

Peace Advent



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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./11:00a.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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as you are engaged, and at least six months prior to
your wedding date.

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A Message from our Pastor Msgr. Bob Cilinski



"Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near." - Matthew 3:1-12

My dear parishioners:

John the Baptist arrives on the scene in the Advent season calling us to *"Prepare the way of the Lord.... make straight His path."* John the Baptist is the forerunner of Jesus and John's preaching is summarized in one sentence, *"Repent for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand!"* Repentance means much more than being sorry for one's own sins. It means conversion, a radical change of mentality, so as to welcome Jesus, a new prophet and Messiah, someone greater and mightier than John and all the prophets before him.

Celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation provides the wonderful experience of Christ coming to forgive our sins and fill our hearts with His love and grace. Pope Francis said that *"the Confessional is not a 'torture chamber'; no, it's a place of comfort, healing and peace."* The encounter of Christ in confession can be life changing if we have a true spirit of repentance: a sorrow for the past and a willingness to change for the future. Our parish Advent Penance Service is Thursday, December 18th from 6:30 - 8:00pm. 25 Priests will be available for individual confessions. In keeping with Christ Jesus, we welcome one another as we have been welcomed by Christ.

John the Baptist's message is basically good news. His call to repentance and conversion can only come as an invitation to new life, *"Prepare the way of the Lord."*

Next weekend, December 13/14 is the annual Catholic Charities Christmas Collection. Nativity always leads the diocese in generosity to this beautiful support for the poor and needy. Thank you very much!

Love and blessings,

Bob Cilinski

Msgr. Bob Cilinski
Pastor

Advent Wreath Prayers



If you have set up an Advent wreath in your home this year, here are some prayers you could say while you light its candles. You may say these before or after a meal, when waking up, before going to bed, or whenever you and the members of your household gather for prayer. Before you say the prayer, read and talk over the Gospel you heard at Sunday Mass that week.

Week 2: O God, who sent John The Baptist to proclaim a baptism of repentance, let these two candles prepare the way for the Lord within us. Forgive our sins and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Make us ready to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Through Christ our Lord.

Week 3: O God, who sent John The Baptist as a voice crying out in the desert, open our ears to hear his message as we light the pink candle. Shape our lives so that they will become a straight path to you. Make us ready to greet your Son when he comes to us. Through Christ our Lord.

Week 4: O God, who sent your angel Gabriel to announce good news to Mary, make us happy with your word of life. Let our hearts be so filled with love for you that they glow with the lights of these four candles. May we live in a way that will please you. Through Christ our Lord.

Monday, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass Times are as follows:
7:30am, 9:00am, 12:00pm,
5:00pm and 7:30pm (bilingual)
(12:00pm Mass will be livestreamed)



National March For Life Friday, January 23, 2026

Sign up to join us on the Nativity-provided free bus, snag a warm yellow Nativity for Life beanie on the bus and connect with 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 in what has become the world's largest annual human rights demonstration.



We will depart after the Nativity's March for Life 10am Mass, board the bus, attend the noon Rally with a host of inspiring speakers, start marching at 1:00pm, stop at St. Peter's Church for hot chocolate/coffee/ restroom break & then return at 4:00pm.

If you can't make it in person, please pray!



Prepare your Heart for Christmas!

Nativity will offer an Advent Penance Service on Thursday, December 18 from 6:30–8:00 pm

**DONUT
SUNDAY**
THIS WEEKEND



ECHO Collection this weekend, 6/7 December Food Room Most Needed Items

Thank you for including ECHO Food Room needs on your shopping list. The USDA calculates that a meal for one person is considered to be 1.2 pounds of food. Thus far this fiscal year ECHO has distributed 288,560 pounds of food which converts to 240,466 meals given to our neighbors in Burke and Springfield. Thank you donors for your generosity in helping our neighbors. Your help is greatly appreciated. We collected 1,873 lbs on November 1 & 2.

