

# Social Justice Directory

## The Church of Nativity

6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA 22015 [www.nativityburke.org](http://www.nativityburke.org)

*"And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29) "... Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?" (Matthew 25:37-39)*

### Mission Statement

The Church of Nativity Social Justice Directory seeks to help parishioners find ways to make Jesus' answers to these questions part of their own lives and to find communities which will help sustain their efforts to live out the Gospel message. As Pope John Paul II said in his Encyclical Letter, *Mane Nobiscum Domine*, such ways "will be the criterion by which the authenticity of our Eucharistic celebrations is judged."<sup>1</sup> The directory will grow as the efforts of parishioners in other activities are recognized.

### How to Use the Directory

The directory consists of two parts. Part I describes organizations within Nativity Parish that are involved in social outreach activities. Contact information is listed for each organization for anyone interested in more details. Part II lists the organizations or activities that Nativity parishioners are involved in. Where possible, a website for each is given as well as a description of the organization and the program our parishioners participate in. The contacts listed are members of Nativity Parish who can be reached for more information. There is also a participation key which gives a quick glimpse of when, how, or who may participate.

This directory was compiled by the Nativity Social Justice Network. For more information or suggestions for additional opportunities and communities of faith to include in the directory, contact: Joe Pettit 703-455-4937 or email [pettit@georgetown.edu](mailto:pettit@georgetown.edu) with "Social Justice Directory" in the Subject line, Joyce Giuliani 703-569-7370, and John Rausch 703-455-3260.

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<sup>1</sup> Paragraph 28, [http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/john\\_paul\\_ii/apost\\_letters/documents/hf\\_jp-ii\\_apl\\_20041008\\_mane-nobiscum-domine\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/apost_letters/documents/hf_jp-ii_apl_20041008_mane-nobiscum-domine_en.html)

# NATIVITY PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE DIRECTORY

## PART I:

### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVITIES

- **BOY SCOUTS AT NATIVITY**

<http://www.scouting.org/nav/enter.jsp?s=mc>

Boy Scouts of America seeks "to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness." The Church of Nativity sponsors Cub Scout Pack 1101, Boy Scout Troop 1100 and Venture Crew 1100. Membership is open to boys ages 6 to 18. Activities include age appropriate camping and other outdoor activities, lessons in life skills, as well as community service projects and charitable works. The Pack meets each Friday, the Troop each Wednesday, and the Crew each Thursday at 7:30 PM. The Pack and Troop meet in the school hall and the Venture Crew in the Hall or Classroom 9.

**Contact:** Mark Matthews, 703-346-8531 about the Pack, Jack Oliva, [Joliva1066@aol.com](mailto:Joliva1066@aol.com); 703-690-5731 about the Troop, and David Zivick 703-440-8437 about the Crew

- **CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION (CYO)**

CYO strives to offer a safe Christian environment for teenagers to come together and have fun. Activities include service projects, summer work camp, the diocesan youth rally, summer bible study, two church lock-ins a year, pizza parties, ice and roller skating, comic bowling and movie nights, and diocesan sports teams. The CYO has a senior group(grades 9-12) that meets every other Sunday in the All Purpose Room at 7:15 P.M. following CCD Classes, and a Junior group (grades 7-8) that meets the third Friday of each month. CYO activities are posted on the bulletin board on the back of the church.

**Contact:** Theresa Rogers 703 455-2400 Ext. 115

- **GIRL SCOUTS OF THE U.S.A.**

Girl Scouting at Nativity Parish offers the opportunity for girls in grades K-12 in the parish to enjoy the benefits of Girl Scouting in a faith based troop. Members of our troops attend many different schools in the Fairfax County area. Scouts develop character, learn skills for success, cultivate leadership qualities, strengthen values, deepen convictions, and expand social conscience. Troops are organized around the age and grade level of the girls. The interest of the girls and the schedule of the adult volunteers are taken into consideration when organizing at the beginning of the school year.

**Contact:** Troop Organizer, Judy Korfonta, 703-451-3930 or Maryanne Dillon, 703-912-6131.

- **HISPANIC COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

The Spanish Outreach Ministry helps those in need in the Hispanic community including providing food, clothing, furniture, and housing , visiting the elderly at home or in hospitals, and providing needed transportation to Mass, medical appointments, and prison visits.

