SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

**All Saints Day**

*‘Saints’ and ‘saints’ and me*

On November 1st, All Saints’ Day, we remember the many, many holy men and women who have been declared by the Church to be Saints *with a capital ‘S’*. So, too, we recall the countless unknown men and women whose lives gave quiet, or loud, witness to living out the Beatitudes. They, too, are saints *with a lower case ‘s’*. On this Feast, we hear Jesus’ first major discourse to his disciples on the Beatitudes—actions and attitudes that often run counter to the common norms of society, then and now. Jesus’ first beatitude can be regarded as an “umbrella beatitude,” one that covers all the rest. If anyone is truly *poor in spirit*, the rest of the beatitudes should follow. The poor in spirit rely on God for everything, placing their hope in the God who cares for them and the entirety of creation. Recognizing Jesus as the face of God, they pattern their lives on his: meek, merciful, clean of heart, a seeker of justice and bringer of peace. Even those who are insulted and persecuted because of him! Our society would see this as being *cursed*, yet Jesus instead says, “*Blessed are you,*” for you will be comforted, satisfied, and shown mercy. You will* see God and your reward will be great in heaven.”

**Remember Departed Loved Ones in November**

The parish celebrated our annual Mass of Remembrance on November 5 at 11:00am. The slide show from the Mass of Remembrance will be played before mass for all remaining November Sundays. We would appreciate getting a picture of a Loved One if they have not been remembered in past years. Either printed or electronic media can be used. Printed pictures will be returned. Please submit to the Parish office or e-mail dirk@qofa.org.
Dear Parishioners, Families and Friends,

On November 1, the Catholic Church celebrates the solemnity of All Saints, followed by All Souls’ Day on November 2. These two celebrations comfort us that we are in a good company of the saints and the faithful departed. They strengthen our faith in the resurrection of the dead and remind us the canticle of Mary: “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior…” (Luke 1: 46-47). And they encourage us to live our life at every moment gratefully.

I am grateful to you for all your support and prayers. Together we gather Sunday by Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist at which we proclaim the death of the Lord Jesus Christ and profess his Resurrection.

• We participated in the Parish Picnic and Talent Show.
• We donated and enjoyed the annual Oktoberfest dinner.
• We support and promote our Queen of Apostles Catholic School. Its Open House is today, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM, from Preschool through 8th grade.
• We anticipate to participate in the Multicultural Dinner, which is taken place this coming Saturday, October 11. Its theme is “Let There Be Peace on Earth.” It begins with the 5:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass in church, followed by the fellowship in the Community Center.
• Alongside with many other catechists, teachers, and volunteers, we continuously make our parish faith-filled active family, passing on the Catholic faith to our children, youth, and young adults through catechesis, liturgical celebration, and service examples.
• Together, we continue to prayerfully support our parish financially, as well as time and talent.

Personally, I am thankful to you for all your concern and care to me during Fr. Rey’s absence. Thank you so much for all your prayers for him and his family.

On Thursday of Thanksgiving Day, we will have a Thanksgiving Mass at 9:30 AM.

Gratefully,
Fr. Thuc
Queen of Apostles School is hosting its annual PK-8th Grade Open House for prospective families this weekend on Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017 from 10:00am to 1:00pm. If you are interested in attending our school, you are invited to visit with the teachers, gather information, and see our school.

Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults
Diocese of San Jose - Anthony Gonzalez  Phone: 408-983-0113  Fax:408-983-0147  Emergency line: 408-983-0141

HIGH SCHOOL Youth Ministry and Confirmation
CONFIRMATION CALENDAR:
Nov. 5: Confirmation class, 6:30pm
Nov. 12: Scavenger Hunt for the Hungry, 6:15pm

SAVE THE DATE!
Jan. 12-14: High School Retreat in Scotts Valley, CA

THANK YOU! A heartfelt thanks goes out to the parishioners who generously give of their treasure to support the programs of high school youth ministry. Recently, Queen of Apostles was able to provide 4 teens in need with retreat scholarships. Throughout the weekend they participated in praise and worship, reconciliation, Mass, adoration, and fellowship with 100 other brothers and sisters in Christ. Financial gifts help continue the mission of leading teens to an encounter with Jesus. Thank you!