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

Bag Beans (black, red or garbanzo beans preferred), Lentils Bag rice, Protein Items (can chicken, Spam, sardines, salmon, tuna, chili) Canned Fruit (100% juice), Peanut Butter, Cereal/Oatmeal (Low sugar), Instant (Box) Potatoes, Box Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Can Tomatoes, Tomato paste & sauce, Can Milk, Shelf Stable Milk and Hot Chocolate, Snacks (Crackers, raisins, granola bars, dry fruit, nuts), Baked Beans, Instant Coffee, Tea (green, herbal, black), Pancake Mix & Syrup, Cooking Oil, Non-Salt Spices (cinnamon, cumin, pepper, garlic powder, onion powder), Masa (Corn) Flour, Sugar, Lemon or Lime Juice Honey and Jelly, Tortillas (corn and flour), Condiments (Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Mustard), Macaroni & Cheese, Muffin Mix, Toilet Paper, Facial Tissues, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Soap, and Dish Soap, Adult's Toothbrushes, Body/Hand Lotion, Band Aids Diapers - Sizes 2, 4, 5, 6, Baby Wipes, Sanitary Napkins.

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



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

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

If you are passionate about theatre and film, or just curious, this is a unique opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ through the arts! Come to an interest meeting and informal audition on December 11 at 7:00p.m. or scan the QR code to find out more about dates and times.

Questions? Email Barbara Schwartz, theatreministry@nativityburke.org

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/>

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

The Virginia Chapter of
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
invites you to join us for our

Virtual Walk-A-Thon

WALKING WITH THE HOLY FAMILY

A STATEWIDE EVENT FROM ADVENT TO EPIPHANY TO BENEFIT CRS

SUN, NOV 30, 2025 TO EPIPHANY SUN, JAN 4, 2026

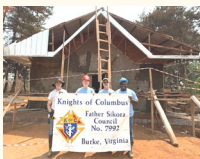
- Walk on your own time in solidarity with families who must leave their homelands due to food insecurity, violence, or instability.
- Walk wherever you wish.

For more details, visit the link below or scan the QR code.

- Set a walking goal.
- Keep track of your miles.
- Walk and pray in solidarity with the poor.
- Donate before, after, or during the walk-a-thon.

bit.ly/VACRS

Where is Your Calling to Serve?



Join the Naivety Knights of Columbus, Viridiane's Hope, and Commissioned by Christ on a mission trip to Cameroon, West Africa in 2026. Two trips are planned: February 17–27 for 4–6 participants and October 22–November 1 for 12–15 participants.

Missionaries will serve rural communities by drilling wells, renovating chapels, planting gardens, and supporting youth education. For more information, contact Joe Tiago at vhchecorp@gmail.com or Michelle Haworth at michelle.haworth@commissionedbychrist.org. Learn more at vhche.org or cbc-missions.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).

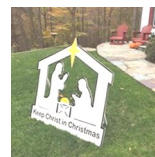
Habr  una banda de mariachis junto a los Bailarines Folklorico.

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.

Keep Christ in Christmas Nativity Displays - \$60

If you are interested in purchasing one like this one with your own custom caption, please scan the QR Code below and use the form to complete your order or email: handyknightsofnativity@gmail.com, and we will email you a copy of the online form.

Limited Supply – We are only making 12 this year!



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**



NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christmas Mass Schedule 2025

Christmas Eve | Wednesday, December 24

*4:00 pm | Children's Choir

6:00 pm | Saturday Praise Choir

8:30 pm | Youth Choir

Midnight | Traditional Choir

Christmas Day | Thursday, December 25

7:00 am | "Wake the Dawn"

9:00 am | "Wake the Dawn"

*11:00 am | Cornerstone Choir

*1:00 pm | Spanish Mass | Hispanic Choir

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God | *Holy Day of Obligation*

Wednesday, December 31 | 5:00 pm Vigil - Adoration from

8:00 pm - Midnight

Thursday, January 1, 2026 | 7:00 am, 9:00 am, *11:00 am,

1:00 pm (*Spanish*)

**Live-streamed*

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

Employment Opportunities in the Diocese

Find the perfect Opportunity at:

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/human-resources/>

THE WOMEN OF NATIVITY ANNUAL ADVENT GIVING TREE

Thank you to everyone who chose an ornament this year!
All gifts need to be returned to the Church Narthex this
weekend, December 6 & 7.

Wrapping instructions for each gift are on the back of the
ornament. Several of the organizations have requested the
gifts be UNWRAPPED for easier distribution and to
maintain the integrity of their program involving young
children. Please securely attach the ornament you have
chosen to the gift. This helps us greatly in separating and
distributing the gifts to 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.

