



Dear Parishioners,

Father's Day, like Mother's Day, was first celebrated in a church in Spokane, Washington in 1910. On Mother's Day of that same year, Sonora Smart Dodd, noticed that her Minister's sermon had not made a single reference to the value of fathers. Her own father had a big part in her upbringing. This omission concerned her so much that she contacted the other churches in Spokane in hopes that she could have a special day honoring fathers. It took just a few weeks to draw attention to her cause, and on the third Sunday of June, 1910 the fathers of Spokane were duly honored. Over the years her idea began to gain national attention and within the next decade Father's Day began to be celebrated throughout the United States. In 1972, President Richard Nixon signed a law that permanently established the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Another proof that one person *can* make a difference.

For me, Father's Day is not quite the same with Dad going home to the Lord just four years ago on June 19th. Hardly a day goes by that I don't think of him (or Mom). These thoughts come at the strangest times. I recently purchased a pair of pants that needed to be altered and the charge was \$43.00. I thought of all the hemming and altering that Mom did for me and how she found it outrageous to charge that much. Dad came to mind, just this past week, regarding a personnel problem. I resolved it just the way I believe he would. He had such wisdom. I wish that I saw his wisdom much earlier in my life.

I read the following many years ago. The older I get, the more meaning it holds for me-especially the last three lines. My Dad would often say what a lucky guy he was to have a wife and three children. Madeleine, Jack and I were truly the lucky ones to have him for our Dad. Recently, I read "Almost any man can become a father. but it takes someone special to be a Daddy." And to our teens, don't ever take these important people in your life for granted. When they say "no", or they offer correction, it is simply because they *do* love you. They've been around the block once or twice and just might know a bit more than you do, as Mark Twain suggests in the following ...

My Father



- 4 years old: *My daddy can do anything.*
 5 years old: *My daddy knows a whole lot.*
 6 years old: *My daddy is smarter than you dad.*
 8 years old: *My dad doesn't know everything.*
 10 years old: *In the olden days, when my dad grew up things were sure different.*
 12 years old: *Oh, well, naturally, dad doesn't know anything about that. He is too old to remember his childhood.*
 14 years old: *Don't pay attention to my dad. He is old fashioned.*
 21 years old: *Him? He's hopelessly out of date.*
 25 years old: *Dad knows a little bit about it, but then he should. He's been around.*
 30 years old: *Maybe we should ask dad what he thinks. After all he's had a lot of experience.*
 35 years old: *I'm not doing a single thing until I talk to Dad.*
 40 years old: *I wonder how dad would have handled it. He was so wise and had a world of experience.*
 50 years old: *I'd give anything if dad were here now so I could talk this over with him. Too bad I didn't appreciate how smart he was. I could have learned a lot from him.*

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

J. Martin

The Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist



Last Sunday we returned once more to the Sundays of Ordinary Time. The liturgical color returned to green and the Gospel began once more to be the Gospel of Luke from Cycle C. This season of Ordinary Time will last until the Feast of Christ the King on November 21st. During this coming week, on Thursday, June 24th, the Church will celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. This is unusual, for the Church normally celebrates the day of the death of a saint, rather than the day of their birth. In fact the only other such celebration is the birth of Mary, the Mother of Jesus on September 8th. It was in the Fourth Century, that the Feast of the Birth of St. John began to be celebrated. Based on the Scripture passages, Lk 1:36 and Jn 3, Augustine saw the significance of John in the life of his cousin Jesus. Therefore he felt that it was appropriate to celebrate the birth of John and so it became a major feast day in the Church. St. John is the patron saint of Canada, and so on this feast day celebrations with bonfires and fireworks are common.



Monday, June 21

Father's Day Novena.....7:30am - Fr. Martin

Tuesday, June 22

Father's Day Novena.....7:30am - Fr. Martin

Wednesday, June 23

Father's Day Novena.....7:30am - Fr. Martin

Thursday June 24

Father's Day Novena.....7:30am - Fr. O'Keefe

Friday, June 25

Father's Day Novena.....7:30am - Fr. O'Keefe

Saturday, June 26

Father John Hughes.....9:00am - Fr. O'Keefe

Parishioners.....5:00pm - Fr. Martin

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

Sunday, June 27

Father's Day Novena.....7:30am - Fr. Martin

Sal Concello.....9:00am - Fr. O'Keefe

Joan Dilbeck.....11:00am - Fr. O'Keefe

Edith Edgar.....12:45pm - Fr. Wilson

The Altar Flowers this week are



In Loving Memory of Mr. John Martin
From Father Martin

And

In Loving Memory of Cpt. Jimmy Adamouski
From The Adamouski Family



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



"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.

FEED THE HUNGRY! Need is great now when children who rely on free breakfasts and lunches at school are home for the summer. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington needs nonperishable food donations to stock our pantry at Christ House in Alexandria. We provide food to the hungry throughout the 21 counties in this Diocese to ensure those who have the greatest need are served. Our food drive will occur next weekend, **June 26/27**. Please leave food in the Church vestibule. It will be picked up on Monday by Christ House. Thank you for your generosity.

Thoughts for the Week

There is a marvelous story of a man who once stood before God, his heart breaking from the pain and injustice in the world. "Dear God," he cried out, "look at all the suffering, the anguish and distress in the world. "Why don't you send help?" God responded, "I did send help, I sent you."

Donald J. Wolpe

Nativity Catholic School & PTO's First Annual Golf Tournament & Fundraiser

Help support our parish school while enjoying a morning of 18 holes of golf and lunch!!! Shotgun starts at 9:00am on **October 7, 2010, at Laurel Hill Golf Club in Lorton, VA**, ranked 15th in Golfweek's 2009 list of the nation's 50 best municipal courses. Not a golfer??? Sponsors, advertisers, and donations for the raffle are needed. If you can help or participate in any way, please email Jean Lewis at lewis_jean@bah.com or call Jean at 703-426-8735. Registration begins September 1, 2010. More details to come!!

FEED THE HOMELESS IN FAIRFAX...The Lamb Center, a Christian based daytime counseling center and refuge for the poor and homeless, is located at Fairfax Circle. Volunteers provide breakfast and a hot lunch for approximately 75 persons, Monday-Saturday. We are seeking parish families, auxiliaries, prayer, bible and service oriented groups willing to provide 1 hot meal a month to the poor in our midst. For more information contact parishioner Frank McLeskey, 703-455-9309, Fmcleskey@verizon.net or Charlie Hoover 703-798-5086.

Seven Senior Activities to Start in July: The Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls is sponsoring classes in line dancing, tai chi, karate and yoga. Each activity will be held for eight weeks and will cost \$5. Two other activities -- "coffee companions & connections" and running/walking -- are free, but registration is required. To register or get more information, go online to: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/senior_ctr/sumr2010info.htm For more information, call (703) 324-5544



Calling all nurses and musicians!!! If you would like to help out with VBS this year in one of these two areas please contact Meghan O'Connor **ASAP** at 703 455-2400. We are looking for a nurse for the week and 2 teens to do music!!!

Nativity's Charismatic Love is Given Prayer Group meets every Thursday night from 7:30 to 9:00 pm in the All Purpose Room for an evening of Spirit-filled faith sharing, praise and worship and prayer in a Christ-centered community. For more information call Anne Rother at 703-644-1278.



PRO-LIFE CORNER

Everyone should take responsibility for his or her own actions. The "choice" in "pro-choice" should come before conception, not after! If you believe that fathers should be more involved in decisions affecting the child they helped create, then you're right! This Father's Day, pray for all fathers that they will be protective of all their children, pre-born and born. May God bless all fathers this day. Happy Father's Day!



The **GABRIEL PROJECT** supports women who are facing a crisis pregnancy and need help. Contact 1-866-444-3553 or gabrielproject@arlingtondiocese.org You are not alone! (Gabriel Project is a crisis pregnancy 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

CAC of Washington, DC, an organization of single Catholics in the Greater Washington area, is sponsoring its **Singles Sunday Mass and Dinner** on Sunday, June 27. *Singles Sunday* focuses on the needs and contributions of single Catholics to the Church and society; it is open to all single Catholics around the Archdiocese of Washington, DC so spread the word and bring your friends! Mass begins at 3 pm at **Holy Redeemer Church** on 4902 Berwyn Road in College Park, MD followed by an **Italian-style dinner** served in the Four Seasons Room at the Church Hall. A suggested donation of \$10 to cover the cost of the meal is appreciated. To RSVP and for information, contact Lynn Sorbara at 301-466-2556 or via E-Mail at president@dcsinglecatholicpro.org or visit us at www.DCsingleCatholicPro.org

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



JUNE: Burke Lake Shelter A (from Ox Rd entrance, make first right and follow the road. Playground is on the left side.)

JULY: South Run Recreation Center

AUGUST: Hidden Pond Nature Center

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

The Diocese of Arlington is currently recruiting for the following positions located in their Administrative Office in Arlington: Administrative Assistant-Information Services and Risk Analyst-Office of Risk Management. For more information please go to www.arlingtondiocese.org.

JustFaith

Fifty percent of the world lives in abject poverty. What does our faith call us to do to change this situation and help our brothers and sisters in need? Find out what you are called to do through reflection, study, prayer and community by participating in the JustFaith program. **JustFaith** is a thirty-week program that uses books, videos, conversations about the most difficult topics of the day, face-to-face encounters with the poor, and an exploration of what the Christian tradition says about addressing injustice in our world. 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>

PROGRAMS AT DOMINICAN RETREAT HOUSE

Advance registrations necessary...703-356-4243 or check www.dominicanretreat.org

June 18-24...Intercommunity Preached Retreat for Sisters, directed by Rev. Aedan McKeon, OP, Friday 6:00pm to Thursday 10:30am

June 25-27...Weekend for Women of A.A., Friday 7:30pm to Sunday 1:30pm

June 27...The Wife, the Witch and the Virgin (Job's wife, the Witch of Endor, and Mary, the mother of Jesus.) Stories of Passion, Power and Purpose dramatically presented by Anita Gutschick. There will be a reception after the performance. 3:00 to 5:00pm

July 16-18...Weekend for Women of Al-Anon, Friday 7:30pm to Sunday 1:30pm.

July 23-28...Extended Retreat-Private or Directed for Women and Men, Friday 7:30pm to Wednesday 3:00pm. Directors: Fr. Bill Wyndaele, CICM; Sr. Mary Ellen Brady, OP; Sr. June Fitzgerald, OP.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Justice and Peace Commission of the Arlington Diocese will sponsor a conference on Immigration at St. John Neumann Church on Saturday, September 11 from 8:30 to noon. The keynote speaker will be the Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, bishop of Brooklyn. The Most Reverend Paul Loverde, bishop of Arlington, will preside at the opening liturgy at 8:30 AM. All are invited

**THE WEEK AHEAD
IN OUR PARISH**

Sunday, June 20 FATHER'S DAY

2:00 pm.....Baptisms (CH)

Monday, June 21

9:30 am.....Prayer Shawl Ministry (APR)

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

Tuesday, June 22

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

Wednesday, June 23

7:00 pm.....Hispanic Prayer Group (Room 6)

7:00 pm.....KofC Officer Installation/Picnic (CH/PH)

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

Thursday, June 24

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

7:00 pm.....BSA Troop 1100 Board of Rev. (Room 6)

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

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

7:30 pm.....BSA Troop 1100 (PH)

Friday, June 25

Saturday, June 26

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

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

PVI Drama Camp

This summer Paul VI Catholic High School is again offering drama camps for middle and high school students July 19 - 23. These fun and engaging camps are one week long (middle school meets in the morning and high school in the afternoon) and will cover the basics of acting, improv, and stage combat.

For more information or to register, go to www.paulvi.net and click on Student Life, and then Fine Arts Camps, or call or email Katherine Miller at 703.352.0925 ext. 524 and kmiller@paulvi.net. All the world's a stage, and it's waiting for you.

Paul VI Cheerleading Clinic July 19-21st

5:00 - 8:00 pm Daily

PVI would like to invite all students grade K-8 for a fun cheerleading clinic and the opportunity to work on motions, jumps, cheers, chants, stunts and tumbling. Must be registered by July 16th. Please email Kelly Brady at vpipanthers@gmail.com for more details. \$125 Per student

"The Lord called me before I was born." Do you pray to know your vocation which was given to you before you were born. Could it be as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Father Brian Bashista (703) 841-2514, or write: b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.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 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 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

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

Catholic Charities Transitional Housing Program necesita su ayuda! Favor de donar sus muebles a familias sin hogar el día 19 de junio entre las horas 10 a 12. En particular buscamos camas gemelas, cunas, camas de niños, mesas de comedor, sofás, sillones, pañales y leche maternizada. Llámeme al 703-910-4845 para más información. ¡Gracias!

El camino de la propia santificación es el santo misterio de la cruz. **Madre Maravillas de Jesús**

La aventura de la santidad comienza con un «sí» a Dios. **Juan Pablo II**

Grupo Chal de Oración: Este grupo esta abierto a todos los miembros de nuestra comunidad; su propósito es proveer a los gravemente enfermos una señal tangible de nuestras oraciones y nuestra preocupación. Los miembros cariñosamente tejen (o ganchillo) los chales, que después serán bendecidos por nuestro pastor, Padre Martin y enviados a las personas que los necesitan. La próxima reunion de noche será el miércoles, el 16 de junio a las 7:00 pm. y de día será el lunes, el 21 de junio a las 9:30 am. Las dos reuniones se llevarán a cabo en la Sala de Usos Múltiples (All Purpose Room). Venga y traiga su proyecto para tejer o para aprender a tejer un chal para los gravemente enfermos de nuestra parroquia. Para mas información, llamar a la oficina de la parroquia: 703-455-

There will be a Day of Prayer honoring the Marian Spirituality of Pope John Paul II and the 25th National celebration of the reported events in Medjugorje on June 25, 2010 at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, 3900 Harewood Road, N.E., Washington, D.C.. The program will begin at 10 AM and conclude with Mass and a Eucharistic Blessing at 5 PM. Guest speakers will be Johnnette Benkovic, whose ministry to women is well known as she hosts a weekly EWTN program "Living the Abundant Life" and Fr. Bill McCarthy, MSA, Co-founder and Director of "My Father's House" Retreat Center in Moodus, CT. Both are dynamic spiritual warriors with many books, tapes and television and radio appearances to their credit. The International Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Confessions, Bookstore and lunch are available during the day. Register by phone at 202-635-5448, e-mail at marianedu@jp2cc.org or preferred registration online

Pastor's Musings, found in bulletin from St. Ambrose Church in Deerfield, FL. The Parish priest counseling Miss ryan, suggested she start praying for others, once in a while, rather than for herself all the time. That night her roommate Helen, overheard her as she prayed, "O Lord, I'm not asking anything for myself, but please give my mother a Son-in-law."