



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Ignacio de Ribera, DCJM, In Residence
Deacon Richard C. Caporiccio

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Masses on Saturday: 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (in Spanish)
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,
12 Noon, 2 pm (Ghana Community)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 6:30 am and 9 am
No 6:30 am Mass on Federal Holidays
Saturday: 8 am

HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE

Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 7-7:30 am
Wednesday: 6:30 pm until last penitent
Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm during Holy Hour
Saturday: 4-5 pm and 6-7 pm
Sunday: 10-10:30 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 7 am through Saturday 7:45 am

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

4409 Sano Street,
Alexandria, VA 22312
Jodi Reagan, Principal
Maria Fox, Secretary
(703) 354-0714
www.queenofapostlesschool.org



Queen of Apostles Vision Statement

To be a family of families committed to growing in discipleship of Christ and eager to invite others to join our family.

Joining Our Parish Family

Welcome to Queen of Apostles! We warmly invite you to join our parish family. So that you might receive all of our parish communications, and so that our clergy and staff may respond appropriately to your various sacramental needs, we encourage you to register at Queen of Apostles through the Parish Office. Registration will also be needed to receive a certificate of eligibility to be a Godparent for Baptism; to be a Sponsor for Confirmation; to enroll your child in Religious Education; to begin Baptismal preparation for your child (unless permission is received from your parish); and to prepare for Marriage. Parish registration forms are available in the Church vestibule and at the Parish Office, located at 4329 Sano St. (next door to the Church). Please notify the Parish Office of any family status changes or if you have moved outside of the parish by calling (703) 354-8711, or e-mail general@queenofapostles.org.

Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Certificates

Students who received First Holy Communion or Confirmation in June may pick up their certificate from the parish office (4329 Sano Street) on Mon., Tues., Thurs., or Fri. from 9 am - 5 pm.

Information on how to order First Holy Communion pictures was sent to parents on **Jun. 27**. Parents may contact Susan Gray at s.gray@queenofapostles.org or call (703) 354-8711 if information was not received.

Interested in Learning about the Catholic Faith? Are you Missing a Sacrament? Are you in a Sacramental Marriage?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults join or complete their initiation into the Roman Catholic Church.

RCIA is for three groups of adults:

1. Those who are not baptized.
2. Those who were baptized into another Christian denomination and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.
3. Baptized Catholics who were not fully formed in the Catholic faith and have not completed their initiation: those who have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

RCIA will begin again in **September**. For more information, please contact s.gray@queenofapostles.org or call (703) 354-8711.

For couples who are not in a sacramental marriage, please contact the parish office and set an appointment to meet with a priest.

Volunteer Catechists and Aides for the 2017-18 Religious Education School Year

Our Religious Education Program relies on our dedicated and faithful volunteers (adults, high school/college students) who serve as catechists and aides in our Sunday morning classes. Volunteers who are 18 years and older will need to complete a Virginia Background Check and attend a VIRTUS seminar.

If interested in helping to teach the Catholic faith to parish youth, please contact Susan Gray at s.gray@queenofapostles.org or call (703) 354-8711 to arrange an interview.



Religious Education - Register before August 1!

QofA's Religious Education program welcomes students from kindergarten (age 5) through high school. The QofA Religious Education Program uses the Faith and Life series texts. Because parents are the primary educators of their children, Queen of Apostles program complements the catechesis that children receive at home.

Registration forms are available from the parish office, in the church vestibule, and online: http://queenofapostles.org/wp-content/uploads/RegistrationForm_2017-2018_1andGhanaandHSBible.pdf

New students need to provide birth and baptismal certificates. The first day of RE is **Sept 10, 2017**. Doors open at 8 am. Parents will meet with a priest at 9 am while students attend class.

Registration fees before **Aug. 1**: \$70 for 1 child; \$120 for 2 children; \$150 for 3+ children in the same family. After Aug. 1, a \$20 late fee applies. Queen of Apostles parishioners and returning students are given priority for enrollment. We accept cash and check payable to Queen of Apostles. Registration fees do not include fees associated with sacraments.

Students are assigned to the Religious Education grade that parallels his/her public school grade. Students must attend two consecutive years of Religious Education before a sacrament is administered (Generally, First Penance/First Holy Communion are received in grade 2 and higher; Confirmation is received in grade 8 and higher).

Families with unbaptized children under the age of 7 years old are asked to call the parish office at (703) 354-8711.

Thank you for considering Queen of Apostles Religious Education Program. It is an opportunity for your child to grow and live the Catholic faith by learning to pray, knowing the Bible, learning Scripture and preparing for Sacraments. It is an opportunity for your child to grow and live the Catholic faith by learning to pray, knowing the Bible, learning Scripture and preparing for Sacraments.

Pastor's Letter

Strangers in a Strange Land

Through the mystery of the Transfiguration of the Lord which we celebrate this Sunday Jesus gives us a foretaste of the glory of his resurrection which we will share in our own resurrection. We are allowed to see the hidden treasure and the fine pearl for which we will go out with joy and sell everything to buy it.

Taking after St. Peter's second reading, the Catechism of the Catholic Church #556 instructs us about this mystery and its relation to Baptism: "On the threshold of the public life: the Baptism; on the threshold of the Passover: the Transfiguration. Jesus' baptism proclaimed the mystery of the first regeneration, namely, our Baptism; the Transfiguration is the sacrament of the second regeneration: our own Resurrection. From now on we share in the Lord's Resurrection through the Spirit who acts in the sacraments of the Body of Christ. The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body. But it also recalls that it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God."

As St. Paul teaches, "our citizenship is in heaven" (Phil 3:20). This is a statement filled with consequences, because at the end, using Archbishop Chaput's words, we are "Strangers in a Strange Land" and we should live accordingly. Do we invest to have the hidden treasure, the fine pearl? Do we plan as pilgrims, passing by and yearning for our true home?

During these last days of summer I would invite you to read good books, those which can inspire you to be fully alive. One of those books is Archbishop Chaput's "Strangers in a Strange Land". After a sharp analysis of our society as alienated from the Christian values and imprisoned by individualism and relativism, he proposes the example of the first Christians being a shining sign for their contemporaries in a time in which they endured hostility, antagonism and even persecution.

This is explicit in the 11th Chapter of the book in which Chaput tells the moving story of Beshir Kamel, a Coptic Christian whose two brothers were beheaded by ISIS in 2015 along with 25 other Christians. These are Kamel's words, "we are proud to have this number of people from our village who have become martyrs... Since the Roman era, Christians have been martyred and have learned to handle everything that comes our way. This only makes us stronger in our faith because the Bible told us to love our enemies and bless those who curse us" (p. 215).

May the glory of Jesus' transfiguration and resurrection inspire us to imitate the strength and courage of the martyrs.

Paper Shredding Service Aug. 15 A mobile paper shredding service will be on the parish premises on **Aug. 15**. We extend an invitation to Parishioners to take advantage of this service to securely dispose of sensitive/old documents. Please bring the items to the Rectory Garage between 8 and 10 am on the 15th ONLY (no early or late drop-offs). Have the papers contained in bags or boxes (no loose stacks of papers). Also, kindly take note of what can/cannot be shred:

CAN – all paper with or without paper clips, folders, etc.

CANNOT – x-rays, metal you cannot bend with your hand, plastic materials, presentation folders, binders. NO TRASH PLEASE.

English Classes and Citizenship Classes begin in **September** at Queen of Apostles school! Multiple levels available. Classes are Monday/Wednesday from 7-9 pm. Registration: **Aug. 28** or **30** at 7 pm. Call Catholic Charities – Hogar Immigrant Services for more information at (571) 208-1572. Se habla español.

Clases de Inglés y de Ciudadanía empezarán en **septiembre** en la escuela Reina de Apóstoles! Clases son lunes y miércoles de 7-9 pm. Hay varios niveles de clases. Inscripción: **28** o **30** de **agosto** a las 7 pm. Llame a Caridades Católicas – Hogar Immigrant Services para más información al (571) 208-1572.

This Week In Our Parish

The Transfiguration of the Lord - Sunday, August 6:

Vestibule	ACCA Food Collection
Hannan Hall	10:30 am-2:00 pm School's Used Uniform Sale
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

Monday, August 7:

Cupertino Room	7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
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Tuesday, August 8:

Hannan Hall	6:00-7:30 pm Bible Study
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 9:

Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group
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Thursday, August 10:

Parish Office	6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Church	7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

Friday, August 11:

Adoration Chapel	11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, August 12:

Hannan Hall	10:00 am-1:00 pm GCC Council Mtg.
Hannan Hall	1:30-5:30 pm Couples for Christ
School	4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 13:

Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group
Adoration Chapel	6:00-8:00 Prayer Group

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9A, 11-13A Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14
Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33



¡Tu Comunidad parroquial te necesita! ¿Tienes acaso el don de acompañar a otros en las luchas que la vida les presenta? Si lo tienes, ¿considerarías unirte a "Stephen Ministry" de "Queen of Apostles" para ayudar a esas personas durante momentos difíciles y compartir con ellos el amor, el gozo y la esperanza que Jesús ofrece como el primer sanador?

"Stephen Ministry" está designado para entrenar y equipar a los laicos a proveer en forma individual un cuidado centrado en Cristo, dentro y alrededor de congregaciones, dando énfasis en la confidencialidad. Tiene como objetivo compartir el amor de Dios alcanzando, escuchando, y cuidando a cada individuo.

"Convertirse en un Discípulo de Jesucristo conduce naturalmente a la práctica de servir a los demás, siguiendo el ejemplo de "Aquel que no vino a ser servido sino a servir" (Mk 10:45). No existe el amor de Dios sin el amor al prójimo, el cual se concreta y se vuelve real en servicio y ministerio." (tomado de la 'Regla de Vida', edición de Junio)

Para mayor información, favor de comunicarse con la Coordinadora Parroquial de este ministerio, Maris Dionisio: (703) 751-8495, Stephenministry@queenofapostles.org.

Vocations



"Get hold of yourselves! It is I.

Do not be afraid!" Uncertainty can sometimes bring fear along with God's call to consecrated life or priesthood. If the Lord is truly calling you, what is needed is trust. If you are discerning your vocation, contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

The Transfiguration of the Lord That just as the apostles saw the glory of the Lord and were strengthened to go out to the world as heralds of what they witnessed, may young men and women be moved to share their experience of Him as a priest or sister, we pray to the Lord.

Early Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Aug. 20** bulletin is Monday, **Aug. 7** by 9 am. Please email announcements to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org. (The **Aug. 13** bulletin announcements were due on **Jul. 31**.)

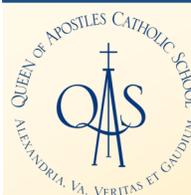
Emmaus - Summer Activities Emmaus is a Queen of Apostles/DCJM youth ministry for students in high school through young college. Through activities, faith discussions, and prayer, it is a way for youth to experience and embrace continual conversion to Christ by walking as a disciple.

Our Summer Bible study series on the Acts of Apostles continues until **Aug. 25** Please join us every Friday from 4:30-6 pm at the Christendom College Graduate School (4407 Sano St.) right in front of QofA School. There is no cost to participate.

Open Gym - Come join us every first Friday of the month, 6-8 pm, to play sports and board games at the Queen of Apostles School Gym. Free pizza will be provided at the end of the meeting.

For more information on summer activities, send a message to Vincent Guevara at youth@queenofapostles.org or call the parish office at (703) 354-8711.

Parish For altar servers who responded about attending the **Aug. 8** Diocese of Arlington Altar Server Picnic, please bring your permission form and meet Vincent at 9:15 am at the church vestibule to carpool to the picnic.



Queen of Apostles Catholic School

Queen of Apostles Catholic School is looking to fill the following positions:

- Extended Day Director- part time
- Music Teacher- part time

If you or anyone you know is interested in either of these positions, please contact the school at info@queenofapostlesschool.org or (703) 354-0714.

Open House: **Aug. 25** - 3:00-4:30 pm
First Day of School: **Aug. 28**

Heads of Ministries Meeting Monday Aug. 28 It's an exciting new year in the life of Queen of Apostles! To prepare for the **2017-18** year, all heads of ministries - as well as all those who feel called to leadership roles in the parish - are invited to a Heads of Ministries meeting Monday, **Aug. 28**, from 7 to 8:30 pm in Hannan Hall. Prominent themes for the year that will inform our discussion include: the parish as a family of families, and welcoming and hospitality. RSVPs are required for this meeting. Please call the parish office or email stewardship@queenofapostles.org by Wednesday, **Aug. 23** to RSVP.

Thank You for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend's collection will go toward the **Parish Charity**. Next weekend's collection will go toward **ACCA** and the **Missionaries of Charity**.

Catholic Charities Counseling Queen of Apostles has partnered with Catholic Charities to have a counselor, Ty Kramer, come to the parish to provide counseling services. Ty and his wife have recently moved to the area to work with Catholic Charities. He is originally from Chicago and moved here to serve the community as a Bilingual Therapist. He specializes in trauma work and has a lot experience working with abuse victims. Ty will be available for appointments at the parish office on Tuesdays between 11 am and 7 pm. Catholic Charities offers sessions on a sliding scale fee, in order to provide services to all those seeking assistance. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please call our intake coordinator at (703) 224-1630.

Volunteers Needed Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington- Hogar Immigrant Services is seeking volunteer teachers for ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) at Queen of Apostles Catholic Church in Alexandria for our upcoming 12 week semester. We offer six levels of English instruction and classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 7pm-9pm. You only teach once per week as a part of a teaching team. Classes will begin late **August**. Training and materials are provided. No previous experience or second language required! Please help us demonstrate Christ's love by "welcoming the stranger" in this country. If interested, please call (571) 208-1572 or email volunteer.hogar@cdda.net.

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat for Women An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, **Sep. 30**. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. For more info and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel at 888-456-HOPE (4673) or info@helpafterabortion.org.

Please slow down! We've received word from our parish's neighbors that cars going to and coming from the church are speeding through the local streets. This poses a danger to residents, particularly children and the elderly. Please be mindful of our neighbors. (And pray for them as you drive past their homes!)

The Transfiguration of the Lord Masses this Week

The Transfiguration of the Lord - Sunday, August 6:

7:30 am Mother's Day Novena
9:00 am +Dolores Perez
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Lucia and José Antonio Venero

St. Sixtus II and Companions - Monday, August 7:

6:30 am (L) Maris Dionisio
9:00 am Mother's Day Novena

St. Dominic - Tuesday, August 8:

6:30 am Mother's Day Novena
9:00 am (L) Betty Jane Davis

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross - Wednesday, August 9:

6:30 am +Frank Soracco, Jr.
9:00 am Mother's Day Novena

St. Lawrence - Thursday, August 10:

6:30 am Father's Day Novena
9:00 am +Arlene O'Connor

St. Clare - Friday, August 11:

6:30 am +Arlene O'Connor
9:00 am Father's Day Novena

St. Jane Frances de Chantal - Saturday, August 12:

8:00 am Father's Day Novena
5:00 pm (L) Charles Battaglia
7:00 pm +Maria Jesus Andia Delgadillo

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 13:

7:30 am Father's Day Novena
9:00 am +Grace Okemo
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon Special Intentions

Parish Bible Study Group Bring your bagged dinner and join the Bible Study Group for evening movies from FORMED. Every Tuesday at 6 pm in Hannan Hall. See you there!



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Rosa María Santos, Minnie Ruth Ford, Debbie DuBrul, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks Ruth Foreman and Baby, Charles Ferris, John Harchick, Jr., Dominic Blansett, Daisy Atiyeh, Dick Owens, Miriam Farfan, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Etelvina León-Duarte, J. Saunders, Catherine Hanniff, Kristi Burns, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, Joseph Covas, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Teresa Sabina Piecyk, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith