



Dear Parishioners,

This past week brought oppressive 100-degree temperatures and “Code Red” air quality to Northern Virginia. Newscasters and weather reports advised us to avoid going outside, drink plenty of water and limit strenuous physical activity. Listening to these heat advisories, I thought about the five days I recently spent in Haiti with 14 other parishioners. I thought about the 3,500 people living in misery in Shada, a desperate community along a canal in Cap-Haitien, Haiti’s 2nd largest city. Shada is a labyrinth of pathways lined with ramshackle rusted metal structures. The soil and water are contaminated because there is no sanitation – no sewers or drainage. There’s no electricity, food is scarce, and clean water was hard to find until *Food For The Poor* recently installed two wells and pumps. Pigs and people exist side by side. The canal is choked with garbage and the stench is nauseating. Shada is “code red” 365 days a year.

We walked through Shada, being present to those who are suffering terribly as they try to live and bring up families under inhuman conditions. We met 3 of the families who will be moving to our newest “Nativity Village” development. One of these was a weary woman in her early 40’s with 3 very small children. The youngest was 18 months. He was lying on a dirty mat on the ground, sick and breathing with difficulty. His hair was orange - a sign of severe malnutrition. The good news was that she would be moving in a few days to one of our Nativity Villages, about 10 miles away. I call it the *Promised Land* – some 100 multi colored houses, clean water and sanitation facilities, and what she never saw in Shada – green grass! You, the community of Nativity, made this possible through your donations of last year.

Because of a lack of accommodations in Port-Au-Prince (the Hotel Montana where we always stayed was completely destroyed in the earthquake), we were only able to spend the day before taking our small plane to Cap-Haitien. More than one million people are still living in tents, so close to each other that ventilation is nil. Rubble from the earthquake is piled along every street and very little seems to have been done to give these people hope. Many of the dead are still buried amidst the rubble and not one bulldozer was seen. I don’t know why it is taking so long to get the rebuilding process underway.

Throughout our week in Haiti, we saw the results of Food For The Poor’s efforts – housing, water, food distribution, schools and clinics. We also saw first hand the difference we are making through Operation Starfishâ. We met with the Archbishop of Cap-Haitien, dedicated the Georgette Martin Sewing Center, checked on construction of one of our community centers, released prisoners, stocked a lake with fish, planted fruit trees, harvested tilapia, comforted earthquake victims, met with surgeons, celebrated with residents of our Nativity Villages, distributed sewing supplies, played soccer and gave out Silly Bandz!

You’ll be hearing more details about our trip in the weeks to come. And we will put some photos on the wall at the back of the church. I have invited those who accompanied me on this pilgrimage to share their thoughts with us. Each was moved in different ways. God’s Spirit speaks through all of us.

I end as I began – thinking about tens of thousands of people who have no way out of the oppressive heat of tin houses and tents, and of people who must walk a mile or more to get clean water. Think of that when you go only a few feet to get a bottle of cold water. A good meditation for all of us as we sit in our air-conditioned homes and offices, complaining about the heat!

Have a nice week!

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

The Ministry of Hospitality

By our Baptism, each one of us is called to ministry and so periodically it is good to give an explanation of the different ministries here in our parish. Last week we spoke of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This week we will take a closer look at the Ministers of Hospitality. The “ushers” are very much a part of our liturgical lives here at Nativity. But did you know that this ministry dates back to early biblical times? In the days long before Christ, “welcoming the stranger” was very much a part of the Old Testament. Traveling in the desert was both hazardous and exhausting, so it was expected that one could always find food and rest in the tent of others. And so we have the Old Testament story of Abraham and Sarah who welcomed three strangers to their tent. This custom continued after the death of Christ in the very first days of the Church. New Christians offered their homes as meeting places for worship and fellowship. They greeted their visitors and made them feel welcome, as anyone would do with guests who came to visit. Thus the attitude of hospitality is the very essence of this ministry. Throughout the centuries, this ministry continued in monastic communities, which were by rule, required to maintain lodgings for guests, travelers and pilgrims. To this day, Ushers welcome the people as they come to worship, assisting them in every way possible. Our Usher Ministry here at Nativity is open to young adults, school age children, men and women. A warm smile and a desire to be of service to others are the gifts which these individuals bring to our parish. We welcome all who might like to be a part of this ministry. Simply talk to one of the adult ushers after Mass.



