



Dear Parishioners,

August already! In three weeks the children will be back in school. Parents, especially Mom's, might be breathing a sigh of relief about returning to a more quiet and less hectic schedule. The opposite for me with my office located within the school. The quiet of ten weeks will be replaced with...well you know what will replace my quiet. I seem to really treasure my quiet. Although I have a TV in my office it is rarely turned on, same for the radio and CD player. Some days I envy my friend David, the Abbot of Saint Bernard Monastery in Cullman, Alabama.

The last three pastors corners on Haiti have been quite heavy and intense. It's always good to read something light and humorous - everyone needs a good laugh. Milton Berle, comedian (I'm really dating myself now), once said: "*Laughter is an instant vacation*". Please read on for a good chuckle.

Until a child tells you what they are thinking, we can't even begin to imagine how there mind is working.....Little Zachary was doing very badly in math. His parents had tried everything.....tutors, mentors, flash cards, special learning centers. In short, everything they could think of to help his math.

Finally in a last ditch effort, they took Zachary down and enrolled him in the local Catholic school. After the first day, little Zachary came home with a very serious look on his face. He didn't even kiss his mother hello. Instead, he went straight to his room and started studying.

Books and papers were spread out all over the room and little Zachary was hard at work. His mother was amazed. She called him down to dinner. To her shock, the minute he was done, he marched back to his room without a word, and in no time, he was back hitting the books as hard as before. This went on for some time, day after day, while the mother tried to understand what made all the difference.

Finally, little Zachary brought home his report card. He quietly laid it on the table, went up to his room and hit the books. With great trepidation, his Mom looked at it and to her great surprise, little Zachary got an "A" in math. She could no longer hold her curiosity. She went to his room and said, "Son, what was it? Was it the nuns"? Little Zachary looked at her and shook his head, no..."Well, then", she replied, "Was it the books, the discipline, the structure, the uniforms? WHAT WAS IT"?

Little Zachary looked at her and said, "Well, on the first day of school when I saw that guy nailed to the plus sign, I knew they weren't fooling around".

Quoted from <http://yimcatholic.blogspot.com/2010/03/because-catholics-really-can-take-joke.html>

Have a nice week!

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

The Assumption of Mary

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. Declared by Pope Pius XII on Nov. 1, 1950, this Dogma states, "The Immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever Virgin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven" (Papal Bull *Munificentissimus Deus*). Wondering about Mary and devotion to her, since Scripture has only a handful of references to her, I began to do some searching. In a wonderful little book; *Catholic Customs and Traditions* by Greg Dues (XXIII Publications, 1992), I came across some interesting information. Here is some of what I discovered. Mary, following the death of Jesus, lived her remaining years with the Christian Community at Ephesus. Because the early Christians were influenced by the many martyrs during the years of persecution, she had no following as such. Towards the end of the 2nd century and the beginning of the 3rd, attention began to shift towards Mary, based on the teachings and writings of the early Church leaders. Following the Council of Ephesus (431 AD), devotions to Mary increased considerably. Feast days and churches dedicated to her began to multiply. By the beginning of the 6th century, local churches were celebrating Mary's falling asleep or "Dormition". This was considered totally appropriate by the people, since the body which gave birth to the Messiah certainly should not and would not decay. This early celebration would later be described as her bodily assumption into heaven and become the basis for the feast which we celebrate today.



Monday, August 16

Joe Weis & Matthew Reilly.....7:30am - Fr. Juan Pedro

Tuesday, August 17

Anna Diduch.....7:30am - Fr. Juan Pedro

Wednesday, August 18

Robert Mason Green, Jr..... 7:30am - Fr. Juan Pedro

Thursday August 19

Thomas Harvey.....7:30am - Fr. Korpi

Friday, August 20

Margaret Ann Rosewag.....7:30am - Fr. Korpi

Saturday, August 21

Joseph Engel.....9:00am - Fr. Korpi
Special Intention for

Jennifer Hay.....5:00pm - Fr. Korpi

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

Sunday, August 22

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

Encarnacion Espos.....9:00am - Fr. Wilson

Olcay Ayse Nawrocki..... 11:00am - Fr. Martin

Kathleen O'Neill.....12:45pm - Fr. Korpi



Don't leave Nativity's children behind! Many classes are still without teachers or assistants.

Volunteer and help put smiles on the children's faces when they learn about the love of Jesus and his Church.

Pick up the phone today and call the Religious Education Office at 703.455.0372 or send an email to nativity.ccd@nativityschool.org.

Teachers, assistant teachers and all other volunteers for the Religious Education Program should attend the **Orientation/Workshop Meeting on Sunday, September 12, at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall.** This is a very important information meeting to get the year off to a good start regarding the Religious Education school year.

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.

