



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Almighty ever-living God,
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,
that in the name of your beloved Son
we may abound in good works.
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
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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

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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.

Vocations Crucifix All altar server and 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. Our first meeting of the new year will be Monday, **Jan. 14**.

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.

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

Intelligent Lives - Film Screening Bishop O'Connell High School is happy to host a free viewing of Dan Habib's new film, *Intelligent Lives* on Wednesday, **Feb. 20**, at 7 pm. This film is a catalyst to transform the label of intellectual disability from a life sentence of isolation into a life of possibility for the most systematically segregated people in America. *Intelligent Lives* challenges what it means to be intelligent, and points to a future in which people of all abilities can fully participate in higher education, meaningful employment, and intimate relationships. The 70-minute film will be shown in the Bishop O'Connell auditorium, located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington, and will be followed by a panel discussion. The event is open to the public. For questions, please contact Susan Rinaldi, Director of Expanded Services at Srinaldi@bishopoconnell.org.

Religious Education The Religious Education classes begin promptly at 9 am on Sundays. Doors open at 8:30 am. Please allow extra time to travel when there is inclement weather. We follow 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.

Confirmation students: Grade 8 and high schools students who desire Confirmation have upcoming projects and deadlines: Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility, signed and sealed by the priest, were due **Jan. 20**. Service hours and typed report are due **Feb. 3**.

Sacraments of Initiation students: The registration form and fee were due **Jan. 20**. The priest-signed and sealed Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility and Patron Saint Report are due **Jan. 28**.

Unbaptized students along with their godparents are to attend the Rite of Exorcism, Blessing, and Anointing on Sun, **Jan. 27** at 10:30 am.

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, VA.

First Penance/First Holy Communion students: The date for First Penance for RE students is now **Mar 9** (rescheduled from Feb. 9) beginning at 9:30 am.

RCIA The Rite of Election (catechumens) and the Rite of Continuing Conversion (candidates) is on Sun, **Mar. 10** at 2:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington. Due to limited seating only RCIA, godparent/sponsor, and 1 guest may attend.

Saint Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

Young Adults Do you want to continue growing in your faith with your peers? Are you looking for fellowship with other young Catholics? We will be offering continuing faith formation and social events beginning in the New Year. Text QofA to 84576 to join our contact list and receive information about upcoming events.

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Feb. 3** bulletin is Monday, **Jan. 28** by 9 am. Please email announcements to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

Pastor's Letter

The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me

Two weeks ago we celebrated Jesus' Baptism. "After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove" (Lk 1:21-22).

Right after his Baptism, Jesus, "filled with the Holy Spirit" begun his public ministry "led by the Spirit" (Lk 4:1). Today we contemplate how "Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit" (Lk 4:14).

This way Isaiah's prophecy was fulfilled, the one in which Jesus chose to start his ministry in his own village synagogue: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." (Lk 4:18-19; Is 61:1-2).

Jesus' early ministry will be confirmed with his healing miracles: "the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the good news proclaimed to them" (Lk 7:22). Jesus has the full authority to say before his neighbors: "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing" (Lk 4:21).

I would like to make two remarks for our consideration this week. The first is that Jesus has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to pour it on me. Through the sacraments I share Jesus' Spirit. In addition, Jesus has the healing power to make the blind see and the dead rise. His healing grace is at hand for me, to make me see or to call me back to life. Thus we contemplate Jesus in awe and hope, begging with the leper "Lord, you can make me clean" (Lk 5:12).

The second remark is to ask myself, which spirit is upon me? The Spirit of the Lord was upon Jesus. In his preaching, teaching, and healing Jesus is inspired by the Holy Spirit. He acts in his power. And he fulfills God's plan.

We will recognize the spirit which inspires us in our priorities and in the way we act. In the world there are many spirits, none of them holy: power, wealth, celebrity, pleasure, success, comfort, health... Even not being evil things in themselves, if we put them first, we make them into idols.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon Jesus. Which spirit is upon me?

PROGRESSING IN LOVE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

Led by Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM

As we prepare to enter into the season of Lent, the Church invites us to a deeper conversion and a more intense prayer life.

(Ages 18 and up)

Date: March 1, 2, and 3, 2019 [Beginning at 8 pm Friday (dinner) and ending at 2 pm Sunday (lunch)]

Cost: \$225 (each) double occupancy, \$240 single occupancy

Location: Spiritual Life Center at San Damiano (125 Old Kitchen Road, White Post, VA 22663)

Registration Deadline: February 20

Food Allergies: If you have food allergies, please let the parish office know before February 20

To register and for additional information, please contact the Parish Office at (703) 354-8711.

This Week In Our Parish

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 27:

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, January 28:

Cupertino Room 6:30-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
 Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in English

Tuesday, January 29:

Hannan Hall 10:00-11:30 am Bible Study
 Parish Office 5:45-7:15 pm Bible Study
 Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, January 30:

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

Thursday, January 31:

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 1:

Adoration Chapel 11:00-11:30 am Children's
 Adoration Hour
 Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
 School 6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym
 Hannan Hall 9:00 pm-8:00 am First Friday Adoration Vigil

Saturday, February 2:

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

*"If, then, you are looking for the way
 by which you should go, take Christ,
 because He Himself is the way."*

St. Thomas Aquinas



Scheduled Adorers Urgently Needed

Please prayerfully consider devoting an hour of your time each week to support these urgent needs: Tuesday morning, 1 am to 2 am, Friday morning, 4 am to 5 am, and Saturday morning, 2 am to 3 am. Please contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096 or moleski47@gmail.com.

Please prayerfully consider devoting an hour of your time on: Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday night, 11 pm to 12 am. Please contact Nenita De Guzman at (703) 354-8711 or n.deguzman@queenofapostles.org.

Please also prayerfully consider devoting an hour of your time on: Monday afternoon, 3 pm to 4 pm. Please contact Rosalie Mainey at (703) 256-57665 or rosalieam@msn.com.

Vocations



"You are the body of Christ and individually members of it." Are

you being called to strengthen His body through a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or 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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time For all men and women called by Jesus to teach the Gospel as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, that the joy of the Lord will remain their strength during their discernment, formation and mission, we pray to the Lord.

Thank You for Supporting Our Parish March for Life Activities!

Thank you to the many parishioners who attended the March for Life last Friday or helped host our visiting groups. Overall, Queen of Apostles enabled more than 250 people (including many young people) to be present at the March. We hope you will join us in prayer for our next parish Rosary at the local abortion clinic: Saturday, **Feb. 16** after the 8 am Mass at 101 South Whiting Street, Alexandria.

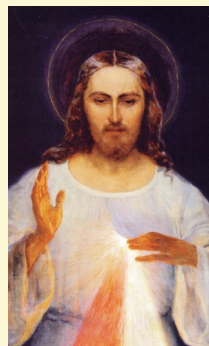
Hope and Healing for Victims/Survivors of Sexual Abuse

The Diocese of Arlington Office of Victim Assistance invites you to a Spiritual Reflection and Reception with Bishop Burbidge on Friday, **Feb. 1**, from 6-7:30 pm at St. Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Join us in prayer for healing of victims/survivors of sexual abuse in the Church. To RSVP please call (703) 841-2530 or email victimassistance@arlingtondiocese.org.

Saint John Bosco, pray for us.

Join us for World Marriage Sunday Mass and Reception

All married couples are invited to attend the World Marriage Sunday Mass at St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church on Saturday, **Feb. 9** at 5 pm with celebrant, Vicar General, Fr. Thomas Ferguson. A dinner reception will follow in the parish hall. RSVP at www.arlingtondiocese.org/wms19/. Please contact Alex Wolfe at (703) 841-3807 for more information.



Divine Mercy

*"The loss of each soul
 plunges Me into mortal sadness.*

*You always console Me
 when you pray for sinners.*

*The prayer most pleasing to Me
 is prayer for the conversion of sinners.
 Know, My daughter, that this prayer
 is always heard and answered."*

(Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary 1397)

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17
1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Lk 4:21-30

2019 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Begins! At the end of this month many of us will receive a mailing regarding the 2019 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). 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 serves 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.

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



Queen of Apostles Catholic School News and Information

Catholic Schools Week

Queen of Apostles Catholic School will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week beginning Sunday, **Jan. 27**. Please join us for some refreshments and our Open House from 11 am-12:30 pm. We will also have Open House times Monday, **Jan. 28** through Thursday, **Jan. 31** from 9 -11 am. Please stop by to visit with us. If you can not make any of these dates, please contact us at info@queenofapostlesschool.org or (703) 354-0714.

Reasons to Enroll Your Child at Queen of Apostles Catholic School

1. We are a small and diverse community. Every child is known, supported and loved.
2. We foster in our students a friendship with Jesus and growth in the Catholic Faith.
3. We model and promote solid values and morals consistent with the Catholic teachings.
4. Our priests are an integral part of the life of the school being present every day and instilling the Educational Covenant of school, family, and parish.
5. Highest standardized Religion scores in the Diocese at 96%.
6. Highest growth scores in the Diocese for Math and Language Arts.
7. Our students graduate into the Catholic High Schools of their choice.
8. Tuition is less than \$600 a month without financial aid assistance.

If you have ever considered a Catholic education for your child, we invite you to visit us and even schedule a full day visit for your child(ren). You may contact the school office at (703) 354-0714 or info@queenofapostlesschool.org.

Visit www.queenofapostlesschool.org for more information.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 27:

7:30 am +Gavina E. Quibuyen
9:00 am +Christina Lynem
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Genoveva Hatfield

Saint Thomas Aquinas - Monday, January 28:

6:30 am +Richard O'Donnell
9:00 am +Tony Bracken

Tuesday, January 29:

6:30 am +Pat Severin
9:00 am +Michael McGuire

Wednesday, January 30:

6:30 am +Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thach, Sr.
9:00 am +Michael McGuire

Saint John Bosco - Thursday, January 31:

6:30 am +John Isabel Saunders
9:00 am +Michael McGuire

Friday, February 1:

6:30 am (L) Joshua and Briana Cumby
9:00 am (L) Randal Bedard

The Presentation of the Lord - Saturday, February 2:

8:00 am (L) Esperanza Elizabeth Sanchez
5:00 pm +Mr. J. Mascarenhas
7:00 pm +Juanita Villanueva

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 3:

7:30 am +Jim Charnley, Sr.
9:00 am +Dolores Perez
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Lucia and José Antonio Venero

"If we want to have a good society, we must concentrate all our forces on the Christian education of the young. Experience has taught me that if we wish to sustain civil society then we should take good care of the young."

St. John Bosco



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Kevin Bonko, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Daisy Atiyeh, Beverly Spagnoli, 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