

On behalf of the clergy of the parish, we hope everyone had a holy, joyful and safe Thanksgiving. It is always a joy for priests to see so many people attend Mass on Thanksgiving. It makes complete sense. We, as Catholics, have the greatest way to express our thanks to Almighty God. It is the Mass; the Holy Eucharist. For, the word, 'eucharist,' means 'thanksgiving.' At every Mass we offer our thanks to God the Father in union with and through God the Son on the altar! Mass is an act of adoration, worship, reparation, petition and thanksgiving to the Triune God. More than just on the national holiday of Thanksgiving, we offer our thanks to Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist/Mass every Sunday – indeed every day we attend Mass!

Today is the final Sunday of our Church year. It is one of our great celebrations: Christ the King! We celebrate that Jesus is the King of heaven and earth. Yet, He is very different from most earthly kings. He entered this world in humility and love in order to Redeem you and me. His all-powerful Sacrifice on the Cross Redeems each of us. How many kings throughout history have been willing to die for their subjects? Our God has done so!

Is Jesus Christ king of your life? Of your mind and will? Of your body? Of your speech? Or, do we try to control our lives; to be our own rulers? Jesus is the all-good King Who can be trusted to guide us through His Church. As the kings of the Old Testament had a prime minister who held the 'keys of the kingdom' – spoke and acted in the name of the king, so Jesus Christ – Who is the last and greatest king in the line of King David – has a spokesman who acts in His name. Jesus, in Matthew 16:18-20, gave the 'keys of the kingdom' to Peter and promised that the Church He founded upon him would never be conquered by the gates of hell. Our King has not left us orphans. His Bride, the Church, continues to teach us His Truth.

Christus Vincit! Christus Regnat! Christus Imperat!

Christ has conquered! Christ Reigns! Christ Rules!

God Bless!

Fr. Vander Woude

Masses This Week

Monday, Nov. 26: Weekday

6:30 a.m. † Bob O'Connor
9:00 a.m. † Herman & Mildred Metz

Tuesday, Nov. 27: Weekday

6:30 a.m. Anthony Long Nguyen
9:00 a.m. † Mr. & Mrs. Vaughn Farnell

Wednesday, Nov. 28: Weekday

6:30 a.m. † Paul Menick
9:00 a.m. † Terance T. Mulrane

Thursday, Nov. 29: Weekday

6:30 a.m. † Elizabeth Cahill
9:00 a.m. † Roy Jenkinson

Friday, Nov. 30: St. Andrew, apostle

6:30 a.m. † Yolanda Menick
9:00 a.m. † Mr. & Mrs. Joseph E. Thach
7:00 p.m. Mass in Latin

Saturday, Dec. 1: Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Pauline M. Brosnan
5:00 p.m. † Viola Boles
7:00 p.m. Rev. Keith M. O'Hare

Sunday, Dec. 2: First Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. † Helen M. Zappacosta
9:00 a.m. Dorothy P. Carpenter
10:30 a.m. Living & deceased parishioners
12:00 noon † Lorenzo Calderon

Readings: First Sunday of Advent:

Is 2: 1-5/Rom 13: 11-14/Mt 24: 37-44 (1)

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, Grace Monaca, Cheryl McGlyn, Didi Hess, Claudia Baragano, Bill Bond, Lauren Richard, Christina Velasquez, Shirley Biava, Marc Coderre, Jr., Connie Bourgeois, Alejandro Rosales, Francis McNicholas, Martha Luque, Judy K. Misage, Jack S. Manley, Martha Bibb, Nena Kapur, Abby Sasser.



The Poor Box content

this weekend is for the Poor Sisters of Saint Joseph. Next weekend ACCA 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 Q of A families sponsor events of cultural heritage for school families, so that all become familiar with the cultures of the student population;

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

"I would like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness...and you can ask forgiveness from your child who is now living in the Lord". (John Paul II)

QUEEN OF APOSTLES will celebrate **Scout Sunday on February 3rd, 2008.** A representative of each scouting organization (BSA, GSUSA, Campfire, and American Heritage Girls) with youth members from Queen of Apostles are requested to contact Chip and Anne Souser at csouser@verizon.net to identify contacts for units to be included.

SPIRITUAL REFRESHMENT and Renewal are offered at an Advent Silent Retreat for Women, November 30th to Dec. 2, 2007, at the Dominican Retreat in McLean, VA. Fr. David Centner, OCE will be the Retreat Master. For reservation or more information, call Margaret Werts Batko: (703)-941-2217 or Dominican Retreat: (703)-356-4243

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

BE AN ANGEL— Help a Child: The 'Angel Tree' will be set up in the back of the Church on December 2nd. Once again, we will be helping needy children at the Carpenter's Shelter, Community Lodgings, and helping ASSIST pregnancy center. Gifts need to be returned to the back of the Church or to the Rectory by December 16th. Anyone wishing to volunteer with this wonderful project by decorating the 'Angel Trees', transferring donated gifts, or with sorting and delivering gifts, please call Frieda Coccozza at (703)-750-0190. Thanks go to Bruna Cassani for cutting out all the angels!

MOVING? Please inform the Parish Office: (703)-354-0742, if you have a change of address and/or telephone number.

This Week In Our Parish

Sunday, Nov. 25

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

Monday, Nov. 26:

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| Hannan Hall | 7:30 –8:45 p.m. | RCIA class |
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Tuesday, Nov. 27:

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| 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. 28:

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| Rectory Mtg. Rm. | 7:30 p.m. | Legion of Mary |
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Thursday, Nov. 29:

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

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

Saturday, Dec. 1:

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

Sunday, Dec. 2:

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

PARISH WOMEN'S GROUP will hold a **bake and jewelry sale** at the Dec. 2 Sunday Social instead of the Christmas Bazaar. Please help by donating jewelry and accessories, leaving them in the Christmas basket in the back of the Church. Donations of baked goods will be accepted on Dec. 1, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in Hannan Hall; on Dec. 2 before 11:00 a.m.

TUESDAY, NOV. 27TH, 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.

ALL PARENTS OF PRESCHOOLERS are invited to attend a special information evening presented by Queen of Apostles Catholic School on how to recognize and promote Kindergarten readiness. Please join us for this presentation on Dec. 6th, at 7:00 p.m. in the School Library. For more information, please call the school office.

SAVE THE DATE... Catholic Charities Ball 2008—Charleston at Twilight—will be held on Friday, February 1st, 2008, at the Ritz Carlton, Tyson's Corner, VA, Black Tie. For ticket information and donation opportunities call Nancy Rowles: (703)-255-0188.

ANNUAL LARCUM CONFERENCE will be held in Northern Virginia this year, Nov. 30th and Dec.1st. The theme is *The Gospel: The Heart of Christian Unity*. Come, join fellow Catholics of Virginia, together with Lutherans, Anglicans, and Methodists for this two-day conference. Call George or Betty Jane Davis: (703)-354-5321 for details.