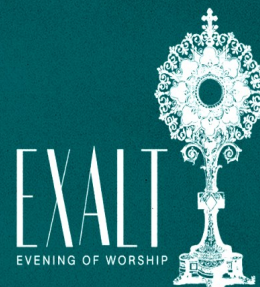
THE ANNUAL NATIVITY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR WILL AGAIN BE OFFERING VARIOUS ITEMS FOR SALE SUCH AS:
SCARVES, HATS, SWEATERS, BABY ITEMS & BLANKETS, CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS & DECORATIONS, AND MANY OTHER GREAT GIFTS. SO PLEASE STOP BY AND GET A HEAD START ON YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!!

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!!



DIocese of ARLINGTON
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOUR

Join us in worship, prayer, and reconciliation.

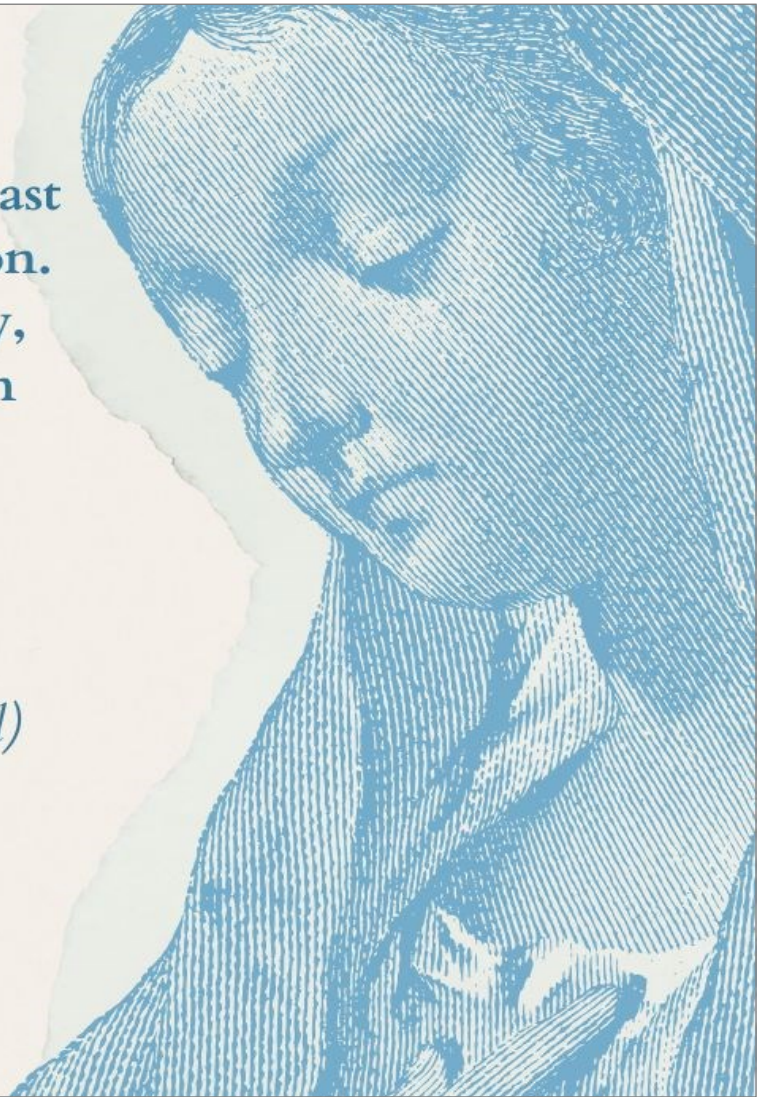
Friday, December 6
7 - 8:30 P.M.

Nativity Catholic Church
Burke, VA

Sunday, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. As the feast falls on a Sunday, this Holy Day of Obligation will be observed on Monday, December 9.

Mass Times:

7:30am, 9:00am, 12:00pm
5:00pm and 7:00pm (*bilingual*)



Family Ministry Calendar Updates

In place of our regular monthly gatherings on 12/7 and 1/4, we invite families:

*Attend "Breakfast with Santa" on 12/7 at 9:30am

*Join the email list to find out about a meet-up in January outside of the Christmas break.



Register for Breakfast with Santa

Join the Family Ministry email list



2024 Parish Christmas Collection

Make a gift today!

