



Dear Parishioners,

The following was included in the newsletter of the Northern Virginia Bench and Bar First Friday Organization. As we celebrate our Day of Independence and see our flag flying throughout our neighborhoods, let each of us, in his or her own way, offer a quiet thanks for the many blessings we have.

IT'S THE AMERICAN FLAG

**It's only a piece of cloth. But because of its color,
It has been ripped up, slashed, spat upon and
Burned. Yet, for only a piece of cloth, it has the
Strongest threads ever joined together. Its threads
Are tough - because this piece of cloth is a symbol.**

**A symbol of People, a Purpose, and a Preservation -
A trinity of trust in a cause. Such a symbol will
Always be reviled and mutilated,
But it can never be destroyed. It is indestructible
Because this piece of cloth is sewn
With the Fibers of Freedom.**

**These sturdy threads create such a strength
And unity that no opposing force can split or
Dissolve them. For interwoven within the fibers of
This piece of cloth is a Thought, a Deed, and a
Sacrifice of countless brave individuals. In short, it
Is a fusion of sincerity and devotion - all loomed
Together
To form one unique fabric.**

**Yes, it's only a piece of cloth...
But it is the AMERICAN FLAG!**

This Fourth of July, let us not forget to pray for all the men and women who are serving our country. Especially remember, in prayer, those who lost their lives to preserve our freedom.

Enjoy your long holiday weekend with family and friends. I'll be spending mine with my sister Madeleine, brother-in-law Mike and great niece Makenna who is making her first trip to Virginia.

Have a nice week!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Martin".

Ministry: Work that is done, with Jesus Christ as its foundation, for the purpose of serving others.



At the 9 am. Mass on Sunday, June 13th, ten members of Nativity Parish were called forward and commissioned to serve the parish as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Following the Second Vatican Council, the Church saw a dramatic increase in the number of communicants at Mass. This brought about the need for additional help in distributing Communion. Thus in 1973, Diocesan bishops were given the authority to appoint non-ordained Catholics to assist in the distribution of Communion and also to take the Eucharist to the sick and/or dying. Individuals asked to participate in this ministry must be Catholics in good standing with the Church, be willing to selflessly give of their time, and in our diocese, be 21 years of age. Appointments to this ministry may be either permanent or limited to a specified period of time. The principle supporting this “extraordinary ministry” is outlined in the 1983 Code of Canon Law (can.230.3), which states that laypeople can exercise the ministry of the word, preside over liturgical prayers, confer Baptism and distribute Holy Communion whenever the needs of the Church require it or whenever sufficient ordained ministers are not available. Thus Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion may be appointed whenever the lack of ordained clergy would unduly lengthen a service or whenever the spiritual needs of the infirm in homes or hospitals requires it. Here in our parish we have over one hundred of these ministers who are most appreciated for their dedication and commitment.



Monday, July 5

Souls in Purgatory.....7:30am - Fr. Martin

Tuesday, July 6

Irene Krosnick.....7:30am - Fr. Martin

Wednesday, July 7

Olcay Nawrocki.....7:30am - Fr. Martin

Thursday July 8

Samuel Jackson.....7:30am - Fr. Wilson

Friday, July 9

Marion Garthwaite.....7:30am - Fr. Wilson

Saturday, July 10

Edith Edgar.....9:00am - Fr. Wilson

Virginia Brug nolotti Russo.....5:00pm - Fr. Wilson

Spanish Mass.....7:00pm - Fr. Wilson

Sunday, July 11

Parishioners.....7:30am - Fr. Martin

Ruth & Eugene Iannucci.....9:00am - Fr. Wilson

John Martin.....11:00am - Fr. Martin

Georgette Martin.....12:45pm - Fr. Korpi



The Altar Flowers this week are

In Loving Memory of
Mary and George Yarros
from
The Brandt Family



“We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28)

Please answer God’s call and extend the love for the Lord and his Church to the children of Nativity. Plans are being made for the 2010-2011 religious education school year. Catechists, Assistant Catechists, Substitutes, and Babysitters are needed. The **Volunteer Application** form is available in the Religious Education Office, at website: www.edu.nativityburke.org; on the Nativity CCD tab click on Volunteer, or call the Religious Education Office at 703-455-0372.

Student Registration for 2010-2011 is now open. Class placement is on a first-come, first-served basis according to the date the registration form is received in the Religious Education Office. Return a completed Student Registration form with payment as soon as possible. **Important: registrations will not be processed without a copy of a student’s baptismal certificate included with the form (including students baptized at Nativity)** unless the baptismal certificate is already on file in the Religious Education Office. Forms are available in the Religious Education Office, on the community board in the church vestibule, or at www.edu.nativityburke.org; on the Nativity CCD tab click on Student Registration.



STOP BY and see the NEW shipment of Fair Trade items in Nativity's Gift Shop. Producers in India, Chile, Nepal, Peru, Haiti, VietNam, Kenya, etc. are earning a living wage for themselves and their families by joining Fair

Trade co-ops and selling their beautiful, handmade objects around the world. Besides chocolate and coffee, look for the **BLUE DOT** on Fair Trade items throughout the shop. For more info www.crsfairtrade.org .



