

A special thanks to everyone who was able to take time out of their schedule and pray on Monday and Saturday with Bishop Loverde for the end of abortion!

As we begin Respect Life Month, October, we begin with Respect Life Sunday. Today, please join many Christians throughout the country to silently witness to the dignity of unborn babies, that 'Abortion Kills Children'. Our parish will convene on Franconia Road across from St. Lawrence parish from 2:30-3:30pm.

We are again reminded that 4,000 times a day – roughly every 25 seconds – a little one's life is snuffed out in the land of the free. Often the mothers feel they are cornered and have no other choice. But, how can that be when so many who are in favor of abortion are 'pro-choice'? Shouldn't 'pro-choice' mean to give the mothers a choice; not to feel cornered? What mother ever wants to dispose of her child? The true 'pro-choice' is giving mom the choice to have her baby! How many would!

I once asked a mother who had had three abortions about those decisions. Each time it was the man in her life who she trusted that urged/pushed her to have the abortion – not necessarily the father of the child. We should be careful not to point the finger so quickly at the mom. With almost every abortion there is a man who failed to be the man – the defender, protector of his loved ones.

Yet, despite tragic choices, Our Lord is the One Who heals. The same woman I mentioned above told me that not a day goes by that she doesn't think of her three children. But, she also told me in the same breath that Jesus is the One Who has healed her through Confession and His Divine Mercy. Jesus is the One Who heals those mothers and fathers broken by abortion. May we be instruments of Our Lord's Mercy for those in so much need of it; that He may help them to lead joyful, loving and fruitful lives. He is the God of Mercy. His Mercy is all-powerful!

**God Bless!**

*Fr. Vander Woude*

*Masses This Week*

**Monday, Oct. 8: Weekday**

6:30 a.m. DiGregorio-DeSantis families  
9:00 a.m. † Charles P. Ippolito, Sr.

**Tuesday, Oct. 9: Weekday, St. Dennis & companions, Martyrs, St. John Leonardi, priest**

6:30 a.m. † Barry Brunner  
9:00 a.m. † Aurelia Rosales

**Wednesday, Oct. 10: Weekday**

6:30 a.m. † William Trodden  
9:00 a.m. † Theresa Koppers

**Thursday, Oct. 11: Weekday**

6:30 a.m. Rev. James C. Hudgins  
9:00 a.m. † Helen M. Zappacosta

**Friday, Oct. 12: Weekday**

6:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving  
9:00 a.m. Paul Yoo  
7:00 p.m. Mass in Latin

**Saturday, Oct. 13: Weekday**

8:00 a.m. Jack & Stella Davis  
5:00 p.m. † Helen Hundemer  
7:00 p.m. † Antonio Martinez

**Sunday, Oct. 14: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. † Pat Scalco  
9:00 a.m. † Dr. & Mrs. William J. McAuliffe  
10:30 a.m. Living & deceased parishioners  
12:00 noon † Charlie Toth  
2:00 p.m. Holy Mass in Spanish

**Readings:** Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time:  
2Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17: 11-19 (144)

**Confessions:** Saturday 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., during  
Holy Hour on Thursdays, on Fridays: 6:30-7:00 p.m.

**Holy Hour:** On Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

**Latin Mass:** Every Friday at 7:00 p.m.

*Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill:*

Maria C. Carcamo, Ursula Pearson, Helen Duffy, Agnes Lamar, Jack Jolie, Onorina DiBenigno, Constanza Gomez, John Manley, Theresa Subalusky, Gloria LaFaye, Jose Gonzalo Rodriguez, Cheryl McGlyn, Didi Hess, Claudia Baragano, Bill Bond, Lauren Richard, Christina Velasquez, Marilyn Menick, Marc Coderre, Jr., Connie Bourgeois, Alejandro Rosales, Terry Moore, Francis McNicholas, Martha Luque, Rose Mark, TrishAnn Ganley, Judy K. Misage, Lorraine O'Malley.



**The Poor Box content**

this weekend is for Divine Mercy Care. Next weekend Christ House' will be the recipient. Thank you for your generosity.

*The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor*

*Queen of Apostles Catholic School*

Did you know...

that Q of A parish priests visit classrooms on a regular basis and teach weekly in the sacramental prep years of second and eighth grades;

*Religious Education News*

**CCD classes have begun.** They are held on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. in the School.

CCD Office Tel.: (703)-354-4360

**RCIA classes have begun and are held in Hannan Hall every Monday, from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m.**

Please contact the Religious Ed. Office for more details.

*Respect Life Reflection*

“Human beings cannot give or create life by themselves, it is really a gift from God. Therefore, one does not have the right to take away (through abortion) that which he does not have the ability to give.” (Rev. Jesse Jackson, 1977)

**THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY** the Poor Box contents this past weekend amounted to \$399.- and was given to Porto Caravan, Order of Alhambra, God’s Special Children.

**SPIRITUAL MEDITATIONS for Women** according to Pope John Paul II—on what it means to be a human person, human relationships, and the meanings of marriage - are offered on the next six consecutive Fridays, starting Oct. 5th. They begin after the 9:00 a.m. holy Mass in Hannan Hall. More information? Contact Sue Reilly:(703)-354-4360.

**40-DAY PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL— to end abortion in our diocese.** Please consider participating in the “40 Days for Life Campaign”, a round-the-clock prayer vigil outside the Falls Church City abortion clinic, Sept. 26th to Nov. 4th. Our parish’s next day is Monday, 15th. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the Church.

**ENJOY A NIGHT of music and dancing** on Oct. 19th, 8:00 to 10:30 p.m., to the ‘Big Band’ sound, in St. Joseph’s Hall, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 4522. Tickets: \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Proceeds go towards Knights of Columbus Charities. The tickets entitle to receive refreshments, light hors d’oeuvres. K of C representatives will sell tickets outside the church after all holy Masses or contact Joe Lynem: (703)-916-9227 or Dennis Brown: (703)-978-6195 to purchase tickets.

**DONATIONS NEEDED for the Q of A School Auction:** Please consider donating time shares, time in a vacation home, jewelry, books, hotel stays, art work, gift certificates for your favorite hair salon, spa, restaurant, movie theatre, auto service facility, dental office. Contact Ali Newman: (703)-354-0714 for donations & questions.

*This Week In Our Parish*

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| <b>Sunday, Oct. 7:</b>     |                    |                    |
| Gift Shop                  | 9:30 am-1:30 pm    | Gift Shop hours    |
| Rectory Mtg. Rm.           | 7:00 p.m.          | Prayer Group       |
| <b>Monday, Oct. 8:</b>     |                    |                    |
| Hannan Hall                | 7:30 –8:45 p.m.    | RCIA class         |
| Rectory Mtg. Rm.           | 7:30 p.m.          | Baptism Class      |
| <b>Tuesday, Oct. 9:</b>    |                    |                    |
| Rectory Mtg. Rm.           | 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  | Spanish Prayer Gr. |
| Hannan Hall/Choir Rm.      | 7:30 p.m.          | Choir practice     |
| <b>Wednesday, Oct. 10:</b> |                    |                    |
| Rectory Mtg. Rm.           | 7:30 p.m.          | Legion of Mary     |
| <b>Thursday, Oct. 11:</b>  |                    |                    |
| Church                     | 7:30 p.m.          | Holy Hour          |
| <b>Friday, Oct. 12:</b>    |                    |                    |
| Church                     | 7:00 p.m.          | Holy Mass (Latin)  |
| St. Jos. Cupertino Rm.     | 7:00-8:45 p.m.     | Youth Group        |
| <b>Saturday, Oct. 13:</b>  |                    |                    |
| Rectory Mtg. Rm.           | 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. | Jr. Legion of Mary |
| Gift Shop                  | 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.  | Gift Shop hours    |
| Youth Rm.                  | 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. | Teen Night         |
| <b>Sunday, Oct. 14:</b>    |                    |                    |
| Gift Shop                  | 9:30 am -1:30      | Gift Shop hours    |
| Rectory Mtg. Rm.           | 7 :00 p.m.         | Prayer Group       |

**PIER GIORGIO** is a new **group for boys**, 4th to 8th grade. It will meet the second Friday of each month. Join Father Vander Woude this Friday, Oct. 12th, from 5:00 to 6:15 p.m. in the St. Joseph Cupertino Youth Rm. Enjoy spiritual formation and fun! For questions, please call Fr. Vander Woude at the Rectory.

**FIAT** is a new **group for girls**, 4th to 8th grade. **FIAT** will meet the first and third Fridays of the month. Please join Fr. Fisher on Friday, Oct. 19th, from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. in the St. Joseph Cupertino Youth Rm. There will be spiritual formation/prayer, service opportunities and fun! Please call Kathy Mathews at (703)-750-0053 for any questions.

**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY, Oct. 28th, is a special day** set aside to honor priesthood in the U.S. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church. To show our gratitude to our priests at Q of A for all that they do for us, we will give them a gift of a spiritual bouquet of prayers. Please sign the sheets at the Sunday Social today in Hannan Hall with your gift of holy Masses, Rosaries or Holy Hours.

**MONSIGNOR BEITING’S Appalachian Project:** Please bring your donations early on Sat., October 13th, as there will only be one truck on site and it will return to Louisa, Ky, as soon as it is filled. We are still waiting to hear from ‘strong bodies’ who could help load and the loan of a truck to do furniture pick-ups. For questions please call Karen at (703)-671-0089.

**MOVING?** Please inform the Parish Office: (703)-354-0742.