



# 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

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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  
Kathy Littlefield, Principal  
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.*

**Fatima/Rome Pilgrimage - Thank You!** Thank you for your support of the **Feb. 5** breakfast fundraiser, including purchasing tickets for the gift basket raffle and buying bags of Mystic Monk Coffee! We are humbled by your generosity.

Thank you to the families, the parish Women's Group and *Le Pain Quotidien* in Clarendon for donating the gift baskets. Gift basket winners: Battaglia, Baughman, Gray, Lash, Lam, Ryan, Souser, Vives.

Led by Fr. Juan, the young men pilgrims will take your prayer intentions with them and pray for you at the various holy sites in Fatima and Rome, **Apr.7-17, 2017**.

Upcoming fundraisers include selling Mystic Monk Coffee, donuts, etc. in the vestibule on **Feb. 11** and donut sales during CYO basketball games near the school gym on various weekends. Also, pilgrims are selling car raffle tickets. Questions? Please contact [s.gray@queenofapostles.org](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org).

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us. Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us.

**Fatima/Rome Pilgrimage Meeting** Monday, **Feb. 13** at 6 pm at the parish office with pilgrims.

## Emmaus - High School/Young College Students

Emmaus meets on Fridays, 6-8 pm at Queen of Apostles. On the first Friday of the month, Open Gym is held at the School Gym. On other Fridays, meet Fr. Juan at Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street) for a faith discussion, adoration, prayer, and other activities. Please note that Emmaus does not meet on the last Friday of the month.

**Nazareth - Grades 4-8** Nazareth is open to students in grades 4-8 and meets on the first and third Fridays of the month. Meet Fr. Juan and other Nazareth leaders in Hannan Hall. Sign-in begins at 3:45 pm with activities beginning at 4:00 pm. Parent sign-out is at 5:30 pm. The next Nazareth meeting is on **Feb. 17**.

**Religious Education** 40 Religious Education students made their First Confession on **Feb. 11**. RE families were also invited to receive this Sacrament of Healing.

Queen of Apostles School students will make First Confession on **Feb. 28**.

Students desiring and preparing for Confirmation or the Three Sacraments of Initiation have service hours and report due.

Generally, Queen of Apostles Religious Education Program follows Fairfax County Public Schools for winter weather-related closings. If an exception is made, Religious Education families will be emailed as soon as a decision is made. If you have an updated email, please send a message to [s.gray@queenofapostles.org](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org).

Registration for the **2017-2018** Religious Education school year opens on **Apr. 23, 2017**.

**Bulletin Deadlines** The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Feb. 19** bulletin is Monday, **Feb. 13** by 9 am. The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Feb. 26** bulletin is Friday, **Feb. 17** by 9 am. Please email announcements to [m.saunders@queenofapostles.org](mailto:m.saunders@queenofapostles.org).

**Finding Freedom After Abortion** This year it's time to make peace with your past. "Do not be afraid...Open your heart and let go of the weight you carry - let the light of Christ penetrate and heal your heart." For confidential, compassionate Help After Abortion, please call Project Rachel at (888) 456-HOPE or email [info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org).

## Discount Courses Available Through Catholic Distance University

Join the inspiring instructors at Catholic Distance University for a faith-filled journey of discovery. Enroll in an online independent study course of your choice and study anytime, anywhere! For a full list of courses, browse our catalog at [www.cdu.catalog.instructure.com/](http://www.cdu.catalog.instructure.com/). Use Promo Code CDU15ARLINGTON when registering to qualify for the \$30 rate.

## Pastor's Letter

### Super Bowl Lessons

First of all, congratulations to all our Patriots fans. The Falcons have a great opportunity of learning from their mistakes and working toward another great season.

The conclusion of the Super Bowl means the start of another February celebration. There are red and pink flowers and hearts all around: St. Valentine is coming. Our society celebrates love which is romantic, quixotic, exciting, beautiful, and sweet... And it is true that there is all that in love, but it is also true that there is much more. There is a mysterious power which enables you to promise to give yourself completely for the rest of your life.

The Church celebrates along with our society. This weekend is World Marriage Day, and mother Church wants "to celebrate the gift and blessing of marriage and to affirm and support engaged and married couples" (Archbishop Chaput).

I would like to pick three lessons from the Super Bowl to inspire couples to succeed in their love

First, don't relax. You need to fight for each yard.. Fight each day to renew the fascination of love, to make it magical, to conquer your beloved's heart, to avoid routine at all cost. Be humble in forgiving and ask forgiveness if you fumble the ball and the other teams scores a touchdown. And remember, your coach is Jesus Christ, and with his grace he will heal your teammates' tears.