**Contact:** Miriam Ponciano 703 328-7116

- **JUSTFAITH**

*JustFaith* is a national program that provides "opportunities for individuals to study and be formed by the justice tradition articulated by the Scriptures, the Church's historical witness, and Catholic social teaching." It involves thirty weekly meetings and readings along with six weekend activities from September to May. Participants from past Nativity groups have been enthusiastic about their experience and continue to meet monthly for faith-sharing and community-building. For further information go to the following website: <http://www.justfaith.org/>

**Contacts:** Joan Mahal 703-569-1746 or Jeanie Wood 703-569-6676.

- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's family, fraternal and service organization, founded to help members remain steadfast in their faith, to promote closer ties of fraternity among members, and to provide for the widows and children of deceased members. Over the last century it has become an organization of over 1.6 million members in the United States and several other countries. Nativity Knights belong to the Father Vincent Sikora Council, No. 7992, established in 1982. The Council's 300 members sponsor activities for the church (March for Life, ushers, vocation grants); community (Special Olympics, KOVAR, Food for Others, Blood Drives, assistance to Heatherwood and Burke Lake Gardens); youth (Boy Scouts, CYO Work Camp, Altar Server appreciation), and numerous parish support activities.

**Contact:** Jim Jagielski 703-644-7980

- **LEGION OF MARY**

The Legion of Mary is an association of Catholics who strive for personal spiritual growth through prayer, study of the faith, and spiritual works of mercy. Members meet once a week for prayer, discussion and planning, and perform two hours of spiritual work each week, such as teaching CCD and visiting nursing homes. Children's activities include visiting nursing homes and making rosaries. The evening adult group meets in the Green Room on Thursdays at 7:30 pm. The day adult group meets in the All Purpose Room on Mondays at 10:00 am. Children meet at 3:15 pm on Mondays in the All Purpose Room.

The Hispanic Legion of Mary meets Saturday from 5-6:30 pm.

**Contact:** Anunzziatta Purchiaroni 703 503-1088

- **MOM & ME**

Mom & Me is a cooperative organization of women in the parish who have infants and/or preschoolers at home. It is designed to address the needs of mothers and their children through group play, social interaction, and community service in a Catholic environment. Meetings are held on

Wednesday mornings in the All Purpose Room or at a selected site on a monthly Kidventure day. Service projects include assistance to ECHO with children to children Christmas gift boxes and the Heatherwood Retirement Home with activities for toddlers and residents to share during holidays throughout the year. The group also assists with meals for new Moms and gathering baby items for families as needed.

**Contact:** Rachele Valente 703-978-9834.

- **NATIVITY CRAFTERS**

The Crafts Group meets in the All Purpose Room Thursdays at 9:30 am to create unique crafts and knitted and crocheted items to donate to local charities. The group also sponsors a yearly bazaar and donates the proceeds to local charities. They accept donations of yarn and craft materials to use for this purpose. All are welcome.

**Contact:** Renate Troy 703 250-8769 or Joyce Weir 703 644-5467

- **NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

The mission of Nativity Catholic School is to provide an atmosphere where every child is valued as a unique child of God, and to encourage students to develop their full potential. In addition to a full curriculum of studies and enrichment activities, Nativity School encourages participation in the following social outreach efforts:

- Backpacks for Afghan Children
- Christ House
- St. Jude Hospital
- Rainbow House--Haitian support
- Ronald McDonald House
- Bunnies for Children's Hospital
- Catholic Charities--Adopt a family
- Burke Lake Gardens support efforts
- One additional student-chosen activity

**Contact:** Janet Snee 703-455-2300 or [jsnee@nativityschool.org](mailto:jsnee@nativityschool.org) to inquire and participate.

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- **OPERATION STARFISH®**

Operation Starfish® is a ministry to the poor of Haiti, begun by Nativity Church in 1998. Its focus is awareness of the poor and action on their behalf. Through a simple Lenten fundraising effort, more than \$1.3 million has been raised at Nativity Church to build over 500 houses, drill water wells, provide sanitation facilities, construct a school, and develop small businesses at "Nativity Village," near Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince. Annual pilgrimages bring parishioners to this destitute country to see first hand both the needs and the accomplishments of Operation Starfish®. In the coming years, a second "Nativity Village" development will be built on the north coast of Haiti, to include 250 houses, a fishing village and tilapia farm. Operation Starfish® has spread to over 300 churches across the country. It has become a year-round effort through memorial gifts and special occasion remembrances. For more information, or to subscribe to the free Operation Starfish® Newsletter, go to [www.starfishmission.org](http://www.starfishmission.org).

**Contact:** Jim McDaniel ([seastar2004@msn.com](mailto:seastar2004@msn.com)), 703-455-6874.

- **OUR LADY OF KNOCK SOCIETY**

Our Lady of Knock Society is an international organization founded in Burke, Virginia, in January 1996 to promote social, ethnic, cultural, and spiritual awareness of the Irish Catholic heritage with specific devotion to Our Lady of Knock. The society welcomes members who are of Irish Catholic heritage. Monthly meetings are held September through June in the All Purpose room. The group hosts or participates in parish-wide events, including an annual card party in November and the Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day dinner Dance in March. Funds collected by the group are donated to assist children in Catholic schools in the parish and in Ireland.