It is important to return gifts on the scheduled dates to
meet the delivery requirements of the charities. The last
day to return the gifts is December 7! 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 less fortunate
brothers and sisters!

Please feel free to contact Patrice Chadbourne at
patdavchad@yahoo.com OR Kathy Mc Hugh at
irish5579@gmail.com with any questions.



MASS INTENTIONS & MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday, December 8 - the Immaculate Conception

7:30 am	† Richard O'Brien
9:00 am	Nativity Parishioners
12:00 pm	† Peter McKenna
5:00 pm	† Helen Bubak
7:30 pm	† Carlos Gustavo Balcazar (<i>Bilingual Mass</i>)

Tuesday, December 9

7:30 am	† Maria Agripina Rodriguez Gonzalez
12:00 pm	† Michael Wadsworth

Wednesday, December 10

7:30 am	† Philip McHugh
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Thursday, December 11

7:30 am	† Paul Cilinski
12:00 pm	Special Intention for Blesilda Licud

Friday, December 12

7:30 am	† Leo DePaepe
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Saturday, December 13

9:00 am	Special Intention for the Tapia Family
5:00 pm	† Anthony Miles Sr.
6:45 pm	† Chelita & Jorge Calero (<i>Guadalupe Mass</i>)

Sunday, December 14

7:00 am	Parishioners
9:00 am	† Ernie Weeks
11:00 am	† Michael Boehm
1:00 pm	† Frank Klimkos
5:30 pm	† Patrick Williams

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

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



Honduras Mission Trip 2026



Operation Starfish®

July 12-18, 2026

This mission trip is designed for College-age and Young Adult parishioners to visit our newest partnership in Honduras through Operation Starfish.



A Message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry

It's not too late to SHOP FAIR TRADE WITH CREATION CARE MINISTRY!

Did you miss the Fair Trade Market last weekend or think of additional gift giving needs after the sale? It's not too late to make a difference with your holiday shopping with wonderful fair trade gift items for all ages and tastes! Visit www.fairtradewinds.net and use promo code NATIVITY2025 through Monday December 8 to credit our sale with your purchases.

Not familiar with how Fair Trade benefits the artisans involved?

Fair trade began as an alternative form of aid for developing countries where traditional charity was not enough. Fair trade creates self-sufficient, independent organizations that work towards long-term change and positive development. In many ways, fair trade partnerships allow artisans to feel more dignified than if they just received money from a charity organization. Fair trade places a real value on the skills and talents of the artisans, many of whom have been working on their craft for years and learned the skills from their parents or grandparents.

Unlike traditional charity, fair trade includes a social premium, on top of a fair wage, which goes to the community as a whole. Each cooperative then decides how to use the money for projects like clean water wells, new workshop facilities, a daycare facility, and other projects that will benefit the entire community. Another advantage of fair trade over traditional charity is the fact that in working towards long-term development, fair trade provides steady, regular employment so that artisans have money coming in consistently. This regular income makes a big difference in the kind of livelihood the artisans can have for themselves and for their families. As fair trade organizations grow their partnerships, they also are able to provide educational resources like skill training, health care, financial planning, and more. These are extremely useful resources that traditional charity usually does not provide, but are crucial for the independent development of artisan communities.

Thank you for shopping Fair Trade! Questions? nativitycreationcare@gmail.com.



Dear Friends,

We would like to invite you to help decorate our parish home, Nativity Church, for Christmas. If you would like to share in decorating our Christmas Sanctuary, please fill in the bottom of this flyer and drop it by the parish office after any Mass, **no later than Monday, December 15th**. Your gift will be acknowledged in the Holy Family Bulletin. **Please return the entire sheet – do not cut!**

Thank you,
Msgr. Bob Cilinski

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(Please fill in the information requested below and attach your gift to this sheet.)

Print clearly the information **EXACTLY** the way you would like it to appear in the Christmas Bulletin. If you prefer to be **ANONYMOUS**, please check here _____ and only the special intention or the deceased name(s) will appear in the bulletin, **NOT YOURS**.

Flowers Given by: _____
(Print your name(s) or your family name EXACTLY the way you would like it to appear.)

In Loving Memory of / With Special Intention for:
(Print the name(s) of the deceased/or write in your own special intention.)

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Nothing below this line appears in the bulletin. This information is for your gift ONLY.

NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR – Even if you have asked to remain anonymous in the bulletin.

PHONE NUMBER: _____ AMOUNT OF GIFT \$ _____

Your parish envelope number (if possible) _____

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 IS VERY GOOD - JANUARY 22

Join us for a night of praise the evening before the annual March for Life! The night will feature dynamic speakers & musicians, Adoration, relics, & more! The cost is \$10 and is open to teens in grades 6-12.

ONE ACT AUDITIONS - DECEMBER 11

Join us as we use the stage to praise and glorify God! Whether you're a seasoned performer or trying it out for the first time, you are welcome. Auditions will be held from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the music room.

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)

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:

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



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.

Pro-Life Corner

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

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

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

Courage and EnCourage: <https://couragec.org/about/>
For men and women who experience same-sex attractions, contact Fr. John Dillon, 301.853.4558, courage@adw.org, <http://adw.org/courage>. For parents, contact: Fr. Stephen Schultz, 571.732.1011, encourage@arlingtondiocese.org

Tough Topics-Diocesan-approved <https://www.toughtopics.life/>.
"Tough Topics is a creative way of applying eternal truths to today's questions and so to bring some clarity. I recommend it as an effective way to engage teenagers, to keep them from the errors of our culture, and to provide them a firm foundation."—
Very Rev. Paul D. Scalia, Pastor, St. James, Episcopal Vicar of Clergy, Diocese of Arlington.



NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Nativity Second Graders: Floating On Air

Mrs. Basselgia, our second grade teacher, always celebrates Thanksgiving with a fun educational unit involving art, design, critical thinking, math, reading comprehension – and imagination! It's second grade's 'Balloons Over Broadway Celebration,' and each year it gets better!

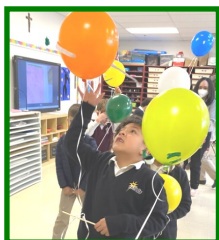
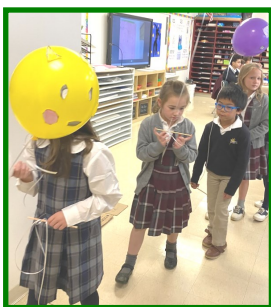
First, Basselgia shares the illustrated biography of Tony Sarg, an immigrant who started working with his own marionettes on the streets of New York City, until he was asked by Macy's Department Store, to develop window exhibits of his puppets.

Later, Macy's asked Sarg to help build the costumes and floats celebrating the cultural street festivals that so many of Macy's employees missed since they, too, were immigrants.

Each year the parade got bigger. In 1927, when the live animals started to scare the children, Macy's asked Sarg to come up with something to replace the animals. 'Balloons Over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade,' by Melissa Sweet, introduces the reader to 6-year-old Sarg and his marionettes, takes us through many evolutions of his work at Macy's, and, ultimately, ends with the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade as we know it today.

Following Sarg's creative process, the second graders are each given their own balloon, which is filled with Helium. Each student must decide on its design, it's decoration; using math skills to measure, plot, and cut.

Mrs. Basselgia says the students really enjoyed working through the process, especially sharing their masterpieces in the parade at the end.



Important Upcoming Dates ~

December 8 to December 11 - Santa's Workshop
 December 8 to December 12 - Pencil Grams for Sale
 December 9 - Santa's Ride
 December 15 - 9:00 am Decorated Christmas Trees Return Deadline
 December 16 - Ugly Sweater Day
 December 17 - 7 pm Christmas Pageant
 December 18 - Pajama Day; Reindeer Games!
 December 19 - Last Day of School - 11:30 am Dismissal!
 Mass 8:50 am; Class Parties Right After Mass; Wear Red & Green Day!



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 dkg7992@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.

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/LiPCRmzfyrnYEU8s5>

Food for Others: Volunteer for food distribution to the poor, delivered on designated Thursday or Friday evenings. For Thursdays, contact Br. Mark Sawyer at sawyerkc7992@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 navyy8@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.