Monday, July 12

Joan Dilbeck.....7:30am - Fr. Martin

Tuesday, July 13

Scott Smart.....7:30am - Fr. Martin

Wednesday, July 14

Louise Oliver.....7:30am - Fr. Martin

Thursday July 15

Robert Dill.....7:30am - Fr. Korpi

Friday, July 16

Velma Randall.....7:30am - Fr. Korpi

Saturday, July 17

Ryan Lopynski.....9:00am - Fr. Korpi

John Cush.....5:00pm - Mission Priest

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

Sunday, July 18

Anne Losey.....7:30am - Fr. Korpi

Joseph Harold Gleason.....9:00am - Fr. Wilson

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

Lenard Verga.....12:45pm - Mission Priest



HEY!! WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Some Religious Education classes are slated to be cancelled due to lack of teachers and assistants. Your help is vital in preparing Nativity's youth to meet the challenges of our ever changing world. Please contact the Religious Education Office to find out how you can help Nativity's young generation find strength in their faith. Call 703-455-0372.

Students enrolled by September 7, begin religious education classes the week of September 19.

Students enrolled after September 7, begin religious education classes the week of September 26.

Need to register? Turn in a completed Student Registration form to the Religious Education Office along with payment and the student's baptismal certificate (unless it has been previously submitted). 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. Class placements are made on a first-come, first-serve basis; don't delay!



The Altar Flowers this week are

In Loving Memory of
Rose O'Malley
from
Tom & Louise O'Malley

and

To Celebrate the beginning of our Marriage
Barry & Janet Basselgia

JustFaith Questions

Scripture repeatedly calls us to care for the widows, the orphans and the strangers. Who are these people in our world today? What do I know about them? What does my faith say about my relationship with them? The **JustFaith** program is an intensive thirty-week program that helps to answer these questions through reflection, study, prayer and community. 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>

If you're yearning for a closer relationship to our Lord, come to the next Women's Cursillo Weekend from Aug. 5-8 in White Post, VA (near Winchester). For further information, contact Kathy Scott at 703-922-8745 or go to <http://arlingtoncursillo.org/Default.aspx>

Nativity's Grief Support Group, for all who have suffered the death of a loved one, and are in need of the comfort that sharing can bring, meets at **7:30pm** in our school building every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month. The next meeting is July 15th. It is open to all adults at no charge. Prior registration is not required. Contact Carol Mack for more information 703-455-2400, ext. 117.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

We will not win the abortion debate until we finally unmask "pro-choice". Every day we see what "pro-choice" really means! The whole concept is rooted in deception, greed, selfishness, and horrendous violence against both women and unborn babies. As time passes, we find nothing but death and destruction in its wake.



A WOMAN'S CHOICE is a pregnancy resource center that provides free pregnancy testing, referrals for medical treatment, housing, social service assistance and tangible support for pregnant women, including clothing and equipment. (703-538-4305).

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

**REMINDER: IN JUST TWO SHORT WEEKS**

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

Please donate all those "treasures" that need a new home. Collections of donations start Thursday, July 15th

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

Will you speak for a child? Volunteers Needed!

A new case of child abuse or neglect enters the Fairfax County Domestic & Juvenile Relations Court system once every 36 hours. These children need caring advocates to help ensure that they grow up in safe and permanent homes. Fairfax CASA trains volunteers to advocate for a child's best interests in Court.

If you seek a volunteer role with real purpose that can create real change, please attend Fairfax CASA's upcoming information session at the Burke Centre Library on Saturday, July 17, from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm.

For reservations or information, contact Elisa Kosarin, Recruitment and Training Manager at (703) 273-3526, ext. 22, ekosarin@casafairfax.org, or visit www.casafairfax.org.

SHARING HOPE, a support group for men and women going through separation and divorce, will meet this Friday, July 16th, at St. Mary of Sorrows Historic Church Hall, off Rte 123. The topic will be "Insights That Changed My Life". Newcomers are warmly welcomed and there is no fee. For further information, directions or encouragement, please call **Barbara at 703-425-5467** or **Maureen (work) 240-497-4279**.

Thought for the Week

The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will out-last it.

William James

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” Faithfulness to one’s vocation is essential to holiness. Is yours to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Father Brian Bashista (703) 841-2514, or write: b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org

2010 Quo Vadis Days – July 11-15

All high school young men from the Diocese of Arlington are invited to Quo Vadis Days, which is a camp for young Catholic men to deepen their faith, learn more about the priesthood, and to better discern God’s call in their lives. The camp will be held at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland and will cost \$75, assistance available. Contact Father Brian Bashista, Director of Vocations at (703) 841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or visit the website at www.arlingtondiocese.org.

Nativity Catholic School is still accepting registrations for the 2010-2011 school year. Please inquire in the school office either by calling (703) 455-2300, ext. 119 or email to apaulson@nativityschool.org.



