

The Ministries Fair: Serving Our Family

When I was a child my mom reproached us sometimes for acting as though we lived in a hotel rather than a home. With time I came to understand my mother's point. Why do parents ask children to do chores? Because that way their children can grow as they share their gifts and take responsibility for a household that is theirs. Doing chores is a way for children to learn generosity, team work, commitment, responsibility and ownership of their own family life. As we serve we grow and we experience the joy of being an active part of the family.

In the last two years we worked hard to grow in stewardship. Last December we ran the Stewardship of Time and Talent Campaign with the Ministries Booklet and the Time and Talent Interest Form. We invited our parishioners to get more involved as a way to grow as individuals, families and a *family of families*.

As persons we all live in a fabric of relationships. Our friends, those with whom we share our time and interest, have a big impact on our lives. For the parish to have a big impact on someone's life it is absolutely needed to become part of the fabric of relationships in this *family of families* that is Queen of Apostles.

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success". This quote of Henry Ford makes all the sense for our parish. We come together every Sunday, and that is just a beginning. We keep together because we are active parishioners. But another step is still needed.

Next Sunday, September 13th, our parish will host the yearly Ministries Fair. Our ministries will display their activities and give us an opportunity to become a more active part of the family. We will have a more visible setting to help facilitate all parishioners getting involved in the event and experiencing how vibrant and varied are our ministries. As announced in the bulletin and the signs posted on the doors of the church, we will have the traditional Sunday Social and the addition of hotdogs served by the Knights of Columbus.

During my pastorate at Queen of Apostles I have had several opportunities to experience how when parishioners begin to meet in a ministry, the relationships with others and with the parish itself are substantially strengthened and they begin to feel at home.

Serving our family is the way to grow. That is especially important for new parishioners and new families at the school, which has increased its enrollment for the third consecutive year. The involvement of the families will be crucial to continue growing and strengthening our school and thus the parish.

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Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:5-9a Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35(131)



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses this Week

Monday, September 7: Weekday

No 6:30a.m. Mass (Labor Day)

9:00 a.m. +Anne Glennon

Tuesday, September 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 a.m. +Incarnacion Guillermo

9:00 a.m. +Anne Camp

Wednesday, September 9: St. Peter Claver, Priest

6:30 a.m. +Mary Kerrigan

9:00 a.m. +Incarnacion Guillermo

Thursday, September 10: Weekday

6:30 a.m. (L) Stephen Rodgers

9:00 a.m. +John Demas

Friday, September 11: Weekday

6:30 a.m. (L) Rebecca Yoo

9:00 a.m. (L) Mrs. Ann Arias

Saturday, September 12: Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Catherine M. Paparozzi

5:00 p.m. +Loretta Cossack

7:00 p.m. +Rosalia Loli

Sunday, September 13: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. +Roy Kasenge

9:00 a.m. +Grace Okemo

10:30a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

12:00p.m. +Lucia and Jose Antonio Venero

QofA Buses to 9/27 Papal Mass

QofA will be sending two 28-passenger buses to the **Sept. 27** Papal Mass, which will conclude the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, PA. The buses will leave the QofA parking lot at 6a.m. on Sept. 27 and return by 12 midnight. The Mass is at 4p.m. on Philadelphia's Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Seats reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. \$70 per adult, \$120 per couple. \$150 for families with 1 child, plus \$20 for each additional child. All youth under 18 **must** be accompanied by a parent or guardian. RSVP to general@queenofapostles.org. Checks may be made out to "Queen of Apostles Church" and mailed to or dropped off at the Parish Office. This trip will soon be advertised within other parishes in the Diocese, so QofA parishioners are encouraged to RSVP soon!



Operations and Stewardship Update

Buses in the Parking Lot

For a temporary time, there will be charter buses parked in the rectory parking lot. These buses will be used for trips such as the 9/27 Papal Mass in Philadelphia and the 10/3 Diocesan Pilgrimage at the National Shrine. Thank you for your understanding.

Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Luta "Corney" McGrath, Margaret Pfeiffer, David Stemcosky, Barbara Mazur, Irma Mori, Nadine Montegu, 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., September 6:

Hannan Hall 2-5:30p.m. Ghana Group

Mon., September 7: *Parish Office Closed*

Tues., September 8:

Choir Room 7:30-9:30p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Wed., September 9:

Hannan Hall 9:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Women's Group

Hannan Hall 7-9p.m. Ghana Group

Thurs., September 10:

Parish Office 6:30-8p.m. Legion of Mary

Choir Room 6:30-7:45p.m. High School Bible Study

Fri., September 11:

Chapel 11a.m.-12 Noon Children's Adoration Hour

Hannan Hall 5:30-9p.m. St. Ann's Homeschool Group

Cupertino Room 7-9p.m. Hispanic Legion of Mary

Sat., September 12:

Hannan Hall 10a.m.-12:30p.m. Ghana Community Meeting

School 4-6:30p.m. Spanish Prayer Group

Choir Room 7-9p.m. Ghana Choir Rehearsal

Sun., September 13: *Ministries Fair and Sunday Social*

School 9-10:15a.m. Religious Education

Hannan Hall 2-5:30p.m. Ghana Group

Church 6-8p.m. Prayer Group



The Adoration Chapel will be closed on Monday, **Sept. 7** for Labor Day. Normal hours will resume after the 6:30a.m. Mass on Tuesday, Sept. 8.



St. Ann Homeschool Group Family Night

All parish homeschoolers are invited to attend the St. Ann Homeschool Group's Family Night this Friday, **Sept. 11**, beginning at 6p.m. in Hannan Hall. Come meet your fellow homeschoolers and enjoy a potluck supper and ice cream social! For more information contact Genevieve Erkens at 703-719-7955.

QofA High School Youth Group Activities—

September-December 2015

Open Gym (and pizza), First Friday of the Month, 6-8p.m., School Gym. Join Mr. K for sports activities followed by prayer and/or a talk on how to live the faith.

Adoration, Second Saturday of the Month, 7:30-9:30p.m., Hannan Hall and church. Fellowship and desserts in Hannan Hall precede Adoration, Confession and Prayer.

Apostolic Project, Third Saturday of the Month, 7:30-9:30p.m. Projects include life-size a Nativity Scene for our parish, meals for the homeless, and more!

Bible Study, Discussion and Fellowship, Thursdays, 6:30-7:45p.m., Hannan Hall. Come and have a personal encounter with Jesus Christ through Adoration and group study of the Gospel of Matthew. For more info, contact the Children and Youth Ministries Office at 703-354-8711, ext. 16 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

Support the School QofA school enrollment has increased by 12% since the 2012-13 school year. One way to support our growing school is to participate in the Virginia Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credit Program, which currently supports 17 students at QofA. The program offers a 65% tax credit on top of current state and federal tax deductions for donations made to the Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation, which will provide scholarships for new students wishing to attend our Diocesan Catholic Schools. Please call 703-841-2764 for more information on this win-win program!



Theology Courses at Christendom Graduate School

Registration is now open for fall theology courses at the Christendom Graduate School on QofA's Alexandria campus. Earn your MA in theology or take a course for personal enrichment! Courses include Sexual and Biomedical Ethics, Patristics, Catechetical Program Administration, God the Father, Philosophy of God and Man, Old Testament, and several online courses. The semester runs from Sept. 8-Dec. 18. There is a special discounted rate for catechists, seniors, and religious who wish to audit courses. Visit www.christendom.edu/grad, call 703-658-4304, or email NDGS@Christendom.edu.



Estate Planning If you were unable to attend one of our Catholic Estate and Personal Planning seminars last week, you are encouraged to visit the Arlington Diocese website arlingtondiocese.planyourlegacy.org to start your planning today. Or, attend another seminar at a nearby parish:

Sept. 16: St. James, Falls Church, 9:30a.m. & 7:00p.m.

Oct. 7: St. Agnes, Arlington, 9:30a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 18: Our Lady of Lourdes, Arlington, 11:30a.m. & 1:00p.m.

RSVP for one of these seminars by sending an e-mail to d.cook@queenofapostles.org

First Day of Religious Education—Sunday, Sept. 13

Fr. Juan will meet with all parents in the school's Multipurpose Room at 9a.m. on **Sept. 13** to review the Religious Education school year. All parents are expected to attend. Following the meeting, parents may visit their children's classrooms. Registration is still open to students, kindergarten (at least age 5) through high school (for students who have not received the Sacraments). A registration form is available on the website, <http://www.queenofapostles.org/religious-education>, in the church vestibule, and in the Parish Office.



Religious Education Second Collection—Sunday, Sept. 13

The Second Collection on **Sept. 13** is for Religious Education. Thank you for contributing to this annual collection that helps support Queen of Apostles' Religious Education Program.

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 also go towards ACCA and the **Little Sisters of the Poor**.