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The Msgr. Bradican Division members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) thank all Nativity parishioners for their great support of this year's "Trip To Ireland" raffle. You bought more raffle tickets than ever before and your support goes a long way boosting AOH Catholic charitable programs. Congratulations to this year's winner of the trip, Beth Lyons, daughter of AOH member Dan Lyons. Congratulations again to Nativity parishioners, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gorham, for winning the "Irish Basket of Cheer."

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December 13-14, 2025

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*“I have a new set of skills
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★ **Q** and her children had fallen on rough times. When they moved to the safety of Catholic Charities transitional housing for women, she was able to go back to school to study nursing.



*“Everyone deserves a fresh
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*“I stand here for every Afghan girl
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★ **SHAHIRA** feared for her life in Afghanistan and studied in secret. When she and her family fled to the United States, Catholic Charities helped them settle in Virginia. She is now studying business at a local university.



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December 13-14, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pope Leo XIV's motto *In Illo uno unum*, which means "In the One, we are one," reminds us of the profound unity we share as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. We are not isolated individuals but members of God's family, created in his image and bound to serve one another with love and care.

When we are *United in Charity*, we recognize the face of Christ in those who come to us in need. We respond with Christ's love, offering support to give them hope and the opportunity to transform their lives.

On the weekend of December 13 and 14, I ask you to unite in love for our vulnerable neighbors by making a gift to the Parish Christmas Collection. Your gift has the power to uplift a heart, provide hope, and restore faith.

As we prepare to celebrate Our Lord's birth in a humble stable, may we be newly aware of the unity of the human family and support those in need.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

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Individuals served by
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served

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Adults, children, and
families provided with
mental health
counseling

837



People helped with
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(GED/English/citizenship classes,
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Please make checks payable to Catholic Charities and note Christmas Collection in the memo.

John Paul Application Deadline- Monday, December 15th

Calling all 8th graders - John Paul's Priority Application Deadline is December 15th! If you are interested in applying to Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School, we encourage you to submit your application by our priority deadline - Monday, December 15th. Click here to start your application today! If you are interested in our tuition assistance opportunities (*all tuition assistance applications due January 12th*), please visit https://jpthegreat.fsenrollment.com/users/sign_in. If you have questions, please contact us at 703-445-0246 or admissions@jpthegreat.org.

John Paul the Great Clinics & Workshops - 4th-8th grades!

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School has a few exciting opportunities for younger students to hone their skills and explore their interests! Boys Wrestling Camp is back (ongoing - end of January), Girls Basketball Clinic (Saturday, December 13th), and Super Science Saturday (Saturday, February 28th) this winter! To register, please visit: <https://saintjohnpaul.mypaysimple.com/s/middle-school-event-registration>

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLET

Advent is the time to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Let us embrace this season to hope, reflect, and pray—so that we may be ready to receive Him. To help you better prepare for and celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord, Bishop Burbidge published a downloadable booklet of 36 daily reflections for the Advent and Christmas seasons. It is his hope that these brief meditations will serve to illumine the daily Gospels and better acquaint you with the saints whose feasts are celebrated during these sacred seasons. Visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/advent/ to download.

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EMAIL & TEXT SCAM ALERT

Nativity parishioners, please be aware of email scammers posing as Nativity priests. If you receive an email from any Nativity clergy urgently asking you for favors, money, gift cards or if you have a "moment", this is a scam. Please ignore and block the sender.

If you have any questions, please contact the Nativity Parish office: (703) 455-2400

SAFETY ALERTS!!**NOTE about GROTTO FLOWERS PLACEMENT**

For safety, landscape erosion, and maintenance reasons, we kindly ask that parishioners refrain from placing flowers, glass vases or plants on the upper ledge of the grotto where the Lady of Fatima statue sits. The Art & Environment Ministry will place artificial arrangements in safe, weighted pots flanking the statue during the Christmas and Easter seasons.

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.

**Join us for the Pro Life Rosary & Carols
at the Falls Church Abortuary on
Sunday, December 14 at 3:00 pm**

During this time of Christ's coming, let us ponder the first three Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.

The Annunciation

Mary is troubled by the angel's greeting, yet rejoices to do God's will. Let us pray that those who are troubled by their pregnancy may have the grace to trust in God's will.

The Visitation

John the Baptist leapt for joy in his mother's womb. We pray that people may realize that abortion is not about children who "might" come into the world, but is about children who are already in the world, living and growing in the womb, and are scheduled to be killed.

