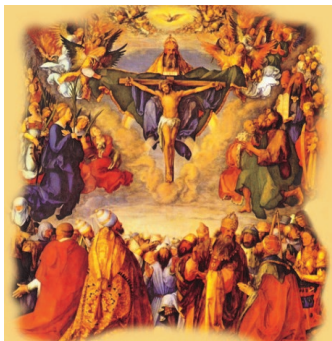


All Baptized, All Saints

"All the Christian faithful, of whatever state or rank, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity" (Vatican II, Lumen Gentium 40). As we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, this principle of the II Vatican Council is exemplified in the concrete lives of the saints. With St. John Paul II's apostolic letter *Novo Millennio Ineunte* (NMI) I would like to find how this principle can inspire our daily life.

"As the Council itself explained, this ideal of perfection must not be misunderstood as if it involved some kind of extraordinary existence, possible only for a few 'uncommon heroes' of holiness. The ways of holiness are many, according to the vocation of each individual" (NMI 31). What we learn from the saints is that we can be holy in the ordinary circumstances of our daily life. We don't need to be any kind of super-hero. Neither did those saints who "attained holiness in the most ordinary circumstances of life" (NMI 31).

This is possible because holiness is not the extraordinary outcome of a titanic ethical effort. Holiness is the participation in the life of the God who is "thrice Holy" (cf. Is 6:3), and this participation is given to us in baptism. We are holy because we are baptized: all baptized, all saints. "To ask catechumens: 'Do you wish to receive Baptism?' means at the same time to ask them: 'Do you wish to become holy?'" It means to set before them the radical nature of the Sermon on the Mount: Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect (Mt 5:48)" (NMI 31).



Through Baptism we enter into God's life, and since that very moment the call to holiness becomes an intrinsic and essential aspect of Christian life measuring our choices with God's will: "since Baptism is a true entry into the holiness of God through incorporation into Christ and the indwelling of his Spirit, it would be a contradiction to settle for a life of mediocrity, marked by a minimalist ethic and a shallow religiosity" (NMI 31).

This new vision opens for us a path of holiness involving a "pedagogy of holiness". The example of the saints and the story of salvation inspire us to embrace God's call in daily life. The saints built their holiness saying yes to God in the concrete circumstances of their daily life. As we follow God's call we grow in communion with him and thus in holiness. Baptism is always moving us in that direction. All Baptized, All Saints.

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Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:10-16 Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses this Week

Monday, November 2: All Souls' Day

6:30 a.m. All Souls' Novena
9:00 a.m. +Julio and Daria Saavedra-Mollinedo
7:00 p.m. All Souls' Mass (Latin)

Tuesday, November 3: Weekday

6:30 a.m. All Souls' Novena
9:00 a.m. +Julia Lapada

Wednesday, November 4: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

6:30 a.m. All Souls' Novena
9:00 a.m. +William Langston

Thursday, November 5: Weekday

6:30 a.m. All Souls' Novena
9:00 a.m. +Robert David Barry

Friday, November 6: Weekday

6:30 a.m. All Souls' Novena
9:00 a.m. (L) Maria Dowden

Saturday, November 7: Weekday

8:00 a.m. All Souls' Novena
5:00 p.m. (L) Wyatt Nicholson
7:00 p.m. +Felicitia Mendez

Sunday, November 8: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. +John Barsh
9:00 a.m. All Souls' Novena
10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
12:00 p.m. +Estela A. Lagliva

Commitment Weekend for Fall Offertory Program

On **Oct. 18**, parishioners received our FY15 Annual Report, detailing the many activities and needs of our parish. On **Oct. 25**, we announced an offertory program as an opportunity for parishioners to support our growing ministries and needs.

As you prayerfully consider your financial commitment to Queen of Apostles, the following facts may be of interest:

- In the past 10 months, 78% of registered parishioners made some contribution to the weekly offertory through envelopes or through Faith Direct.
- Queen of Apostles parishioners give \$577.66 per year on average to the weekly offertory, or approximately \$11.10 per week.
- The median annual household income for area zip code 22312 is \$74,326. Applying that figure to Queen of Apostles parishioners, current offertory giving is equivalent to 0.8% of total household income.

Thank you to all our parishioners for your generous support of Queen of Apostles, and for responding to the call to return to God the many gifts we have been given.

Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Silvia Serban, Joseph Covas, Glenda Delosier, Luta "Cornie" McGrath, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Barbara Mazur, Irma Mori, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Teresa Sabina Piecyk, Bridgetta Jenkins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Teresa Subalusky, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith, Andres Encinas Fernandez, Sabrina Fernandez Numbella, Lula Tesfu, Monte Moyer, Joseph Luong Bui, Jeanie Miller, Carol D. Otani, Jean Seitz, Noah Mabaya, Robert McMurrer, Anne Jenkins.

This Week in Our Parish

Sun., November 1: Craft Sale and Sunday Social

School 9-10:15a.m. Religious Education
Hannan Hall 2-5:30p.m. Ghana Group

Mon., November 2:

Parish Office 7-8p.m. RCIA

Tues., November 3:

Hannan Hall 10-11:30a.m. Bible Study
Choir Room 7:30-9:30p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Wed., November 4:

Hannan Hall 7-9p.m. Ghana Prayer Group
Parish Office 7:30-8:30p.m. Baptism Class in English

Thurs., November 5:

Hannan Hall 6:30-7:45p.m. High School Bible Study
Parish Office 6:30-8p.m. Legion of Mary
Church 7:30-8:30p.m. Holy Hour

Fri., November 6:

Chapel 11a.m.-12Noon Children's Adoration Hour
Hannan Hall 3:45-5:30p.m. Nazareth Youth Group
School Gym 6-8p.m. Open Gym Night
Cupertino Room 7-9p.m. Hispanic Legion of Mary

Sat., November 7:

School 4-6:30p.m. Spanish Prayer Group
Choir Room 7-9p.m. Ghana Choir Rehearsal

Sun., November 8:

School 9-10:15a.m. Religious Education
Hannan Hall 2-5:30p.m. Ghana Group
Chapel 6-8p.m. Prayer Group

Adoration Chapel Update This past week, some adorers reported safety concerns during early morning hours. Since then, we installed cameras in the vestibule and changed the locking mechanisms to the doors to grant safety to our adorers. Following an interim period of closing the chapel during midnight hours, we are glad to communicate that this coming Monday, **Nov. 2**, we will return to our regular schedule with continuous adoration from Monday at 7:00a.m. through Saturday at 7:45a.m. Thank you very much to our adorers who so generously pray for the parish family, especially with the sacrifice of morning hours. If you are not yet a scheduled adorers, would you like to consider making a commitment to this so important and beautiful ministry?



Annual Craft Sale—TODAY, Sunday, Nov. 1

The Annual Craft Sale sponsored by the Parish Women's Group is today during Sunday Social. Beautiful handmade items and gifts will be available. Proceeds support the Parish, the school, and community charities.



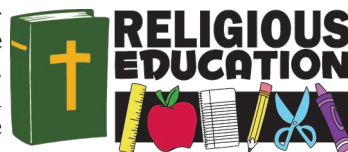
Women's Group Meeting—Nov. 11 The next Women's Group meeting will be Wednesday, **Nov. 11** in Hannan Hall after the 9a.m. Mass. Come meet QofA School principal, Kathy Littlefield, our program speaker. Mrs. Littlefield invites us to revisit the QofA School programs and learn about new initiatives for 2015-16, especially the Spring auction to kick off the school's 50th anniversary celebration. Come be entertained by video, audio, and oral presentation, and be amazed by the awesomeness of our QofA Catholic School!

Thank You to Our Volunteers! We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all those who volunteered their time and efforts to make the Msgr. Beiting Appalachian donation project a success. Special thanks to Grand Knight Carroll Glass, the Knights of Columbus Council 4522, and several students for all their hard work with furniture pick-ups and loading donations onto the truck. Thanks also to the Women's Group and others for their generous cash donations. -Karen Lee and Cathie Connolly



Nazareth Group Parish youth, grades 4-8, are invited to join Nazareth on the first and third Friday of the month from 3:45-5:30p.m. in Hannan Hall. Grow in your faith and in grace - share some fun and snacks - make new friends. See you on **Nov. 6** and **20**!

The **Confirmation** registration form and sacramental fee are due this Sunday, **Nov. 1** from 8th grade and high school-aged students who desire and are preparing for the sacrament. Please return the form and fee (check payable to Queen of Apostles, or cash, exact amount, please) to the Parish Office (4329 Sano St.) or bring to Sunday's Religious Education class.



High School and College Youth Open Gym Night—Friday, Nov. 6

The next Open Gym Night for high school and college youth will be Friday, **Nov. 6** from 6-8p.m. in the school gym. All levels of ability welcome! Invite your friends! Contact Charlie at Charles.Kasenge@gmail.com for more information.



Altar Servers Meeting—Friday, Nov. 13 There will be a mandatory meeting for altar servers on Friday, **Nov. 13** from 6-8p.m. Please meet at the Parish Office (4329 Sano St.); the meeting will conclude in the Church.

Blessing of Altar Servers—Nov. 14-15 Queen of Apostles is blessed to have over 40 altar servers. To encourage this important ministry and recognize the young men who serve the altar, servers will receive a special blessing during Masses the weekend of **Nov. 14-15**.

Queen of Apostles—Giving Thanks, Bearing Fruit

John Beach was ordained a permanent deacon for the Catholic Diocese of Richmond on Oct. 17, 2015. John is the son of parishioners Norene DelBene Beach and the late Loren Beach, a founding family of Queen of Apostles. He attended St. Anthony elementary school (now Corpus Christi) and was an altar server for many years at QofA. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in Alexandria, and received degrees in engineering from Virginia Tech, where he has been employed for the past 27 years. John is a parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Salem, Virginia, where he resides with his wife. They have one son. Congratulations to Deacon Beach on his ordination to the diaconate!

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend, the collection will go towards **Parish Charitable Needs**. Next weekend, the collection will go towards **ACCA** and the **Little Sisters of the Poor**.