

Unspeakable Violence



There are no words for the unspeakable violence we have witnessed. Let me bring to this column, today, the statement from Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

Waking up to the unspeakable violence in Orlando reminds us of how precious human life is. Our prayers are with the victims, their families and all those affected by this terrible act. The merciful love of Christ calls us to solidarity with the suffering and to ever greater resolve

in protecting the life and dignity of every person.

With this deep sorrow, we turn our sights to Jesus on the Cross as we raise our prayers:

"The cross is the most profound condescension of God to man and to what man—especially in difficult and painful moments—looks on as his unhappy destiny. The cross is like a touch of eternal love upon the most painful wounds of man's earthly existence; it is the total fulfillment of the messianic program that Christ once formulated in the synagogue at Nazareth and then repeated to the messengers sent by John the Baptist. According to the words once written in the prophecy of Isaiah, this program consisted in the revelation of merciful love for the poor, the suffering and prisoners, for the blind, the oppressed and sinners. In the paschal mystery the limits of the many sided evil in which man becomes a sharer during his earthly existence are surpassed: the cross of Christ, in fact, makes us understand the deepest roots of evil, which are fixed in sin and death; thus the cross becomes an eschatological sign. Only in the eschatological fulfillment and definitive renewal of the world will love conquer, in all the elect, the deepest sources of evil, bringing as its fully mature fruit the kingdom of life and holiness and glorious immortality. The foundation of this eschatological fulfillment is already contained in the cross of Christ and in His death. The fact that Christ "was raised the third day" constitutes the final sign of the messianic mission, a sign that perfects the entire revelation of merciful love in a world that is subject to evil. At the same time it constitutes the sign that foretells "a new heaven and a new earth," when God "will wipe away every tear from their eyes, there will be no more death, or mourning or crying, nor pain, for the former things have passed away." (Pope St. John Paul II, *Rich in Mercy* #8)

Nourishing Our Souls with Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Thirteenth 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



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses this Week

Monday, June 20:

6:30 am +Stanley Pifer
9:00 am Father's Day Novena

St. Aloysius Gonzaga - Tuesday, June 21:

6:30 am Father's Day Novena
9:00 am +John Bartholme

Saints John Fisher and Thomas More

Wednesday, June 22:

6:30 am +Robert O'Connor
9:00 am Father's Day Novena

Thursday, June 23:

6:30 am Father's Day Novena
9:00 am +Roy T. Jenkinson

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist - Friday, June 24:

6:30 am Father's Day Novena
9:00 am +Roy T. Jenkinson

Saturday, June 25:

8:00 am +Antonin Scalia
5:00 pm Father's Day Novena
7:00 pm (L) Donald O'Connor

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 26:

7:30 am +Josephine O'Connor
9:00 am Father's Day Novena
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon (L) Miles Paul Yoo

Toward a Family Friendly Parish (TFFP)

"Evangelization" - June Theme

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



This 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 RSVP at queenofapostles.org

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time For all fathers, who are especially called to manifest the love of the Blessed Trinity in their families and the world, will encourage vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life among their children, we pray to the Lord.

"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? Contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org, or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Timmy Burnway, 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

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 19:

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga - Monday, June 20:

No Events Scheduled

Saints John Fisher and Thomas More - Tuesday, June 21:

Cupertino Room 7:00-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

Wednesday, June 22:

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group

Thursday, June 23:

Parish Office 6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary

Church 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist - Friday, June 24:

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 Youth Group

Hannan Hall 6:00-7:30 pm "Family and the New Evangelization" Talk

Cupertino Room 7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

Saturday, June 25:

School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group

School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir Rehearsal

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 26:

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

Adoration Chapel 6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

Share your love of the Catholic faith by volunteering as a catechist or aide

for the 2016-2017 Religious Education school year. Classes, taught in English, are held on Sundays, **Sep. 11, 2016 - Jun. 4, 2017**, from 9-10:15 am. Adults and youth, 15 years and older, are welcome to apply. Adult volunteers are required to attend a VIRTUS seminar and complete Virginia Background Check paperwork. To apply and for more information, please contact Susan Gray at (703) 354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Program

If you are an adult and are curious about the Catholic faith, thought about becoming a Catholic, or, you were baptized Catholic, but have not celebrated the Sacraments, Queen of Apostles' Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program begins in September, Monday nights. Adults from all faith traditions or no religious background at all, are welcome to participate in our **Sep. 2016 - Jun. 2017** program of instruction and discussion. Please contact Susan Gray for more information and to register: (703) 354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

Exchange Program: Meet Our Guests from Spain

Hi! My name is Ignacio. I am the second of eight brothers and sisters. With such a big family I don't have much time to be bored! I'm a good student. Although I live in Madrid, our house is on the outskirts, in a mountain area near a field environment. I love to play rugby, and play the flute. My family and I participate in parish activities, and I have there a group of friends for years. I have meetings with them, accompanied by a priest who helps us. We do lots of activities together.

I'm very excited about the trip to the United States. I'm very interested to know such a wonderful country, its culture and its people, and take the opportunity to improve my English. Thank you very much for this opportunity!

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USCCB Fortnight for Freedom, Northern VA, DC Area

The Fortnight for Freedom is an annual 14-day event held in dioceses and parishes across the United States to raise awareness about the importance of religious freedom. Launched in the summer of 2011 by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB), the Fortnight for Freedom initiative serves as a vital channel for promoting the preservation and protection of our religious liberty through prayer and activism across the country. This year's theme, "Witnesses to Freedom" will focus on men and women of faith throughout the world who have been strong witnesses to true freedom in Christ.

Jun. 21, 2016 - Opening Mass

The Fortnight for Freedom Opening Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop William Lori on Tuesday, **Jun. 21** at 7:00 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore, Maryland. The Mass will be televised on EWTN and the CatholicTV Network. The relics of St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher will be available for veneration at the opening Mass as well as at the closing Mass on **Jul. 4** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.



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 still open for youth ages 4th through 12th grade. For more information, visit queenofapostles.org/vacation-bible-school. Teens and adults interested in volunteering for VBS can still e-mail ybs@queenofapostles.org.

Annual Diocesan Multicultural Mass & Fair

Join the many cultural communities throughout the Diocese of Arlington at the Annual Diocesan Multicultural Mass & Fair on **Jun. 25** at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More (3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington). Mass will begin at 5:30 pm. The Multicultural Fair and Reception will follow immediately after Mass, where the various cultural communities will display exciting news, events and information about their ministry. Each cultural community will provide food representative of their native country for the reception. For more info, please contact mcm@arlingtondiocese.org.

VIRTUS Training Seminar for all volunteers

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. If the seminar is full when you go to register, contact Nenita De Guzman, parish OPCYP liaison at n.deguzman@queenofapostles.org or (703) 354-8711.

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend's collection will go toward **Christ House**. Next weekend's collection will go toward the **Poor Sisters of Saint Joseph**.