To enroll in the Religious Education Program, turn in a completed Student Registration form to the Religious Education Office along with payment and a student's baptismal certificate (unless it has been previously submitted). Class placement is on a first-come, first-serve basis. 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.

In Loving Memory of Karl F.
From Wiesza, Karl, Monika & Dan

and

In Memory of my Loving Father Tommy
From Mark Harvey



Thought for the Week

Do what you can, for who you can, with what you have, and where you are. Unknown

WOMEN OF NATIVITY CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST



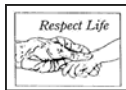
The Women of Nativity will be collecting school supplies after all Masses during this weekend of August 14-15 for its annual **Christmas in August Project**. Items needed include: loose-leaf paper, 3-ring binders, spiral notebooks (single and multiple subject), pens, #2 pencils, fiskar scissors, large glue sticks, thin Crayola markers, 12" rulers, pencil cases and school backpacks. Supplies will only be collected on the scheduled dates because of delivery arrangements. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. For further information or questions, please call Kathy McHugh at 703-239-2198 or Debby McLernon at 703-250-6869. Thank you in advance for your generous contri-

Celebrating a Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary this Year?



Were you married in 1960 or 1985? Then join Bishop Loverde for the 2010 Marriage Jubilee Mass to be celebrated on **Sunday, October 24 at 2:30 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More. Contact the parish office to register no later than September 24.

PRO-LIFE CORNER



America has now reached the point that the pro-abortion atrocities pile one upon the other. Many Americans tolerate the killing of the unborn and we push it out of sight and out of mind. Sex-selection abortions have become routine. If the baby is not what is wanted, simply abort and try again. Are we going to continue to tolerate this destruction of innocent human life or will we pray and work to end abortion?

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



Mark your calendars! The new **RCIA** class begins Wednesday, September 15, 2010, and will generally be held every Wednesday from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall through early June 2011, excepting holidays. In addition, beginning in Advent and up until Holy Week there will be "break out" sessions at the Sunday 9:00 am Mass to discuss the Scripture and homily.

RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a pilgrimage of faith. **RCIA** is the Catholic Church's way of forming new disciples of Jesus Christ, and welcoming new members into the Church at the Easter Vigil, April 23, 2011.

Nativity's **RCIA** program involves instruction, prayer, group discussion and special spiritual events designed to prepare those seeking to enter the Church. RCIA is open to those -

- * Who have not been baptized
- * Christians baptized into another faith (Presbyterian, Baptist, etc.)
- * Adults baptized Catholic who have not been confirmed
- * Those who want to learn more about the Catholic faith, including adult Catholics.

Come and meet Jesus Christ and discover who God made you to be!

For further information, call the Church office or e-mail Ron Riggins at rjriggins@cox.net.



2010 White House Ornament Sale
 To be held September 11, 12, 18, 19.
 The Women of Nativity are ready, are you?
 Make your list now!

PRAY THE ROSARY FOR PEACE

"He has looked with favor on His lowly servant." Might the Lord be favoring you with an invitation to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Bashista 703-841-2514 or write b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org.

JustFaith Questions

JustFaith, a formation program for parishioners interested in social ministry, is being offered beginning this fall. **JustFaith** offers an intensive study of the Christian's call to address the needs of the world. The thirty-week program includes weekly meetings, regular reading, retreats and immersion experiences. Participation is limited to the first 15 registrants. The program 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/>

SHARING HOPE, a support group for men and women going through separation and divorce, will meet this Friday, August 20th, at St. Mary of Sorrows Historic Church Hall, off Rte 123. The topic will be "God's Hand in Our Lives". 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**.

New UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON Student? Drop by the Catholic Student Center when you arrive! We are conveniently located across the street from campus (the red brick building with white columns). Meet new friends, and grow in knowledge and love of your Catholic Faith. Come to our events, such as, Tuesday Pizza with the Pope Bible Study, Thursday Supper Seminar, Thomas on Tap, Adoration and social outings. Join us at Sunday and weekday Masses. Discover retreat and service opportunities and much more. Contact us at **540-373-6746** or visit our website for additional information: www.umwccm.org.

Sunday Welcome Mass on August 22 at 9:00PM
Catholic Student Center, 1614 College Avenue
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

The Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke (SCFB) is offering an Accompanied Shopping service for those adults 50 years or older who no longer drive and who live in central Fairfax County, Fairfax City, or Burke. Volunteers will drive seniors to a grocery store and/or a bank near their home. To get more information on this new service or to request a ride, call the SCFB office at 703-323-4788

Need to find a Mass while on vacation? For Mass schedules visit TheCatholicDirectory.com.