*Like us on Facebook: Queen of Apostles Youth
*Follow us on Instagram: QofAYM
*Contact us: youth@qofa.org | 213-6509 | www.qofa.org

How would you rate your marriage? You are eligible for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend not because you need it, but because you deserve it. It’s a beautiful weekend experience designed for couples of all ages and backgrounds to enrich their marriage. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 10-12, 2017 in San Jose. For more information visit our at; sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413

Our PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON NOV. 10TH TO OBSERVE VETERANS DAY and honor our Veterans.

Family Faith Formation
408-255-9950
Office is staffed on Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 am -3:00 pm and on weekends by appointment. Please call before stopping by.

On the Calendar:
Nov. 5th: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS. Fall Back one hour. No classes this week. Please pray for our catechists who will be on retreat.
Nov. 12th: All classes meet at their usual time
Nov. 19th: All classes meet at their usual time
Nov. 26th NO CLASSES—Happy Thanksgiving

The Diamond Jubilee Needs Your Help
As part of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration in 2020, we want to showcase the rich history of Queen of Apostles—its people, events and evolution through six amazing decades—and we need your help. Were you around in the early years of our Parish? Do you know any of the early Parish families or how we may reach them? Can you help us make contact? Do you have memorabilia, pictures, or video recordings of pastors, priests, parishioners or events we may reference, copy and/or share? (We’ll take good care of everyone’s treasures, we promise). Do you know someone who might? Have you researched our history before? Are you interested in helping us compile the information we gather? If you answered yes to any of these questions, we need to speak with you. Please e-mail us at qofajubilee.org and a committee member will contact you to discuss what you have, who you know and how you can help.

Introducing Bishop Robert Barron’s Catholicism series
This series is a drop in program designed for adults. There is no registration required. This 20 part series will take place on select Sundays October through April. Sessions take place from 10:15-11:15 am in room 6 of the school.

Nov. 12th The Ineffible Mystery of God: That than which Nothing Greater can be Thought. Part II
Nov. 19th Our Tainted Nature’s Solitary Boast: Mary the Mother of God Part I
SAVE THIS DATE!

15th Annual Multi-Cultural Mass and Dinner
Saturday, November 11, 5 pm Mass; 6:30 pm Dinner
Theme: Let There Be Peace on Earth
Come celebrate our unity and diversity of the many cultures represented in our parish. Enjoy foods from around the world! Entertainment! Raffle baskets! Tickets are on sale after all masses. Adults $10; Age 6-11: $5.; Age 0-5: free. Purchase a ticket or sign up to bring a dish for 10. Please wear traditional garb. Do you have an empty basket or two to donate for our Raffle table? Call Lo Rolufs: 408-253-3213

Thanksgiving Food Drive
Our St. Vincent de Paul Chapter is sponsoring the drive the week of Nov. 20th. They are requesting donations of $25 Safeway gift cards. These can be obtained from our school Scrip program. They are available after the weekend. Masses from the scrip table at the parking lot entrance. Thank you.

ASCENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM
Hours of operation:
9am -2 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 2017.
Closed Monday and Friday. Contact: 408-257-8302 FAX Number: 408-257-4600 Web Site: www.ascend-jobs.org
PO Box 9604, San Jose CA 95157.

Oktoberfest Thank You
The members of the Ascent Employment Program wish to thank all of the people who supported our Oktoberfest Fundraiser which continues to help the outstanding work started by Father Jim over 30 years ago. We are especially grateful to those who came to our dinner or donated money to our volunteer organization. It is a great tribute to the people of Queen of Apostles Parish that they are known, county wide as people who are reaching out to adults needing help in finding work and giving these clients a hand up and not just a hand out. We are especially grateful to Valerie Baker, one of the Ascend volunteers and newly elected President of our board, for preparing the outstanding Oktoberfest meal.

