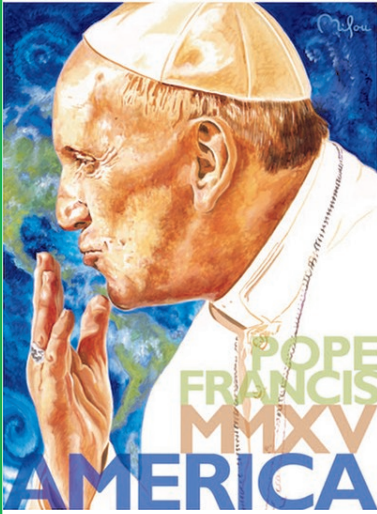


Welcome, Pope Francis!



When I wrote this letter Pope Francis had just arrived to the U.S. When you will read it, he should have delivered most of his speeches. We are experiencing these days the impact his presence is having on many people wanting to learn more about the Catholic Church.

Now we are excited and proud to be Catholic. However Francis will leave soon and we will go back to our daily routine. But we want something more than a moment of excitement. We would like that his visit would

help us to become closer to God and to grow in holiness, each one in his or her vocation.

Although he will have very important addresses: U.S. Congress, U.N. General Assembly... the core of his visit is the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. On Saturday he will join the Festival of Families and celebrate the Mass on Sunday. He will talk about our vocation to love and encourage our families to be fully alive: "Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive".

Queen of Apostles will join that Mass to receive the Pope's teachings and bring them to our parish family. Christ came "so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (Jn 10:10). We want to have abundant life so that every single parishioner, every family in our parish, our parish as a family of families, would become "a family fully alive".

To accomplish this goal we are launching a year-long program. Love is our mission. Even more, "Love is therefore the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being" (JP II, Familiaris Consortio 11). Each of us fulfills his vocation through a relationship of love with God and with others. The family is the original place of these relations and therefore this program will have a special focus on the family. Nonetheless, each of us has received a personal and unique vocation to fulfill.

Each month we will work to strengthen our relationships with others through some projects, parish events and best practices to enrich our lives and help us to strive for holiness. Next weekend we will introduce the theme and projects for the month of October. As the year goes on we would like to offer more opportunities to come together and share with others these projects' fruits because the more we share our gifts, the more we grow. That's the dynamic of stewardship and discipleship.

As we strive to grow in holiness and as a family of families we entrust to the Blessed Mother the fruits of Pope Francis' visit to the U.S. and especially in our parish family. May this program help us to put into action his teachings and become "a family fully alive".

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses this Week

Monday, September 28: Weekday

6:30 a.m. +Daniel Fath
9:00 a.m. +Dennis D. Getz

Tuesday, September 29: Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

6:30 a.m. +George Fath
9:00 a.m. +Kathe Townsend

Wednesday, September 30: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

6:30 a.m. +Barbara Ann Kasouf
9:00 a.m. +Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Thach, Sr.

Thursday, October 1: St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

6:30 a.m. +Joseph D. Neri
9:00 a.m. +Ronald Smeltzer

Friday, October 2: The Holy Guardian Angels

6:30 a.m. +Francisco Alvarez
9:00 a.m. +Daria Mollinedo

Saturday, October 3: Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Gundelina Cortez Magdaag
5:00 p.m. +Randy Snyder
7:00 p.m. +Anna Alas

Sunday, October 4: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. +Salvatore Vaticano
9:00 a.m. +Joann E. Walsh
10:30a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
12:00p.m. +Alex and Agnes Debnar

Faith Nugget

In this apostolic journey, Pope Francis will deliver 24 speeches and homilies. We invite you to read them, at least those addressed to families, because they touch a very essential dimension in our lives. For the taglines and general information go to recognized Catholic media like EWTN, Catholic News Agency or the Arlington Catholic Herald.

Operations and Stewardship Update

We are very proud to announce that Queen of Apostles is sending more than 175 people to Philadelphia this Sunday for the Mass with Pope Francis. In total, we are sending 5 buses - 3 from our parish and 2 from the Ghana Community. We are grateful to parishioner Nenita De Guzman who volunteered to coordinate this entire effort. We send our prayers with Fr. Leopoldo and our pilgrims, and thank them for the papal blessings they will receive on our behalf.