**Contact:** Pat Lowry 703-569-1696

- **PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE**

The Pro-Life Committee supports all moral and legal activity that will change the minds and hearts of those engaged in anti-life

activity. Direct support is given to the annual March for Life (January), the annual Life Chain (October), prayerful protest at abortion sites and support of organizations that offer support for women undergoing crisis pregnancies. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month in the church library.

**Contact:** George Getek 703 978-6674 or Jane Hamilton 703 646-5051

- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

The mission of the Religious Education Program is to proclaim Christ's message and help students apply it to their lives, to foster community, prayer, worship, and the desire to serve among those we teach. Christian instruction is provided to more than 1,500 students from kindergarten through grade 12 who meet in class once a week for one and one-quarter hours from September through May. In addition to a full curriculum of Catholic Education, students are presented with opportunities to learn how to help others in a real sense through service projects for families, Church, and community. A minimum of 15 hours of service is a requirement for students in the Confirmation Preparation Program as part of each Confirmandi's maturation into the adult Christian life of service to others. Opportunities for all students and families in the Religious Education Program include:

- Participation in Nativity's Operation Starfish® through individual donations and class projects
- Collection of non-perishable food items to be included in holiday food baskets for Nativity families experiencing financial hardship
- Fund raising project during Advent for Handmaids of Reparation to help fund the education of children and adults in poor economic areas around the globe

**Contact:** The Religious Education Office 703-455-0372. Call for additional information regarding the outreach efforts by the Religious Education Program's students and their families, volunteers and staff.

- **SOCIAL JUSTICE NETWORK**

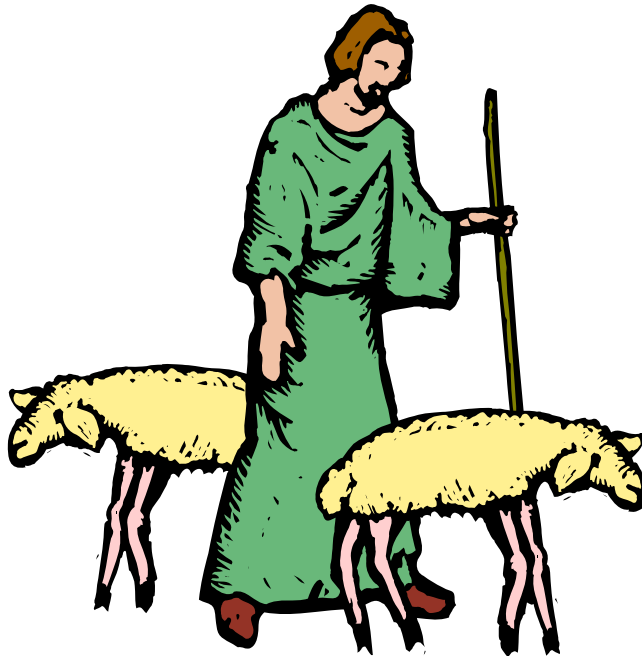
The Network facilitates the exchange of information among all Nativity parishioners and parish organizations concerning their community service and social justice activities, assists in the recruitment of volunteers, and provides opportunities for reflection and community building. The Network meets monthly, maintains a Parish Social Justice Directory, and conducts other activities to encourage and sustain parishioners seeking to follow Catholic social teaching.

**Contacts:** Joe Pettit 703-455-4937, Joyce Giuliani 703-569-7370, and John Rausch 703-455-3260.

- **WOMEN OF NATIVITY**








Women of Nativity promotes the work of the parish by helping to attain its goals and mission, including promoting a sense of belonging to the Christian community and offering opportunities for evangelization, spiritual growth, and service within the church and the surrounding communities. Women of Nativity meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the All Purpose room. The group sponsors community activities that include "Christmas in August" to distribute school supplies to underprivileged children and the "Advent Giving Tree" that grants holiday wishes to needy parish families and outlying community groups. There are spiritual retreats, teas, potluck suppers and other social events held throughout the year. Membership is open to all women of the parish.

