

Launching "Towards a Family-Friendly Parish"

Now that the Pope has returned to Rome, for us it is time to recap the fruits of his visit: growing in our family life, both as families and as a parish. This is the goal of the program "Towards a Family-Friendly Parish" that we are launching this weekend. From October through next September, we will propose each month a theme to consider, some practices to experience the beauty and truth of the family, a Psalm to pray, and a speaker's presentation related to the theme. This program is directed to each of us to help us to strengthen our relationships with others.

In this first month we begin with the Family Tree, and looking back to our ancestors. Even if we don't have others with us, we still have ancestors and we are called to build familial relationships and to find a home in our parish. Accordingly, this month's theme is: "Because the Lord is the God of our ancestors, we want to strengthen the relationships between our family's generations."

Our family is something that defines each and every one of us. Because our parents, grandparents, great-grandparents chose life, we are here today. This month, we offer you a chance to celebrate your family history and learn more about it, all while thanking God!

The importance of our ancestors was beautifully expressed by Pope Francis during the Prayer Vigil in Philadelphia, "Grandparents are a family's memory. They are the ones who gave us the faith, they passed the faith on to us [...] A people incapable of caring for children and caring for the elderly is a people without a future, because it lacks the strength and the memory needed to move forward". Our family lineage tells us who we are, and thus they show us the way towards the future. Without the memory of who we are, there is no future because we don't know where to go.

In our faith nugget we will offer some practical ideas related to the theme of this month. Each of us is asked to be creative in finding ways to strengthen the relationships between our family's generations and with others.

May the Blessed Mother help us to enrich our web of relationships and to grow as disciples, families and as a family of families.

Faith Nugget:

Build Your Family Tree

Building your family tree is a great way to learn where we came from and celebrate our ancestry. See how far back you can trace. You can decorate your tree with copies of old photos and era-related items. There are useful resources available online at www.ancestry.com or <http://www.myheritage.com/>.



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

Monday, October 5: Weekday

6:30 a.m. +Katerina Paduganan
9:00 a.m. +Dolores Perez

Tuesday, October 6: Weekday

6:30 a.m. (L) Joan Pesata
9:00 a.m. +Col. John B. Zanin

Wednesday, October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary

6:30 a.m. +Buenaventura S. Realica
9:00 a.m. +Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Thach, Sr.

Thursday, October 8: Weekday

6:30 a.m. +Miguel Antonio Alvarez
9:00 a.m. +Mary L. Del Bene

Friday, October 9: Weekday

6:30 a.m. +Joan Souser
9:00 a.m. (L) Margaret Peiffer

Saturday, October 10: Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Dr. and Mrs. W.J. McAuliffe
5:00 p.m. +Catalina B. Alger
7:00 p.m. +Cecilia Foley and Family

Sunday, October 11: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. +Barbara Byun
9:00 a.m. +Purificacion Mercado Floren
10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
12:00 p.m. (L) Paul K. Yoo

Operations and Stewardship Update: Fruits of the Ministries Fair

QofA thrives on the commitment of our parishioners to the various active ministries we have to offer. Through the Ministries Fair on Sept. 13, we were able to welcome new involvement, including: 3 new Choir members, 1 new Active Member of the Hispanic Legion of Mary and 5 interested Auxiliary Members, helpers for the Sunday Social, 3 new Lectors, and more volunteers for our Meals for Priests program, just to name a few. Thank you to all who have faithfully committed to these activities! If you are interested in becoming more involved in the life of the parish, see the list of Parish Ministries and contact info at <http://queenofapostles.org/ministry/>.



Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 7: 7-11 Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Glenda Delosier, Luta "Cornie" McGrath, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Barbara Mazur, Irma Mori, 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., October 4:	Sunday Social
School	9-10:15a.m. Religious Education
Hannan Hall	2-5:30p.m. Ghana Group
Mon., October 5:	
Parish Office	7-8p.m. RCIA
Tues., October 6:	
Choir Room	7:30-9:30p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Wed., October 7:	
Hannan Hall	7-9p.m. Ghana Group
Parish Office	7:30-8:45p.m. Baptism Class in English
Thurs., October 8:	
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 9:	
Chapel	11a.m.-12Noon Children's Adoration Hour
Cupertino Room	7-9p.m. Hispanic Legion of Mary
Sat., October 10:	
School	4-6:30p.m. Spanish Prayer Group
Choir Room	7-9p.m. Ghana Choir Rehearsal
Sun., October 11:	
School	9-10:15a.m. Religious Education
Hannan Hall	2-5:30p.m. Ghana Group
Church	6-8p.m. Prayer Group

QofA School 8th Grade Meeting—Wednesday, Oct. 7

8th grade students and their parents from Queen of Apostles School are invited to a Sacrament of Confirmation meeting with Fr. Juan on Wednesday, **Oct. 7** at 7p.m. in the School.



5th Grade Girls Basketball Team All 5th grade girls interested in a fun and positive experience for all skill levels are invited to join the QofA basketball team! There will be two practices a week and weekend games. Games run from December until mid-March. This is a CYO-organized sport, and girls are expected to exhibit Catholic values and ideals, as well as good sportsmanship during the season. Fees: \$75 (Checks made payable to "QofA CYO") Other fees: Socks-\$10; sweatshirt (optional)-\$30. If interested, email Head Coach Bridget Drain at b.drain@queenofapostlesschool.org by **Oct. 12**.

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!



Religious Education Thank you Religious Education parents for signing in and signing out your child(ren) before and after classes on Sundays. We appreciate your cooperation in complying with Diocesan guidelines. Parents who wish to wait for their child(ren) during RE class are asked to sit in the School's Multipurpose Room.

Interested in Becoming a Secular Franciscan? St. John the Beloved Apostle Secular Franciscan Fraternity is holding an Open House on **Oct. 10** from 11a.m.-2p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church Lyceum in Alexandria. The Secular Franciscans were founded by St. Francis of Assisi almost 800 years ago as a lay order in the Catholic Church. Membership is open to any practicing Catholic age 21 or over. We are a friendly, caring group who follows the charism of St. Francis in our everyday life. For more info, call Stephen Piscitelli at (703) 768-4957.

Contribute to a Spiritual Bouquet for Bishop Loverde

All parishioners are invited to celebrate Bishop Loverde's 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination by making a spiritual offering. Please fill out a spiritual bouquet card in the Church or Hannan Hall this weekend. These will be presented to Bishop Loverde in November. Please submit your spiritual offering by **Oct. 30**.



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.



Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast—Sunday, Oct. 11

KofC Council 4522 invites you to a Pancake Breakfast to benefit the charitable works of the Knights on Sunday, **Oct. 11** after all Masses (8:30a.m.-1p.m.) Cost is \$5 for seniors and children age 5-12; \$20 per family (immediate members only). All men interested in becoming a Knight and/or joining Council 4522 are invited to learn more about membership and the Council's activities during the breakfast.



5-Week Bible Study on The Prophets—Starting Oct. 13

"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.

Msgr. 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.



Save the Date: Annual Craft Sale—Sunday, Nov. 1

Mark your calendar for the Annual Craft Sale sponsored by the Parish Women's Group on **Nov. 1**. Beautiful handmade items and gifts will be available. Proceeds support the Parish, the school, and community charities.



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