



# QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Lord Jesus Christ, being subject to Mary and Joseph,  
You sanctified family life by Your beautiful virtues.  
Grant that we, with the help of Mary and Joseph,  
may be taught by the example of Your holy Family,  
and may after death enjoy its everlasting  
companionship. Amen.*

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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, 2:00 pm (Ghana Community)

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 6:30 am and 9:00 am  
No 6:30 am Mass on Federal Holidays  
Saturday: 8:00 am

## HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE

Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 7:00-7:30 am  
Wednesday: 6:30 pm until last penitent  
Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm during Holy Hour  
Saturday: 4:00-5:00 pm and 6:00-7:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:30-9:00 am and 10:00-10:30 am

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 7 am through Saturday 7:45 am

## QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

4409 Sano Street,  
Alexandria, VA 22312  
Mrs. Jodi Reagan, Principal  
Mrs. Maria Fox, Secretary  
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## 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](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org).

*Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.*

**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**.

**Altar Servers** Thank you for your service to God, the altar, and the parish community. Thank you for your generous response to serve at the Advent, Nativity, and Mary, Holy Mother of God Masses. St. Tarcisus and St. John Berchmans, pray for us.

Altar servers/families are invited to host the Vocations Crucifix for one week. If you have not already chosen a week to host the Crucifix, sign-up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544aca928a0fe3-queen>. The Vocations Crucifix is a daily reminder to talk about religious vocations and the importance of these vocations to serve the Lord and others.

**High School Application Deadline** The application deadline for Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Arlington is **Jan. 12, 2018**. Register by **Jan. 4** to take the High School Placement Test. Please visit the website for the high school you wish to attend to learn more about their application process and to register for the placement test.

**Science Fair Judges Needed** The Queen of Apostles School Science Fair will be held on Thursday, **Feb. 8, 2018** from 7:00-8:30 pm in Hannan Hall. A light dinner and orientation for the judges will start at 6:15 pm. A background in science, math, or engineering is not required, but is helpful. For more information, or if you are interested in being a judge, please contact Mrs. Tracey Rafferty at [t.rafferty@queenofapostlesschool.org](mailto:t.rafferty@queenofapostlesschool.org).

**Paul VI Catholic High School invites 8th graders and their families** to our annual Student Life Close Up Night and Varsity Boy's Basketball Game on Saturday, **Jan. 20** at 5:00 pm. Join our coaches, players and members of our Fine Art's Department for pizza and dessert. Sit with the VI Man and cheer on our Panther Basketball team at 6:00 pm. There is no cost for this fun, family event. Please email [ehanley@pvpanther.net](mailto:ehanley@pvpanther.net) with questions.

**RCIA English and Spanish** RCIA will not meet on **Jan. 1** and **Jan. 3, 2018**.

**Religious Education** Religious Education classes will not meet on **Dec. 31**. Classes resume **Jan. 7, 2018**. We thank our catechists, aides, and volunteers for their dedication to the faith formation of our youth.

As a reminder, the Religious Education Program follows Fairfax County Public Schools regarding closings because of winter weather. If FCPS delays or cancels events on a Sunday, RE class for that Sunday is canceled.

The deadline for a Certificate of Eligibility for Confirmation sponsors is **Jan. 21, 2018**. Sponsors should plan ahead and call for an appointment to meet with his/her parish priest in order to obtain a signed and sealed Certificate of Eligibility. Completed Certificates may be brought to the parish office.

2nd grade Queen of Apostles School parents are invited to a **Jan. 8, 2018** meeting with Fr. Juan to discuss First Confession and First Holy Communion. The meeting will be held in the School at 7 pm. School parents should contact Mr. Vuong or Mrs. Yassa with questions.

Fr. Juan will meet with parents and godparents of unbaptized students (over the age of 7 and has attended 2+ years of Religious Education) on Sunday, **Jan. 21, 2018** at 9 am in the School. This is a mandatory meeting that will review the three Sacraments of Initiation.

Thank you to the generous parishioners who contributed during Giving Tuesday. Donations will benefit the youth and adult faith formation programs at Queen of Apostles.

**Nazareth meets Jan. 12 and 26, 2018** Nazareth, for students in grades 5-8, will meet on **Jan. 12** and **26** (not Jan. 5 and 19). Sign-in begins at 3:45 pm in Hannan Hall with activities beginning at 4 pm. Parent sign-out/pick-up is at 5:30 pm.

**Emmaus** Emmaus, for high school and young college students, meets on Saturdays 8:30-10 p.m. at Christendom College/Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street) for fellowship, activities, faith discussion, and prayer.

**Early Bulletin Deadlines** The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Jan. 7** bulletins was Monday, **Dec. 11**.

