



Dear Parishioners,

Today is Mother's Day, a day set aside to honor our mothers whether living or deceased. The first Mother's Day was observed on May 10, 1908 by a church service honoring the late Mrs. Reese Jarvis. The service took place at Andrew Methodist Church in Grafton, WV. By Presidential Proclamation on May 9, 1914, the second Sunday of May, was to be observed as Mother's Day honoring all mothers.

The most beautiful blessing we have received from our mom's is the gift of life and love. I am reminded of that love in this Irish ballad.



"A Mother's Love"



A Mother's love is something that no one can explain
 It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain
 It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may
 For nothing can destroy it or take that love away

It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking
 And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking
 It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns
 And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems

It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation
 And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation
 A many splendored miracle man cannot understand
 And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand

~ Helen Steiner Rice ~

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY TO ALL MOTHERS IN OUR PARISH

Have a nice week!



J. Martin

BREAD, WINE, and WATER?



Last weekend 200 children received their First Communion here in our parish. This along with the Scripture readings, which over the past few weeks have focused on the Good Shepherd and the feeding of the flock, draws our attention to the gifts which are brought to the altar in the offertory procession. For many years these gifts were the hosts, wine and water. However, according to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, the gifts that “the faithful are to present are the bread and wine and money or other gifts for the church or poor brought by the faithful” (n. 49). Water is not included. The bread and wine represent our human labor and self sacrifice, even though we do not bake the bread, or grow the grapes used in the Eucharistic wine (which was done years ago). They are a sign in the Mass of our dedication and willingness to offer our time and our talents for the good of others. As Christ, present in the Bread and the Wine, is broken and poured out for all to eat and drink, symbolically we, too, offer ourselves to go out into the world to be Christ for others.



Monday, May 10

Lillian Pisano..... 7:30am - Fr. Martin

Tuesday, May 11

John Jacinto, Jr.....7:30am - Fr. O’Keefe

Wednesday, May 12

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

Thursday, May 13

Joseph Lemens..... 7:30am - Fr. Martin

Friday, May 14

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

Saturday, May 15

Frances Iozzia.....9:00am - Fr. O’Keefe

Edith Edgar..... 5:00pm - Fr. O’Keefe

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

Sunday, May 16

Michael Tarricone.....7:30am - Fr. Wilson

Frances Maier.....9:00am - Fr. O’Keefe

Sara Plavechan.....11:00am - Fr. Wilson

Michael Adam Atchley..... 12:45pm - Fr. Basil



Congratulations to Nativity’s Religious Education Program High School Seniors who graduated on May 2. We wish them well as they move on to the next chapter in their lives and share the Lord’s Good News with those they meet.

Mother’s Day, May 9 — Sunday classes only cancelled; classes will be held on Monday, May 10 and Tuesday, May 11.

Final Religious Education classes — Sunday, May 16; Monday, May 17; and Tuesday, May 18.

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; on the Nativity CCD tab click on Student Registration.

MOTHER’S DAY NOVENA

A Novena of nine Masses will be said during the month of May for Mothers, living and deceased. Spiritual Bouquet cards may be found in the Church vestibule. Mother’s names will be placed on the Altar during the month of May. The Novena Masses will be said at 7:30 am on the following days: May 12th, 14th, 17th, 19th, 20th, 25th, 27th, 28th. The Mass on May 31st is 9:00 am.



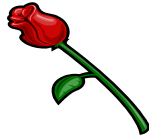
A MEMORIAL DAY MASS will be celebrated on Monday, May 31st at 11:00am at Fairfax Memorial park, 9900 Braddock Rd. in Fairfax. Fr. Terry Specht will be the celebrant. If outdoor services at the cemetery are cancelled due to inclement weather, the 11:00 am Mass will be celebrated at Holy Spirit.

Thought for Mother’s Day

*When you were small and just a touch away,
I covered you with blankets against the cold
night air. But now that you are tall and out of
reach, I fold my hands and cover you with
prayer.*

Pastor Denny Brake, Raleigh, NC

The Altar Flowers this week are



In Loving Memory of
 Scott Smart from Toni Smart
 And
 In Memory of Our Parents
 Catherine and Richard Broaddus and Anton Lenertz
 From
 The Lenertz Family

Boy Scout Troop 1100 will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts after all of the Masses today. The boys are raising money to help fund their Philmont High Adventure hiking trip this July. Donuts sell for \$5 a box, and the Boy Scouts greatly appreciate your support!



The Nativity ESL (English as a Second Language) Program for Spanish-speakers invites parishioners to join the teaching staff for next year. Classes meet in Nativity school on Saturdays from 10:00am to 12:00pm and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:00pm to 9:00pm from September through May. We invite volunteers who are interested in serving our parish's Hispanic community. Proficiency in Spanish is not required to teach in the program. We especially invite those who might be interested in part-time (less than two hours per week) or occasional substitute teaching. To volunteer or to get more information, please call Bob Clark at 703-323-6717 or the Parish Office at 703-455-2400.

A great big "thank you" from Nativity School 6th grader Susan Ostrowski. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, Susanna was able to assemble thirty baskets of toys and games and deliver them to children at Inova Fairfax Hospital as part of her Kathy Davis scholarship service project. You have truly helped to show many children and their families what a caring Parish we are.

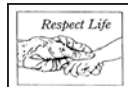


*Mother's write on the hearts of their children
 what the world's rough hand cannot erase.*

Fair Trade coffee will be available in front of the church on **May 15/16 for the last time until Sept. 2010**. Be sure to stock up for the summer as you bring a living wage to farmers who are able to support their families in their own countries and provide them with health care, education, clean drinking water, etc. And remember that **Fair Trade chocolate is ALWAYS available in the Gift Shop**. Thanks for all your support of Fair Trade principles and remember that Fair Trade items, especially coffee, are sold in more and more places. Just look for the Fair Trade label! Or shop www.crsfairtrade.org or www.larrysbeans.com.



PRO-LIFE CORNER



Thanks, Mom, for choosing LIFE! It was, it is and it will always be the natural choice. May God bless all mothers on this very special day. Happy Mother's Day!

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.

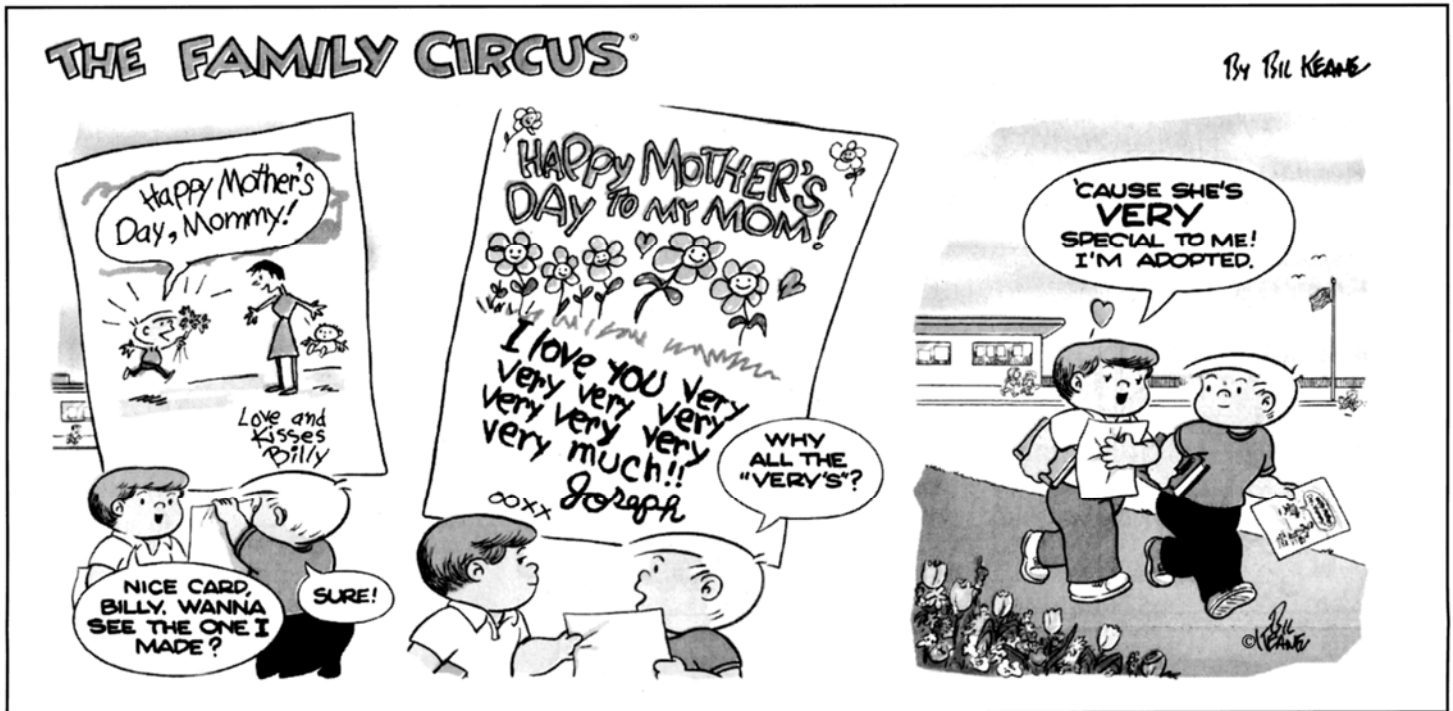
Pregnancy Resource Centers Phone Numbers:
 Catholic Charities National: 1-800-CARE-002
 Catholic Charities Local: 703-425-0100
 A Woman's Choice: 703-538-4305
 Gabriel Project 1-866-444-3553

Happy Mother's Day!!
 Nativity's CYO would like to wish all mothers a very Happy Mother's Day. You are in our prayers.

Last call to sign up for BASH on May 15th. BASH is opened to all 6th-8th graders. If you are interested please pick up a form on the bulletin board and return it to the youth office ASAP.

There will be no **ViBe** on May 16th. Our summer schedule will be out soon, so keep an eye on the bulletin board!!

Encourage and Teach – A New Diocesan Blog
 Do you have questions about the faith, the liturgy or our diocesan Church? We invite you to read ***Encourage and Teach***, a new blog with contributions from Bishop Loverde and other Catholic ministry leaders, include members of the diocesan offices for Family Life, Youth Ministry, Respect Life, Communications, Catholic Schools and many more. We know that conversations occur daily on the Web and recognize that the Catholic Church needs to be part of that dialogue. Thank you for reading and please tell your friends and family about this blog as well! You can find ***Encourage and Teach*** at www.encourageandteach.wordpress.com.



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We are putting Dale City on the map! Come join Holy Family School and the surrounding Community as we kick-off Dale City's first official 5K race and 1 mile fun run! May 15th the participants in this Falcon 5K will make their way through the Forestdale neighborhood, beginning and ending at Holy Family Catholic Church. It will be a festive, fun-filled, family fitness event! Registration can be done on-line at www.active.com or by downloading a registration form from the school's website www.holyfamilyinfolink.com. We hope to see you there .

I would like to thank everyone who helped raise money for the earthquake victims in Haiti and Chile. A special thank you goes to Rene Castrop, Debbie Moreau, Sybil Valdez and Marie Clark who so generously donated the prizes. Congratulations to the winners: Eileen Doshier, Rachel Valente, William Lake , Pat Murley, Mary Kayizzi and W. Shmitt.

Thank you and God bless you ! Natacha.

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

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 presents the four-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 two locations: its main classroom on the campus of Trinity Washington University, 125 Michigan Ave. NE, 20017, or live via webcast at the Benedictine Pastoral Center, Bristow, VA. The course runs June 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 7 – 9 PM. To register, contact 202.884.9031 or e-mail byrneg@trinitydc.edu. For more info about EPS, see <http://trinitydc.edu>.

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.

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

"Nos has hecho para Tí...y nuestro corazón estará inquieto hasta que descanse en Tí." San Agustín

Networking Group CAN Help the Unemployed!

Christians are Networking ("CAN") is a Catholic Charities-sponsored ministry that assists people who unemployed or under-employed. CAN provides free professional career counseling – including resume reviews and practice job interviews – and opportunities to network with other professionals. Join us every Thursday evening, from 7- 9 p.m. at the St. Martin de Porres Senior Center, 4650 Taney Ave. in Alexandria. For more details, contact Elizabeth Lucas at (703) 683-7704 or elizabeth22305@verizon.net or Bill Hummel at (703) 830-5467, hummel830@cox.net.

**Kids Stuff Sale - Saturday, May 15th
St. Mary of Sorrows Church in Fairfax**

Just a quick reminder that the Kids Stuff Sale held by the Mother's Group at St. Mary of Sorrows will be held on Saturday, May 15th from 8:30am to 1:00 pm.

**THE WEEK AHEAD
IN OUR PARISH**

Sunday, May 9 **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**
BSA Donut Sale

Monday, May 10

4:00, 7:00 pm.....CCD Classes (S)
7:00 pm.....RCIA Classes (PH)
7:00 pm.....RCIC Classes (Room 9)
8:00 pm.....AA Meeting (APR)

Tuesday, May 11

9:30 am.....Bible Study (APR)
4:30, 7:00 pm.....CCD Classes (S)
7:00 pm.....Knights of Columbus (PH)
7:30 pm.....Legion of Mary (APR)

Wednesday, May 12

10:00 am.....Mom & Me (APR)
7:00 pm.....Hispanic Prayer Group (Room 6)
7:00 pm.....ESL (Room 5)
7:30 pm.....WON Meeting (APR)
7:30 pm.....Evening Bible Study (Room 9)
7:30 pm.....Adult Confirmation Class (Room 7)

Thursday, May 13

9:30 am.....Craft Group (APR)
6:30 pm.....Troop 2948 (GR)
7:00 pm.....ESL (Room 5)
7:00 pm.....Spanish Class (Room 2)
7:30 pm.....Prayer Group (APR)
7:30 pm.....Venture Crew (Room 4)

Friday, May 14

4:00 pm.....Daisy Troop 6116 (APR)
6:00 pm.....GS Troop 2948 (APR)
7:00 pm.....BSA Troop 1100 Board of Review (Room 6)

Saturday, May 15 **ARMED FORCES DAY**

9:30 am.....Pro Life Rosary (CH)
10:00 am.....ESL (Rooms 5,6,7,8)
10:00 am.....Dog Obedience Class (PL)
11:00 am.....Hispanic 1st Communion (CH)
1:00 pm.....Hispanic Baptism (SC)
5:00 pm.....Hispanic CCD (S)



A few spaces are available for donations of altar flowers in memory of or in gratitude for your loved ones. For more information please call the office at 703-455-2400.