**Contacts:** Kelly Laychak 703 440-9215 or Donna Lipresti 703-644-2398



## PART II ORGANIZATIONS AND OUTREACH EFFORTS SERVED BY NATIVITY PARISHIONERS

Participation Key:

<p> DAYTIME ACTIVITY</p> <p> EVENING ACTIVITY</p> <p><b>s/s</b> WEEKEND ACTIVITY</p> <p> WORK AT HOME</p>	<p> IDEAS, VISION &amp; PLANNING</p> <p> ONE TIME ANNUAL EVENT</p> <p> FAMILY AND/OR YOUTH ACTIVITY</p> <p> COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS</p>
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### ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION, NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA

[www.alz-nca.org](http://www.alz-nca.org) see also, [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)  
As part of a nationwide network of chapters, the Alzheimer's Association, NCA serves those diagnosed with AD or other dementias and their families and care partners in Northern Virginia and the DC metropolitan area. Services include counseling, information and education; support groups; Safe Return; training for professionals; community education; and government advocacy on the state and local levels. Volunteers are needed working on the Helpline, representing the association at health fairs and as speakers, as support group leaders, and as administrative and clerical volunteers in our office about 15 minutes drive from Nativity. Training is provided.

**Contact:** Eileen Thompson 703-359-4440, x122 or [eileen.thompson@alz.org](mailto:eileen.thompson@alz.org)




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### APPALACHIA HOME BUILDING

The Knights of Columbus sends a crew of 10 to 12 men each year to build a home for a selected family in McCreary County, Kentucky. Eight or more days are spent completing most of the house construction partnered with the Appalachian Construction Crew from the Chapel at Offutt AFB in Omaha, Nebraska. The work is financed in large part through donations from the parishioners of Nativity.

**Contact:** Bob Corsi 703-239-2890

 Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus

### BACKPACKS FOR AFGHAN CHILDREN

Nativity Catholic School participates in a yearly project to benefit these children.

**Contact:** Nativity Catholic School, 703-455-2300 to inquire and participate. Sponsored by Nativity Catholic School



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### BLOOD DRIVE

<http://www.inova.org/inovapublic.srt/donateblood/index.jsp>

Three or four times each calendar year, there is a Blood Drive conducted by INOVA Blood Services in the parish halls of either Nativity or St. Raymond Penafort. INOVA maintains records of the blood donations by members of the respective parishes and these credits are available to any parishioner needing whole blood replacement. Individuals are eligible from age 17 and above with no upper limit. Blood donated is made available to 15 areas. Questions regarding eligibility to donate may be addressed to Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Coordinator.

**Contact:** George Seamands 703 644-0984.

**s/s**

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### BUNNIES FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

<http://www.dcchildrens.com/>

Children's National Medical Center located in Washington, DC works to improve the health of children here and throughout the world through

care, education and research. Nativity Catholic School participates in a yearly project to benefit children in the hospital.

**Contact:** Nativity Catholic School  
703-455-2300 to inquire and participate.



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**BURKE LAKE GARDENS**

Burke Lake Gardens is a senior citizen retirement home located next to the Church of the Nativity. Residents are independent and live in a mostly unassisted environment. Support is needed to help residents with some household chores on weekends. Nativity Catholic School participates in a yearly project to benefit the residents.

**Contact:** Bill Canavan 703 866-5217 (K of C)

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OR 703-455-2300 (Nativity Catholic School)



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**CARPENTER'S SHELTER**

(<http://www.carpentersshelter.org/>)

**COAT DRIVE**

Each October, Nativity Knights collect coats, hats, gloves, and sweaters for Carpenter's Shelter and David's Place Day Shelter in Alexandria.

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

This shelter, which serves the needs of the homeless of Alexandria, VA is assisted each year during the Christmas holidays by the Knights of Columbus. The Knights receive a list of the children who will be at Carpenter's Shelter over the Christmas holidays, along with their "wish lists." Knights provide both items on the lists and other gifts for parents to give to their children.

**Contact:** Dave Benson 703-866-9459



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**CATHOLIC CHARITIES (ADOPT A FAMILY)**

<http://www.cdda.net/>

Nativity Catholic School participates in a yearly project to benefit these families.

**Contact:** Nativity Catholic School  
703-455-2300 to inquire and participate.



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**CHRIST HOUSE**

[http://www.cdda.net/christ\\_house.html](http://www.cdda.net/christ_house.html)

Affiliated with Catholic Charities, Christ House provides food, clothing and assistance to those in need in the Alexandria area. Nativity is committed to providing and preparing dinner on the 3rd Friday of the month. This includes picking the menu, shopping and paying for the food, meal preparation, delivering and serving the meal. Clean up may also be required.

**Contact:** (Social Justice Network) Suzanne Lundy [suzlun@aol.com](mailto:suzlun@aol.com) or (Nativity School) Bill Hummel 703-830-5467



Sponsored by the Social Justice Network and Nativity Catholic School  
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**COMMUNITY SHARING (Advent Giving Tree, Christmas in August, Easter Baskets)**

Annual appeal for donations that benefit the needs of people serviced by Lorton Community Action Center, Hispanic Outreach, St. Augustine Church in Washington D.C., Needy Seniors through the Red Cross, Fr. Wilson's projects, Carpenter's Shelter, Bethany House, Parish needs, crisis pregnancy centers.

**Contact:** Donna Lipresti, 703-644-2398



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**ECHO**

<http://www.echo-inc.org>

Ecumenical Community Helping Others is an organization staffed by volunteers from local churches and organizations which provides temporary or emergency assistance, including food, clothing, household items, transportation and financial support to about 1,000 Springfield and Burke families each year. Volunteers are needed in the day and evening shifts to assist with accepting and sorting clothing, housewares and food donations; counseling and assisting clients; and other projects as needed.

**Contact:** John and Cecelia Frazee (703) 569-2342



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## EAGLE PROJECTS

As part of Boy Scout Advancement to the rank of Eagle Scout, each applicant is required to perform a service project. The Scout is required to find a project sponsor, coordinate, plan resources and lead the project to completion. These projects normally involve community improvement. Some examples include: repairs to the dam at Lake Accotink, replacing worn kiosks at Burke Lake Park, constructing board walks at Hidden Pond Park, creating activity boxes for hospitalized children, collecting baby supplies for unwed mothers.

**Contact:** Jack Oliva, [Joliva1066@aol.com](mailto:Joliva1066@aol.com); 703-690-5731

s/s 

Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 1100  
Assistance of parishioners is welcome

## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

<http://www.cda.net/HogarHispanoESL.htm>  
Hogar Hispano, a program of Catholic Charities, offers English as a Second Language classes at the Nativity School on Saturday mornings. The program serves immigrants from all nations, providing survival English skills in an effort to integrate these individuals into the community. Volunteers are needed to teach classes on Saturday mornings from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

**Contact:** Larissa Jackson at Hogar Hispano, 703-534-9805, ext. 249

s/s

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## FACETS

<http://www.facetscares.org/love1.html>  
This organization works to meet the needs of the homeless and needy of Fairfax County. Parishioners volunteer their services to prepare hot meals for these clients in an effort to provide support and dignity to neighbors in need. See the above website for additional volunteer opportunities.

**Contact:** Lynn Dysart 703 644-2015



Sponsored by the Women of Nativity

## FOOD FOR OTHERS

<http://www.foodforothers.org/>  
Six or seven times a month, Nativity parishioners distribute food at three sites on Thursday and Friday evenings for a non-profit organization, Food for Others. Two sites are in the 7-Corners - Falls Church area and the other is in Springfield on Commerce Street. Individual volunteers assist approximately every other month on an evening of their choice.

Volunteers pick up food at a warehouse on Prosperity Avenue across from the side entrance of the Merrifield Post Office at 5:15 PM, so they can be at sites by 6:00 PM.

**Contact:** Joe Pettit 703 455-4937



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## GIRL SCOUTS USA AT NATIVITY PARISH

This scouting program is for school age girls of the parish. Beyond the girls' individual skills and potential, there is also a goal of teaching community outreach. This includes providing the opportunity for all Catholic Girl Scouts to earn Catholic Religious Awards. The scouts may donate earned troop money to causes, but do not raise funds directly. Some of their good deeds: cookie and care packages for deployed troops; Salvation Army Christmas Stockings; shoes for Honduras through Art for Humanity; **ECHO** food collection and shelf stocking; various resident activities with retirement communities and nursing homes; cookie profits for **Project Starfish**; items for Rachel House; dinner for Nurturing Parent Program; Girl Scout inventory for sister troops affected by Katrina; and Nativity Braille garden.

**Contact:** Troop Organizer, Judy Korfonta, 703-451-3930 or Maryanne Dillon, 703-912-6131



Sponsored by Girl Scouts of the USA, Nativity Parish  
Open to all girls of the parish  
Assistance of parishioners is welcome

## HANDMAIDS OF REPARATION

The Order of the Handmaids of Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was founded in Messina, Italy, in 1918. Members provide education at all levels, religious training, parochial and diocesan ministry, orphanages, and missionary work. It is the religious order to which Nativity's Ministers of Religious Education belong. This group receives assistance from various fund raising efforts held by students in Religious Education classes at Nativity.