Donate online at ccda.net/Christmas or scan the QR code





YOUTH MINISTRY

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 APPLICATION OPEN
The WorkCamp application is open on our website for high school participants and adult volunteers! Apply by January 20 - meetings start January 26.

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 the latest newsletter for details.
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

National March For Life (MFL) - Friday, January 24, 2025: 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. Save the date.

Virginia Pro-Life Day in Richmond - January 29, 2025: Support Life issues and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow parishioners across the state. Your personal presence is vital in supporting pro-life members of the General Assembly or encouraging those who have voted against pro-life bills in the past to reconsider their views. Contact rickloffredo@outlook.com if interested in attending.

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.



St. Margaret of Cortona - Transitional and Maternity Housing: Helping single mothers in exceptionally difficult circumstances: Assisting mothers with children who may be transitioning from homeless and domestic violence shelters to independent living; and Assisting women pregnant with their first child or pregnant moms who already have other children and find themselves at significant risk in their current living situations. [https://www.cdda.net/need-help/housing/family-housing-\(st-margaret\)](https://www.cdda.net/need-help/housing/family-housing-(st-margaret)), or call 703.910.4845.

Mary's Shelter: Sheltering Women and Their Children: Provides an expectant mother, and any additional children she may have, with housing for up to three years in order to further her education and/or secure employment. <https://marysshelterva.org/>, 540.374.3407.

Catholic Charities Pregnancy and Adoption Services: Provides transformative services to individuals, couples and families whose lives are impacted by unplanned pregnancy, parenting in a crisis situation and/or whose lives have been touched by adoption. <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. For confidential inquiries and to learn more. helpafterabortion.org, 703.841.2504.

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

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.

Do you need a ride to a medical appointment or to go grocery shopping and are unable to drive? The Shepherd's Center-Fairfax Burke provides these services. Feel free to contact the Shepherd's Center Fairfax Burke at 703-323-4788 for information.

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.

The Knights of Columbus - Dames Auxiliary
 Formed to assist and support the Knights, our Church and the four virtues of Charity, Unity, Sorority and Patriotism. We are spouses, daughters, mothers, or sisters of Knights of Columbus who are in good standing or deceased. Our fellowship and informational meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Ready Room. Contact kdelatte65@gmail.com for information or to be added to our email distro.



A message from Nativity Creation Care Ministry Fair Trade Market next weekend!

Nativity Creation Care Ministry invites you to make a difference with your holiday shopping this year! The ministry is sponsoring a Fair Trade Sales Market in the Nativity School cafeteria during Thanksgiving weekend, Nov 30-Dec 1.

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 Benedict XVI reminded us that 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.” 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 30-December 1. Haitian metal art, clothing accessories, holiday décor, household items, children’s items, 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!

For more information, see the flier in this bulletin 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.

Thank You!

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have left bequests to Nativity. These gifts help us to build a solid foundation for the Catholic formation of future generations. For more information on writing a bequest, call the Diocesan Planned Giving Office at 703-841-3819 or visit arlingtondiocese.planmylegacy.org.

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





Handmaids Of Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA 22015



Dear Nativity Family,

We hope this letter finds you well and filled with God’s grace. We are reaching out on behalf of the dedicated religious sisters of our mission, who work tirelessly to spread faith, love, and compassion in the Congo. With gratitude and hope, we invite you to support our mission through three key efforts:

1. **School and Convent Construction** – Help us lay the foundation for education in the Congo by building a school and convent, transforming young lives and ensuring the future of our mission.
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Thank you for your generosity. Your contribution is more than financial support—it’s a beautiful act of faith and solidarity. Please keep our mission in your prayers, and together, let’s bring light and love to the people of Congo.

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And all the Handmaids of Reparation Sisters



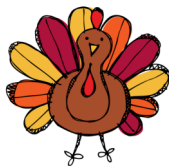


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Nativity Students Serving Their Community

Nativity students engage in many different service efforts during their Catholic school education -- perhaps none with as much direct feedback as their work at Christ House, a homeless shelter in Alexandria, Virginia, established 50 years ago by Catholic Charities. A service project selected specifically for our 8th graders, our Middle School Staff continues to shepherd a handful of eighth graders through the monthly preparation and service of a full meal to 80 guests at Christ House. This service effort is a gift to those who benefit from a hot meal, and an opportunity for our students – and their teachers – to foster teamwork, empathy, and to live their faith.



Important Upcoming Dates ~

- Monday, Nov 25 - Decorated Turkeys Due
- Monday, Nov 25 - Fill Turkey Dinner Boxes
- Monday, Nov 25 - Window Painting
- Tuesday, Nov 26 - End of First Trimester
- Tuesday, Nov 26 - Preschool/Pre-K Thanksgiving
- Tuesday, Nov 26 - Eat Pizza Fundraiser
- Tuesday, Nov 26 - Regular Dismissal/No Extended Care
- Tuesday, Nov 26 - 3:00 Thanksgiving Break Begins

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We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associate-membership group.) Meet us for: Ice & Lights Show--Tailgate Party at Cameron Run Park (Dec. 1); Square Dancing at Greenspring Village (Dec. 3, 17); Christmas Party (Dec. 7); Lunch (Dec. 12); Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church (Dec. 15); Walk at Frying Pan Park (Dec. 18); Christmas Concert at Constitution Hall (Dec. 22); Christmas Dinner (Dec. 25); Christ House meal (Dec. 28); New Year's Eve daytime celebration (Dec. 31); New Year's Day lunch (Jan. 1). For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.



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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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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. 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 warden7992@nativityburke.org.

Nativity Ushers assist at collections: Volunteer for your Mass! Volunteer on Link Tree for a database of potential helpers!

Sunday Mass Coffee and Cookies: We are providing coffee and cookies following Sunday morning Masses. Info on Linktree.

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

The Fraternal Committee: Brothers helping brothers in need of assistance. Brothers and their families (living and deceased) in need of a helping hand, contact Br. John Landy at navyy8@yahoo.com.

3rd Degree Knights - Grow with 4th Degree: participate in patriotic activities that promote Catholic citizenship. 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 with any questions.

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

“Trip to Ireland” RAFFLE WINNER

The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), the oldest and largest Irish American Catholic fraternal organization, thanks Nativity parishioners for your outstanding support of this year’s “Trip To Ireland” raffle fundraiser. The lucky winner is Nick Caracciolo, from Ashburn, who is already planning his trip for next year. Again, thank you for your generous support of the AOH’s Catholic charities and projects including Catholic Schools, Pro-Life, Religious Vocations, and Veterans Programs.



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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.

HAVEN of Northern Virginia Workshops

Haven is a nonprofit, nonsectarian community organization of trained volunteers that offers emotional support to the bereaved, the seriously ill, the dying and to their families and friends. Haven also provides education to the community about the needs of those who are grieving. Since September 1976 Haven volunteers have helped individuals work through their grief, offering comfort and support by sharing insights, resources and techniques that encourage recovery and healing.

Grief Support Groups

Open Suicide Loss Support Group

This group, open to persons who have had a loved one die by suicide, is held twice monthly. Participants will be offered information and suggestions for handling the complexity of grief that often follows a suicide. To participate, call Haven at 703-941-7000. *The group meets on Saturdays.*

Four-Week Widow/Widower Bereavement Support Group

(formerly six-weeks). The group is open to persons whose spouse or partner has died. This loss can be numbing and devastating. You may have feelings of sadness, loneliness and abandonment. No one can heal your pain, but this group will help you learn ways to cope with this difficult experience. Pre-registration is required and participants must be able to attend all sessions. Check our home page or call Haven for dates.

Parent Loss Support Workshop

This group is open to anyone who has experienced the death of a parent. Coping with a loss like this is often a traumatic and painful experience. This group will provide participants with coping skills and give them an opportunity to share their experience with others who also are struggling to deal with the myriad facets of death. Check our home page: Haven of Northern Virginia Grief Support (havenofnova.org) or call Haven at for dates and further information. *Pre-registration is required.*

Haven of Northern Virginia is located at 4606 Ravensworth Road, Annandale, Virginia 22003. Phone 703-941-7000 or email havenofnova@verizon.net

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Solemnidad de Cristo Rey, Ciclo B.**Le veréis venir entre las nubes del cielo...****Autor: P. Raniero Cantalamessa, ofmcap****Sitio Web: P. Raniero Cantalamessa, ofmcap****Daniel 7, 13-14; Apocalipsis 1, 5-8; Juan 18, 33b-37**

En el Evangelio de este domingo, Pilato pregunta a Jesús: «¿Eres tú el Rey de los judíos?», y Jesús responde: «Sí, como dices, soy Rey». Poco antes, Caifás le había dirigido la misma pregunta de otra forma: «¿Eres tú el Hijo de Dios bendito?», y también esta vez Jesús respondió afirmativamente: «Sí, yo soy». Es más: según el Evangelio de Marcos [Mc, 14, 62. Ndt.], Jesús reforzó esta respuesta, citando y aplicándose aquello que el profeta Daniel había dicho del Hijo del hombre que viene entre las nubes del cielo y recibe el reino que nunca pasará (primera lectura). Una visión grandiosa en la que Cristo aparece dentro de la historia y por encima de ella, temporal y eterno.

