

Building Our Relationships

As the Second Vatican Council taught, "Man, who is the only creature on earth which God willed for itself, cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself" (Gaudium et Spes 24). We grow as we give of ourselves: which is to say, giving of ourselves through building meaningful relationships with others.

In our "Towards a Family Friendly Parish" program, our theme this month is: *"Because the Lord is the God of our ancestors, we want to strengthen the relationships between our family's generations."* What can we do to strengthen our family relationships, especially between generations? Write a letter, send a card, make a phone call... those simple things can bring a magic moment of joy and love to relatives and friends, especially those who live alone. Visiting them – if possible – will make an even greater impact. Simple things. However, they will not happen by chance... we need to be intentional..



As we strengthen our family relationships, we can also work to develop our relationships within the parish. Families are enriched and strengthened when its members are committed to family life. Likewise, as each of us becomes a more active agent in the parish life, our family of families will be enriched and strengthened. Caring for each other in our parish family will effectively help our growth, individually and collectively.

In this care I would like to call you attention about some members of our parish family who can offer us the best opportunities to grow as we serve others. I am talking about our parish elders. Our parish has the incredible gift of having many of those who literally built the parish. We have an unpayable debt of gratitude with them. They built the beautiful church we enjoy today. They worked to create our school. They were bus drivers, administrative assistants, teachers, gardeners... They established those parish traditions we are proud of, they paid the parish bills, and they continue to generously support financially our parish. They treasure the memories of our parish life, which they shared and which all of us were able to celebrate during our 50th Anniversary. Some of them even continue supporting us through planned giving after having passed to the Father's house.

This week I would like to recognize, appreciate and thank their generous, continuous and never ceasing contribution to the parish life. And I would like to invite the new generations of our parish to reach out to them, to listen to their stories and make our parish elders feel embraced by the love of the family they served so generously.

Faith Nugget

Bring some joy to your grandparents or some other relative who does not live nearby, or may be alone, by sending a "Thinking of You" card signed by your whole family. You can also make a phone call or send a video and pictures to them of your daily life.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

Monday, October 12: Weekday

No 6:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. (L) Erlinda and Inocentes Tecala

Tuesday, October 13: Weekday

6:30 a.m. +Rosemary Byrne Greenbaum

9:00 a.m. +Mildred R. Kay

Wednesday, October 14: Weekday

6:30 a.m. (L) Olivia Goodwin

9:00 a.m. +Teodorica Realica

Thursday, October 15: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

6:30 a.m. (L) Marvin DeGuzman

9:00 a.m. +Loren Beach

Friday, October 16: Weekday

6:30 a.m. +John King

9:00 a.m. +Dioniso Opena

Saturday, October 17: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 a.m. +Inocencio Monillas

5:00 p.m. +Florence Valett

7:00 p.m. +Maria Jesus Andia Vda. Del Gadilla

Sunday, October 18: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. +Mary Nichols

9:00 a.m. +Falcamatio Family

10:30a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

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

Operations and Stewardship Update

As you may be aware, our Shepherd, Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde, will be celebrating his 50th Anniversary of priestly ordination in December. To mark this significant event in his ministry, he will be offering a Mass of Thanksgiving at All Saints in Manassas on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015 at 12 Noon. Each parish received a limited number of tickets to this Mass; Queen of Apostles received 8 tickets. If you would like to lay claim to any number of these tickets, please call (703) 354-8711 or e-mail d.cook@queenofapostles.org by this Tuesday, **Oct. 13**. Whether or not you are interested in attending this Mass, you may still participate in the Bishop's Spiritual Bouquet by e-mailing your commitment of Masses, Rosaries, hours of Eucharistic Adoration and otherwise to spiritualbouquet@queenofapostles.org.



Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 53:10-11

Heb 4:14-16

Mk 10:35-45



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 11:

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

Mon., October 12: **Parish Office Closed** No RCIA

Tues., October 13:

Hannan Hall 10-11:30a.m. Bible Study
Choir Room 7:30-9:30p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Wed., October 14:

Hannan Hall 9:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Women's Group
Hannan Hall 7-9p.m. Ghana Group
Parish Office 7-8:30p.m. Sustainability Committee

Thurs., October 15:

Hannan Hall 9a.m.-12Noon Craft Group
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 16:

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

Sat., October 17: **School Fall Festival**

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

Sun., October 18:

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

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! 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!



The **Parish Office** will be closed on Monday, **Oct. 12** in observance of Columbus Day.

The **Adoration Chapel** will be closed on Monday, **Oct. 12** and will reopen after the 6:30a.m. Mass on Tuesday, **Oct. 13**.



Saint Teresa of Avila 500th Anniversary

When: Thursday, October 15, 2015

Where: queen of apostles school gym
4409 Sano St, Alexandria, VA 22312

Time: 7 pm to 9 pm

Cost: free admission

Featuring: Carmen de Vicente Spanish dance academy

Come, Let us celebrate!



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 this Sunday, **Oct. 11** after all Masses (8:30a.m.-1p.m.) Cost is \$8 for adults, 5 for seniors and children age 5-12, \$20 per family (immediate members only).



Priesthood Sunday—Sunday, Oct. 25 As we have in the past, our parish is gathering prayers for a gift of a Spiritual Bouquet for our priests to show them our appreciation for all that they do for us. Looks for sign-up sheets in the vestibule and outside the doors.

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.

Abortion Clinic Rosary All parishioners are encouraged to join together after the 8a.m. Mass on Saturday, **Oct. 17** to pray the Rosary outside of the abortion clinic on 101 S. Whiting Street. Over 1,000 abortions take place at this clinic every year, less than a mile away from our parish.

Parents of R.E. Youth desiring First Holy Communion, please plan to meet with Fr. Juan at 9a.m. in the School MPR on Sunday, **Oct. 18**.

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 Karen (703) 671-0089 or Cathy (703) 354-0710 to schedule pick-ups. If interested in volunteering to load the truck, contact Joe Lynem at (703) 623-3473.



The Queen of Apostles' Sustainability Committee

invites fellow parishioners to join a 2,000 hour prayer chain organized by the Global Catholic Climate Movement for the 21st Conference of Parties (COP21) Climate Summit in Paris in December. We hope to transform the faithful and inspire our political leaders to care for our common home as encouraged by Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Si*. Sign up for one hour or more; pray the Rosary, attend Eucharistic Adoration, celebrate a special Mass, or host a prayer vigil. Visit <http://catholicclimatemovement.global/pray4cop21/> for more info.

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