**Contact:** Religious Education Office  
703-455-0372 or [nativity.ccd@nativityschool.org](mailto:nativity.ccd@nativityschool.org)

## HEARTS AND HAMMERS

This Knights of Columbus volunteer home repair activity is conducted in conjunction with RPJ Housing Development Corporation of Arlington (<http://www.rpjhousing.org/index.html>). Twice annually, volunteer Knights do home repair projects for low-income homeowners, particularly persons with disabilities and older adults in Arlington and

Fairfax counties. Hearts and Hammers projects address a variety of repair needs including code violations; safety, health and security concerns; and preventative maintenance. Assistance is provided at no-cost to the homeowner. The program focuses on repairing homes to enable the program recipient to reside in their home with a renewed sense of hope and dignity.

**Contact:** Barry Dysart at 703-644-2015

**s/s**

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### HEATHERWOOD RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

<http://www.rui.net/heatherwood/index.asp>

Mothers and toddlers participating in the Mom and Me program gather for various holidays during the year to share activities with the neighbor-residents of this independent living community. The Knights of Columbus also participate in volunteer services for this community.

**Contacts:** Rachele Valente 703 978-9834 (Mom and Me) or Jim Jagielski 703-644-7980 (K of C)

 **s/s** 

Sponsored by Mom & Me and Knights of Columbus

### THE INDUSTRIAL AREAS FOUNDATION

<http://www.industrialareasfoundation.org/>

IAF is the oldest and largest national, institutional based, community-organizing network in the United States. It is a broad-based non-partisan, multi-racial, multi-faith citizens organization, rooted in local congregations and other voluntary associations with a mission to act on social issues such as affordable housing and immigration that affect the lives of poor, working class, middle-income and immigrant NOVA residents. Northern Virginia churches, including Nativity and eight other Catholic parishes, are working with the IAF to explore the feasibility of creating such an organization in the NOVA area. The intent is to obtain up to 80 congregations within the next year. We will also conduct regional training for interested parishioners and other leaders in the NOVA region.

**Contact:** John W. Rausch, 703-455-3260



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### INOVA FAIRFAX HOSPITAL

<http://www.inova.org>

There are a wide variety of volunteer services within the hospital including: Patient Support (escorting patients to procedures and discharges, deliver flowers and mail, and laboratory deliveries); Chaplaincy; Reception and Assistance in Surgery

Center; and such specialized areas as Pediatrics, Newborn Nursery, Reading Rovers, and Neonatal Intensive Care. In addition there are off site activities including Treasure Trove Shops, Blood Donor Services and Reach out and Read. Generally volunteers select a 4 hour shift that fits their own availability. Ages 13 & up.

**Contacts:** Neil or Eleanor Bogner 703-451-5247 or [bognernf@verizon.net](mailto:bognernf@verizon.net)

  **s/s** 

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### JAIL MINISTRY

Jail Ministry provides quality pastoral care and a healing presence to incarcerated men, women, youth and children. It invites and offers opportunities for the Christian community to volunteer, time, talent and treasure and thus participate in the healing ministry of Christ. It promotes Gospel values through educational public witness and participates in shaping Christian responses concerning the criminal justice system.

**Contacts:** Josefa Lopez or Fr. Armando Marsal, 703-455-2400 or [nativityparish@hotmail.com](mailto:nativityparish@hotmail.com)

  **s/s**

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### KOVAR/Special Olympics

<http://www.kovarva.net/default.htm>

Knights Of Virginia Assisting The Retarded is a Virginia Knights of Columbus charity that raises funds for activities and programs that assist handicapped children. The Virginia Knights and \*KOVAR\* are a Platinum Sponsor of the Virginia Special Olympics, donating over \$50,000 each year and 30,000 volunteer hours. The Virginia Knights are the Presenting sponsor for the State Fall Games and provide funds for the summer games. Knights are in attendance at all Special Olympics events as coaches, participants, or volunteers.

**Contact:** Jay Hoffmeier 703-250-7753  
[jhoffmeier@cox.net](mailto:jhoffmeier@cox.net)

**s/s**

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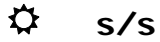
### THE LAMB CENTER

<http://lambcenter.blogspot.com/>

The Lamb Center is a day-time, drop-in shelter for the poor and homeless. It provides laundry, showers, hot meals, counseling, telephone and mail services, and emergency financial assistance. It's open from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday-Friday, and

8:00 am to 12:30 pm on Saturday. There are a variety of ways to help or to volunteer.