Junto a esta imagen gloriosa de Cristo hallamos, en las lecturas de la solemnidad, la del Jesús humilde y sufriente, más preocupado de hacer de sus discípulos reyes que de reinar sobre ellos. En el pasaje del Apocalipsis Él es definido como quien «nos ama y nos ha lavado con su sangre de nuestros pecados y ha hecho de nosotros un Reino de Sacerdotes para su Dios y Padre».

Ha sido siempre difícil mantener unidas estas dos prerrogativas de Cristo –majestad y humildad-, derivadas de sus dos naturalezas, divina y humana. El hombre de hoy no tiene dificultad para reconocer en Jesús al amigo y al hermano universal, pero encuentra difícil proclamarle también Señor y reconocerle un poder real sobre él.

En las películas sobre Jesús, esta dificultad salta a la vista. En general, el cine ha optado por el Jesús humilde, perseguido, incomprendido, tan cercano al hombre como para compartir sus luchas, sus rebeliones, su deseo de una vida normal. En esta línea se sitúan Jesucristo Superstar y, de manera más cruda y desacralizadora, La última tentación de Cristo –de Martin Scorsese-. También Pier Paolo Pasolini, en el Evangelio según Mateo, nos presenta a este Jesús amigo de los apóstoles y de los hombres, a nuestro alcance, si bien no carente de cierta dimensión de misterio, expresada con mucha poesía, sobre todo a través de algunos eficacísimos silencios. Sólo Franco Zeffirelli, en su Jesús de Nazaret, se esforzó por mantener juntos los dos rasgos de Él. Ahí se ve a Jesús como hombre entre los hombres, afable y a la mano, pero a la vez como alguien que, con sus milagros y su resurrección, nos sitúa ante el misterio de su persona que trasciende lo humano.

No se trata de descalificar los intentos de reproponer en términos accesibles y populares el acontecimiento de Jesús. En su tiempo Jesús no se ofendía si «la gente» le consideraba uno de los profetas. Pero preguntaba a los apóstoles: «¿Y vosotros quién decís que soy yo?», dando a entender que las respuestas de la gente no eran suficientes.

El Jesús que la Iglesia nos presenta en la solemnidad de Cristo Rey es el Jesús completo, humanísimo y trascendente. En París se conserva, bajo custodia especial, la barra que sirve para establecer la longitud exacta del metro, a fin de que esta unidad de medida, introducida por la Revolución Francesa, no se altere con el paso del tiempo. De forma similar, en la comunidad de creyentes que es la Iglesia, se custodia la verdadera imagen de Jesús de Nazaret que debe servir como criterio para medir la legitimidad de toda representación suya en la literatura, en el cine, en el arte.

No se trata de una imagen fija e inerte, que hay que conservar al vacío, como el metro, sino de un Cristo vivo que crece en la comprensión misma de la Iglesia, también a raíz de las cuestiones y de las provocaciones siempre nuevas planteadas por la cultura y por el progreso humano.

QUE VIVA MI CRISTO

Que viva mi Cristo, que viva mi Rey
que impere doquiera triunfante su ley,
que impere doquiera triunfante su ley.
¡Viva Cristo Rey! ¡Viva Cristo Rey!

Mexicanos un Padre tenemos
que nos dio de la patria la unión
a ese Padre gozosos cantemos,
empuñando con fe su pendón.

Él formó con voz hacedora
cuanto existe debajo del sol;
de la inercia y la nada incolora
formó luz en candente arbol.

Nuestra Patria, la Patria querida,
que arrulló nuestra cuna al nacer

a Él le debe cuanto es en la vida
sobretudo el que sepa creer.

Del Anáhuac inculto y sangriento,
en arranque sublime de amor,
formó un pueblo, al calor de su aliento
que lo aclama con fe y con valor.

Su realeza proclame doquiera
este pueblo que en el Tepeyac,
tiene enhiesta su blanca bandera,
a sus padres la rica heredad.

