

Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive

With the media focus on Pope Francis' visit we risk forgetting the reason of his visit to the U.S: the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. With the theme "Love is our Mission: The Family Fully Alive" there will be a congress from Monday September 21 to Friday September 25. After that will be the weekend's Papal Festival with a Vigil and the Mass which three buses of Queen of Apostles parishioners will attend to celebrate with the universal Church, the big family of families.



As Archbishop Chaput wrote, "Our theme, 'Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive' was inspired by the early Church Father, St. Irenaeus, who wrote, 'the Glory of God is man fully alive'. The glory of men and women is their capacity to love as God loves – and no better means exists to teach the meaning of love than the family. His Holiness, Pope Francis also inspired the theme. He embodies the message of mercy, joy and love at the heart of the Gospel."

Love is our mission: these words capture one of St. John Paul II's main ideas: "the family has the mission to guard, reveal and communicate love, and this is a living reflection of and a real sharing in God's love for humanity and the love of Christ the Lord for the Church His bride" (Familiaris Consortio 17). And love is that "inner principle", that "permanent power" that makes the family to be fully alive and thrive: "without love the family cannot live, grow and perfect itself as a community of persons" (Familiaris Consortio 18).

We will listen to what the Pope tells us in Philadelphia because we want to be a family fully alive. This is why as the Pope goes back to Rome, on October 3 we will "set out and travel in haste" (Lk 1,39) to the National Shrine and join Bishop Loverde and our diocesan family in celebrating Mary's unique role in aiding us to live out the mission of the family.

This pilgrimage will mark for us the beginning of a yearlong program on the family to become more and more a family fully alive. Through family projects and best practices we will work to strengthen the relationships within our families and in the parish as a family of families. Each month we will have a theme and opportunities to build up the family, such as movie nights and talks related to the month's theme.

Through this program we intend to get the most of the WMF and the Synod on the Family, grow in love and become more and more a family fully alive moving forward the achievement of our vision: to be a family of families committed to growing in discipleship of Christ and eager to invite others to join our family.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

Monday, September 21: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

6:30 a.m. (L) Anthony and Gonzaga Sung

9:00 a.m. +Ann Glennon

Tuesday, September 22: Weekday

6:30 a.m. (L) Anthony and Gonzaga Sung

9:00 a.m. +Ann Glennon

Wednesday, September 23: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

6:30 a.m. (L) Pamela Black

9:00 a.m. +Zenaida Mier

Thursday, September 24: Weekday

6:30 a.m. (L) Anthony and Gonzaga Sung

9:00 a.m. (L) Anthony and Gonzaga Sung

Friday, September 25: Weekday

6:30 a.m. (L) Anthony and Gonzaga Sung

9:00 a.m. (L) Anthony and Gonzaga Sung

Saturday, September 26: Weekday

8:00 a.m. (L) Eliza Lee

5:00 p.m. (L) Jean Seitz

7:00 p.m. +Enrique Gutierrez De La Fuente Ibanez

Sunday, September 27: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. +Maude Ryan

9:00 a.m. (L) Bishop William Curlin

10:30a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

12:00p.m. +Sofia and B. Ospici

Faith Nugget

Pray for the fruits of the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia and Pope Francis' visit to Cuba and the US.



Operations and Stewardship Update

Many thanks to the ministry coordinators and volunteers who made our Ministries Fair last Sunday a fruitful and enjoyable community event. In all, we had 213 sign-ups! At the time of this bulletin's publication, the raffle winners had not yet been determined. You may now check www.queenofapostles.org for an announcement of our raffle winners. While you're on the site, navigate over to our "Stewardship" section and read more about our parish ministries, especially if you missed the fair. It's a new website with a new design that we hope you enjoy!

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29 Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43,45, 47-48 (137)



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Luta "Cornie" McGrath, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Barbara Mazur, Irma Mori, Nadine Montegu, Rita Sulit, Jason Bannis, Emma Collins, Teresa Sabina Piecyk, Bridgetta Jenkins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocosn, 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 20:

School 9-10:15a.m. Religious Education
Hannan Hall 2-5:30p.m. Ghana Group

Mon., September 21:

Parish Office 7-8p.m. RCIA

Tues., September 22:

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

Wed., September 23:

Hannan Hall 7-9p.m. Ghana Group
Parish Office 8-9:30p.m. St. Joseph Men's Group

Thurs., September 24:

Hannan Hall 6-10p.m. VIRTUS Training Session
Parish Office 6:30-7:45p.m. High School Bible Study
Church 7:30-8:30p.m. Holy Hour

Fri., September 25:

Chapel 11a.m.-12 Noon Children's Adoration Hour
Parish Office 6:30-8p.m. Legion of Mary
Cupertino Room 7-9p.m. Hispanic Legion of Mary

Sat., September 26:

School 4-6:30p.m. Spanish Prayer Group
Choir Room 7-9p.m. Ghana Choir Rehearsal

Sun., September 27:

School 9-10:15a.m. Religious Education
Hannan Hall 2-5:30p.m. Ghana Group
Church 6-8p.m. Prayer Group

2015 Diocesan Pilgrimage: 'Oh Mary, Keep Our Family Alive in Love!'-Saturday, Oct.

3 The 2015 Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday, **Oct. 3** from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Queen of Apostles is organizing a bus to this most important event of our diocese. To reserve a seat call (703) 354-8711 or email

n.deguzman@queenofapostles.org. We hope you will join Bishop Loverde and our parish and diocesan family in celebrating Mary's unique role in aiding us to live out the mission of the family - to be fully alive in love. For more information, please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/pilgrimage.



Celebrating a Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary this year? Were you married in 1965 or 1990? Then contact the parish office by **Sept. 25** to register for the 2015 Marriage Jubilee Mass. Bishop Loverde will celebrate the Mass on Sunday, Oct. 25 at St. Agnes in Arlington at 2:30 p.m. For more info, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.

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is the national University of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by the Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. Over 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this Collection, including many from our diocese. Next weekend, **Sept. 26-27**, is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Please be generous.

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One Day Abortion Recovery Retreat for Women-

Sept. 26 This retreat is a safe place to renew and rebuild hearts broken from abortion. It offers a confidential environment where you can begin the process of healing. For more info or to register email: info@helpafterabortion.org, visit: www.helpafterabortion.org or call: (888)-456-HOPE (4673).

Please join the Alexandria/Springfield Chapter of the Catholic Business Network (CBN),

and enjoy a social breakfast while meeting fellow Catholic professionals. This month's topic will be a workshop on: How to Reach the Catholic Market and Grow Your Business Using Social Media. Our breakfast will be Thursday, **Oct. 1** from 7:30-9:00a.m. at Walker's Grille in Alexandria. Pre-register online for \$15 at cbnova.org/Alexandria-Springfield. Walk-in price is \$20 (cash or check), with a preferred RSVP by Sept. 28. Email Trebor Whearty at twhearty@mcenearney.com or call (703) 627-5239. To learn more about CBN or to join, visit www.cbnova.org.

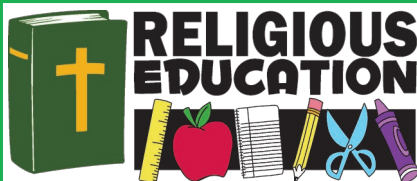
Thank you for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend, the collection will go towards **Christ House** and the **Missionaries of Charity**. Next weekend, the collection will go towards the **Poor Sisters of St. Joseph**.

QofA Students Soar! A fifth grade student at QofA has been selected as the 1st Place Grand Prize and Virginia State Winner for the Library of Congress essay contest for the Mid-Atlantic region (6 States). This student read her winning essay at the National Book Festival at the Washington Convention Center last week. This student also received an invitation from the White House for the welcoming ceremony for Pope Francis on Sept. 23. We are very proud of our students' accomplishments!



Friday Mass Collection At the 9 a.m. Mass on Fridays, our students collect money for the scholarship fund in Banica, as well as support for our school. Thank you for your generosity.

Fall Festival Mark your calendars for the Queen of Apostles School Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, **Oct. 17**. All are welcome to attend!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Thank you for contributing to the Second Collection last week in support of the QofA R.E. Program. The Program

serves over 200 youth. There are limited openings. Classes began on Sept. 13. Please call the Parish Office at 703-354-8711, ext. 16 for more information.

Catechetical Sunday, Today, Sept. 20 With the theme "Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person", we thank and recognize our dedicated volunteer catechists and aides. Together with parents, our 20 catechists and aides assist children in living the Christian life: learning to pray, knowing the Bible and Scripture, preparing for Sacraments. During the 10:30a.m. Mass, catechists will renew their commitment by affirming their Profession of Faith.