



Dear Parishioners,

A while back I shared with one of our classes what my Sundays were like growing up. I'm not even sure as to what the subject was that led to this discussion. What I do remember is one young boy responded "How boring". Compared with today and our fast pace of living that might be how many young people would view my Sundays and just growing up in general. I attended the 8am Children's Mass at Saint Mary's Church in Providence every Sunday with stern faced nuns, spaced about every six or seven rows, making sure we were not talking or slouching rather than kneeling up straight. Although it was the "Children's Mass", I remember the sermon always being above my head, long and boring, delivered from a marble pulpit that was reached by the priest climbing many steps. We never had lunch or supper on Sunday. The Sunday meal was always referred to as dinner and served around 2 o'clock. After dinner, Dad would take the family out for a Sunday ride, oftentimes to visit my grandmother, Irene, who we liked to jokingly say was in prison. My Dad's Mom was the Deputy Warden of the Rhode Island Women's Prison. She had her apartment on the second floor of the prison, complete with bars on all the windows. There were always special clothes (Sunday clothes) to wear and wear them we did - all day. As many of you will remember, Sunday was always a family day. So, in hindsight, I guess my early upbringing, especially Sunday, might appear "boring" as that young boy replied to me.

I thought about my younger days as I read the following email sent to me this past week. While I would never advocate a return to the "woodshed" antics (which I cannot relate to), it seems that good old fashioned values are quickly exiting today's scene - especially respect and common courtesy. The lack of respect and courtesy can be as close as our TV, magazines, the media, some video games and Facebook. To be honest, times were a lot easier twenty or thirty years ago. And while I, too, have and enjoy my Ipod, computer and cell phone, there is much to be learned from the "old days" of twenty or thirty years ago. You may find yourself chuckling when you read on, but there is an element of truth in the following:

#### A DIFFERENT DRUG PROBLEM

-Randy and Melanie Bordelon

The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a Methamphetamine Lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied, I had a drug problem when I was young: I was drug to Church on Sunday morning. I was drug to Church for Weddings and Funerals. I was drug to Family Reunions and Community Socials no matter the weather. I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher or I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profanity. I was drug out to pull weeds in Mom's garden and flower beds and cockleburs out of Dad's fields. I was drug to the homes of family, friends and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline or chop some firewood AND if my Mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my Veins and they affect my behavior in EVERYTHING I do, say or think. They are stronger than Cocaine, Crack, Heroin AND if Today's Children had this kind of Drug Problems, America and Canada would be a better place.

GOD BLESS the parents who Drugged Us.

Have a nice week!



**PENTECOST SUNDAY – 50 DAYS AFTER EASTER!**

Today we celebrate the Birthday of the Church – the Feast of Pentecost – fifty days after the Resurrection and the end of the Easter Season. While doing some reading concerning this day, it came to mind that certain numbers are frequently mentioned in Scripture. Additional reading showed that in many instances a number is used in Scripture, not because of its value as a number, but rather it is used because of its symbolic meaning. For example, did you know that **“seven” is considered the perfect number**? The world was created in seven days and there are seven days in a week with the seventh day being the Sabbath Day. Also there are seven weeks between Passover and Pentecost, seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit, seven works of mercy, joys and sorrows of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, just to name a few. The Church has seven sacraments and Jesus spoke seven times while on the cross. **Forty** is also a well known symbolic number, **indicating a long time or one generation**. The Great Flood lasted for forty days while the Israelites wandered for forty years in the desert. The Temptation of Jesus was for forty days as well as his time on earth between Easter and the Ascension. **Fifty represents the fulfillment of divine promise**. Christ promised to send us the Paraclete, who would be with us until the end of time. Therefore it is fitting that the Easter Season end on the fiftieth day with the Gift of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, being the fulfillment of this promise to us his Church.



Monday, May 24

Paul E. McGraw, Jr.....7:30am - Fr. Martin

Tuesday, May 25

Mother’s Day Novena Mass.....7:30am - Fr. Martin

Wednesday, May 26

Neal Miller..... 7:30am - Fr. Martin

Thursday May 27

Mother’s Day Novena Mass..... 7:30am - Fr. O’Keefe

Friday, May 28

Mother’s Day Novena Mass..... 7:30am - Fr. O’Keefe

Saturday, May 29

Mary de Mestro.....9:00am - Fr. O’Keefe

Alice Paul..... 5:00pm - Fr. O’Keefe

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

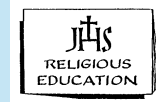
Sunday, May 30

John David.....7:30am - Fr. Wilson

Catherine Johnson.....9:00am - Fr. Wilson

Van Caffi.....11:00am - Fr. Basil

Vonnie-May Gossin.....12:45pm - Fr. O’Keefe



*Evening of Gratitude* for Religious Education Program volunteers on Sunday, May 23, 6:00pm in the church.

**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 to increase the chance of placement in your first choice session.

**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, and at website: [www.edu.nativityburke.org](http://www.edu.nativityburke.org); on the Nativity CCD tab click on Student Registration.

Pastor: Rev. Richard B. Martin  
 Parochial Vicar: Rev. J. Kevin O’Keefe  
 Visiting Priest: Rev. Cedric Wilson  
 Spanish Ministry: Deacon Jose Pardo  
 Parish Office: (703) 455-2400  
 Nativity School: (703) 455-2300  
 CCD Office: (703) 455-0372

Sunday Masses: 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass  
 7:00 pm Vigil Mass in Spanish  
 7:30/9:00/11:00 am & 12:45 pm

Reconciliation: 3:30-4:30 pm on Saturday or if necessary, by appointment

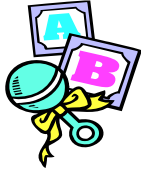
Please keep our military personnel and their families in your prayers.

*Thought for the Week*

The good God wishes us never to lose sight of the cross; therefore it is placed everywhere, by the roadside, on the heights, in the public squares, in order that at the sight of it we may say, “See how God has loved us.

St. John Marie Vianney

**WON'S Annual Baby Shower** - this year our baby shower will be held the weekend of **June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>**.



Some of the organizations that will benefit from your generosity include ECHO, Catholic Charities, A Woman's Choice, and a few more local groups. This year these groups are in need of diapers ( sizes 3, 4, and 5), wipes, baby clothes ( new or gently used,-cleaned) sizes NB to 24 months.



Or, if you prefer, **gift cards** from **Target**, **WalMart**, and **Babies R US**, as well grocery stores are welcomed. Your generosity to this project has enabled many parents to care for their babies in a healthy, nurturing way. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated by WON and the recipients.

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Gomez at 703-426-9230.

Passing on the faith is a Catholic's most important responsibility and privilege. What does the Church teach about how we carry on this mission? Catechists-paid and volunteer alike-will find out when Education for Parish Service (EPS) presents the 4-week course **Ministry of Catechesis and Catechetical Methodology** evenings beginning Thursday, June 3. The course, an overview of Church teaching documents on catechesis and their application to lifelong faith formation, will be taught by Neil A. Parent, former Executive Director, National Conference for Catechetical Leadership. EPS will offer the course in 2 locations: its main classroom on the campus of Trinity Washington Univ., 125 Michigan Ave. NE, or live via webcast at the Benedictine Pastoral Center, Bristow, VA. The course runs June 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 7-9pm. To register, contact 202-884-9031 or e-mail [byrneg@trinitydc.edu](mailto:byrneg@trinitydc.edu). For more information about EPS, see <http://trinitydc.edu>

**The Altar Flowers this week are**



In Memory of my Loving Father, Richard  
From Lise Harvey  
And  
In Loving Memory of  
Zaven and Ruth der Boghossian

**PRO-LIFE CORNER**



The "choice" of having an abortion is a costly one to the mother and to the baby. The physical and emotional scars on a woman caused by abortion can, and often does, last a lifetime. Nothing will ever bring that baby back to life again. Abortion is forever. Pray for all who have had an abortion that they may find God's healing love.

Are you suffering from an abortion experience? **PROJECT RACHEL** offers spiritual and psychological healing. Call 703-276-0373 ([projectrachel@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto: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

**ViBe** The CYO will be having a Pasta dinner on June 5th at 6:00pm to support our summer Workcamp trip. We will be serving dinner and sharing a bit about what Workcamp has done in our lives. We will be performing a skit that is done at Workcamp every year, and we will also have various other performances throughout the night. Please come out to support the youth group as we prepare to do God's will this summer. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased through the youth office. Please call Meghan O'Connor at 703 455-2400 ext 115

**ATTENTION ALL WORKCAMP PARENTS:** Our next Workcamp meeting on May 25th is for **Parents Only**. It will be in the Parish Hall at 7pm.

**ALL VBS TEACHERS AND ASSISTANT TEACHERS:** There is a **mandatory** meeting on Thursday May 27th at 5:00pm in the APR

The Family Fellowship Group is hosting an Ice Cream Social on Friday May 28th at 7:00pm outside the Parish Hall. Please bring a half gallon of ice cream and one topping to share. We hope to see you!  
[nativityfamilyfellowship@yahoo.com](mailto:nativityfamilyfellowship@yahoo.com)



**JustFaith and Pentecost**

Do you think one of your spiritual gifts might be helping those in need? If so, you will want to learn more about the **JustFaith** program which will begin again at Nativity in September. After all Masses this weekend, graduates of the program will be at a table outside the church's main entrance with more information. Packets are also 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>



**Parish Family Bowling Night**, the Knights of Columbus Fr. Sikora Council #7992 are hosting a fun-filled Parish Family Bowling Night on **Saturday, June 5, 2010 at 6:30pm**. Everyone is invited to join us for only \$5 a game (shoes included, kids under 6 are **FREE**) at Bowl America, "Burke Location," **5615 Guinea Rd., Fairfax, VA 22032. The Knights** will provide snacks, soft drinks and some prizes for the kids. So come make a night of it and join us for this fun-filled family event!

**Family Dance Party - Fun for All Ages**

All are invited to a Family Dance Party on Friday May 28 at 7:00 pm at St. Mary of Sorrows, Fairfax. Caller Mac McCall will lead everyone through all the steps. No experience needed. Ticket proceeds will go to TEACH (Toward Educating America's Children). Families here can have fun and help families in Guatemala educate their children. Bring your neighbor, your grandchild, your date – a good time is promised for all. Contact David Megel at 703-250-3140 or [megelarin@verizon.net](mailto:megelarin@verizon.net) or check the web at [teacham.org](http://teacham.org).



The Teenage Enrichment for the Apostles of Mary (TEAM) Retreat is sponsored by the Legion of Mary Fairfax Curia. It will be held at Holy Trinity Jubilee Park Inc., 4407 Aldie Road, Catharpin, VA. This retreat is open to all Catholics from ages 12-18. Join us for an exciting day on Saturday, June 26, 2010 from 7:00am to 6:00pm. The day includes Mass, benediction, confession, uplifting talks, skits, games and two hours of exciting activities. The theme is **Occult: Forewarned-Forearmed, Put on the Armor of God**. Speakers: Father Francis Peffley, Father Richard Guest and Father Mark Mullaney. The fee is \$40 (early registration) and \$50 (after June 13), which includes breakfast and refreshments. Bring a bag lunch. Participants will have opportunities to meet new friends, have fun, learn strong Catholic values and particularly, be drawn closer to God. For more information call Seggy Acosta at 703-323-5271 or Lynn Gildon at 703-250-1097.

**FORTHCOMING RETREATS AT DOMINICAN RETREAT**

Advance Registrations Necessary-703-356-4243 ext. 12  
[www.dominicanretreat.org](http://www.dominicanretreat.org)

**May 28-30, 2010...**Retreat for those Facing Serious Illness  
There is an application process for this retreat.  
Please contact Dominican Retreat.

**Mayo 25, 2010...**Dia en honor de Nuestra Senora  
Director Espiritual Padre Jorge Pinol, C.R.  
Tuesday, 9:30am to 3:00pm

**June 4-6, 2010...** "You are My Beloved Daughter"  
Weekend retreat for Women, Directed by  
David Centner, OCD. Friday 7:30pm to Sunday 3:00pm.

**June 11-13, 2010...**Weekend Retreat for Women-  
Contemporary Writer Series-Finding God in Stories,  
Poetry and Film. Directed by Sr. Melanie Svoboda, SND.  
Friday, 7:30pm to Sunday 1:00pm.

Girl's Summer Soccer Camp at **Paul VI** Catholic High School. July 5-9th. Ages 7-13. Information and Registration Form available at [paulvi.net- athletics-girl's team- soccer](http://paulvi.net-athletics-girls-team-soccer)

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**Bishop Ireton** High School announces it's 2010 summer camp offerings at its Alexandria Campus. The variety of camps includes theater, basketball, soccer, football and crew. For brochure and a registration form please email [hamerp@bishopireton.org](mailto:hamerp@bishopireton.org) or call 703-212-5190.

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Campus Ministry at **George Mason University** is having a summertime barbeque for all college students and graduating high school seniors on Thursday, June 3rd at 6:30 pm. St. Robert Bellarmine Chapel, 4515 Roberts Rd., Fairfax. **It's a great way to meet college students from different schools!** Our student center will also be open for hanging out every Thursday in June and July. For Facebook information, search for the group: "Summer Catholic Fun@GMU." For more information contact Catherine Horan at 703-425-0022 or [choran1@gmu.edu](mailto:choran1@gmu.edu), [www.gmuccm.org](http://www.gmuccm.org).

"The monthly peer support group for survivors of clergy abuse and others affected by the abuse will meet on Wednesday, May 26, from 6:30-8:00 p.m in the conference room of the Tysons-Pimmit Hills Regional Library, 7684 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA. This group is sponsored by Voice of the Faithful-Northern Virginia affiliate and meets on the last Wednesday of every month. Free. Confidential. No registration required. For more information or directions, contact Ellen Radday at 703-538-6128."

**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 or Sr. Ponciano 202-262-6659

**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

**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

Un cristiano fiel, iluminado por lo rayos de la gracia al igual que un cristal, deberá iluminar a los demás con sus palabras y acciones, con la luz del buen ejemplo. (San Antonio de Padua)

**IHM CONFERENCE-JUNE 11th & 12th, 2010**

The Ninth Annual Immaculate Heart of Mary National Home School and Parent Conference will be held at the Dulles Expo & Conference Center-North Hall on Friday, June 11th (9am-9pm) and on Saturday, June 12th (9am-4:30 pm). See website [www.ihmconference.org](http://www.ihmconference.org) for listing of nationally-renowned speakers giving 30 talks and over 58 vendors! Special Teen Program on Friday! **ADMISSION is FREE** and there's plenty of free parking! For more information, please call 540-636-1946.

**An Evening of Praise, Worship & Adoration**

Praise music will be provided by VISION the first Saturday of every month from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at St. Leo the Great in Fairfax, 3700 Old Lee Highway. The next Evening of Praise will be June 5th.

**THE WEEK AHEAD  
IN OUR PARISH**

**Sunday, May 23**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**Monday, May 24**

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

**Tuesday, May 25**

9:30 am.....Bible Study (APR)  
7:00 pm.....CYO Workcamp (PH)  
7:30 pm.....Legion of Mary (APR)

**Wednesday, May 26**

10:00 am.....Mom & Me (APR)  
7:00 pm.....Hispanic Prayer Group (Room 6)  
7:00 pm.....ESL (Room 5)  
7:30 pm.....BSA Troop 1100 (PH)  
7:30 pm.....Evening Bible Study (Room 9)

**Thursday, May 27**

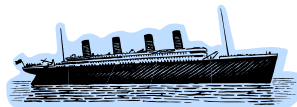
9:30 am.....Craft Group (APR)  
7:00 pm.....ESL (Room 5)  
7:00 pm.....Spanish Class (Room 2)  
7:00 pm.....BSA Troop 1100 Board of Review (Rm. 6)  
7:30 pm.....Prayer Group (APR)  
7:30 pm.....Venture Crew (Room 4)

**Friday, May 28**

4:00 pm.....Daisy Troop 6116 (APR)  
6:00 pm.....GS Troop 2948 (APR)  
7:00 pm.....Family Fellowship Group (PH)

**Saturday, May 29**

10:00 am.....ESL (Rooms 5,6,7,8)  
10:00 am.....Dog Obedience Class (PL)



**CATHOLIC CRUISE TO  
THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN**

Come and sail away on a 7-Night Catholic Eastern Caribbean Cruise with Fr. Michael Sullivan, Dec. 12, 2010 on the **Carnival Pride** out of Baltimore, MD. Ports of call: Port Canaveral (Orlando), Nassau (Bahamas) and Freeport (Bahamas). Prices begin at \$1117 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and rosary offered. Deposits of only \$50 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785/

[dpayttc@aol.com](mailto:dpayttc@aol.com).

**2nd Annual Front Royal Celtic Festival**, Saturday, June 19th from 10am to 6pm in Historic Downtown Front Royal. Tickets & Information-call Visitors Center 540-635-5788 or [www.frontroyalcelticfestival.com](http://www.frontroyalcelticfestival.com).