

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 is it 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 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. 15: St. Teresa of Jesus

6:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving
9:00 a.m. † Aurelia Fornos.

Tuesday, Oct. 16: Weekday, St. Hedwig, religious/St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin

6:30 a.m. Rev. James C. Hudgins
9:00 a.m. † Neil Causey

Wednesday, Oct. 17: St. Ignatius of Antioch, bp, martyr

6:30 a.m. † Inocencio Minollas
9:00 a.m. † Julio Laceda

Thursday, Oct. 18: St. Luke, evangelist

6:30 a.m. † Kenneth LeBlanc
9:00 a.m. † Gertrudis Carpio

Friday, Oct. 19: Sts. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, Companions, martyrs

6:30 a.m. † Mery de Bustios
9:00 a.m. † Noel & Katharine Haralson
7:00 p.m. Mass in Latin

Saturday, Oct. 20: Weekday, St. Paul of the Cross, priest

8:00 a.m. † Francis O'Malley
5:00 p.m. Luis Trevino
7:00 p.m. † Mery de Bustios

Sunday, Oct. 21: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Marie Swayne
9:00 a.m. † William & Margaret Green
10:30 a.m. Living & deceased parishioners
12:00 noon † Leovigilda Hayag

Readings: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Ex 17: 8-13/Tm 3: 14-4:2/Lk 18: 1-8 (147)

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 .



The Poor Box content

this weekend is for Christ House. Next weekend Missionaries of Charity will be the recipients. Thank you for your generosity.

The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor

Queen of Apostles Catholic School

Did you know...

that Queen of Apostles School has an ethnically diverse student population with students representing over thirty countries;

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

“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 contents this past weekend amounted to \$534.- and was given to Divine Mercy Care.

40-DAY PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL— to end abortion in our diocese. This Monday, Oct. 15th, is our parish’s day to participate in the “40 Days for Life”, a round-the-clock prayer vigil outside the Falls Church City abortion clinic.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY, Oct. 28th, is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the U.S. To thank our priests at Q of A for all that they do for us, we will give them the gift of a spiritual bouquet of prayers (holy Masses, Rosaries, Holy Hours). Please sign up your spiritual gifts at the tables outside the church after all holy Masses this weekend.

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.

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.

MANY THANKS to all who helped or provided food donations for the 40th anniversary celebration of ACCA. Special thanks to Anne and Jim Kemble who were in charge of the reception.

This Week In Our Parish

Sunday, Oct. 14:		
Gift Shop	9:30 am-1:30 pm	Gift Shop hours
Rectory Mtg. Rm.	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
Monday, Oct. 15:		
Hannan Hall	7:30 –8:45 p.m.	RCIA class
Tuesday, Oct. 16:		
Rectory Mtg. Rm.	7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Gr.
Hannan Hall/Choir Rm.	7:30 p.m.	Choir practice
Wednesday, Oct. 17:		
Rectory Mtg. Rm.	7:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Thursday, Oct. 18:		
Church	7:30 p.m.	Holy Hour
Friday, Oct. 19:		
Church	7:00 p.m.	Holy Mass (Latin)
St. Jos. Cupertino Rm.	7:00-8:45 p.m.	Youth Group
Saturday, Oct. 20:		
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
Sunday, Oct. 21:		
Gift Shop	9:30 am -1:30	Gift Shop hours
Rectory Mtg. Rm.	7 :00 p.m.	Prayer Group

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 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

BOARD REVIEWS Allegation dating to 1960’s—The Arlington Diocesan Review Board has completed its review of an allegation that the late Rev. Msgr. William T. Reineke engaged in inappropriate conduct with a female minor in the late 1960s. Based upon the available evidence, a majority of the Review Board members determined it to be a “credible accusation” under the diocese’s *Policy on the Protection of Children/Young People*. Following Msgr. Reineke’s death in 1992, the diocese received allegations that he had engaged in inappropriate conduct with male minors. The recent allegation against him is the first to be made that involved a female. Upon learning of the allegation, the diocese met with the individual, provided assistance with counseling, and notified the Diocese of Richmond. Msgr. Reineke was in residence at Queen of Apostles, Alexandria, from 1976 to 1979. The diocesan child protection policy is online at www.arlingtondiocese.org. The diocese encourages anyone who knows of any misconduct or abuse on the part of any cleric or employee of the diocese to notify both civil authorities and the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Patricia Mudd, at (703)-841-2530.