

The Gift of the Priesthood



Saturday, June 11 was the priesthood ordination in our Diocese of Arlington. This same day the Bishop gave the new parish assignments. As we give thanks for the vocation and faithfulness of the newly ordained, we also pray for them and the fruit of their priestly ministry. The ordination of new priests is also an invitation to consider the importance of the precious gift of the priesthood. What does the priesthood mean for the Church? And

for my own life?

For the Church the priest is the sacramental sign of Jesus' love to the Church. As Jesus asked Peter three times, "*Do you love me?*" (Jn 21:15-17), Jesus asks every day for his priest's love before commissioning them: "*Tend my sheep*" (Jn 21:16). The priest, in loving Christ and devoting himself to the service of God's people, makes visible the love of Christ, the spouse of the Church. When digging deeper into this dimension of the priestly life it is always inspiring to visit St. John Paul II's *Pastores Dabo Vobis* [I Will Give You Shepherds] n. 22-23 about pastoral charity.

For each of us, the priest in his human poverty is God's closeness. Through his hands God's blessings come to us. Through his words in the sacrament of penance life is changed by God's mercy. And by celebrating the Eucharist, the priest makes available for us the Bread of Life, Jesus. Yes, the Christian God is a God that is close to us. He entered our time to share our stories and his word and work of salvation continues by the ministry of the priests.

How precious is the gift of the priesthood for the Church and for each of us!

As we appreciate and are grateful for this gift we should pray for our priests. Yes, priests need your prayers very much. Let's also pray for many vocations to the priesthood and religious life, promoting them in our parish and families. A priestly vocation is one of the greatest gifts a Catholic family can receive.

In the morning of Holy Thursday, the day of the institution of the Holy Eucharist and Priesthood, the Bishop celebrates Mass with the priests, where they renew their priestly vows and commitment to serve the Church and to love Christ so that they are able to shepherd Jesus' flock. I would like to end with a quote from the preface of this Mass which inspires in us awe and gratitude for the gift of the priesthood:

[The priests] They are to renew in his name the sacrifice of human redemption, to set before your children the paschal banquet, to lead your holy people in charity, to nourish them with the word and strengthen them with the Sacraments.

As they give up their lives for you and for the salvation of their brothers and sisters, they strive to be conformed to the image of Christ himself and offer you a constant witness of faith and love.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses this Week

St. Anthony of Padua - Monday, June 13:

6:30 am (L) Debbie DuBrul
9:00 am +John Bartholme

Tuesday, June 14:

6:30 am (L) Isidoro León-Duarte
9:00 am (L) Fr. Juan Espino
2:00 pm 8th Grade Graduation

Wednesday, June 15:

6:30 am (L) Edward Conklin
9:00 am +Dominador Catain

Thursday, June 16:

6:30 am +Richard Biava
9:00 am +Veronica Breznak

Friday, June 17:

6:30 am (L) Ruth Mullane
9:00 am (L) James and Miguel Saunders

Saturday, June 18:

8:00 am +Helen and Frank Zappacosta
5:00 pm +Edgar Teran
7:00 pm (L) Pat Casey

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 19:

7:30 am +Grace Okemo
9:00 am +Roy Kasenge
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon Father's Day Novena

Toward a Family Friendly Parish (TFFP)

Evangelization - June Programming

Mark your calendar for June's TFFP activities in Hannan Hall:

Saturday, **June 18** - 6:00 pm movie, *Despicable Me*



Friday, **June 24** - 6:30 pm; doors open at 6 pm
Talk on *Family and the New Evangelization*
by Soren Johnson, Bishop Paul S. Loverde's Delegate for Evangelization and Media

"I no longer live, but Christ lives in me." Is Christ inviting you to let Him live in you through single-hearted service as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org, or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

Nourishing Our Souls with Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zec 12:10-11; 13:1 Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Gal 3:26-29 Lk 9:18-24



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Connie King, J. Saunders, Catherine Hanniff, Kristin Burns, Francis Walter, Eduardo Vega, Deborah DuBrul, Kathleen Donohoe, Clarissa Trono De Guzman, Lyda Tanco, Mark Bush, Joseph Covas, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Irma Mori, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Teresa Sabina Piecyk, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Teresa Subalusky, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith

This Week in Our Parish

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 12:

Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group
Adoration Chapel 6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

St. Anthony of Padua - Monday, June 13:

Hannan Hall 12:00 noon-2:00 pm Middle School

Tuesday, June 14:

Church 2:00-3:00 pm 8th Grade Graduation
Hannan Hall 3:00-4:00 pm 8th Grade Graduation Reception
Cupertino Room 7:00-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

Wednesday, June 15:

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group
Parish Office 7:30-8:45 pm Baptism Class in Spanish

Thursday, June 16:

Hannan Hall 9:00 am-12 noon Craft Group
Church 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

Friday, June 17:

Adoration Chapel 11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall 3:30-5:30 pm Nazareth Group
Cupertino Room 7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

Saturday, June 18:

Outside 10:30 am-12:30 pm Ghana Council Meeting
School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
Hannan Hall 6:00-9:00 pm TFFP Movie Night
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir Rehearsal

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 19:

Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

"Family and the New Evangelization" - Talk by Soren Johnson at Queen of Apostles, Friday, Jun. 24 at 6:30 pm:

Me, an "evangelist"?! What does this look like in my family? What does prayer look like in our family? Every family gets overwhelmed--with the demands of work, school, extracurricular activities, and everyday challenges. And yet, we want to lead our children to holiness and virtue in a culture that is increasingly hostile to our faith. Soren Johnson, Bishop Paul S. Loverde's Delegate for Evangelization and Media, will offer 5 challenges and tools based on his own experience as a father, Bishop Loverde's *Go Forth with Hearts on Fire*, and Pope Francis' *Joy of the Gospel*. Soren facilitates parish-based evangelization efforts, oversees The Light is On Lenten campaign and the diocesan Office of Communications. He writes a biweekly column for the Herald on issues of evangelization, family life, and culture. Soren and his wife are the proud parents of five children, and are parishioners at Saint John the Apostle in Leesburg. To RSVP for this talk, visit www.queenofapostles.org or call (703) 354-8711 for the parish front office.



Vacation Bible School We will be "Surfin' with the

Holy Spirit" **Jun. 27 - Jul. 1** from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Registration is now open for youth ages 4 through 12th grade. The deadline to register for a discounted rate is **Jun. 13**. For more information, visit queenofapostles.org/vacation-bible-school. Teens and adults interested in volunteering for VBS can still e-mail vbs@queenofapostles.org.

Sacramental Certificates and Registration for the 2016-2017 Religious Education (RE) Program

Religious Education students who received Sacraments this year may pick up their certificate from the parish office. Also, if First Holy Communion pictures were ordered, pictures are also in the parish office. While in the office, you may register for the 2016-2017 Religious Education school year. Please register by **Aug. 1** to ensure the correct number of books/materials is ordered. Birth and baptismal certificates are to accompany registrations from new students. The first day of class is Sunday, Sep. 11, 2016 at Queen of Apostles School.

A Summertime Bible Study for high school-aged students is being organized. Please contact Susan Gray at (703) 354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org for information.



Nazareth, for students in grades 4-8, will meet on Friday, **Jun. 24** (not Jun. 17) in Hannan Hall.

Summer Exchange Program Activities On **Jul. 2**, 2 teachers and 8 students from Spain will arrive in the United States. Thanks to our parish families who will be hosting Almudena, Ana, Andrea, Ignacio B., Ignacio P., Ines, Juan, Mercedes, Roberto and Sofia. Parishioners are invited to meet our guests during the Sunday Social on July 3 in Hannan Hall. Additionally, parish youth will be invited to participate in Exchange Program activities. Thank you again to Queen of Apostles families who will be hosting. For more information, contact Susan Gray at (703) 354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org

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VIRTUS Training Seminar for all volunteers

All School parents and parishioners working with the youth are required to be compliant with the Diocese's Office for the Protection of Youth and Young People (OPCYP). Compliance requires attending a VIRTUS training seminar. Queen of Apostles will host a VIRTUS training on Friday, **Jul. 8** from 1 to 6 pm in Hannan Hall. Registration is online only at www.virtus.org. For questions or for more information, contact Nenita De Guzman, parish OPCYP liaison at n.deguzman@queenofapostles.org or (703) 354-8711.

Religious education teachers and aides; youth ministers and volunteers, directors/coaches of children's activities (VBS, athletics, choir, etc.), parent volunteers having substantial contact with children under 18 years of age are all asked to attend this training seminar if you have not yet attended one.

Queen of Apostles School is now enrolling for the 2016-2017 school year. Application packets are available at the school and online at www.queenofapostlesschool.org.

¿Necesita ayuda para completar su aplicación de ciudadanía?

Catholic Charities Hogar Immigrant Services será el anfitrión de un taller de la ciudadanía el **18 de junio** en: Department of Human Services (2100 Washington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22204). La inscripción será desde las 10 am y 1 pm. Por favor llame a (571) 208-1572 para preguntas o más información sobre qué documentos debe traer. Habrá un cargo de \$120 para una consulta con un abogado, ayuda con su aplicación de ciudadanía y fotografías. Se acepta efectivo o tarjeta de crédito.

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend's collection will go toward **ACCA** and the **Missionaries of Charity**. Next weekend's collection will go toward **Christ House**.