Feeling a need to be refreshed and renewed? Seeking a deeper spirituality? Searching for more meaningful relationships? Experience the opportunity for spiritual refreshment and renewal at Retreat for Senior Women on Sept 3rd - 5th. Dominican Retreat is in McLean, VA. Sister Carolyn Krebs will guide us on this weekend retreat. Come and experience the spiritual renewal! For reservations or more information call Joan Kick at 703-250-4971 or Dominican Retreat at 703-356-4243.

**THE WEEK AHEAD
 IN OUR PARISH**

Sunday, August 15 ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

WON Christmas in August Supply Drive Collection
 2:00pm.....Baptism (CH)

Monday, August 16

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

Tuesday, August 17

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

Wednesday, August 18

7:00 pm.....Knights of Columbus (PH)
 7:30 pm.....Legion of Mary (APR)
 7:30 pm.....Hispanic Prayer Group (SC)

Thursday, August 19

9:30 am.....Craft Group (APR)
 7:30pm.....Grief Support (S)
 7:30 pm.....BSA Troop 1100 (PH)
 7:30 pm.....Prayer Group (APR)
 7:30 pm.....Venture Crew (Room 4)
 7:30 pm.....Baptism Class (SL)

Saturday, August 20

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

There will be a Food Collection for Christ House on August 21/22. All types of non-perishable foods are needed. Pasta, rice, canned meats (Spam, tuna, etc.), cereal, dry milk, canned fruits and vegetables. Thank you for helping Christ House in assisting those in need.

Remember to pray for our military in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world and their families.

18th International Week of Prayer & fasting: Healing, Hope and Mercy, Oct. 3-11, 2010. People can participate in many ways in your local parish communities to include: fasting, attending daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, praying the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplets and Confession. "*Certain evil spirits can only be driven out by Prayer and Fasting*" (Mark 9:29)

37TH ANNUL SLAVIC AMERICAN FESTIVAL
Sunday, September 12, 2010 Noon to 6:00pm

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church
 3410 Woodburn Rd., Annandale, VA 22003
www.epiphanyofourlord.org or 703-573-3986
 Featuring traditional Slavic foods, bake sale, rummage sale, bingo, raffles, cold refreshments, Byzantine sacred music concert and football on TV.

SECCIÓN en ESPAÑOL

Actividades de la Comunidad Hispana
Iglesia de la Natividad 6400 Nativity Lane-Burke, VA 22015
Teléfono 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.

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, aula 8

Sacramento del Bautismo: Tercer Sábado del mes. 1:30pm Contacto: Deacon Pardo 703-455-2400

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 Chávez 703-473-6941

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

Para mas información: María 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

Charlas de Convalidación para recibir el Sacramento del Matrimonio: cada otro domingo del mes 9:00am – 10:45am aula 4. Contacto: Antonio y Maritza Di Paola 703-493-8719

Reunión de Matrimonios: domingo 9:00am – 11:00am aula 5. Contacto: Segundo y María Guevara 703-444-5716

PENSAMIENTO PARA EL DÍA

Ser padres es una tarea “genial” Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María

¡Bendita tú eres entre las mujeres y bendito el fruto de tu vientre! 1:42

EN UNA ÉPOCA EN QUE muchos postergan tener hijos o eligen no tenerlos, la idea de que el fruto del vientre de una mujer esté bendito resulta extraña. Aunque pocos querrían volver a la época en que el estatus de la mujer dependía de la maternidad, especialmente si tenía hijos varones, los padres no suelen encontrar apoyo. Muchas madres, lejos de recibir halagos, reciben sanciones de sus agencias de seguros por embarazarse y críticas de sus colegas por poner en riesgo una carrera prometedora.

Lamentablemente, tantas mujeres se dejan abrumar por el “síndrome de la supermamá” que no tienen casi tiempo para sentirse benditas. Así como María e Isabel concibieron hijos que cambiarían el mundo, cada embarazo puede resultar en el nacimiento de un héroe: un Martin Luther King, Jr.; un Mahatma Gandhi; una Madre Teresa. Ser padres es una tarea genial; el futuro de nuestro planeta depende de ello.

Bendice a todas las mujeres que dan a luz, Dios de la Creación, para que el fruto de su vientre colme de bendiciones al mundo.

Elizabeth-Anne Stewart

Apocalipsis 11:19; 12:1-6, 10 * Salmo 45:10-12, 16 * 1 Corintios 15:20-27 * Lucas 1:39-56

Stroke is the #3 cause of death in US and 80% of All Strokes CAN be Prevented. Life Line Screening will be providing their affordable, non-invasive, painless health screenings for the Community on Friday, September 24, 2010 at Burke United Methodist Church. Screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; and atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat, which is closely tied to stroke risk. Register for the Stroke, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package for \$139. All four ultrasound screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Your Health is in Your Hands, so call 1-888-653-6441 to pre-register