**Contact:** Frank McLeskey 703-455-9309 or [fmcleskey@mindspring.com](mailto:fmcleskey@mindspring.com)



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### LIFE CHAIN (October)

October of each year is celebrated as Respect Life Month. The Life Chain takes place on the first Sunday in October. Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of Pro-Life Americans standing for one hour praying for the nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Catholic Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. The Church of the Nativity supports the Alexandria Life Chain, which is positioned on both sides of Franconia Road eastward from Springfield Mall. Participants are urged to bring rosaries with which to pray. Signs, such as "Abortion Kills Children", "Adoption - The Loving Option," "Jesus Forgives and Heals" and "Pray To End Abortion", are distributed at the site. Life Chain takes place from 2:30 - 3:30 PM on the first Sunday afternoon in October.

**Contact:** George Getek 703 978-6674 or Jane Hamilton 703 646-5051



Sponsored by the Pro-Life Committee & Knights of Columbus

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### MARCH FOR LIFE (January)

The annual March For Life takes place on January 22nd of each year. It is a protest march against the United States Supreme Court Roe v Wade and Doe v Bolton decisions that were handed down on January 22, 1973 and which made abortion on demand the law of the land throughout the period of a mother's pregnancy. It is a protest as well as a peaceful, prayerful, public, positive Pro-Life event that celebrates the Culture of Life. Buses are rented for the trip from the Church of the Nativity to the National Mall in Washington D.C., leaving at 11:00 AM and returning by 4:30 PM. The bus expense is covered by donations for the Pro-Life Rose appliques with any surplus funds donated to Pro-Life organizations.

**Contact:** George Getek 703 978-6674 or Jane Hamilton 703-646-5051



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### MARTHA'S TABLE

<http://www.marthastable.org/>

Martha's Table's mission is to serve the needs of the less fortunate in the Washington, DC community through food, learning, healthy living, recreational and family support services. Parishioners from Nativity join neighbors at Sydenstricker Methodist Church who sponsor this project to make egg salad sandwiches once a month to donate to Martha's Table. Contributions of hard boiled eggs for this effort are also welcome.

**Contact:** Kathie Belden 703 912-9644



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### NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRAINING CENTER

<http://www.nvtc.dmhmrsas.virginia.gov/>

The Northern Virginia Training Center (NVTC) located in Fairfax, VA serves about two hundred residents who are mentally handicapped. The NVTC is a non-profit, state organization that provides a living, working, educational, and therapeutic environment for its residents. The Knights of Columbus help manage, fund, and provide volunteers for the NVTC Carnival Fair, Summer Festival, Fun Run, Christmas Party, as well as movies and dances. Approximately ten Knights volunteer to support and attend each event.

**Contact:** Bill Canavan at 703-866-5217



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### OPERATION STARFISH®

<http://www.starfishmission.org/>

A parish-driven Lenten effort to help the poor of Haiti through the donation of funds to support projects that provide shelter, medical care, work opportunities and basic human dignity. Opportunities to visit the people and projects in Haiti are offered each year.

**Contact:** Jim McDaniel 703 455-6874 or [seastar2004@msn.com](mailto:seastar2004@msn.com)



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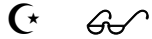
### PAX CHRISTI PENTAGON AREA

[www.paxcristinova.org/pentagon](http://www.paxcristinova.org/pentagon)

Pax Christi Pentagon Area (PCPA) is a Catholic peace and justice community serving Northern Virginia. PCPA follows the Pax Christi model of prayer, study

and action to explore, articulate and witness to the call of Christian nonviolence. Our community meets twice monthly and has been active in supporting many peace-related actions in the DC area.

**Contact:** Nuala Cohen 703 425 6851  
[NUALAD74@COX.NET](mailto:NUALAD74@COX.NET)



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### PROJECT NORTHSTAR

<http://www.projectnorthstar.org/>

Project Northstar is a non-profit organization whose mission is to help children in the District of Columbia who are homeless or disadvantaged overcome barriers to a quality education. Partnering with parents, educators, donors and diverse volunteers, the group provides one-on-one tutoring, mentoring and enriching activities to students in grades 1-12 to help pave the way to success in school and life.

**Contact:** Bill Hall 703-307-1420



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### QEQCHI PARTNERS INC.

This non-profit organization was founded by a Nativity parishioner to provide support to self-help and community development organizations that work among the Maya Qeqchi people of Guatemala, primarily in an around the town of El Estor and surrounding remote villages in central Guatemala. The primary organization that Qeqchi Partners supports is the El Estor Association for Integrated Development, founded and run by an American-born Catholic priest. This organization provides education to the Maya Qeqchi on the Guatemalan legal system and human rights. It has also sponsored projects such as an arts program to promote the native culture. Projects directly funded include literacy and adult education for women and family conflict resolution. Donations are accepted in support of these efforts.