In the Month of June, we joyfully welcomed into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism:

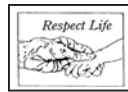
Isabel Victoria Montenegro,
Noah Richard Smith, Megan Michelle Schwing,
Ethan James Balajadia Chan, Henry Jackson Christopher,
Nathaniel Louis Hook, Daniel Roland Garretson,
William Thomas Carew, Jr., Viero Leonardo Alarcon,
Jonathan Joshua Chavarria, Angel Gabriel Chavarria,
Paige Catherine Yarcho, Dylan Manuel Colcas,
Mercedes Lee Hudson, Thomas Mitchell David IV,
Simone Eladia Duarte, Noah Gabriel DeVaughan,
Nicole Scarlett Llanos, Ryan Anthony Sobecke.

Slots Still Open for Two Summer Senior Activities:

Spaces are still open for two summer activities sponsored by the Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls. Both “coffee companions & connections” and the running/walking club are free, but registration is required. To register, go online to: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/senior_ctr/sumr2010info.htm and for more information, call (703) 324-5544.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

These self-evident truths are as true today as they were 234 years ago. All men are created equal and they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights that include Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. The unborn are children of God and citizens of this country and should be equally protected under the Constitution of the United States. As we celebrate the birthday of our country, let us pray that all unborn children have their birth day. Happy Birthday, America!



Are you suffering from an abortion experience? **PROJECT RACHEL** offers spiritual and psychological healing. Call 703-276-0373 (projectrachel@arlingtondiocese.org) for a referral for private, sensitive and confidential counseling and/or reconciliation. (Project Rachel is a post-abortion healing program open to all and sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Arlington).

Pro-Life Rosary - A prayerful, peaceful and public gathering of friends and neighbors who pray the rosary for one hour takes place on Saturdays at 10:00 AM on Rolling Road across from Kings Park SC Giant Food. Please call Jane Hamilton, 703-646-5051, for more info.

Pregnancy Resource Centers Phone Numbers:
Catholic Charities National: 1-800-CARE-002
Catholic Charities Local: 703-425-0100
A Woman's Choice: 703-538-4305
Gabriel Project 1-866-444-3553



FOR INFORMATION CALL 703-919-6549 OR 703-451-3802
FURNITURE PICK-UP ONLY: 703-866-5217

Need info flyer on what is acceptable/unacceptable? email REMINDER: IN JUST THREE WEEKS

Nativity's Annual Yard Sale for Charity
Saturday, July 24, 2010, 9 AM – 3 PM

Remember to save all those treasures you no longer need for donations starting July 15th

GK7992@vakofc.org and place "KOC Flyer Request" in subject line

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.” Are you being called by the Lord of the harvest to proclaim His kingdom as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Bashista (703) 841-2514, or write:

b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org



Pray for peace



JustFaith Questions

If your children are in formation now, maybe it's time for you to continue your own faith formation. The Church values the transmission of the faith in the home church—from parents to their children. **JustFaith** can help prepare you to show your children how to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in today's challenging and broken world. **JustFaith** is a thirty-week program focused on understanding and addressing the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable people in our world. The program includes weekly meetings, regular reading, retreats and immersion experiences and runs from September to May. Information packets are available on the top shelf of the table between the doors on the left as you exit the lobby and on the “Community Outreach” page of the parish website:

<http://www.nativityburke.org/parish/communityOutreach.php>

Thought for the Week

Forgiveness is the remission of sins. For it is by this that what has been lost, and was found, is saved from being again.

St. Augustine

From the Diocese

Employment Opportunities

The Catholic Diocese of Arlington is currently recruiting for the following positions located in their Administrative Office in Arlington: Administrative Assistant – Information Services and Risk Analyst – Office of Risk Management. For more information please go to: www.arlingtondiocese.org.

Equipment for Disabled Persons

Are you or someone you know disabled and in need of equipment? Catholic Charities Disabled Persons Services provides used walkers, wheel chairs, canes, crutches, and visual aids to disabled persons in need. To make a donation or find out what equipment is currently available, call Harry Burke at (703) 841-2531, ext. 12.

Catholic Charities needs Volunteers

We need volunteers (21 years and older) to work at Christ House in Alexandria and at our Glebe Office in Arlington as receptionists. Receptionists serve as the front line to our Agency and provide reassurance, information and referral. Come and volunteer in a warm and caring environment one 4 hour morning shift per week. Training provided. A desire to serve those in need required! Please email Phyllis Johnson at pjohnson@ccda.net or go to www.ccda.net for more information.

Young Adult Silent Retreat – August 13-15

Please join Father J.D. Jaffe and other young adults for a summer silent retreat - "Our Call to Joy" - August 13-15 at the Dominican Retreat house (7103 Old Dominion Drive) in beautiful McLean! The \$250 cost includes all meals and lodging. A 50% deposit is requested by Monday, June 14. Please contact Kateri Schmidt at (703) 841-2549 to reserve your spot. Please make checks payable to "The Catholic Diocese of Arlington" with YAM Summer Retreat in the memo line. Mail to: The Catholic Diocese of Arlington, P.O. Box 1960, Merrifield, VA 22116-1960. This retreat is for all young adults, married or single.

Is your marriage in trouble?

Retrouvaille can help, please call (703) 351-7211 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

**THE WEEK AHEAD
IN OUR PARISH**

Sunday, July 4 ECHO COLLECTION



INDEPENDENCE DAY



Monday, July 5 Office Closed

8:00 pm.....AA Meeting (APR)

Tuesday, July 6

Wednesday, July 7

7:00 pm.....Knights of Columbus (PH)

7:00 pm.....Hispanic Prayer Group (SC)

7:30 pm.....Legion of Mary (APR)

7:30 pm.....Hispanic Baptism Class (Room 8)

Thursday, July 8

9:30 am.....Craft Group (APR)

7:00 pm.....BSA Troop 1100 (PH)

7:30 pm.....Prayer Group (APR)

7:30 pm.....Venture Crew (Room 4)

Friday, July 9

Saturday, July 10

10:00 am.....Dog Obedience Class (PL)

Paul VI Girls Youth Lacrosse Camp

Dates : July 19-23

Times : 9:00-1:00

Cost : \$ 150.00 per camper

Location: PVI High School Track Field

This clinic is for female youth players, grades 2 -8.

No experience necessary!

They will improve their skills and knowledge of the game.

Campers need to bring with them:

Stick, Mouth guard, Goggles, Water and a Snack

CAMP ST. CHARLES - Catholic Over-night Summer Camp

Visit us at Camp St. Charles to see how boys and girls can experience 2 fun filled weeks for a reasonable price and it's close by. Each summer, children have been making friends, learning to work together and developing an appreciation for Creation while camping out, riding horses, working their way through a challenge course, trying archery, petting snakes, making ceramics and lots more. Fully accredited with the American Camp Assn. and certified by the State of Maryland, Camp St. Charles has been run by the Salvatorian Fathers, Brothers and Lay Salvatorians for over 57 years. The Camp is located in beautiful Southern Maryland and only 2 hours from Northern Virginia. For more information and directions, see our website: www.campstcharles.com or call 301-934-8799.

SECCIÓN en ESPAÑOL

Actividades de la Comunidad Hispana
Iglesia de la Natividad 6400 Nativity Lane-Burke, VA 22015
Telephone 703-455-2400 Rev. Cedric Wilson

SANTA MISA EN ESPAÑOL: Todos los sábados a las 7:00pm

CONFESIONES: Los sábados antes de la Santa Misa de.
6:15pm a 6:55pm

Catequesis Para niños y Jóvenes: Sábados de 5:00pm a 6:45pm Informes: 703-455-2400, ext 116 o Sr. Ponciano 202-262-6659

Catequesis Para niños y Jóvenes: Inscripciones para el año escolar septiembre 2010 a mayo 2011 están abiertas.

Organización Católica Grupo de Jóvenes (CYO) de Nativity

Ofrece Escuela Bíblica de verano

Pre-escolar (edades 3-5) a Grados 4to (5to y 6to grados se les acepta como colaboradores) Junio 28, 2010 – Julio 2, 2010

9 a.m. a 12:30 p.m. – Lunes a Viernes. **Costo:** \$60 por niño y hermanos. Los colaboradores de 5to y 6to \$30 por cada uno

Formulario de Inscripción están disponibles en la oficina de la Iglesia y en la página de web de la Iglesia (nativityburke.org)

Catequesis para adultos: Bautismo, Comunión, y Confirmación, Sábados de 5:15pm a 6:15pm Contacto: Tito Pinto 703-912-9220

Charla para el Bautismo: Primer Miércoles del mes 7:30pm

Sacramento del Bautismo: Tercer Sábado del mes. 1:30pm

Grupo de Oración: Miércoles 7:00pm a 9:00pm. Están todos invitados. Marco Camacho 703-968-5585

Grupo de Liderazgo Juvenil reuniones: Domingo 11:00am-1:00pm aula 5 Contacto: Nelson Pineda 571-234-3664

Reunión del Grupo de los Jóvenes Sábados: a partir de las 5:00pm aula 4. contacto: Juan Carlos Chavez 703-473-6941

Solidaridad Cristiana: Mayor información Llamar a Mirian Ponciano 703-913-5494.

Para mas información: Maria Guevara 703-444-5716

Anuncios para el boletín: debe ser presentado por escrito el viernes a las 9 de la mañana (10 días antes de su publicación).

Pueden enviar entradas por correo electrónico a nativitybulletin@aol.com

El camino de nuestra santificación personal pasa, cotidianamente, por la Cruz: no es desgraciado este camino, porque Cristo mismo nos ayuda y con Él no cabe la tristeza. San Josemaría Escrivá de Balaguer

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

FELIZ DIA DE LA INDEPENDENCIA

