



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*O God, who teach us that you abide
in hearts that are just and true, grant that
we may be so fashioned by your grace
as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
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.

Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.



Altar Servers All servers, seasoned and new, are invited to have Pizza with the Pastor on Tuesday, **Feb. 19**, 6-8 pm. First, meet Fr. Leopoldo and Mr. Kirby in the church for refresher training then enjoy some pizza! If attending, please contact s.gray@queenofapostles.org, or call (703) 354-8711.

Vocations Crucifix Parish families are invited to host the Vocations Crucifix for one week during the school year. The Vocations Crucifix is a daily reminder to talk about religious vocations and the importance of these vocations to serve the Lord and others. If interested in hosting the crucifix, sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544aca928a0fe3-queen> or contact Susan Gray at (703) 354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

Nazareth Girls & boys in grades 4-8 are invited to attend the bi-weekly Monday meetings in Hannan Hall. Doors open at 3:45 pm with activities beginning at 4 pm. Parent sign-out is at 5:30 pm. Students from QofA School, public school, and homeschoolers are welcome to join Nazareth to grow in the Catholic faith, learn about the sacramental life of the church, and make friends.

Emmaus High school and 8th grade students are invited to join Emmaus on Saturday evenings, 8:15-10 pm at Christendom Graduate School (CGS) located at 4407 Sano Street for fellowship, activities, faith discussions, and prayer. For more information email s.calvino@queenofapostles.org, or text QofA to 84576 to join our contact list and receive information about upcoming events.

Young Adults Beginning **Feb. 18**, please join us in Hannan Hall on Monday evenings from 7-9 pm for fellowship and our study Priest, Prophet, and King. For more information on this and other young adult activities, text QofA to 84576 to join our contact list.

Thank You for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend's collection will go toward **Christ House**. Next weekend's collection will go toward the **Poor Sisters of St. Joseph**.

Religious Education Classes will not meet on **Feb. 17** in observance of Presidents' Day. Classes resume on **Feb. 24** with doors opening at 8:30 am for a 9 am start time.

Each Sunday, students are to bring their textbook and a pencil/pen to class along with completed homework. Students may be asked to bring a bible and rosary.

Parents/sponsors of grade 8 and high school Religious Education students who desire Confirmation have a meeting with the priest on Sunday, **Mar. 3** at 9 am in All Saints Hall.

Sacraments of Initiation students: Students and godparents are to attend the Rite of Election on Sun, **Mar. 10** at 2:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington. Arrive no later than 1:30 pm. Due to limited seating, only the student, godparent/s, and 1 guest may attend.

First Penance/First Holy Communion students: The date for First Penance for RE students is on Saturday, **Mar. 9**, beginning at 9:30 am. Also, families are invited to go to Confession during this time. The example of parents and others celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation in joy and with meaning teaches the child to appreciate this opportunity to seek God's forgiveness and to deepen his or her relationship with Him.

Parents of grade 2 students attending QofA School should confirm the date and time of First Penance with the school teacher.

RCIA The Rite of Election (catechumens) and the Rite of Continuing Conversion (candidates) is on Sunday, **Mar. 10** at 2:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More (3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington). This is not a Mass. Due to limited seating only RCIA, godparent/sponsor, and 1 guest may attend. Please plan to arrive to the Cathedral by 1:30 pm. QofA will have reserved seating.

Why a Church Marriage? For couples who are not married in the Church, our priests are willing to help you prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony, an important step to receiving the other Sacraments and living the Catholic faith. Please contact the parish office at (703) 354-8711 to set an appointment to meet with a priest.

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Feb. 24** bulletins was Monday, **Feb. 11**.

Pastor's Letter

"Blessed is the one whose hope is the Lord" (Jer 17:7)

Our society is still shaken by the late-term abortion regulation. We see fully unveiled what already the Second Vatican Council defined as an "unspeakable crime" (*Gaudium et Spes*, 51). The Catholic Church constantly teaches the sacredness and inviolability of human life: "No one can, in any circumstance, claim for himself the right to destroy directly an innocent human being" (*Evangelium Vitae* 19).

I guess that all my parishioners reading this letter would agree with me that one cannot be at the same time Catholic and Pro-Abortion. Maybe not. What I am sure is that many Catholics are not bothered by voting for a candidate who supports or promotes abortion. And, is there anything wrong with that?

Let's be honest: those promoting abortion speak about promoting women's health, rights and dignity. There is nothing wrong with that. What is wrong is to put one's own rights above all things, as an absolute, even over another human life. And this is a "perverse idea" (*Evangelium Vitae* 19).

St. John Paul II rightly states: "freedom negates and destroys itself, and becomes a factor leading to the destruction of others, when it no longer recognizes and respects its essential link with the truth. When freedom, out of a desire to emancipate itself from all forms of tradition and authority, shuts out even the most obvious evidence of an objective and universal truth, which is the foundation of personal and social life, then the person ends up by no longer taking as the sole and indisputable point of reference for his own choices the truth about good and evil, but only his subjective and changeable opinion or, indeed, his selfish interest and whim" (*Evangelium Vitae* 19).

Today's science is very clear about the human embryo: from the moment of conception it is a singular, unique, wholly human being, although not fully developed. It has its own unique genetic code. Fed by the mother, he is responsible for his own growth and development. Even more, he takes control of his mother's hormonal cycle, immune system, body temperature... The contrary would be to accept that a pregnant mother is undergoing a kind of monstrous episode: she has four eyes, two hearts, two noses... looking at the cells she will be at the same time man and woman, a genetic chimera. An individual with two blood types simultaneously... No, science knows better.

Now, to be a Catholic is to embrace the Catholic faith and to live it accordingly. It is not a multiple choice option. Having two blood types simultaneously is not possible. Neither to be Catholic and support abortion. There is no way.

And "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man" (Lk 6:22).

February 23 Morning of Recollection on the Eucharist

**All are invited to join us for our Morning of Recollection on Saturday, February 23
in the church and in Hannan Hall.**



Morning of Recollection Schedule

8:00 am	Holy Mass
8:45 am	Rosary in the church
9:30 am	Talk 1
10:15 am	Break - Coffee and Pastries
10:30 am	Talk 2
11:00 am	Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
11:50 am	Blessing and Reposition

This Week In Our Parish

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 17:

Vestibule	Banica Youth Mission Bake Sale
School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Parish Office	9:00-11:00 am Stephen Ministry
Notre Dame Graduate School	9:00-11:00 am

Hogares de Santa Maria

Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

Adoration Chapel 6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

Monday, February 18:

Adoration Chapel Closed

Parish Office Closed

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study

Cupertino Room 6:30-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

Tuesday, February 19:

Hannan Hall 10:00-11:30 am Bible Study

Parish Office 5:45-7:15 pm Bible Study

Church 7:00-9:00 pm Altar Server Training Session

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

Wednesday, February 20:

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

Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

Thursday, February 21:

Hannan Hall 3:00-4:30 pm Children's Choir Practice

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

School 9:00-10:30 pm St. Joseph Men's Group

Friday, February 22:

Adoration Chapel 11:00-11:30 am Children's

Adoration Hour

Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

Hannan Hall 7:00 pm-12:00 am GCC Prayer Mtg.

Saturday, February 23:

Parish Morning of Recollection, see page 3 for details

Parish Office 1:00-6:00 pm Stephen Ministry

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

Taller de Oración El Taller de Oración y Vida de la Espiritualidad del Padre Ignacio Larrañaga se ofrecerá a partir del **19 de febrero** en la Biblioteca de la escuela los días martes de 7-9 pm. El taller es gratis y les ofrece un método práctico y sencillo para aprender a orar en 15 sesiones. La inscripción se cierra el día martes **5 de marzo**. Para mayor información, llamar a Antonieta Berthe al (703) 244-5497.

Do You Want to Become a Citizen? Apply now! Come to a citizenship application workshop hosted by Catholic Charities Hogar Immigrant Services on Feb. 23, from 10 am-1 pm at the Clarendon Presbyterian Church, (1305 N. Jackson Street, Arlington) Cost: \$110, cash or credit. You must pre-register at: (571) 208-1572 or hogarimmigrantservices.org/workshop. *You must have been a legal permanent resident for 5 years to qualify for citizenship.



Vocations

“Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD...” Are you considering a vocation to the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Leopoldo Vives DCJM at general@queenofapostles.org, or Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time That all those called to follow Jesus in the priesthood or consecrated life will allow the Holy Spirit to strengthen them each day in their vocation, we pray to the Lord.

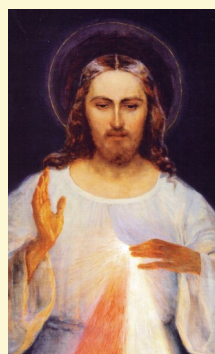
Quo Vadis and FIAT Discernment Camps Registration Lottery Quo Vadis Days and FIAT Camps are great opportunities for Catholic high school students (rising freshmen - rising seniors) to have fun while exploring their vocations and deepening their faith. Quo Vadis (for boys) is staffed by Arlington seminarians, priests and religious, and runs **Jul. 7-11**. FIAT (for girls) is staffed by religious sisters runs **Jul. 14-18**. Both are held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. The registration lottery will be open **Mar. 1-31**. See the videos and photos from last year, get more information and register for the lottery at ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis or ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT.

