

Storytelling

A month ago I visited the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico. What called my attention the most was the exhibit "Making Marines." We all know that they train hard. However, it is not training hard that makes a Marine, but developing the heart. They build strong relations between the recruits and with the corps and its traditions: "Developing physically fit, disciplined recruits does not complete the goal of the Drill Instructors. They concentrate equally on developing the hearts—the inner spark— of their recruits, transmitting the intangible virtues of courage, honor, and commitment by personal example. The D.I.s instill pride by teaching Marine Corps history and traditions, and they foster the unabashed love of country, family, and Corps as embodied in the Marine motto Semper Fidelis, Always Faithful" (www.usmcmuseum.com, Making Marines).

Telling of history and traditions has always been part of the family life, especially when the generations lived together, sharing a common effort to improve their lives. Children surrounding the grandparents to listen to their stories, through which the children learn who they are and are instilled with a sense of pride for being a part of the family.



Today the TV and other screens have taken the place of the story tellers. They display the contemporary heroes and tell their stories. As a result they are now fashioning the hearts of our youth and children. But as we listen to the TV, our ability to listen to others' stories weakens. The human relationships are now controlled by a remote and many disengage from others. Are the media making our lives better? Even more, are they helping us to be better and more human?

The answer to these questions is not evident. Nonetheless, I miss those stories which stirred the best in ourselves and inspired us to do good things. No video, no matter how compelling, can replace the eye to eye contact between a storyteller and the ones listening. We need nice stories. We need stories of real heroes. We need our family stories. We need the stories of the saints.

In our family program we are working this month to strengthen the relationships between our family's generations. A great way to do so is telling stories, to expose the children to their ancestors' stories. Building the family tree is a perfect time to recall those stories that our family has been treasuring.

Faith Nugget: Telling Your Family's Stories

Pick one or two family stories to share with your relatives: your children, grandchildren, siblings, cousins, in-laws... The time to share the stories can be a family gathering (maybe Halloween?) or write a letter recalling those stories. Writing stories is an excellent way to experience them again.

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses this Week

Monday, October 19: Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

6:30 a.m. (L) Fr. Ignacio de Ribera

9:00 a.m. +Maria Diaz Castillo

Tuesday, October 20: Weekday

6:30 a.m. (L) Fr. Juan Espino

9:00 a.m. (L) Peggy Mooney

Wednesday, October 21: Weekday

6:30 a.m. +Jocelyn Walter Graham

9:00 a.m. +Antonio Salang

Thursday, October 22: Weekday

6:30 a.m. +Salome de Cestti

9:00 a.m. +Harold Baker

Friday, October 23: Weekday

6:30 a.m. (L) Fr. Leopoldo Vives

9:00 a.m. (L) Fr. Kevin Walsh

Saturday, October 24: Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Marlene Elizabeth Wilson

5:00 p.m. +Gavino Monzon

7:00 p.m. +Maria Olga Arvaysa de Ayala

Sunday, October 25: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. +Olencia A. Pinto

9:00 a.m. +Daria Mollinedo

10:30a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

12:00p.m. +Elisabeth Debnar

Fall 2015 Offertory Program

Next weekend, we will begin a program that asks everyone to reflect on the amount that they give to Offertory. This review will ask several questions. They are: Do I have a need to support the church or do I give only when there is a need? Do I understand that as a Catholic, I have an obligation to provide regular financial support to the parish? Where does the parish fit relative to the other ways that I spend my money? How much do I give to the parish on a weekly basis? (If you give monthly or quarterly, calculate your weekly commitment to put it in perspective.) Is the amount I give each to the church each week an appropriate amount in relation to the gifts that God has given me? If I am not at the parish for one or more Sundays, do I make up the amount that I have not given? How much will I give each week to my parish during the coming year?

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9 Heb 5:1-6 Mk 10:46-52(149)



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 18:

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

Mon., October 19:

Parish Office 7-8p.m. RCIA

Tues., October 20:

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

Wed., October 21:

Hannan Hall 7-9p.m. Ghana Prayer Group
Parish Office 7:30-8:45p.m. Baptism Class in Spanish

Thurs., October 22:

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 23:

Chapel 11a.m.-12Noon Children's Adoration Hour
Cupertino Room 7-9p.m. Hispanic Legion of Mary

Sat., October 24:

Appalachian Mission Pick-Up
Hannan Hall 10a.m.-12:30p.m. Ghana Community Meeting
Hannan Hall 1-6p.m. Hispanic Legion of Mary Annual Meeting
School 4-6:30p.m. Spanish Prayer Group
Choir Room 7-9p.m. Ghana Choir Rehearsal

Sun., October 25:

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

Bible Study on The Prophets—Extended to Dec. 8!

"The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy" will be the topic of the Bible Study this Fall, presented by Thomas Smith through DVD. Classes will be held in Hannan Hall on Tuesday mornings from 10–11:30 a.m. from **Oct. 13-Dec. 8**. Workbooks cost \$21. To register contact Elizabeth Said at (703) 354 - 5352 or elizabethsaid2@gmail.com.

First Holy Communion Meeting—Oct. 18

Fr. Juan will meet with parents of R.E. youth (2nd grade+) desiring the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. The mandatory meeting begins at 9a.m. in the School's Multipurpose Room. Queen of Apostles School parents need NOT attend. **Thank you** Religious Education parents for signing in and out your child/ren before and after each Sunday's class. Again, your signature or initials are requested and comply with guidelines.



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.



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. Anyone who has handmade items to contribute to the Craft Sale, please call Karen Barnoski at (703) 256-4088. Items such as Afghans or other handmade crafts would be appreciated.



Congratulations to parishioners Mark & Marsh Bush, George & Grace Williams, James & Kimberly Groody, Matthew & Regina Oduro-Sarpong, and Son & Thuy Mai on celebrating their Silver or Golden wedding anniversaries this year! These couples will have the opportunity to attend the Marriage Jubilee Mass on **Oct. 25**, to be celebrated by Bishop Loverde. We wish you many more blessed years of marriage!

Tax Savings Through a Gift of Stock You may make a gift of stock as a donation to our parish or our diocese. In exchange for a gift of long-term, appreciated securities (stock), you can receive an income tax deduction and avoid capital gains taxes on stock appreciation. For more information, please call (703) 841-3896 or visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/giving/gifts_stock.aspx.

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**.

Gain a 65% Tax Credit and Give a Student the Gift of a Catholic School Education!

A new Virginia Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credit Program will award 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, in turn, provide scholarships for new students wishing to attend our diocesan Catholic Schools. Please see the insert in this week's bulletin or call 703/841-2764 or go online to: http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholicschools/Scholarship_Foundation.aspx.

Bishop O'Connell High School is hosting an Open House on Sunday, **Oct. 18** from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for families to learn more about the Catholic high school experience. No RSVP necessary. The presentation begins at 1 p.m. in the auditorium. For more information visit www.bishopoconnell.org or call (703) 237-1433. Bishop O'Connell High School is located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington.



Paul VI Catholic High School will be hosting our annual Open House on Sunday, **Nov. 1** from 1-4p.m. Group presentations will take place at 1:15 and 2:15 in Father Heet Auditorium. Visit www.paulvi.net or email chanley@pvipanther.net for additional information about PVI. Current 8th graders are encouraged to set up a *Panther for a Day* experience by emailing gfarello@pvipanther.net.



Bishop Ireton High School in Alexandria will be hosting an Open House for prospective students on Sunday, **Oct. 25** from 1-3p.m. Presentation begins at 1p.m. For more information call (703) 752-7606.

