



Dear Parishioners,

The real meaning of Memorial Day can so often be lost amidst the store sales, picnics, and opening of neighborhood pools. So many of us have forgotten what this day really means.

According to History.com, Decoration Day, as it was formerly called, was first observed on May 30, 1868. It was a day set aside to honor the military who had died in the Civil War. Flowers and other decorations were placed on the graves of those who had died in defense of their country. By the late 1800's, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and in 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May.

Hundreds of our national cemeteries, their white granite markers with small American flags in front of each of them is what this day is really about. Living so close to Arlington National Cemetery should make us even more aware of the profound meaning of Memorial Day. Each of those small headstones represents the ultimate sacrifice made by a father, a mother, a son, a daughter, a brother, a sister or a friend - all of those men and women in our military, who have bravely and unselfishly served our country by giving their lives to preserve the precious freedoms that so many of us take for granted every day. Some of our parishioners have personally experienced such a loss, and I'm sure this day is especially significant to them.

Many of our men and women are still serving in dangerous areas of the Middle East, especially in Iraq and Afghanistan. They continue to serve our country selflessly (and apart from their loved ones), so that we can enjoy the countless blessings that have been bestowed upon us, especially our freedom.

This Memorial Day, amidst our busy activities, let us offer a "thank you" to God who has truly blessed us here in this great nation. Let us also take a moment to pray and remember those who gave their lives so that we can continue to enjoy ours.

Have a nice week and enjoy the holiday!

J. Martin



More Numbers and Their Meanings

Last week we began to look at the use of numbers in Scripture and by the Church. While we mentioned the numbers, seven, forty and fifty, several others also have significant meaning. If we look at the number **ten**, we see that it is considered **the complete number signifying order and worldly power**. If we think about it we see that there are Ten Commandments, there were ten plagues of Egypt and ten foolish virgins as well as ten pieces of silver. The number **twelve** also has significant meaning. **It is considered the universal number and symbolizes maturity and totality**. It is the number given to the tribes of Israel and the apostles. It is the number of the months of the year and signs of the zodiac. In the story of the feeding of the five thousand people, it is the number of baskets of bread collected after everyone was fed. The number **one hundred symbolizes plenitude** as when Jesus spoke of a hundredfold harvest while the number **one thousand was used in terms of eternity or forever**. As we read Sacred Scripture, it might be interesting to keep these meanings in mind and see how the writers of the Bible used them to give greater meaning to their words.



Monday, May 31

Mother's Day Novena.....9:00am - Fr. Wilson

Tuesday, June 1

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

Wednesday, June 2

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

Thursday June 3

Olcay Ayce Nawrocki..... 7:30am - Fr. O'Keefe

Friday, June 4

Theresa Bizjak..... 7:30am - Fr. O'Keefe

Saturday, June 5

Scott Smart.....9:00am - Fr. O'Keefe

Alice Paul..... 5:00pm - Fr. Martin

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

Sunday, June 6

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

James Robert Tomanto.....9:00am - Fr. O'Keefe

Margaret Mueller.....11:00am - Fr. O'Keefe

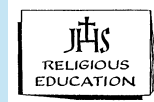
Samuel Jackson.....12:45pm - Fr. Wilson

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

A FATHER'S DAY NOVENA OF MASSES will be said during the month of June for all Fathers, living and deceased. Spiritual bouquet cards are available in the Church entrance and the Parish Office.



Their names will be placed on the altar during the month of June. The Novena of Masses will begin on **Father's Day, June 20th** at 7:30 am. The remainder of the Masses will be said on **June 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 27th, 29th and 30th**. Please return all intentions by Friday, June 18th.



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

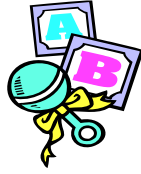
Please answer God's call and extend the love for the Lord and his Church to the children of Nativity. Plans are being made for the 2010-2011 religious education school year. Catechists, Assistant Catechists, Substitutes, and Babysitters are needed. The **Volunteer Application** form is available in the 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.

Vocation Prayer: Dear God, help us follow the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary in willingly giving ourselves in service to your Church. Stir up the grace of priestly and religious vocations in the hearts of many in our community and send your Spirit to guide and strengthen them. Amen.

A MEMORIAL DAY MASS will be celebrated tomorrow, May 31st at 11:00am at Fairfax Memorial Park, 9900 Braddock Rd. in Fairfax. Fr. Terry Specht will be the celebrant. If outdoor services at the cemetery are cancelled due to inclement weather, the 11:00 am Mass will be celebrated at Holy Spirit.

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



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.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Friday, June 4th after the 7:30am Mass. Exposition closing will be at 1:30pm. Come and spend some time with our Lord to thank Him for His many blessings.

PRO-LIFE CORNER



Is God the Creator of all life? As Christians we believe this to be true. Then as believers, we can never accept abortion under any circumstances. To do so is a direct assault on the will of God. **Choose Life Today. Choose Life Tomorrow. Pray Always. We Must Do No Less.**

Please support the **TEPEYAC FAMILY CENTER**, 11135 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030, 703-273-9440 x 107, with your prayers and financial resources. Info on this pregnancy resource center can be found at www.tepeyacfamilycenter.com

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

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. For more information about EPS, see <http://trinitydc.edu>

The Altar Flowers this week are



In Loving Memory of
 Maria Adelaide Pereira
 from The Ribeiro Family
 And
 In Memory of Helen Moffit
 From Quin Moffit



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!

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 on the **First & Third Thursday of each month**. The next meeting is this **Thursday, June 3rd** and is open to all adults at no charge. Prior registration is not required. Contact Carol Mack for more information 703-455-2400, ext. 117.

Thought for the Week

If I had my life to live over again ... "Don't worry about who doesn't like you, who has more, or who's doing what. Instead, let's cherish the relationships we have with those who do love us."

Erma Bombeck

JustFaith Questions

What is my responsibility toward the poor? How do I become someone who really cares for and acts on behalf of the poor and the vulnerable? Starting in September, a program called **JustFaith** will be offered again at Nativity. Both morning and evening groups will be held. The program is designed to empower and transform participants so that they can become voices for the voiceless and agents of God's good news to the poor. Be ready for a demanding, challenging thirty weeks! 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>

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.

FYI...we still have a few openings for altar flowers for the months of June, July and August. If you are interested to honor the memory of or remember a loved one, please call the office at 703-455-2400.

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS ARE INVITED!!! All young adults between 18-32 are welcome to come and join 30+ other young adults in a weekly faith discussion group which meets EVERY Tuesday evening from 6:30-7:45 PM in the Holy Spirit School, located at 8800 Braddock Road (enter parking lot from Woodland Way) in Annandale, Virginia. This group is especially for those who wish to have a comprehensive understanding of WHY we believe as we do as Catholics. Questions? Contact Father Vaccaro at 703 978-8074.

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.

Food for ECHO and the POOR CLARE SISTERS

The monthly food collection will take place next weekend, June 5th & 6th. Please bring non-perishable foods to the foyer of the church. In this time of need, food pantries are being rapidly depleted. Canned fruits and vegetables, canned meats, dry products (cereal, pasta, pancake mix, etc.), pancake syrup, vegetable oil, tuna helper, powdered milk, crackers, concentrated juices and quick oats are much needed items. ECHO also accepts small appliances such as toasters, blenders, table lamps, pots and pans, microwaves, new and used clothing. For more information pick up a brochure in the bookrack by the sacristy or call 703-569-9160. ECHO Center is located at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road.



The Catholic Healing Ministry of the Diocese of Arlington will celebrate a Mass and Healing Service on Friday, June 4th at 7:30pm at St. Anthony's, Falls Church, VA. Father Tuck Grinnell will be the celebrant. For further information call 540-347-0809 or www.healingministry.net

"Beach Party"... Theme for Mrs. P's Planet Danz three day summer camp held at Paul VI High School, June 23rd, 24th and 25th from 2:00 to 6:00pm. Free beach towel and lei. \$115 per girl, \$125 at the door for girls ages 5-17. Taught by PVI nationally-ranked varsity drill team seniors plus a professional choreographer. For more information call Mrs. P at 703-250-5711



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-girls-team-soccer

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 or call 703-212-5190.

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, www.gmuccm.org.

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)

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

St Mary of Sorrows Church
5222 Sideburn Rd Fairfax
PREVIEW \$5 Fri June 4(5-8pm)
FREE Sat June 5(8am-8pm)
FREE Sun June 6(8am-1:30pm)
Furniture, Antiques, Household &
Garden, Toys, Books, Exercise
Equip, Dishes, etc 703.323.0345

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the July program beginning with a weekend on July 9th call 703 351 7211 or www.HelpOurMarriage.com

**THE WEEK AHEAD
IN OUR PARISH**

Sunday, May 30

TRINITY SUNDAY

Monday, May 31

MEMORIAL DAY



9:00 am.....Mass
8:00 pm.....AA Meeting (APR)

Tuesday, June 1

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

Wednesday, June 2

10:00 am.....Mom & Me (APR)
3:45 pm.....Daisy Troop 1449 (APR)
7:00 pm.....Hispanic Prayer Group (Room 6)
7:00 pm.....Knights of Columbus (PH)
7:30 pm.....Legion of Mary (APR)
7:30 pm.....Hispanic Baptism Class (Rm. 8)
7:30 pm.....Evening Bible Study (Room 9)

Thursday, June 3

9:30 am.....Craft Group (APR)
7:00 pm.....Spanish Class (Room 2)
7:30 pm.....BSA Troop 1100 (PH)
7:30 pm.....Prayer Group (APR)
7:30 pm.....Venture Crew (Room 6)
7:30 pm.....Grief Support (S)

Friday, June 4

8:00 am.....Blessed Sacrament Exposition (CH)
1:30 pm.....Exposition Closing (CH)
6:00 pm.....GS Troop 2948 (APR)

Saturday, June 5

9:30 am.....First Saturday Devotion (CH)
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