*O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and
Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.*

Please Note: The Adoration Chapel and Parish Office will be closed this Monday, **Feb. 18** in observance of Presidents' Day. There will be one Mass celebrated at 9 am.

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Separated? Divorced? Widowed? The Rebuilding Program sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington Office of Marriage, Family, and Respect Life helps people of all faiths who are separated, divorced, or widowed and want to move on with their lives. The nine week program starts Sunday, **Feb. 24** and meets Sunday evenings 5:30-8 pm at the St. Martin De Porres Center in Alexandria. Topics include adaptation, grief, anger, self-worth, openness, love, and relatedness. For more information, email facilitator@copingrebuilding.com, or visit us on the web at <http://www.copingrebuilding.com>.



Divine Mercy

“My daughter, if I demand through you that people revere My mercy, you should be the first to distinguish yourself by this confidence in My mercy. I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it.”

(Diary of St. Faustina, 742)

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13
1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38



Bake Sale to Benefit the Banica Youth

Mission This weekend after all Masses. Proceeds from the bake sale will be used to buy building materials to construct a home for a family in need in the Dominican Republic. Thank you for your generous support!

Banica Youth Mission 2019 All teens 16 and older are invited to participate in the Summer Youth Mission from **Jun. 22** to **Jul. 3** to serve our brothers and sisters in the Arlington Diocesan Mission of Banica, Dominican Republic. Teens interested in applying to take part in this year's mission should contact Mother Maria at mgonzalezpssj@aol.com or (703) 354-0395, or Jo Balsamo at jkbalsamo2003@yahoo.com or (703) 623-5607 ASAP.

Email Scams Continue to Target Parishioners We continue to ask parishioners to be vigilant about fraudulent solicitation emails appearing to come from our priests and staff. Authentic requests for donations from the parish will always direct parishioners to FaithDirect, PayPal, or other legitimate websites with secure online forms. Never will we ask for gift cards or for money to be transferred directly to an account. *If you have received a fraudulent email, it is important that you report the email to the local police by calling the non-emergency hotline and requesting the financial crimes department.* Fairfax County residents may also go to FairfaxCounty.gov and search for "Financial Crimes Online Reporting" where you will be directed to an online reporting form.

2019 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Begins At the end of January, the mailing for the 2019 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) was sent to all registered diocesan households. The theme for the 2019 BLA is "Together in the Light of Christ." After reflecting upon the blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serve thousands of people in our diocese. Together, through the BLA, let us renew our personal commitment to furthering the Lord's work in our diocese.



QofA School PTO Spaghetti Dinner and

Bingo Please join us for our school's family-friendly Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, **Mar. 2**, from 6-8 pm in Hannan Hall. Great food! Bingo and prizes! You don't want to miss this event!

Price: \$10 Adults, \$5 children under 12. All you can eat menu: salad, rolls, beverages, dessert. Dine-in or take-out is available. For more information, please contact Neal McCluskey at: nmcccluskey@hotmail.com. You may volunteer to help by signing up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054aaaa72fa46-spaghetti>.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 17:

7:30 am +Evangeline F. Madrona
9:00 am (L) The Diaz Family
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Marcel Dupuy

Monday, February 18:

9:00 am +George DeVier

Tuesday, February 19:

6:30 am +Virginia P. Villanueva
9:00 am +Dolores Bravo Smalley

Wednesday, February 20:

6:30 am Special Intention
9:00 am +Denning Gearhart

Saint Peter Damian - Thursday, February 21:

6:30 am (L) John F. Pfeiffer
9:00 am (L) Flora Wack, Birthday

The Chair of Saint Peter - Friday, February 22:

6:30 am (L) Travis Binas
9:00 am +Edsel Villanueva

Saint Polycarp - Saturday, February 23:

8:00 am (L) Tim and Amanda Stuhldreher
5:00 pm (L) Roni McCarthey
7:00 pm +Maria Goretti

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 24:

7:30 am +Franz Rodas
9:00 am +Christina Lynem
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Gloria Arandia

"Is not our Lord as meek and humble in the Blessed Sacrament as He was during His life on earth? Is He not always the Good Shepherd, the Divine Consoler, the Changeless Friend? Happy the soul that knows how to find Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, and in the Eucharist all things!" - St. Peter Julian Eymard



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Betty Jane Davis, Kevin Bonko, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Daisy Atiyeh, Anna Anderson, Leo Monterroso, Daniel O'Donohue, Etelvina León -Duarte, Michelle Jacobeen, Pedro Baiza, Jean McDermott, Maria Reyes, Anne and James Kemble, Tesfa Haile, Virginia Shea, Joseph Lipari, Rosa María Santos, Carmelita Mate, Leonor Cabrestane, Roger Trozado, Jeanie Miller, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks, Charles Ferris, Dominic Blansett, Dick Owens, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Kristi Burns, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo