

The Gift of Religious Life



On Saturday, July 16 Sister Ursula of the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph celebrated 25 years of religious life. We join her in thanksgiving by praying for her perseverance and holiness. At the same time it is for us a timely reminder of the precious gift of religious life, and in a special way, the gift of having the Poor

Sisters of St. Joseph in our Parish. Could we imagine Queen of Apostles without the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph?

For a very long time they have been with us serving the poor and our parish family, interwoven within our liturgical and ministry life. They have been a precious help for the Religious Education program, they bring Communion to the homebound, run the Banica Mission Trip; they educate our children at St. Gabriel's Day Care Center instilling in their young hearts joy and faith. They also help us generously in our youth ministry. How many QofA youth throughout the years have been impacted by the Sisters?

Always inviting us to be part of their activities, they give us the opportunity to serve Jesus in the poor and to practice the works of mercy. For this we are so grateful and ask the Lord to bless Sister Ursula abundantly and that many youth will join them in this vocation of consecrating themselves to Jesus and serving the poor.

Today's Gospel is about Martha and Mary, Bethany's family welcoming Jesus. Like Martha and Mary, consecrated religious men and women serve Jesus in two ways: active and contemplative life. In active life devoting themselves to different ministries: education, care of the elderly, feeding the hungry, teaching, offering faith formation... We see them busy as Martha, working hard. The secret of this amazing energy is hidden, however, in Mary's heart: her love of Jesus.

To grow in their love and fidelity to Jesus, consecrated religious devote the best times of the day to prayer, to "the better part". Blessed Teresa of Calcutta's sisters had an hour of adoration in the morning. But soon they added a second one in the evening. Some asked, why spend more time in prayer if the sisters are so busy? The answer was: because without that extra prayer we would not be strong enough for the work we do.

Thank you Lord, for the precious gift of religious life and for the presence of the DCJM and the PSSJ in our parish!

Nourishing Our Souls with Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:1-10A Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5
Col 1:24-28 Lk 10:38-42



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses this Week

Monday, July 18:

6:00 am (L) Millie and Danny Akaka
9:00 am +Harold Baker

Tuesday, July 19:

6:30 am (L) Kate Kanani Esserman
9:00 am +John Bartholme

Wednesday, July 20:

6:30 am +John Hammerschmidt
9:00 am +John Bartholme

Thursday, July 21:

6:30 am +Margaret Mariano
9:00 am +John Bartholme

Saint Mary Magdalene - Friday, July 22:

6:30 am +Lourdes Sian
9:00 am +James Casey

Saturday, July 23:

8:00 am +Bernie Green
5:00 pm +Matteo Rios and David Castro
7:00 pm +Hilda Menacho

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 24:

7:30 am (L) Matthew Curtis
9:00 am +Roy Kasenge
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Grace Okemo

Attention High School Youth: Attend "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" Summer Bible Study followed by Open Gym

Meet with Fr. Juan and other leaders every Friday in **Jul.** and **Aug.** from 4:30-6:00 pm for a high school bible study. The bible study will be held at Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street). Following the bible study, join other high school youth for open gym from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the school gym. To register and for more information, contact Susan Gray at (703) 354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time That like Mary of Bethany, all the priests, deacons and men and women in the consecrated life will listen to the Lord in the silence of prayer, faithful to their choice of that better part, we pray to the Lord.

"Mary has chosen the better part." Does a life of prayer and service as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life attract you? 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, Etelvina León-Duarte, 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, 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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 17:

Church Religious Education Registration Sunday
Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

Monday, July 18:

No activities scheduled

Tuesday, July 19:

Hannan Hall 7:30-9:30 pm ACCA Meeting

Wednesday, July 20:

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

Thursday, July 21:

Hannan Hall 9:00 am-12 noon Craft Group
Parish Office 5:00-6:00 Liturgy Coordinator Meeting
Parish Office 6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Church 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

Saint Mary Magdalene - Friday, July 22:

Adoration Chapel 11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
NDI 4:30-6:00 pm High School Bible Study
School 6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym Night
Cupertino Room 7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

Saturday, July 23:

School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir Rehearsal

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 24:

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

Religious Education - Registration this Sunday

Religious Education Program families who have not registered their child/ren for the 2016-2017 Religious Education school year, may do so after Mass. Visit the table in the church vestibule. Please bring a copy of the child's birth and baptismal certificates. Tuition is \$70-1 child; \$120 - 2 children; \$150 = 3+ children in the same family. Classes, kindergarten (age 5) through high school, begin on **Sep. 11** and are taught in English.

RCIA 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 Apostle' 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.

Employment Opportunities at the

School Queen of Apostles School is looking for a part-time computer teacher and a part-time physical education teacher for 2016-2017 school year. Both teaching positions are approximately 15 hours a week and the two positions can be combined. Prior teaching experience is preferred. Please send resumes to Kathy Littlefield at k.littlefield@queenofapostlesschool.org.

QofA School – Applications still be accepted Space is available in some of the grades. For more information about the school and the application process, please visit www.queenofapostlesschool.org or call (703) 354-0714. Consider the many benefits of a Catholic education that includes strong Catholic values, an excellent academic curriculum, and a close school community.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye Able Bodied Parishioners are needed to be Ushers!

Come join a wonderful ministry that is dedicated to serving the parishioners before, during and after Mass with a friendly face to greet parishioners, collect the Mass envelopes, pass out the weekly bulletin, and provide information and assistance to our parishioners as necessary. If you would like to join the Usher Ministry please contact Cesar Anchiraico at (949) 933-5185 or Joseph Lynem at (703) 628-3473.

Hispanic Pilgrimage to Pray for Vocations

Join the Hispanic Pilgrimage to Pray for Vocations in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, led by Madre Maria González, PSSJ, and conducted in Spanish. This year's pilgrimage will be on Saturday, **Jul. 30** to the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestohowa in Doylestown, Pa. Transportation is provided. The bus will depart Queen of Apostles located at 4401 Sano Street in Alexandria at 6:30 am and return between 8-9 pm. Cost is \$20 per person. Bring your lunch and money to pay for dinner on the way home. For more information and to sign up, contact Madre Maria González or Eneyda Martinez at (703) 354-0395 or pssjalexandria@gmail.com.

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 St. Joseph**.

Exchange Program: Meet Our Guests from Spain

Hi USA family. First of all, I need to say that I can't imagine going back to the USA and not being with you because you make me feel like another member of the family. And this involves not just you, but also Abuelita Emérita (and her delicious ceviche, yummy), Abuelito Juan and Bolo and Guela.

Moreover, you were always there if I needed something and you took me to amazing places, such as the tour through the National Mall and Kings Dominion.

Last but not least, Natalie is nowadays like a sister to me. We spent a month talking and laughing 24 hours a day, and even though she is 3 years younger than me I think that we have so many things in common. Kisses and hugs, Andrea
P.S I can't wait to see you.

Hi there! My name is Juan and I'm 15 years old. I live in Madrid with my parents and my three little sisters. Last Friday I finished school and I'm starting my vacation.

Some of my hobbies are reading, listening to music, and playing any kind of sport. I'm in a basketball team and I love playing table tennis, running, swimming, besides soccer which I don't like pretty much, playing video games and hanging out with my friends. I'm a calm boy and I have a lot of friends, and I consider myself a good student.

Last summer I spent three weeks in D.C. and it was such an unforgettable experience, in which you don't only improve your English, but you grow as a person, opening your mind with new people, in a Catholic context; that's why I would love to go to the US again. I can't wait to meet my new family, but for now a huge hug from Spain!!

ACCA Annandale Christian Community for Action will meet at Queen of Apostles on Tuesday, **Jul. 19** at 7:30 pm in Hannan Hall. All are welcome to attend this meeting. The Ruffing College Scholarships for disabled students will be presented.