Es vano que cruel enemigo
Nuestro Cristo pretenda humillar.
De este Rey llevarán el castigo
Los que intenten su nombre ultrajar.

XXXIV Domingo Ordinario - B**Evangelio de la Misa: Jn 18,33-37 Fiesta de Cristo Rey**

El año litúrgico culmina este domingo con la celebración de la fiesta de Jesucristo, Rey del Universo. Esta fiesta fue instaurada por el Papa Pío XI, el 11- III-1925, en un contexto histórico que la hacían especialmente oportuna y evangelizadora..

El evangelio recuerda el encuentro de Jesús con Pilatos, máxima autoridad romana entre los judíos. Estos acusaban a Jesús ante la máxima autoridad política de hacerse, o por lo menos creerse El, el rey de los judíos. Es el momento de aclarar las ideas para quien quiera escuchar y admitir la verdad.

Señor, cómo me gusta tu encuentro con Pilatos. Por tu parte, elegante, prudente, dueño de la situación, respetuoso a pesar de las falsas acusaciones, que contra Ti hacían. Además tus palabras tan profundas como claras y explícitas:

“El que es de la verdad, escucha mi voz”.

Ayúdame, Señor, a imitarte cuando me vea en parecidas circunstancias. Que sepa ser prudente, comprensivo, sincero, valiente; y que pueda mantener la paz y la alegría, la serenidad y la moderación.

Pero sobre todo quiero acoger siempre la verdad, vivir en ella, defenderla y propagarla aunque me cueste críticas, desprecios, malentendidos o persecuciones.

Comprendo, Señor, que desde estos presupuestos doctrinales y teológicos, y desde las buenas actitudes humanas que generan, me resulte fácil verte y acogerte como Rey mío y de todas mis cosas; es más, me parece conveniente, y del todo necesario, que seas el Rey de cielos y tierras. Por tanto, reina, Señor, en mi corazón, para que desde este reinado tuyo en mi persona, contribuya a que se cumpla tu santa voluntad en el mundo, reinando en el corazón de muchas personas y por tanto en todos los ambientes y circunstancias de la vida y de la sociedad. Por supuesto, Señor, tu reinado no es de este mundo, es decir no es un reinado político, material y económico. Pero desde la Verdad que enseñas a tener y practicar, entiendo mejor tu reinado espiritual, eterno y universal: reino de la verdad y de la vida, reino de la santidad y de la gracia, reino de justicia, de amor y de paz. Hazme, Señor, fiel súbdito tuyo en este reinado, que sienta la alegría de ser tuyo y de servirte. En esta fiesta, tan importante, mira mi corazón con los mejores sentimientos y acoge mi oración y mis propósitos. Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, en vos confío. Reina en mi corazón, en mi familia, en toda la sociedad.

Padre Segismundo Fernandez Rodríguez



¡Prepárate para la fiesta del Rey del universo! Fiesta de Cristo Rey, último domingo del año litúrgico
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Último domingo del Año Litúrgico

Cristo es el Rey del universo y de cada uno de nosotros.

Es una de las fiestas más importantes del calendario litúrgico, porque celebramos que Cristo es el Rey del universo. Su Reino es el Reino de la verdad y la vida, de la santidad y la gracia, de la justicia, del amor y la paz.

Un poco de historia

La fiesta de Cristo Rey fue instaurada por el Papa Pío XI el 11 de Marzo de 1925.

El Papa quiso motivar a los católicos a reconocer en público que el mandatario de la Iglesia es Cristo Rey.

Posteriormente se movió la fecha de la celebración dándole un nuevo sentido. Al cerrar el año litúrgico con esta fiesta se quiso resaltar la importancia de Cristo como centro de toda la historia universal. Es el alfa y el omega, el principio y el fin. Cristo reina en las personas con su mensaje de amor, justicia y servicio. El Reino de Cristo es eterno y universal, es decir, para siempre y para todos los hombres.

Con la fiesta de Cristo Rey se concluye el año litúrgico. Esta fiesta tiene un sentido escatológico pues celebramos a Cristo como Rey de todo el universo. Sabemos que el Reino de Cristo ya ha comenzado, pues se hizo presente en la tierra a partir de su venida al mundo hace casi dos mil años, pero Cristo no reinará definitivamente sobre todos los hombres hasta que vuelva al mundo con toda su gloria al final de los tiempos, en la Parusía.

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