The Nativity

God Himself was born as a child. The greatness of a person does not depend on size, for the newborn King is very small. Let us pray for an end to prejudice against the tiny babies threatened by abortion.

We pray that you will join us in witnessing to the right-to-life for all!

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC):

We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. Meet us for: 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.

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

*Are you called to be "A herald's voice in the desert"
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If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.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



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- **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.



Me siento un náufrago espiritual Cristiano de hoy

En este mar apático se nada y se nada,
buscando una isla donde aferrarse, hasta
que vemos a Dios a nuestro alrededor.

Por: Oscar Schmidt | Fuente:
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Si, a veces me siento como un náufrago nadando en un mar de incomprensión espiritual, tratando de encontrar aunque más no sea una isla pequeña donde descansar ¿A qué me refiero?

Rodeado de la vida mundana, no se advierte que los demás miren este mundo aunque no sea más que un poquito, con los ojos de Dios. Escucho hablar a la gente de cosas que suceden, y se advierte de inmediato la mano de Dios en ello. Pero, ¿cómo decirlo, si no hay peor sordo que el no quiere oír, ni peor ciego que el que no quiere ver? Miro a derecha, a izquierda, por delante y por detrás, y sólo veo gente que no tiene la más mínima voluntad de introducir a Dios en sus vidas. ¡Un verdadero mar de frialdad espiritual!. Miles de millones de almas viven totalmente ajenas a El. Mientras rezo en mi interior, y pienso en lo mal que se siente el Creador al ver semejante nivel de indiferencia, más y más me siento como un náufrago perdido en un mar de ignorancia y ceguera espiritual. Y ésta realidad me resulta visible en aquellos momentos en que, por Gracia de Dios, se abre mi corazón a ver la realidad con una mirada espiritual, porque el resto del tiempo entristezco al Señor con pensamientos y sentimientos del todo mundanos también.

En este mar apático se nada y se nada, buscando una isla donde aferrarse. Y esas islas aparecen, cuando cruzamos nuestro camino con alguien que ve a Dios en lo que ocurre a nuestro alrededor. ¡Y cómo nos aferramos a estas personas en esos momentos! Conversaciones vibrantes, llenas de amor a Dios, compartiendo tantas cosas que el mar-desierto espiritual que nos rodea ignora totalmente. Son momentos de descansar, de tomar fuerzas, de recordar que el Señor nunca nos deja desamparados. Y luego de gozar estos instantes de unión con esos hermanos en el amor a Jesús y María, a nadar nuevamente en el mar que nos rodea.

Creo que nuestra obligación, como hijos de Dios, es sobreponernos a éstas frustraciones del alma, y seguir luchando en medio de tan grande incomprensión. Debemos dar testimonio del amor por Dios, aunque nadie nos preste atención, a riesgo de que nos tomen por locos o aburridos, o pasados de moda, o el calificativo que sea. Imaginen que el pobre Jesús también nadó en este mar espiritual cuando vino a nosotros, y como siempre, la Palabra del Señor es el modelo de lo que debemos esperar de nuestras vidas, y también de cómo debemos reaccionar frente a la falta de amor del mundo.

Hoy nos sentimos náufragos, y también colaboramos con el naufragio general ante nuestra falta de amor por El. Pero, personalmente, creo que si cada uno de nosotros nada con fuerza en estas aguas, dando vigoroso testimonio del amor como único camino, se irán formando más y más islas a nuestro alrededor, hasta que se unan poco a poco.

Y esas islas, que son las almas de los que aman a Dios, unidas unas con otras formarán un continente espiritual, donde reine el Amor por nuestro Dios, donde se pueda pisar firme y confiado en tierras regadas por las lágrimas de quienes donaron sus vidas por el Salvador, a lo largo de los siglos.

II Domingo ADVIENTO - A

Padre Segismundo Fernandez Rodríguez

Evangelio: Mt 3,1-12 Caminando hacia la Navidad

En este tiempo de ADVIENTO hay un personaje que acapara especialmente la atención: Juan el Bautista. También el profeta Isaías y por supuesto la Virgen. En Juan siempre se ha visto el prototipo de judío creyente, piadoso y austero, religiosamente culto y entregado a proclamar la Verdad, aún a costa de la muerte, y por eso fiel a Dios y gran servidor del pueblo. Tanto sus palabras, clamando por la conversión del corazón, como su propio testimonio de vida, ejemplar y moralizante, son propuestos por la Iglesia como mensaje ideal en este tiempo de Adviento, que prepara la celebración del Nacimiento de Cristo.

Oración para cada día de la semana

Señor, quiero contemplar a Juan el Bautista, y admirar su buen ejemplo de autenticidad y entrega a la misión encomendada de "preparar los caminos del Señor". Pero sobre todo deseo grabar en mi corazón sus palabras, tan punzantes e hirientes para los soberbios y egoístas, como consoladoras y estimulantes para los humildes y sinceros. "Convertíos, porque está cerca el reino de los cielos". Tu predicación pública iba a comenzar ya pronto, y él ponía las bases para entenderte y seguirte. Ayúdame, Señor, a ser verdaderamente sincero, y a crecer en humildad de corazón y en generosidad de vida. "Una voz grita en el desierto: preparad el camino del Señor, allanad sus senderos" Te pido, Señor, apertura de mente y un corazón grande y universal para valorar la humildad personal y la ilusión apostólica y caritativa. Sin la oración diaria, sin la ascética apropiada, sin el trabajo santificado y santificador, y sin obras concretas de apostolado, solidaridad y "proselitismo", no podré, Señor, realizar mi conversión, la que con tanta insistencia proclamaba tu mensajero y me propone ahora mi Santa Madre Iglesia en el ADVIENTO.

Que nunca olvide, ni abandone mi plan personal de oración diaria -mental y vocal-, de lectura y reflexión de tu Palabra escrita, de participar en las fuentes de la gracia: Eucaristía o Santa Misa, y Confesión frecuente. Que todos los días, Señor, pueda sentir la alegría de "la buena obra apostólica y caritativa" que ayude a los demás y a mí me santifique. Que en el examen de conciencia de cada noche pueda sentir la satisfacción de haber "dado el fruto que pide la conversión". Que cada día sea consciente que esta es la verdadera preparación para la celebración cristiana de la Navidad.



"¡El reino de los cielos se ha acercado!" (Mateo 3:2)
 El llamado de Juan a prepararse para Cristo resuena en cada familia. En el santo matrimonio, el amor y la fe crean el cimiento donde florece el reino de Dios.
 ¿Te llama Dios a construir una



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El encuentro de Juan Diego con la morenita de Tepeyac no solo alteró el curso de su vida pero sino la historia de nuestro continente. Ven y reflexiona como este evento nos impulsa hoy en día a ser portadores de ternura, amor, y compasión en un mundo quebrantado.



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20 de diciembre, 2025



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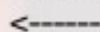


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What else did John say?

Find the missing numbers to complete the sudoku puzzle. Each row, column and box should include numbers 1-9 with no duplicates. Use the numbers and code to fill in the blanks.

▶=e ▲=o ●=h ■=t ✕=a +=i ◆=r ☆=l ▼=w



"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come

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What did John say next?

Find John the Baptist's message in the maze. You may only move in straight lines: → ← ↓ ↑ No diagonal moves.

"Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him."

Begin →

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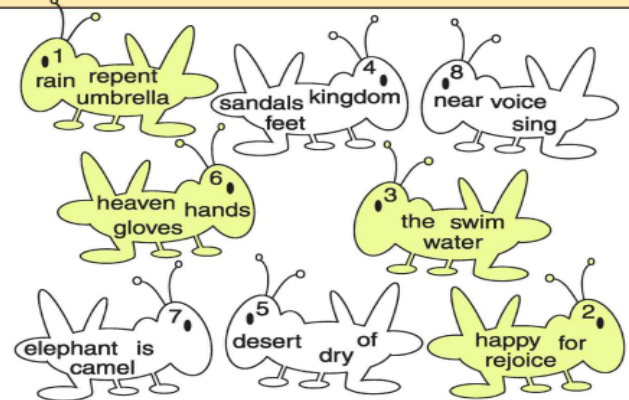
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Preparing the Way for Jesus

Here are some words that John the Baptist preached.

Choose the word that doesn't fit in each set. Write it on the line.



"_____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____."

To repent means to change your heart and mind to a better way.

Use this code to find facts about John the Baptist.

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John the Baptist

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