Second, never give up! Marriage and family life, as beautiful as it is, is also very challenging. And many times there will be the temptation to lose heart and hope. Certainly, the Patriots didn't lose hope. If any Patriots fan turned the TV off and went to bed that evening, he is probably regretting it now. In this game of marriage we have more than Tom Brady: we have the Holy Spirit to inspire us and create a move that will break through the difficulties and change the score.

Finally, the goal is to win the game. It is not enough to be ahead for three quarters. The goal for a couple is more than to marry and have children. It is to share the whole journey of life. It is to be holy. That involves a lot of sacrifice, work, hope, courage, perseverance and humility... and God's grace which never fails even when we do. And it is worth it. Ask the Patriots fans.



### Rule of Life for the Month of February Confession

**In Confession we are embraced by Jesus' mercy.** In this sacrament we receive the forgiveness of our sins, and our communion with God and the Church is reestablished. Jesus heals the wounds of the heart, restores our spiritual health, and brings new life to our relations with others.

- ❖ **Step 1:** Make a thorough examination of conscience and go to confession.
- ❖ **Step 2:** Prayerful examination of conscience once a week.

**Morning of Recollection:** Saturday, **Feb. 18**, 8 am - 12 noon, beginning with Mass in the Church.

**Other Resources:** Fr. Alvaro Montero DCJM, [The Touch of Life](#). Get your copy at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or at the parish office.

*"Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin,  
all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance for mercy."*

*St. Isidore of Seville*

## This Week In Our Parish

### **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 12:**

School 9:00-10:15 am Religious Education  
Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group  
Adoration Chapel 6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

### **Monday, February 13:**

Cupertino Room 7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary  
Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in English

### **Tuesday, February 14:**

Hannan Hall 10:00-11:30 am Bible Study  
Hannan Hall 6:00-7:15 pm Bible Study  
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, February 15:**

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group  
Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

### **Thursday, February 16:**

Hannan Hall QofA School Science Fair  
Parish Office 6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary  
Church 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour  
School 9:00-10:30 pm St. Joseph's Men Group

### **Friday, February 17:**

Adoration Chapel 11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour  
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Hannan Hall 3:30-5:30 pm Nazareth  
Notre Dame Graduate School 6:00-8:00 pm Emmaus  
School 6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym

### **Saturday, February 18:**

*Parish Morning of Recollection; see page 3 for details*  
Parish Office 1:00-3:30 pm Stephen Ministry  
School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group  
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir

### **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 19:**

School 9:00-10:15 am Religious Education  
Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

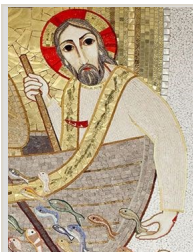
**Instructional Aide Position** Queen of Apostles School is looking for a positive, energetic, caring, and self-motivated individual to assist in the 1st and 2nd classrooms. The individual will also monitor students during recess and the after school program. The hours are 11:30 am to 4:45 pm Monday through Friday. The position is open immediately. Please send resume to Kathy Littlefield, principal, at [k.littlefield@queenofapostlesschool.org](mailto:k.littlefield@queenofapostlesschool.org).



### **Science Fair Judges Needed**

The Queen of Apostles School Science Fair will be held on Thursday **Feb. 16, 2017** from 7:00-8:30 pm in Hannan Hall. A light dinner and an orientation for the judges will be at 6:15 pm. A background in science, math or engineering is not required, but is helpful.

Please contact Mr. Dex Curi ([d.curi@queenofapostlesschool.org](mailto:d.curi@queenofapostlesschool.org)) at Queen of Apostles School for more information if you are interested in being a judge.



## Vocations

**“It is loyalty to do His will.”** Are you considering following the will of God in the consecrated life or priesthood? Contact Fr. Juan at [general@queenofapostles.org](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org) or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at [jjaffe@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:jjaffe@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-2514.

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** That the Holy Spirit who scrutinizes everything, will assist all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood and consecrated life in discovering the truth of God's call, we pray to the Lord.

**A Blessing of Married Couples** As part of National Marriage Week and World Marriage Day, a Blessing of Married Couples will take place during Masses, **Feb. 11-12**. The Sacrament of Marriage is a vocation to love and is a gift of self to your spouse. Holy Matrimony is a sacrament uniting one man and one woman to each other and to God for the sake of the salvation of their own souls and to help share in Christ's mission in the world.

If you were not married in the Catholic Church or your marriage is not recognized by the Catholic Church, please contact the parish office at (703) 354-8711 and make an appointment to meet with a priest.

## Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

### Readings for Next Week:

#### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13  
1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48



**Capital Improvement Second Collection** This week's second collection is for parish capital improvements. Your contribution to this collection helps with such things as landscaping, snow plowing, and other operating costs that preserve and improve our parish campus. Where there is savings over and above these expenses, your contribution helps to support major capital projects that draw in part or in whole from parish savings. Thank you for your support of this collection. As always, you may contribute through the collection basket or through a one-time electronic gift via Faith Direct, using parish code VA324 at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net).

## Queen of Apostles School Now Hiring Principal for 2017-18 School Year

Our parish thanks Kathy Littlefield for her many years of service as teacher and then as principal to our school. We now open a hiring process for principal for the 2017-18 year, and seek a candidate who will join our mission of helping students to grow in discipleship of Christ. A full job description may be found at [www.queenofapostles.org](http://www.queenofapostles.org).

The application process is conducted through the Office of Catholic Schools. To apply, visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/Catholic-Schools/Careers](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Catholic-Schools/Careers). Completed applications must be received by **Mar. 19, 2017**.

*"You never go away from us, yet we have difficulty in returning to You. Come, Lord, stir us up and call us back. Kindle and seize us. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love. Let us run." - St. Augustine*

**2017 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Begins!** This month many of us will receive a mailing from Bishop Burbidge regarding the 2017 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2017 BLA is "Offering hands to serve and hearts to love." After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serve the people in our diocese. Through your support of this important appeal, you become the hands and heart of our Lord Jesus!

**Exhorto Matrimonial** Fernando Martínez Santos pretende contraer matrimonio con Leticia García Medrano en la parroquia de San Juan Bautista de la Salle, Colonia Piletas IV, León (Guanajato), México. El contrayente fue miembro de esta parroquia desde 2008 hasta 2014 siendo su domicilio Morgan St 5505.

Si alguno conoce alguna razón por la cual no deba celebrarse este matrimonio o sabe de alguna circunstancia que deba tenerse en cuenta en orden a la celebración de este matrimonio, por favor, póngase en contacto con el P. Leopoldo Vives, [pas-tor@queenofapostles.org](mailto:pas-tor@queenofapostles.org) o en la oficina parroquial.

**Mass and Reception to celebrate World Marriage Sunday** All married couples are invited to attend the World Marriage Sunday Mass offered at St. Agnes Church this Sunday, **Feb. 12** at 5 pm. Fr. Thomas Ferguson, Vicar General & Moderator for the Curia, will be celebrating the Mass and offer words of reflection for married couples. Reception made possible by the generosity of Families in Christ Jesus. Please let us know you are coming by registering at <https://worldmarriagesunday.eventbrite.com>. For more information, please contact Nancy McKeague at (703) 841-3807.

**Clases de Inglés** Hogar Hispano ofrece clases de inglés los lunes y miércoles de 7-9 pm en la Escuela Reina de los Apóstoles. Inscribirse el **13** y **15** de **febrero** entre 7 pm y 9 pm en la escuela. El costo es \$60 y el libro de texto está incluido.

**English Classes** Catholic Charities, Hogar Immigrant Services will be holding registrations for English classes on **Feb. 13** and **15** from 7 to 9 pm. The cost is \$60 for the course with textbook included. Classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 9pm at Queen of Apostles School.

**Stephen Ministry** Does life's struggles pull you down? Do you feel so alone? Are you hurting? A Stephen Minister could be there for you, to walk with you in your journey through life's difficulties by sharing the joy and hope which the ultimate healer, Christ and the Love of God brings. To inquire about Stephen Ministry, please contact Maris Dionisio at [\(703\) 751-8495](tel:703-751-8495) or [stephenministry@queenofapostles.org](mailto:stephenministry@queenofapostles.org).

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

### **Monday, February 13:**

6:30 am +Thomas Benson  
9:00 am +Mary Ferr

### **Saints Cyril and Methodius - Tuesday, February 14:**

6:30 am +Mary Constantino  
9:00 am +Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Thach

### **Wednesday, February 15:**

6:30 am +Jane Souser  
9:00 am +Dr. Walter Ross

### **Thursday, February 16:**

6:30 am +Robert Nealon, Sr.  
9:00 am +Bill Stanton

### **The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**

### **Friday, February 17:**

6:30 am +Dean Walker  
9:00 am +Dr. Lamuel Stanislaus

### **Saturday, February 18:**

8:00 am +Struan Pinto  
5:00 pm +Larina G. Zialcita  
7:00 pm +Orlando Vaca Parra

### **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 19:**

7:30 am +John Bryk, Sr.  
9:00 am (L) Mary Perez  
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 noon Hoyt McPherson

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

**Second Collection** Today's Second Collection will be for the Capital Improvement Fund.



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

Christopher Said, Marta Fajardo, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Esther Stanley, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Anna Jeffrey, Rose Maalouf, Ronald Redman, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Stephen Aldrich, Jessica Acot, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Etelvina León-Duarte, J. Saunders, Catherine Hanniff, Kristi Burns, Francis Walter, Eduardo Vega, Deborah DuBrul, Kathleen Donohoe, Lyda Tanco, 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, Teresa Subalusky, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith