

Thank you to everyone who prepared for and attended our parish school auction on Saturday evening. The auction is our major fundraiser for the school and helps every year to defray costs at our school. Particular thanks should be given to Ms. Alison Newman, our physical education teacher, who chaired the auction committee as well as the many others who sacrificed much of their time over the last couple of months. It was a very enjoyable evening had by all.

This past week I was on retreat for five days. This retreat is mandatory every year for all of us priests. It is normally silent and is led by a priest who gives conferences each day on various spiritual topics. The notion of a retreat is not something that should be alien to us. For, it is good for everyone, regardless of your vocation in life, to make time for a retreat of sorts.

Taking time away from our normal routine is healthy. Every week we do it on Sat/Sun. Many will take a vacation during the year. A retreat is time that we take away from our normal routine to focus on Jesus – more so than Sunday/daily Mass. Often times we can get so engrossed in our daily lives – in good things – that we can overlook Our Lord, skip daily time with Him and overlook various virtues that He may be asking us to grow in. A retreat is an opportunity to get the focus back or get it clearer than we have it. It is an opportunity to reflect on one's life and re-evaluate what is (or should be) most important and make practical decisions as how to change one's life for the better. The beauty of silence is that it frees one from the busyness of daily life that can so often clutter our minds and lives. The person is more able to 'hear' Our Lord in his heart and mind.

Rarely can people living and working in the world get away for a week's retreat. However, have you ever considered a weekend retreat? There are a number of opportunities around D.C. for weekend retreats. Or, perhaps make a monthly (or even better, weekly) holy hour before Jesus in the Holy Eucharist? Every month on First Friday we have 24-hour Exposition of the Holy Eucharist in the church. I would especially challenge the single adults in our parish to consider taking an hour with Our Lord on the First Friday between the hours of midnight-6am – actually, Saturday morning. Can you make time for a weekly holy hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? We have a parish holy hour every Thursday evening from 7:30-8:30. In addition, the church is open every day until 9pm so as to afford the opportunity of people to spend quiet time with Jesus.

If we make time for Jesus, He will let us know what He wants of us; where we need to grow, etc.

God Bless!

Fr. Vander Woude

Masses This Week

Monday, Nov. 12: St. Josaphat, bishop, martyr

6:30 a.m. † Christopher McGrath
9:00 a.m. Mary Nguyen's intentions

Tuesday, Nov. 13: St. Frances Cabrini, virgin

6:30 a.m. Peter & Mary Nguyen
9:00 a.m. † Helen M. Zappacosta

Wednesday, Nov. 14: Weekday

6:30 a.m. Maureen Blackwell
9:00 a.m. † Neal Causey

Thursday, Nov. 15: Weekday, St. Albert the Great, bishop, doctor

6:30 a.m. † Alton & Dorothy McGill
9:00 a.m. † Bobby R. Samantela

Friday, Nov. 16: Weekday, St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude, virgin

6:30 a.m. Rev. James C. Hudgins
9:00 a.m. † Aurelia Fornos
7:00 p.m. Mass in Latin

Saturday, Nov. 17: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

8:00 a.m. † Helen M. Zappacosta
5:00 p.m. † Pak Chong Rae
7:00 p.m. Maria Luisa Aliaga

Sunday, Nov. 18: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † John Barsh
9:00 a.m. † Lou & Jeanne Wack
10:30 a.m. Living & deceased parishioners
12:00 noon † Chong Rae Pak

Readings: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Mal 3: 19-20a/ 2 Thes 3: 7-12/Lk 21: 5-19 (159)

Confessions: Saturday 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., during
Holy Hour on Thursdays, on Fridays: 6:30-7:00 p.m.,
on Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. until last penitent is heard

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, 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, , Judy K. Misage, Jack S. Manley, Martha Bibb.



The Poor Box content

this weekend is for Christ House. Next weekend Missionaries of Charity will be the recipient. Thank you for your generosity.

The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor

Queen of Apostles Catholic School

Did you know...

That all Diocese of Arlington Catholic school teachers are credentialed by either the Commonwealth of Virginia or the Virginia Catholic Education Association

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

“How quickly a ‘woman’s right to choose’ comes to serve a ‘man’s right to use.’”
(Juli Loesch, Catholic peace activist)

This Week In Our Parish

Sunday, Nov. 11

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

Monday, Nov. 12:

Hannan Hall	7:30 –8:45 p.m.	RCIA class
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Tuesday, Nov. 13:

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

Wednesday, Nov. 14:

Rectory Mtg. Rm.	7:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
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Thursday, Nov. 15:

Church	7:30 p.m.	Holy Hour
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Friday, Nov. 16:

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

Saturday, Nov. 17:

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, Nov. 18:

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 was \$1,028.-; ACCA. was the recipient.

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for the Church in Africa. Please be generous!

ST. GABRIEL’S DAY CARE Christmas Bazaar takes place next weekend: Sat., Nov. 17th, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 18th, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is their most important annual fund-raising event. Beautiful hand-made items, baked goods and decorations are offered for sale. The address is: 4319 Sano Street. Please lend your support by visiting the Bazaar.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES: Queen of Apostles School is a participating member of the Combined Federal Campaign; please direct your contributions to our school using the assigned code (24087). Kindly encourage relatives and friends to do likewise. Your generosity is appreciated.

PARISH WOMEN’S GROUP plans to hold a **bake and jewelry sale** at the Dec. 2 Sunday Social instead of the Christmas Bazaar. Please support this endeavor by your generous donations of jewelry and accessories. You can leave them in the Christmas box in the back of the Church. Through these sales, the Parish Women’s Group plans to continue to support Church activities and charitable causes.

2007 WHITE HOUSE Christmas Ornament— A limited number of Christmas ornaments are now available in the Parish Gift Shop. This beautiful ornament honors the first administration of President Grover Cleveland and the first Presidential White House Wedding. Price: \$16.95 each.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will sell **religious Christmas cards** after all holy Masses this weekend.

PARISH WOMEN’S Group Meeting will be held next Wednesday, Nov. 14th, following the 9:00 a.m. holy Mass and Rosary in Hannan Hall. This meeting will be strictly social: to wish Cornie McGrath a happy 100th birthday! **Guests are more than welcome, but if you do not regularly attend**, please leave a message at (703)-354-6212 or (703)-256-3418, so that there is enough space available. Please bring your best entrée, salad, fruit or relish tray to serve 6-8 for a potluck luncheon. Also, kindly remember that this month’s charity is a collection for the troops in Iraq. Please be generous!

DRIVE FOR ACCA: It is our turn to drive for ACCA medical appointments Nov. 12—16. If you could give an hour or two of your time, call Terry at (703)-256-3915

TUESDAY, NOV. 27, 2007, at 6:45 p.m., a mandatory meeting for parents of Confirmandi will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room. Sr. Timothy Prokes will speak on the “Effects of the Internet and Virtual Reality on the Person and their Faith.” Because of the number of requests by others to hear Sr. Prokes, this program is open to anyone in the parish who would like to attend.

CWIA BREAKFAST is scheduled before Thanksgiving, for Sat., November 17th. Monsignor John Brady, an assistant to Archbishop Fulton Sheen, will be the keynote speaker. After Monsignor Brady retired, he founded a ministry to make available tapes of Archbishop’s Sheen’s retreats and various talks. All are invited to come. The cost is \$12; reservations are requested before Tuesday, Nov. 13th, through Cathy Czaja: (703)-354-8331 or Rosalie Mainey: (703)-256-5765. The Holiday Inn is located at Eisenhower Ave. and Stoval Street in Alexandria.