**Contact:** Dave Hartnett 240-398-6279 (cell)  
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### RAINBOW HOUSE (LA MAISON L'ARC-EN-CIEL)

[http://www.haitianministries.org/la\\_maison\\_larc-en-ciel.php](http://www.haitianministries.org/la_maison_larc-en-ciel.php)

This private organization serves as a loving and caring residence to 36 Haitian children orphaned by HIV/AIDS. It also serves as an outreach and education center for families affected by HIV/AIDS.

Nativity Catholic School participates in a yearly project to benefit this organization.

**Contact:** Nativity Catholic School  
703-455-2300 to inquire and participate.



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### RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

<http://www.rmhc.com/rmhc/index.html>

The Ronald McDonald House serves as a home away from home for families of seriously ill children as they receive treatment in nearby hospitals. Nativity Catholic School participates in a yearly project to benefit this organization.

**Contact:** Nativity Catholic School  
703-455-2300 to inquire and participate.



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### SALT (Social Action Linking Together)

<http://www.s-a-l-t.org/>

Social Action Linking Together (SALT) is a parish based network of persons in the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Virginia trying to bring the social and economic teachings of the church to bear on public policy and legislation, especially at the local and state levels.

**Contact:** Terry Hartnett 703 503-9680



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### SATURDAY PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Every Saturday morning at 10AM, representatives of Nativity Knights and Legion of Mary, join the Knights from Holy Spirit Parish in an hour of prayer at an abortion clinic on Rolling Rd. This is done at a busy hour on Saturday to give public witness to the Pro-Life cause. Many people show their approval/or disapproval as they drive by. We are peaceful and non-confrontational but give voice to the millions of unborn children killed in this country every year by the abortion industry.

**Contact:** Mike Muller 703-451-9386 or Jane Hamilton 703 646-5051

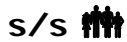
### S/S

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### SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Annual Boy Scout Food Drive to support the needy. Troop 1100 canvasses neighborhoods with flyers soliciting donations then picks up, sorts and donates the collected food. Troop 1100 annually collects over 1000 pounds of food that is distributed to The Nativity Food Pantry, **ECHO** and other charitable organizations.

**Contact:** Jack Oliva 703-690-5731  
[Joliva1066@aol.com](mailto:Joliva1066@aol.com)



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### SOME – So Others Might Eat

<http://www.some.org/involved.html>  
SOME exists to help the poor and homeless of our nation's capital by meeting the immediate daily needs of the people they serve with food, clothing, and health care. They help break the cycle of homelessness by offering services, such as affordable housing, job training, addiction treatment, and counseling, to the poor, the elderly and individuals with mental illness. Their website lists a dozen ways to volunteer, including advocacy, professional services, elderly services, tutoring/mentoring youth and adults, and food service and preparation. A group from Nativity is planning to provide one meal a month.

**Contact:** Katie Scully 703-690-9379 or Monica Phillips 703-764-8997



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### ST. JUDE HOSPITAL

<http://www.stjude.org/>

This hospital known for its pediatric treatment and research brings care to children with the toughest cases regardless of their insurance status. Nativity Catholic School participates in a yearly project to benefit this organization.

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703-455-2300 to inquire and participate.



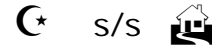
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### SUNDAY SUPPERS

<http://sundaysuppers.org>

Members of Nativity Parish who gather every fourth Sunday of the month to reach out to homeless men, women and children on the streets of Washington, DC, offering hot meals, clothes and, most importantly, friendship. Assistance is needed to prepare food at home as well as serve it.

**Contact:** Joyce Giuliani 703 569-7370 or Mary Meehan 703 644-1868



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### TENANT & WORKERS UNITED

[http://www.tenantsworkers.org/index.php?option=com\\_frontpage&Itemid=1](http://www.tenantsworkers.org/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1)

Tenants & Workers United is a democratically-controlled, grassroots organization committed to winning social and economic justice and building the power of low-income people of Northern Virginia – Latinos/as, African Americans, tenants, immigrants, workers, women, and youth. Parishioners can volunteer to teach computer or English classes, help at the annual street festival, work with the health care staff to teach basic nutrition and health classes and assist with health screenings, assist in the after school enrichment and leadership programs for teens, help with the Campaign for Affordable Housing in Fairfax, and support the organization's efforts for workers.

**Contact:** Mary Donahue 703-690-8525



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### WORK CAMP

A week long commitment to travel to and work at a designated site within the Arlington Diocese. Work can be any project that is deemed essential to support the poor, impoverished or those in need of housing. Usually for teens but adult volunteers are also required. This is done on Nativity and the Diocesan level.

**Contact:** Theresa Rogers at Nativity 703-455-2400 or Kevin Bohle at the Diocesan office 703-841-2559



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