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18-24

Heb 2:9-11

Mk 12:2-16



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 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 27:

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

Mon., September 28:

Parish Office 7-8p.m. RCIA

Tues., September 29:

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

Wed., September 30:

Hannan Hall 7-9p.m. Ghana Group
Parish Office 7-8:30p.m. Sustainability Committee

Thurs., October 1:

Hannan Hall 6:30-7:45p.m. High School Bible Study
Parish Office 6:30-8p.m. Legion of Mary
Church 7:30-8:30p.m. Holy Hour

Fri., October 2:

Chapel 11a.m.-12 Noon Children's Adoration Hour
Hannan Hall 3:30-5:30p.m. Nazareth Group
School Gym 6-8p.m. Open Gym Night
Cupertino Room 7-9p.m. Hispanic Legion of Mary

Sat., October 3:

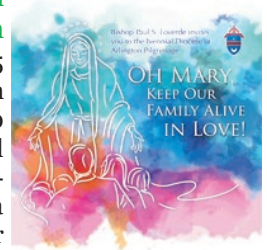
School 4-6:30p.m. Spanish Prayer Group
Choir Room 7-9p.m. Ghana Choir Rehearsal

Sun., October 4:

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.



Religious Education Meeting—Monday, Sept. 28

Religious Education students in grade 8 and high school and their parents are invited to a meeting with Fr. Juan on Monday, **Sept. 28** at 7p.m. in Hannan Hall. An overview of the R.E. school year will be discussed.

Open Gym Night—Friday, Oct. 2 The next Open Gym Night will be Friday, **Oct. 4** from 6-8p.m. in the school gym. All levels of ability welcome! Invite your friends! Contact Charlie at Charles.Kasenge@gmail.com for more information.



Blessing of the Animals—Saturday, Oct. 10

Queen of Apostles will hold our celebration of the Blessing of the Animals for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Saturday, **Oct. 10** at 12 Noon outside of the Church.



5-Week Bible Study on The Prophets—

Starting Oct. 13 A study on the prophets has been one of the most requested programs from The Great Adventure Bible Study. "The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy" places the Old Testament prophets in context of salvation history, making their personalities and contexts easy to follow, understand, and relate to our lives. This study will be presented by Thomas Smith through DVD. The five classes will be held in Hannan Hall on Tuesday mornings from 10-11:30 a.m. starting Tuesday, **Oct. 13**. The cost of the workbook is \$21. To register contact Elizabeth Said at (703) 354-5352 or elizabethsaid2@gmail.com.

Save the Date: Fr. Beiting Appalachian Mission Center Pick-Up—Saturday, Oct. 24

A truck from the mission center will be parked in the rectory parking lot starting at 9a.m. on Saturday, **Oct. 24** to receive donations of furniture, appliances, bedding, dishes, and household items. Children's clothing **only** please. Canned goods and monetary donations are also welcome. Call Cathy (703) 354-0710 or Karen (703) 671-0089 to schedule pick-ups.



Fall Festival Mark your calendars for the Queen of Apostles School Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, **Oct. 17**. The event is from 1-4p.m. All are welcome to attend!



20th Alexandria Life Chain QofA will be participating in Life Chain, a national event of prayer and public witness against abortion. We will be joining with other parishes and denominations from across Alexandria on 6222 Franconia Rd. in Springfield on Sunday, **Oct. 4** from 2:30p.m.-3:30p.m. We will leave from the parish at 2p.m. and return at 4p.m. If you would like to join us, please call Larry Cirignano at (202) 306-6863 or email LarryVote@gmail.com.

Music Ministry Choir Season has begun! Please join us Tuesdays from 7:30-9p.m. in (Choir Room) and Sundays at 10a.m. to sing for the 10:30a.m. Mass. We are always in need of singers and urgently need tenors! For more information email m.jacobeen@queenofapostles.org.



Seeking Administrative Help The Music Ministry is seeking volunteers to help with administrative tasks like copying, filing, and computer work. Please contact m.jacobeen@queenofapostles.org for more info. Service hours and possible work-study opportunities are available.

NEW 2-Minute Video Series Helps To Build Virtue

Tune in to 2minutes2virtue: The Weekly Challenge. Fr. James Searby continues the September series created to help Catholics on the go to get the most out of Sunday readings. Sign up to receive weekly videos at www.arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue. For more info contact the Office for Family Life at (703)-841-2550.



Thank you for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend, the collection will go towards the **Poor Sisters of St. Joseph**. Next weekend, the collection will go towards **Parish Charitable Needs**.