



Have you ever had the joy of your mother being honored? Even if we have not, most of us would say we would be happy to have our mothers honored, especially if she were an incredibly selfless person who humbly went about her duties as wife and mother without looking for honors. Such is the case with the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Mother of God. How fitting it is for us to honor Mary every October as Our Lady of the Rosary! What is the Rosary? How is it an honoring of Mary while being a prayer to her Son?

Have you ever heard of a mother who got tired of hearing from her children, "I love you?" You would be hard-pressed to find such a woman. The Blessed Mother, our spiritual Mother, never tires of hearing the little, "I love you," from us as we pray the "Hail, Mary" in the Rosary. Nor does her Son tire of hearing His Mother honored and loved. In so doing are we not imitating Jesus' love for the Blessed Virgin?

The Rosary is a many centuries-old prayer used by all types of Catholics and fellow Christians. The prayer as we have it was given to St. Dominic in the early 1200s to uproot the heresy of Albigensianism. Have you ever met an Albigensian? Dominic did well in praying and teaching the Rosary to the people of southern France! The Rosary combines two ways of praying: vocal and meditative. I have already spoken of the vocal aspect of the Rosary in praying the "Hail, Mary." The meditative prayer is a type that all of us should strive to perform each day. It involves using our imagination for good; to imagine a particular event of Jesus' life (and Mary's life) – joyful, sorrowful, luminous and glorious; to put ourselves into the event and imagine what our Lord is going through; what Mary is going through; what the Apostles and others are experiencing. In pondering our Lord's life we grow to see how we should be living. He lived the human life perfectly. The more we think about His Life, the more we learn how to live a truly human life. The Rosary affords anyone and everyone this opportunity.

If you do not pray the Rosary regularly, please consider praying it during October. Perhaps, it would be a couple of decades daily and five decades on the weekend. It can be prayed at church, at home, in the car, on a walk, in the stands at a game, etc.

How long has it been since you spoke to your mother? May October be a month that she hears from all of us!

**God Bless!**

*Fr. Vander Woude*

*Masses This Week*

**Monday, Oct. 13: Weekday**

6:30 a.m. † Connie Bourgeois

9:00 a.m. † Neal Causey

**Tuesday, Oct. 14: Weekday, St. Callistus I, pope, martyr**

6:30 a.m. † Agnes Lamar

9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving to St. Teresa of Avila

**Wednesday, Oct. 15: St. Teresa of Jesus**

6:30 a.m. Rev. James C. Hudgins

9:00 a.m. Rev. William P. Saunders

**Thursday, Oct. 16: Weekday, St. Hedwig, religious, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin**

6:30 a.m. Rev. James C. Hudgins

9:00 a.m. † Aurelia Fornos

**Friday, Oct. 17: St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr**

6:30 a.m. † Inocencio Monillas

9:00 a.m. † Mark Crotty

7:00 p.m. Holy Mass in Latin

**Saturday, Oct. 18: St. Luke, evangelist**

8:00 a.m. † Claire A. Mode

5:00 p.m. Rev. James C. Hudgins

7:00 p.m. † Antonio Martinez

**Sunday, Oct. 19: 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. † Antonio Ruben

9:00 a.m. † Noel & Katharine Haralson

10:30 a.m. Living & deceased parishioners

12:00 noon † Martha Bibb

**Readings: 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time:**

**Is 45: 1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1: 1-5b; Mt 22: 15-21 (145)**

**Confessions: on Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.**

**until last penitent is heard;**

**during Holy Hour on Thursdays, Fridays: 6:30—7:00 pm**

**on Saturdays: 3:30—4:30 p.m.**

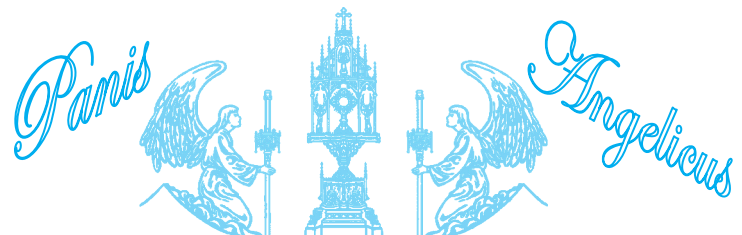
**Holy Hour: On Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.**

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

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

German Candia, Gloria Collins, Gloria LaFaye, Cheryl McGlyn, Teresa Subalusky, Lauren Richard, Hiilda Vaca, Marc Coderre, Jr., Alejandro Rosales, Veronica Thompson, Maria C.Vega, Jack S. Manley, Harold Smith, Sheila Immel, Thomas Duffy, Debbie Ryan, Fred Barnes, Jay DeLorenzo, Annabelle Causey, Beatrice Duarte, Tom Danaher, Joseph Vander Woude, Tony Evanshaw.

**The Poor Box content** this weekend is for Christ House. Next weekend Missionaries of Charity will be the recipients. Thanks for your support.



**Queen of Apostles Catholic School**

**Did you know... that Queen of Apostles parish priests visit classrooms on a regular basis and teach weekly in the sacramental preparation years of second and eighth grades**

**Religious Education News**

**Be Sure Your Children Keep The Faith!**

**Religious education classes are held every Tuesday evening, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Classes for grades K through 8th are offered.**

**For more information please call: (703)-354-4360.**

**Respect Life Reflection**

“Each and every time that motherhood is repeated in human history, it is always related to the Covenant which God established with the human race through the motherhood of the Mother of God” . (John Paul II)

**THANKS TO your generosity** the Poor Box content this past weekend amounted to \$766.- and was given to ACCA.

**THE SECOND PRESENTATION in the Series on St. Paul** will take place this Monday, October 13th, at 7:30 p.m. in Hannan Hall with the topic: “Letter to the Corinthians—Overcoming Doubt, Division and Death”. All are invited.

**MONSIGNOR BEITING (Appalachian Mission Center)** is asking for our help in supplying poor families in Appalachia with gently used furniture/household items and food. On Sat., November 22nd, a truck will be parked in the rectory parking lot to receive donations. You may also help cover fuel costs - for sending this truck here—by making cash donations (tax deductible). More information? Call Karen Lee: (703)-671-0089 or Mike Mathews: (703)-750-0053.

**PLEASE SUPPORT Q of A School** by ordering high quality wrapping paper, candies, stationary, and many other items under \$20.— from the Sally Foster Company. Kindly use the link on the school’s website <http://queenofapostles.school.org>. The school receives 50% profit on each item sold. For questions call Christine at (703)-201-2761.

**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY is October 26th.** Our parish will be presenting to our Priests at Queen of Apostles a Spiritual Bouquet, a gift of our prayers. There are sign-up sheets at tables outside the church doors today, so that you may participate in this gift for our Priests here.

**SYMPOSIUM FOR The Year of St. Paul** will be held at Trinity School, in the Diocese of Harrisburg, on Sat., Nov. 8th. It is about a two-hour drive from Alexandria to Trinity School. The fee is \$30. Deadline for registration: Oct. 14. Scott Hahn will deliver the keynote address. Information? At <http://www.hbgdiocese.org>. or call (703)-354-4360.

**This week in our Parish**

**Sunday, Oct. 12 :**

Gift Shop	9:30 to 1:30 p.m.	Gift Shop hours
Rectory Mtg. Room	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group

**Monday, Oct. 13**

Hannan Hall	7:30 p.m.	RCIA—fourth class
Rectory Mtg. Room	7:30 p.m.	Baptism Class

**Tuesday, Oct. 14:**

Rectory Mtg. Rm.	7:00 p.m.	Span. Prayer Group
Hannan Hall/Choir Rm.	7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal

**Wednesd., Oct. 15:**

Rectory Mtg. Rm.	7:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
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**Thursday, Oct. 16:**

Church	7:30 p.m..	Holy Hour
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**Friday, Oct. 17:**

Church	7:00 p.m.	Latin holy Mass
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**Saturday, Oct. 18**

Rectory Mtg. Room	9:30 to 10:30 a.m.	Jr. Legion of Mary
Gift Shop	4:30 to 7:00 p.m.	Gift Shop hours
Youth Room	8:00 to 11:00 p.m.	Teen Night

**Sunday, Oct. 19:**

Gift Shop	9:30 –1:30 p.m.	Gift Shop hours
Rectory Mtg. Room	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
Youth Room		Youth Group

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS needed—** Training sessions for **all boys in 4th grade and up** wishing to serve God and His Church as altar servers begin this Sunday, October 12th, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. (after the 12:00 noon holy Mass), continue on Sunday, October 19th with the last session on Sunday, November 2nd. All boys at Q of A School and in the CCD program are encouraged to participate. Current servers are welcome to attend as well. Please call the Office: (703)-354-0742.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Thousands of citizens** throughout the nation will participate in the largest, longest Pro-life mobilization in history—40 Days for Life—a peaceful and prayerful vigil, Sept. 24 through Nov. 2. In addition to 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America, please consider volunteering to pray outside the abortion mill at the Alexandria Medical & Professional Plaza, 2839 Duke Street, in Alexandria. Sign-up sheets will be in the back of the church. The two dates for our parish are the weekend of Oct. 25th and 26th.

**Q OF A FAMILY FUN NIGHT—**Our first Q of A Fun Night will be held at Dogfish Head Alehouse, 6363 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church (Seven Corners Ctr.) on Tuesday, Oct. 21st. The school will receive **15% of the entire day’s proceeds**, 11:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Please encourage your office to visit ‘Dogfish’ for lunch and bring your family and friends for a great dinner! Beginning at 6:00 p.m., there will be live music, the opportunity to purchase auction raffle tickets and participate in an exciting preview silent auction for the upcoming “Night at the Oscars” Annual Auction Fundraiser to be held on Nov. 15th. Questions? Please call Connie Sims: (703)-354-0236.

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