## Happy New Year!

The Disciples of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,  
The QofA Parish Office Staff  
And the  
QofA School Faculty,  
Want to Wish You  
A Most Happy and Blessed New Year  
Filled With the Peace of the Newborn Christ Child  
And  
The Love of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph!

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.



### Prayer for Peace in the World by Pope St. John Paul II (World Day of Peace - January 1)

Immaculate Heart of Mary, help us to conquer the menace of evil, which so easily takes root in the hearts of the people of today, and whose immeasurable effects already weigh down upon our modern world and seem to block the paths toward the future.

From famine and war, deliver us. From nuclear war, from incalculable self-destruction, from every kind of war, deliver us. From sins against human life from its very beginning, deliver us. From hatred and from the demeaning of the dignity of the children of God, deliver us. From every kind of injustice in the life of society, both national and international, deliver us. From readiness to trample on the commandments of God, deliver us. From attempts to stifle in human hearts the very truth of God, deliver us. From the loss of awareness of good and evil, deliver us. From sins against the Holy Spirit, deliver us.

Accept, O Mother of Christ, this cry laden with the sufferings of all individual human beings, laden with the sufferings of whole societies. Help us with the power of the Holy Spirit conquer all sin: individual sin and the "sin of the world," sin in all its manifestations.

Let there be revealed once more in the history of the world the infinite saving power of the redemption: the power of merciful love. May it put a stop to evil. May it transform consciences. May your Immaculate Heart reveal for all the light of hope. Amen.



## This Week In Our Parish

### **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - December 31:**

Hannan Hall 2:30-5:30 pm Ghana Group  
Music Room 4:45-6:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal  
Adoration Chapel 6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

### **Mary, Holy Mother of God - Monday, January 1:**

Parish Office and Adoration Chapel Closed

### **Tuesday, January 2:**

Adoration Chapel Closed

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, January 3:**

Adoration Chapel Closed

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group

### **Thursday, January 4:**

Adoration Chapel Closed

Parish Office 6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary  
Hannan Hall 6:30-9:00 pm Caminantes de Emaus  
Church 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

### **Friday, January 5:**

Adoration Chapel Closed

Epiphany Concert

### **Saturday, January 6:**

Adoration Chapel Closed

Hannan Hall 8:30 am-1:30 pm Catholic Charities  
School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group  
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir  
Notre Dame Graduate School 8:30-10:00 pm Emmaus

### *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

*"Glorious name, gracious name, name of love  
and of power! Through you sins are forgiven,  
through you enemies are vanquished, through you the sick  
are freed from their illness, through you those suffering  
in trials are made strong and cheerful. You bring honor  
to those who believe, you teach those who preach,  
you give strength to the toiler, you sustain the weary."*

*St. Bernardine of Siena*

**Give a Gift for Life** Please give a Gift for Life this season to help Project Rachel provide healing retreats to those who suffer the effects of abortion. One retreatant wrote: "It has helped me to understand myself in a way I have never understood myself. I was able to accept the Lord's forgiveness, as well as forgive myself." For more information and/or to donate: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife).

**Nativities of the World** Nativities of the World, a collection of more than 150 mostly-handcrafted crèches from around the globe, is on exhibit at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America through **Jan. 7** (daily, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.). Many are created from local materials such as nuts, wood, straw and felt. See the universality of the Catholic faith through the eyes of different cultures. The Monastery is located at 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017. Free parking available. For more information, visit: [myfranciscan.org](http://myfranciscan.org) or call (202) 526-6800.



## Vocations

**"By faith Abraham obeyed."** If you should be called to serve the Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, pray for a deep faith and obey Him in love. Contact Fr. Juan at [general@queenofapostles.org](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org) or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at [j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-2514.

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph** That Catholic mothers and fathers will help their children grow strong in their faith, filled with the wisdom of God and encourage openness to vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

### **Seminarians Hoops Challenge Basketball Game**

Come watch as the high school men from the Quo Vadis discernment group take on the Arlington seminarians, with guest referees Bishop Burbidge and Fr. Christopher Vaccaro. There will be vocational testimonies at halftime, a spirit squad competition, and a pizza party at the end. The event is Sunday, **Jan. 7, 2018**, 3 to 6 pm at the St. John Paul the Great High School gym. Families are welcome. High school boys interested in playing on the Quo Vadis team should contact the Office of Vocations, (703) 841-2514 or [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org). No RSVP is needed.

### **Gifts for the Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF)**

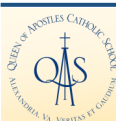
Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost \$40,000 per seminarian. Please give generously! To donate, make checks payable to: "Foundation for the CDA - SEEF." Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Contact Gretchen Koch at [g.koch@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:g.koch@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-3819 with questions.

*"Wherever there is life, fervor and a desire to bring  
Christ to others, genuine vocations will arise."*

*Pope Francis*

**English and Citizenship Classes** Catholic Charities offers low-cost English and Citizenship classes on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7-9 pm at Queen of Apostles' School. Classes begin in **January**. For more information please call Hogar Immigrant Services at (571) 208-1572.

**Se ofrecen clases de inglés y ciudadanía** Caridades Católicas ofrece clases de inglés y de ciudadanía los lunes y miércoles de 7 a 9 pm en la escuela Reina de los Apóstoles. Clases empiezan en enero. Para más información, por favor llame a Hogar Immigrant Services al (571) 208-1572.



### **Queen of Apostles Catholic School**

Please join us every Friday at 9 am  
for the School Mass.



## Schedule of Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

### January 1, 2018

9:00 am  
12 Noon  
7:00 pm (Bilingual, High Mass)

*O Holy Mary! My Mother; into thy blessed trust and special custody, and into the bosom of thy mercy, I this day, and every day, and in the hour of my death, commend my soul and body. To thee I commit all my anxieties and sorrows, my life and the end of my life, that by thy most holy intercession, and by thy merits, all my actions may be directed and governed by thy will and that of thy Son. Amen.*

*Saint Aloysius Gonzaga*

## Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

### Readings for Next Week:

#### The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6      Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13  
Eph 3:2-3A, 5-6      Mt 2:1-12



**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Please note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will not be available on Sunday, **Dec. 31**, and Monday, **Jan. 1, 2018**.

**Parish Office Closed for the Christmas Octave** The Parish Office will be closed through Monday, **Jan. 1, 2018**. It will reopen on Tuesday, **Jan. 2, 2018**.

**Adoration Chapel** The Adoration Chapel will reopen on Monday, **Jan. 8** after the 6:30 am Mass.

**2018 Men's Conference** All men are invited to the 2018 Men's Conference on **Mar. 3**. This year's conference entitled *Marked Men: Made For Greatness* will feature one of the most celebrated Catholic speakers in the world of social media: Fr. Mike Schmitz, who will be joined by Bishop Burbidge and Billy Atwell, Chief Communications Officer of the Diocese. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served. To register, go to [www.arlingtondiocese.org/men](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/men). Registration opens **Jan. 3**, at 9:00 am. Ticket price is \$55 through **Feb. 1**; \$65 after. Make sure to register asap as slots get filled quite easily!

**2018 Women's Conference** All women of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington are invited to the 2018 Women's Conference, *"From Darkness Into Light"* at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon, VA on **Mar. 10**. Featuring Diane Foley, mother of slain journalist, James Foley, and Sr. Grace Dominic, writer and national speaker. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Burbidge. To register, go to [www.arlingtondiocese.org/women](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/women). Registration is \$55 through **Feb. 1**; \$65 after. Please register ASAP to reserve your slots!

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Masses this Week

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#### Sunday, December 31:

7:30 am      +Juan Alvarez  
9:00 am      +Ben Wenger  
10:30 am      Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 noon      +Carmen Solis

#### Mary, the Holy Mother of God - Monday, January 1:

9:00 am      (L) Dilhani Siriwardane  
12 noon      +Roland Shimaoka  
7:00 pm      +Henrietta and Ed Lee

#### Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

#### Tuesday, January 2:

6:30 am      +Rudy Bandong  
9:00 am      +Harold Baker

#### The Most Holy Name of Jesus - Wednesday, January 3:

6:30 am      +Walter Shepherd  
9:00 am      +George Davis

#### Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton - Thursday, January 4:

6:30 am      +Souls in Purgatory  
9:00 am      +Timothy Elliott

#### Saint John Neumann - Friday, January 5:

6:30 am      (L) Patricia León-Duarte  
9:00 am      +Concepción J. Nelson and Beatrice Dy-Liaco

#### Saint André Bessette - Saturday, January 6:

8:00 am      +Carmen Solis  
5:00 pm      +Anne Cameron and Joyce White  
7:00 pm      +Felicita Mendez

#### The Epiphany of the Lord - Sunday, January 7:

7:30 am      +Joseph Barnoski  
9:00 am      Living and Deceased Members  
                 of the Clarke, Meile, and King Families  
10:30 am      Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 noon      +Constantino Perez



### Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Roger Trozado, Michael McSherry, Rosa A. Valderrama, Daniel O'Donohue, Jeanie Miller, Rosa María Santos, Debbie DuBrul, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks Ruth Foreman and Baby, Charles Ferris, John Harchick, Jr., Dominic Blansett, Daisy Atiyeh, Dick Owens, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Etelvina and Patricia León-Duarte, Catherine Hanniff, Kristi Burns, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, Joseph Covas, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Spracht, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith