



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

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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.

Subscribe to Our Weekly Parish E-Newsletter

To sign up please visit <https://queenofapostles.org/news/>

Emmaus - for High School/Young College Students

Emmaus resumes on Friday, **Jan. 20** at 6 pm. Please meet Fr. Juan at Notre Dame Graduate School, 4407 Sano Street. Thank you to all students and families for helping to create the Nativity scene in the church vestibule.

Nazareth - 4th - 8th grade Students in grades 4-8 are invited to join Fr. Juan and other leaders for the first Nazareth meeting of the new year on **Jan. 20**. Meet in Hannan Hall no earlier than 3:45 pm to sign in. Parent pick-up time is 5:30 pm. More parents are needed to help support Nazareth activities. Please call the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or email s.gray@queenofapostles.org. Starting in February, Nazareth will meet on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month.

Confirmation Sponsor/Baptismal Godparent Certificate of Eligibility

Sponsor Certificates are statements to the fact that you are a practicing Catholic and a member of the parish. If you have been asked to serve as a sponsor/godparent, please call the parish office to make an appointment to meet with a priest. Please call for an appointment several weeks before the Certificate is due.

If you are eligible to serve, the priest will sign and seal the Certificate of Eligibility. If Queen of Apostles is not your registered parish, please call your home parish for a Certificate of Eligibility.

For Confirmation students, the signed and sealed Sponsor Certificate is due on **Jan. 22, 2017**.

For the three Sacraments of Initiation for students and adults, the signed and sealed Sponsor Certificate is due on **Jan. 29, 2017**.

Religious Education Religious Education classes resume on **Jan. 8, 2017**. Doors open at 8:30 am with classes starting at 9 am.

Sacraments packets for students desiring and preparing for Confirmation, First Penance/First Holy Communion or the Three Sacraments of Initiation are posted to the Queen of Apostles website, <https://queenofapostles.org/religious-education/>. Please check for upcoming deadlines!

Thank you parents for helping your children live the Christian life: learning to pray, knowing the Bible and learning Scripture, and preparing for the sacraments.

Are you Missing Sacraments? Are You Interested in Learning More about the Catholic Church?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults join or complete their initiation into the Roman Catholic Church. Led by Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, Queen of Apostles is offering RCIA classes in English and Spanish. The RCIA class in English meets on Mondays, 7:30-9 pm. The RCIA class in Spanish meets on Wednesdays, 7:30-9 pm. Classes are held at Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street).

RCIA is for three groups of people:

1. Adults who are not baptized.
2. Adults 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, have not completed their initiation and have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

RCIA will not meet on **Jan. 2, 2017**.

If you or someone you know would like to inquire about becoming Catholic, please contact the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or email s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

Please pray for our students and adults who desire and are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation. The Rite of Minor Exorcism, Anointing and Blessing will be held on **Jan. 28** during the 7 pm Mass (RCIA-Spanish) and **Jan. 29** during the 10:30 am Mass (RE students and RCIA-English).



Pastor's Letter

A New Religious Family

Dear Parish Family,

Since June 2013 the Disciples of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary have become part of the Queen of Apostles family. Deeply inspired by St. John Paul II, the Disciples have made family a primary focus from the beginning. If we revisit the parish mission and vision statements and core values, we realize how strong this focus is.

As a family we celebrate together our anniversaries. We just celebrated in a special way our Deacon's 50th wedding anniversary and this January 1st the Disciples celebrate their 30th anniversary as a new religious family in the Church.

Anniversary celebrations are first reminders of who we are and why we exist. Christmas is a nice time to remember family stories. And it is also about giving thanks to the Lord for his many blessings.

Thirty-five years ago in Toledo, Spain, eight seminarians made a year of spirituality as part of their formation for priesthood. They asked for a Jesuit to lead the experience, as they all came from youth groups lead by Jesuits with a strong devotion to the Sacred Heart. Four other youth joined them to make twelve. Jesus also chose twelve as his closest friends.

That year St. John Paul II visited Spain for the first time, and those seminarians with the Jesuit priest accompanied the Pope traveling back and forth through Spain.

Concluding the year of spirituality they returned to Toledo's seminary. Many of them had real interest for religious life, although there was not a religious community fitting their desires. The Jesuits were the first and obvious option, they didn't find the Jesuits to be their path.

Back to the seminary, some of them were ordained and appointed to parishes. The original group was falling apart. Then Fr. Javier O'Connor and another friend joined this original group of four. It was more and more evident that the life of a diocesan seminary was not an option, because once being ordained and appointed, any hope for religious life vanished.

What to do? There was no option but to found a new religious family, but it seemed like a crazy idea at the time. How would six young seminarians, not even having a priest, would believe that the Lord was asking them to start a religious order?

So they went to prayer and made a novena to the Immaculate Conception. They had overnight adoration and met the morning of December 8, 1985. All of them, in prayer, had the same clear experience: the Lord wanted them to found a new religious institute. The Bishop of the Diocese of Cuenca in Spain received them and in June 1986 they left the seminary to start their religious life. On January 1, 1987, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God the Disciples were approved as a new religious family in the Church.

Since then, we grew and influenced the life of many families and individuals. Today it is three and a half years that you are part of this story and know it by person. Now you are part of those many blessings the Lord wants to pour on his Church through the Disciples. Thank you Lord for the gift of the Disciples and the gift of QofA.



Join us for the 10:30 am Mass this Sunday, January 1 to celebrate these special anniversaries of our priests and pastor. Following the Mass there will be a celebratory reception in Hannan Hall.

This Week In Our Parish

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord - January 1:

ACCA Food Collection

No Religious Education Classes

Hannan Hall 11:30 am-1:00 pm DCJM 30 Year
Anniversary Celebration

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

Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Monday, January 2:

Adoration Chapel and Parish Office Closed

No RCIA Class

Cupertino Room 7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

The Most Holy Name of Jesus - Tuesday, January 3:

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - Wednesday, January 4:

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

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

Saint John Neumann - Thursday, January 5:

Parish Office 6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary

Church 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

Saint André Bessette - Friday, January 6:

Adoration Chapel 11:00 am-12 noon Children's

Adoration Hour

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

Saint Raymond of Peñafort - Saturday, January 7:

Parish Office 1:00-3:30 pm Stephen Ministry

School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group

Hannan Hall 5:30-9:00 pm Homeschoolers Group

School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir

The Epiphany of the Lord - January 8:

Towards A Family Fully Alive

Hannan Hall 8:30 am-1:30 pm Sunday Social

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



Prayer works! In 2014 there were 1613 abortions at 101 S. Whiting St. in Alexandria. We held 40 Days for Life vigils and Bishop Loverde came and we had the flag display at a number of local parishes. In 2015 the latest report is that abortions were down to 1518!

Planned Parenthood in Falls Church closed last year on Dec. 18 but not before they had done 917 abortions.

The abortion center on 900 S. Washington St. went up from 1800 abortions to 2063 in 2015.



March for Life

Washington D.C.

March for Life Make plans now to join us for the March for Life on Friday, Jan. 27, 2017. Let us respect all life. Please contact Larry Cirignano at (202) 306-6863 or email LarryVote@gmail.com.



Vocations

"God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts."

If the Spirit of Jesus is prompting you to love and serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

That through our Blessed Mother's intercession, all those being called to holiness as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, will find joy and faithfulness in their vocations, we pray to the Lord.

Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF)

Matching Gift Campaign Support our seminarians through the Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF). SEEF's income provides funding for expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance, and books, which total almost \$40,000 per seminarian. Please give generously and take advantage of a \$100,000 matching gift! Make checks payable to Foundation for the CDA - SEEF. Mail to The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Contact Bob Mueller at r.mueller@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2545 with questions.

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



Adult Bible Study Program Registration is now open for the Winter and Spring Semesters of the parish **Adult Bible Study** program.

The inspiring **"Walking Toward Eternity"** series is designed to develop and nurture characteristics that are essential to Christian life. In two consecutive eight-week semesters, you will learn how a habit of short sessions of daily prayer and meditation with Scripture (*lectio divina*) will help you hear the subtle ways God is speaking to you.

Part I, Daring to Walk the Walk, begins Jan. 17 by introducing seven key virtues and practical steps for living them out. **Part II, Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart**, continues Mar. 14 through Lent by showing us how to identify and overcome obstacles that aggravate us, discourage us, and can even hinder our relationship with Christ.

Classes meet Tuesdays in both morning and evening sessions, featuring acclaimed speaker and master theologian Jeff Cavins on DVD, and are made available to homebound and those with periodic travel absences through online streaming. Grab a flyer in church and register in-person at the Parish Office, or go to www.QofAbiblestudy.com for more information, a preview clip, and online registration.

"Mary is the sure path to our meeting with Christ. Devotion to the Mother of the Lord, when it is genuine, is always an impetus to a life guided by the spirit and values of the Gospel."

Pope St. John Paul II



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: "Your services are perhaps the most comprehensive, empathetic and genuine that I have received in a very long time. I thank you for your sincere time and attention." For more information please visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife.

Catholic Charities Counseling Queen of Apostles has partnered with Catholic Charities to have a counselor come to the parish to provide counseling services. Carly Rouston, our new Catholic Charities counselor, has a Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of St Mary's in San Antonio. She works with children, adults, and couples – providing therapy in both English and Spanish. Carly will be available for appointments at the parish office on Thursdays between 2 pm and 8 pm. Catholic Charities is able to offer 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 Hannah Navarro at (703) 224-1630.

Catholic Charities Thrift Store Needs Donations

The Catholic Charities Thrift Store has a long-standing reputation for offering gently used items of the highest quality, and we need your help to continue this tradition. Donations of winter clothing, shoes, household items, jewelry, artwork, antiques/collectibles and small furniture are needed. Donations welcome every day from 11:30 am–2:30 pm at 125 S. West Street, Alexandria. Volunteers also needed during store hours! Contact AJuan@ccda.net.

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 or stephenministry@queenofapostles.org.

Looking for the Longest Married Couple in 2017

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is searching for the longest married couple. One national winner and winners from each of the 50 states are recognized each year. This project is held to honor the commitment of married couples and to give hope and inspiration to younger couples that they too can have long and lasting marriages. Nominations must be received by **Jan. 10, 2017**. To nominate a couple you know, please visit us at <http://www.me.org> or contact us directly at (321)804-2310.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Masses this Week

Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Monday, January 2:

6:30 am (L) Michael Jones
9:00 am +Sandra Lucatelli and Valda Weinbrenner

The Most Holy Name of Jesus - Tuesday, January 3:

6:30 am +Mary Nicholson Jones
9:00 am +George Davis

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton - Wednesday, January 4:

6:30 am (L) Allen Coleman
9:00 am (L) Patricia León-Duarte

Saint John Neumann - Thursday, January 5:

6:30 am +Mary McGrale
9:00 am +Clarissa Trono De Guzman

Saint André Bessette - Friday, January 6:

6:30 am +Deacon Tom McQuillan
9:00 am +Clarissa Trono De Guzman

Saint Raymond of Peñafort - Saturday, January 7:

8:00 am +Baby Boo Nicholson
5:00 pm +Pearl Yoskovich
7:00 pm +Felicita Méndez

The Epiphany of the Lord - January 8:

7:30 am +Joseph Barnoski
9:00 am +Constantino Perez
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Caridad Lauigan

Please Note

The Adoration Chapel and the Parish Office will be closed on **Jan. 2** for the New Year's holiday.

Thank You

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 the **ACCA** and the **Missionaries of Charity**.



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

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 and Carolina G. 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