Ignatian Volunteer Corps Northern Virginia Regional Director: IVC, a national non-profit organization serving the needs of the poor through the volunteer work of active seniors, seeks full-time Regional Director for Northern Virginia. Successful candidate will have broad experience in recruitment of/support to volunteers and partner non-profit agencies, good organizational, communication and development skills, & commitment to meeting the needs of the poor. Knowledge of Ignatian spirituality highly desirable. For more info, visit www.ivicusa.org. E-mail resume/cover letter by July 15 to Meg Mannix, Director of Programs, at mmannix@ivicusa.org. Names and contact information for two references should be included.

FYI...To locate Mass times, contact information and download the Bulletin while on vacation visit TheCatholicDirectory.com.

Please keep our military personnel serving in Iraq and Afghanistan and their families in your prayers.

The Nativity Mom & Me group welcomes you to join us on Wednesday mornings from 10:00-11:30 at the following playgrounds this summer:

JULY: South Run Recreation Center
AUGUST: Hidden Pond Nature Center



If you have any questions, contact Beth Werner at (703) 942-5269.

**THE WEEK AHEAD
IN OUR PARISH**

Sunday, July 11

Monday, July 12

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

Tuesday, July 13

9:30 am.....Bible Study (APR)

Wednesday, July 14

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

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

Thursday, July 15

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

5:30 pm to 9:00 pm.....KofC Yard Sale Collection (PH)

7:30 pm.....Baptism Class (SL)

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

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

7:30 pm.....Grief Support Group (S)

Friday, July 16

5:30 pm to 9:00 pm.....KofC Yard Sale Collection (PH)

Saturday, July 17

9:30 am.....Pro-Life Rosary (CH)

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

1:00 pm.....Hispanic Baptism (SC)

The Little Angel Gift Shop has received a new collection of greeting cards. Stop in and see what we have. The gift shop is open after the 7:30am Mass Monday through Friday, After the 9:00am and 5:00pm Mass on Saturday and after all of the Sunday Masses.



Pastor’s Musing

How to Get to Heaven from Ireland

I was testing children in my Dublin Sunday school class to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven.

I asked them, 'If I sold my house and my car, had a big jumble sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into heaven?'

'NO!' the children answered.

'If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the garden, and kept everything tidy, would that get me into heaven?'

Again, the answer was 'No!'

By now, I was starting to smile. ' Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave sweeties to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into heaven?'

Again they all answered 'No!'.

I was just bursting with pride for them.

I continued, ' Then how can I get into heaven?'

A six year-old boy shouted out '

YUV GOTTA BE DEAD!

Anonymous

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 Sébados: 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

PENSAMIENTO PARA EL DÍA

Podemos vencer el temor recordando la presencia y el amor de Dios.

CUANDO perdí mi empleo, fui a trabajar a la Patagonia, Argentina. Era la primera vez que viajaba en avión. Tenía miedo, aunque el avión iba muy sereno.

Pero una vez, volviendo a Buenos Aires, el avión parecía que carreteaba sobre empedrado; se movía mucho. De pronto se oyó una voz que nos decía: «Ajustense los cinturones, tenemos que atravesar las nubes». El avión levantó el motor y casi subía como colgado. ¡Qué susto! Mi compañero de asiento quería conversar «para distraernos».

Yo cerré los ojos y repetí el Salmo 23. Cuando terminó de atravesar las nubes, ¡apareció el sol en todo su esplendor! Se nos fue el susto y dimos gracias a Dios. Las nubes nos impedían ver la luz del sol que brillaba.

¿Cuáles son las nubes de nuestras vidas? ¿Angustias, preocupaciones, problemas, desánimo? Cada uno de nosotros/as sabe cuáles son las nubes que tenemos que atravesar para ver el sol brillando. Que el Señor nos ayude a confiar en que, aunque las nubes nos impidan de momento ver a Jesús, Él sigue siendo la luz del mundo.

Sa. Rosalía Díaz (El Palomar, Argentina)

Oración:

Cuando el camino parezca difícil, Señor, ayúdanos a recordar que la luz de Cristo siempre nos ilumina. Amén.

OREMOS:

Por las personas que se sienten atemorizadas.

The Arlington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima will sponsor a Eucharistic Holy Hour on Sunday, July 25 from 3:00 – 4:00 P.M. at St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church, 1421 Wiehle Ave., Reston. We invite you to join us in prayer.

St. James Rectory is looking for a Housekeeper/Cook. Minimum of 10th grade or equivalent education, ability to write and communicate effectively in English. Must have reliable transportation. Experienced cook to prepare healthy, nutritional foods and set menu and shop for groceries. Household duties: cleaning the facility, laundry, ironing, etc. More info on bulletin board and in front office.