Grief Support Group Resumes
1st and 3rd Mondays 7 pm – 8:30 pm in the Parish Office
Are you, a family member or friend, grieving the loss of a loved one? Whether it’s a current loss or one in the past, we will reassure you that there is hope for those whose loved one has died. Join others in support, friendship, and prayer in a confidential setting. We meet every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month in the Rectory. If you have any questions or need to talk, please call Shirley at 408-241-1209

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a religious formation program for adults and for children 7 years or older, who are interested in joining the Catholic Church. Participants explore their faith while learning about the Catholic tradition. To learn more call 408-255-9950 or email kmanning@js.org

PEACEMAKERS

A Sign of Peace
In Azerbaijan, an eastern country not known for peaceful solutions, a peaceful process has occurred. The primarily Shi'ite country welcomed Pope Francis on Oct. 2, but not only that, informed the world of a gift that the government made to the Catholic population of a mere 600 people. The government, in conjunction with Shi'ites, Jews and other Christian churches, got together to help rebuild the Catholic Church! The government donated a plot of land, the Church was built with the financial help of Muslims and Jews. This couldn’t have happened by accident. The new government in power was praised by the pope: “These good relations assume great significance for peaceful coexistence and for peace in the world. They demonstrate that among followers of different religious confessions, cordial relations, respect and cooperation for the common good are possible.” There is hope for our world when we all work together to find peaceful solutions. Pray for those who suffer from lack of peace in our world. Pray that their hearts will be filled with the love of God. Taken from SF Chronicle, Oct. 3, 2016

Social Justice Committee

Rise 2017 Chastity Conference
Don’t miss this great opportunity happening in the Bay Area at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Santa Clara. The event is FREE but please PRE-REGISTER. The date is Nov. 10-for Adults, Parents, Catechists (Reception 6:15 pm-Talks start 7 pm) and Saturday-Nov.11-for TEENS ages 13-17 years from 8:15 am-4:15 pm (Lunch included). Also Saturday-Nov. 11 for Young Adults Theology on Tap (6:30 pm-9pm). Website to pre – register: www.riseba.org, questions:rise.olo@gmail.com

Annual Layette Tea
The Annual Layette Celebration, sponsored by the Office of Women, Diocese of San Jose, will be held at St. Lucy Parish, on Sunday, December 3, 2017 beginning at 2:00 pm. New clothing, sizes newborn to 6 months of age and/or cash donations, will be gratefully appreciated. For information, call Marie McCarthy 408-241-8826 or Veronika Phillips 408-390-4974. Make Checks payable to: Diocese of San José-Layette Fund

We lovingly pray for those in our Parish and families who cannot join us at Mass especially: Micki Dunaway, Carol Houle, Barbara Mertzluft, Antonia Luna, Janet Decker, Patrick Hoins, Marcy Golebiewski, Tomas Arguello, Jeanne Futrell, Barbara Carrillo, Patrick Dougherty. Please let us also pray for all our servicemen and women who serve in the Armed Forces throughout the world and remember them in our hearts today and everyday. We remember those dearly departed in our Queen of Apostles family and in our own families and special persons:
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Never Give Up!

PASTORAL STAFF:

Rev. Thuc Si Ho, Pastor
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MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday
(Vigil Mass):  5:00 p.m.
Sundays:
7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.,
5:00 p.m.
Weekdays:
6:30 and 9:30 a.m.
Saturdays:
8:00 a.m.
Holy Days:
(Vigil Mass) 5:00 p.m.,
6:30, 9:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Marian Devotions:
After the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:
Seminar required. Please contact Rectory for information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Saturdays - 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:
Contact Rectory at least SIX MONTHS prior to any proposed wedding date.

INQUIRY SESSION ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:
Contact number: 408-255-9950 or kmanning@dsj.org