

The early 1600s in North America saw much exploration and colonization. The Spanish explored and settled along the west coast. The British explored and settled along the east coast. The French explored and settled the north and central parts of North America. Today's focus is upon the French. For, as the French explorers ventured down the St. Lawrence Seaway and Mississippi River, French missionaries accompanied them. Jesuit Fathers Marquette and De Smet interacted with Lewis and Clark. Prior to these Jesuits, others laid the foundation for them in eastern Canada and New York. It was seven of these Jesuits that we honored on October 19th.

In the early 1640s a number of Jesuit missionaries arrived in the New World: Isaac Jogues, Rene Goupil and John Brebeuf to name a few. The Jesuits' mission was to the Huron, Algonquin and Iroquois-Mohawk tribes. The Jesuits had some success in conversions amongst the Huron and Algonquin tribes. However, the Mohawks were a different story. It was to these Iroquois that Isaac Jogues and his companions were sent by God. Jogues and his companions were captured by the Iroquois and subjected to incredible tortures: for instance, the Mohawks chewed off and cut off some of Jogues' fingers. (Later, the Pope granted Jogues a dispensation to offer Mass without his 'canonical fingers' – his thumb and pointer.) The two companions of Jogues were killed at Auriesville, New York. Jogues buried one of them and described the place in his journal. You can still visit the site of St. John de la Lande's death. Have you ever been to a martyr's grave? Jogues, however, was able to escape with the help of Dutch traders. He returned to Europe only to have the fire of the mission be re-kindled in his heart. With the permission of his superiors, he returned to the New World and the Iroquois. After a short time, he was tomahawked to death in 1646. Isaac Jogues, Rene Goupil and John de la Lande did not have one conversion from the tribe.

Jogues and his companions were failures, right?! Wrong. God's ways are not our ways. Exactly ten years later a young girl was born in Auriesville. She was the daughter of the pagan chief and Christian Huron mother. Her name was Kateri Tekakwitha. Ever heard of her? Perhaps, you would recognize her name with an addition, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks. Kateri converted to Catholicism in her late teens and vowed perpetual virginity. Kateri was ostracized from her tribe and walked 200 miles to a Christian settlement in Canada. She was known for her charity and prayerful life. There is a saying in the Faith that goes, 'The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Faith.' Missionaries never die in vain. Our Lord always uses their sacrifices for good, whether seen by them or not.

God Bless!

Fr. Vander Woude

Masses This Week

Monday, Oct. 22: Weekday

6:30 a.m. † Pascuala Sanchez
9:00 a.m. † Genevieve Fera.

Tuesday, Oct. 23: Weekday, St. John of Capistrano, priest

6:30 a.m. † Pascuala Sanchez
9:00 a.m. † Rosemary Gwynn

Wednesday, Oct. 24: Weekday, St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

6:30 a.m. † Theresa Pilla
9:00 a.m. † Ellen Rita Fetzner

Thursday, Oct. 25: Weekday

6:30 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory
9:00 a.m. Falcomato family

Friday, Oct. 26: Weekday

6:30 a.m. † Lorenzo Calderon
9:00 a.m. † Terance T. Mulrane
7:00 p.m. Mass in Latin

Saturday, Oct. 27: Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Bobby Samantela
5:00 p.m. † Rev. James F. Doyle
7:00 p.m. Rev. Keith M. O'Hare

Sunday, Oct. 28: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Most Rev. William Curlin
9:00 a.m. † Theresa R. Avellino
10:30 a.m. Living & deceased parishioners
12:00 noon † Don Gavin

Readings: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Sir 35: 12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4: 6-8, 16-18/
Lk 18: 9-14 (150)

Confessions: Saturday 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., during

Holy Hour on Thursdays, on Fridays: 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Holy Hour: On Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

Latin Mass: Every Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill:

Maria C. Carcamo, Ursula Pearson, Helen Duffy, Agnes Lamar, Jack Jolie, Onorina DiBenigno, Constanza Gomez, John Manley, Theresa Subalusky, Gloria LaFaye, Jose Gonzalo Rodriguez, Cheryl McGlyn, Didi Hess, Claudia Baragano, Bill Bond, Lauren Richard, Christina Velasquez, Marilyn Menick, Marc Coderre, Jr., Connie Bourgeois, Alejandro Rosales, Francis McNicholas, Martha Luque, TrishAnn Ganley, Judy K. Misage, Jack Manley.



The Poor Box content

this weekend is for Missionaries of Charity. Next weekend the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph will be the recipients. Thank you for your generosity.

The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor

Queen of Apostles Catholic School

Did you know...

that Queen of Apostles School Children's Choir has sung at Kennedy Center, the White House, the Basilica of the Natl. Shrine and has been filmed on EWTN...

Religious Education News

CCD classes have begun. They are held on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. in the School. CCD Office Tel.: (703)-354-4360

RCIA classes have begun and are held in Hannan Hall every Monday, from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. Please contact the Religious Ed. Office for more details.

Respect Life Reflection

"Saying that there are too many children is like saying there are too many flowers."

(Blessed Mother Theresa)

This Week In Our Parish

Sunday, Oct. 21

Gift Shop	9:30 am-1:30 pm	Gift Shop hours
Rectory Mtg. Rm.	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group

Monday, Oct. 22:

Hannan Hall	7:30 -8:45 p.m.	RCIA class
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Tuesday, Oct. 23:

Rectory Mtg. Rm.	7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Gr.
Hannan Hall/Choir Rm.	7:30 p.m.	Choir practice

Wednesday, Oct. 24:

Rectory Mtg. Rm.	7:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
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Thursday, Oct. 25:

Church	7:30 p.m.	Holy Hour
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Friday, Oct. 26:

Church	7:00 p.m.	Holy Mass (Latin)
St. Jos. Cupertino Rm.	7:00-8:45 p.m.	Youth Group

Saturday, Oct. 27:

Rectory Mtg. Rm.	9:30 to 10:30 a.m.	Jr. Legion of Mary
Gift Shop	4:30 to 7:00 p.m.	Gift Shop hours
Youth Rm.	8:00 to 11:00 p.m.	Teen Night

Sunday, Oct. 28:

Gift Shop	9:30 am -1:30	Gift Shop hours
Rectory Mtg. Rm.	7 :00 p.m.	Prayer Group

THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY the Poor Box contents this past weekend amounted to \$429.-.\$214.50 each was given to Christ House and Parish Charity needs.

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for World Missions. Please be generous.

PARISH WOMEN'S CRAFT SALE will be held on Sunday, Nov. 4th, after all holy Masses in Hannan Hall. If you have any homemade crafts you would like to donate, please bring them to Hannan Hall on Sat., Nov. 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Many beautiful items will be on sale that have been made throughout the year by the Craft Group. Come and buy some of your Christmas gifts here!

BISHOP O'CONNELL High School Open House for interested students and their parents will be held on Thursday, Nov. 8th. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. Application materials for the Class of 2012 will be available that night and subsequently on the website www.bishopoconnell.org. For more information, please contact Mary McAlevy, Director of Admissions, at (703)-237-1433.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL AND FOCUS for busy women: Don't miss the 'Phases of Womanhood' Natl.. Conference on Nov. 3rd at the Hyatt Regency in Reston, VA. Father Emmerich Vogt, O.P. (author of 'The Spirituality of the Twelve Steps') and Immaculee Ilibagiza (author of 'Left To Tell') will be the speakers. Individual tickets are \$75, a table for ten \$750. Register now. Space is limited. For more information or to register call Alice: (703)-266-2422 or Marsha: (703)-941-3034. To be seated with other ladies of Queen of Apostles, call Helen Donovan: (703)-941-3034.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY, Oct. 28th, is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the U.S. To thank our priests at Q of A for all that they do for us, we will give them the gift of a spiritual bouquet of prayers (holy Masses, Rosaries, Holy Hours). Please sign up your spiritual gifts at the tables outside the church after all holy Masses this weekend.

DONATIONS NEEDED for the Q of A School Auction: Please consider donating time shares, time in a vacation home, jewelry, books, hotel stays, art work, gift certificates for your favorite hair salon, spa, restaurant, movie theatre, auto service facility, dental office. Contact Ali Newman: (703)-354-0714 for donations & questions.

BISHOP IRETON High School Open House for prospective students is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 28th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The presentation begins at 1:00 p.m. Founded in 1964, Bishop Ireton is a diocesan, co-ed, college preparatory school, conducted by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. For more information please call (703)-751-7606.

WHITE HOUSE Christmas Ornament— A limited number of Christmas ornaments are now available in the Parish Gift Shop. This beautiful ornament honors President Grover Cleveland's first administration and the first Presidential White House Wedding. Price: \$16.95 each.

'RETROUVAILLE' WEEKEND on Oct. 26th—28th: Is your marriage in trouble? Retrouvaille can help, please call (703)-351-7211 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com, for more information and registration.

MOVING? Please call the Parish Office: (703)-354-0742.