



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

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,
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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.

RCIA English and Spanish Adult catechumens (unbaptized) and candidates (baptized) and their godparent/sponsor are to attend the Rite of Minor Exorcism, Anointing and Blessing on **Jan. 27** during the 7 pm (Spanish) Mass or on **Jan. 28** during the 10:30 am Mass. Please sit in the front pews nearest to the Presider's Chair.

Adult catechumens and candidates, and their godparent/sponsor are to attend the Rite of Election/Rite of Continuing Conversion on Sun, **Feb. 18** at 2:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington.

Emmaus Emmaus, for high school and young college students, meets with Fr. Juan on Saturday evenings for fellowship, activities, faith discussion, and prayer.

Nazareth Girls and boys in grades 5-8 are invited to join Nazareth on **Feb. 2**. 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. Parents are need to help with Nazareth activities and to provide snacks. Please contact s.gray@queenofapostles.org or call (703) 354-8711 if you can help.

Altar Servers Remember to sign-in at least 15 minutes before Mass. Also, if you cannot serve, please find a substitute by sending a message to the altar server email group. Families are invited to host the Vocation Crucifix for one week. Sign-up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544aca928a0fe3-queen>.

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 **Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe**.

Your Parish Community Needs You! Do you have the gift to walk with others in their journey through life's struggles? If you do, would you consider joining the Queen of Apostles Stephen Ministry to assist others during difficult times where you share the love, joy and hope of Jesus, the ultimate healer? Stephen Ministry trains and equips laypersons to provide a high quality one-to-one Christ centered care, in and around congregations with an emphasis on confidentiality. It is to share the love of God by reaching out and listening to and caring for individuals. For more information, please contact the Stephen Ministry Coordinator, Maris Dionisio at Stephenministry@queenofapostles.org or (703) 751-8495.

Religious Education 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.

As a reminder, students in Religious Education are asked not to have more than 3 absences for the school year.

Confirmation students:

The deadline to return the priest-signed and sealed Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility was **Jan. 21**.

The service hours log and 2 page written report are due **Feb. 4**. Fr. Juan will meet with parents of Confirmation students on **Feb. 25** at 9 am in the School.

Sacraments of Initiation students:

The registration form and \$30 fee for Baptism/Three Sacraments of Initiation were due **Jan. 21**.

The priest-signed and sealed Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility and Patron Saint Report are due **Jan. 28**.

Students and their godparents are to attend the Rite of Minor Exorcism, Anointing and Blessing on **Jan. 28** during the 10:30 am Mass.

Students, parents, and godparents are to attend the Sat, **Feb. 3** Learn the Liturgy meeting with Fr. Juan in the church at 10 am. The service hours log and written report are due on **Feb. 4** from grade 5 - high school students.

Students and godparents are to attend the Rite of Election on Sun, **Feb. 18** at 2:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington.

First Penance/First Holy Communion students:

First Penance for RE students is scheduled for Sat, **Feb. 10**, at 9:30 am in the church. Also, RE families are invited to go to Confession and receive this sacrament of healing on **Feb. 10**.

Are you in 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 and set an appointment to meet with a priest.

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Feb. 4** bulletin is Monday, **Jan. 29** by 9 am. Please email announcements to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

Pastor's Letter

A New Teaching with Authority

As we move toward Lent, we are in the early weeks of Ordinary Time. The Sunday readings carry us to the beginnings of Jesus' ministry. In this Fourth Sunday we join the Jewish crowds in their awe, "The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes" (Mk 1:22).

Yes. Jesus teaches with authority, He is God "who can neither deceive nor be deceived" (Catechism Cath. Church 156). Following him, embracing his teaching, we are in the light and we have found the way, the truth and the life.

Truth is a great gift which Jesus gave us. The times in which "people might seek God, even perhaps grope for him and find him" (Acts 17:27) are gone. Now the glory of God has shown upon us and in Jesus himself we have contemplated the splendor of truth.

We live in a culture where it is more important to feel well than to be virtuous, where a foggy relativism is preferred to the passion for truth. In this culture this New Teaching with Authority can be unbearable. However, no one would prefer darkness to light, evil to good or fiction to truth. Archbishop Chaput wrote recently: "Briefly put: Truth exists, whether we like it or not. We don't create truth; we find it, and we have no power to change it to our tastes. The truth may not make us comfortable, but it does make us free. And knowing and living the truth ennoble our lives. It is the only path to lasting happiness" (The Splendor of Truth, First Things, Oct. 2017).

This is our joy as Catholics. Light, truth, good, beauty, are given to us in the Gospel, in this New Teaching with Authority. And Jesus endowed the Pope and his Church with this same authority to teach, establishing her as "the pillar and foundation of truth" (1 Tim 3:15).

This summer 2018 we will celebrate three remarkable anniversaries: 50 years of Humanae Vitae; 25 years of Veritatis Splendor; and 20 years of Fides et Ratio. Blessed Paul VI and St. John Paul the Great. The Pope's authority bejeweled with the halo of holiness.

Thank you, Jesus, for giving us the gift of truth which ennobles our lives. Strengthen us to embrace fully the Church's teachings, given us "not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction" (1 Cor 7:35).

THE EUCHARIST | STRENGTHENED BY CHRIST

Living Out the Eucharist

- † Attend the Parish weekly Holy Hour (Thursdays 7:30-8:30)
- † Visit Jesus in the Eucharist in the Church or in the Adoration Chapel
- † Spend 5 minutes in prayer after receiving Communion
- † Attend Mass on a weekday
- † Pray often the Spiritual Communion

Two examples of a Spiritual Communion:

I wish, Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility and devotion with which your most holy Mother received you, with the spirit and fervor of the saints. (St. Josemaría Escrivá)

My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus Liguori)



This Week In Our Parish

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 28:

Hannan Hall 7:30 am-3:00 pm QofA School PTO
Pancake Breakfast
School 9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall 3:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

Monday, January 29:

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

Tuesday, January 30:

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

Wednesday, January 31:

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

Thursday, February 1:

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, February 2:

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

Saturday, February 3:

Parish Office 9:00-11:00 am Finance Classes
Church 10:00 am-12 noon Learn the Liturgy
with Fr. Juan & Students
Hannan Hall 12:00-3:00 pm Spanish Lectors
Hannan Hall 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

World Day for Consecrated Life

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, **Feb. 2** and in parishes on the weekend of **Feb. 3-4**. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

We give special thanks to God for our priests, the Disciples of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, for the gift of their holy vocation, and for all they do in the service of Our Lord and our parish.

It's not too late to join the Banica Youth Mission: Register today while there is still room!

We are looking for several teens (16 or older) to join us for the mission on **Jun. 23 to Jul. 3**. If you feel that God is calling you to serve on mission, please contact Mother Maria (mgonzalezpssj@aol.com) or Jo Balsamo (jkbalsamo2003@yahoo.com) ASAP. There will be a mission meeting on Sunday, **Feb. 4** in Hannan Hall during the Sunday Social after the 10:30 am Mass for all registered participants.



Vocations

“Let each of you lead the life that the Lord has assigned, to which God has called you.” Do you think the Lord is calling you to the consecrated life or priesthood? Contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time That all those discerning or pursuing a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life will find encouragement through our prayers and sacrifices on their behalf, we pray to the Lord.

Morning of Reflection for St. Therese Vocation Society

All are invited to join the St. Therese Vocation Society for their annual Morning of Reflection on Saturday, **Feb. 3** from 9 am - 12 pm at St. Luke Catholic Church in McLean with Fr. Anthony Pinizzotto. The day will include Mass, continental breakfast, spiritual conference, and Holy Hour. There is no cost but please RSVP with the Office of Vocations by **Jan. 29** at (703) 841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

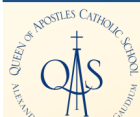
“Catholic education is above all a question of communicating Christ, of helping to form Christ in the lives of others...”
Pope St. John Paul the Great

Gain a 65% Tax Credit...and Give a Student the Gift of a Catholic School Education!

All The Virginia Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credit Program awards a 65% tax credit on top of current state and federal tax deductions for donations made to the Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation; which will, in turn, provide scholarships for new students wishing to attend our diocesan Catholic Schools. Please call (703) 841-2764 for more information, or go online: www.arlingtondiocese.org/Scholarship-Foundation/.

National Catholic Schools Week

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. This year it is **Jan. 28 - Feb. 3**. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2018 is “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.” Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.



Queen of Apostles Catholic School

Queen of Apostles Catholic School welcomes you to join us for our OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, **Jan. 28**, from 10:00 am-12:30 pm. Join us for coffee and doughnuts as you tour the school. We will also be holding an Open House from Monday, **Jan. 29**-Friday, **Feb. 2**, from 9:00 am-11:00 am.

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

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Mk 1:29-39



Adorers Needed Urgent need for permanent Adorer (on a weekly basis) on Thursday morning, 1:00 am to 2:00 am. If you are interested in supporting the Adoration Ministry during this hour, please contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096 or moleski47@gmail.com. Great way to begin Lent!

Adorers are needed (on a weekly basis) on Monday 1:00 pm-2:00 pm, Monday 4:00pm-5:00 pm, Thursday 3:00 pm-4:00 pm, and Friday 3:00 pm-4:00 pm. If you are able to be a scheduled Adorer on a regular basis, please contact Rosalie Mainey at (703) 256-5765 or rosalieam@msn.com.

Mardi Gras! Eat, Drink, and Be Merry for tomorrow you will fast! Help us to celebrate Mardi Gras as a parish family on Tuesday, **Feb. 13**, from 6 to 8 pm. Donations of food and help, as well as your RSVP are needed by 9 am on Monday, **Feb. 12**. Please use the sign-up link: www.queenofapostles.org/mardigras2018. We will be burning palms whose ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday. Please bring your blessed palms to Mardi Gras or place them in the labeled boxes in the vestibule of the church on Sunday, **Feb. 11**.

2018 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Begins! This month many of us will receive a mailing from Bishop Burbidge regarding the 2018 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2018 BLA is *"Living in Faith~Giving in Gratitude"*. 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. Together, through the BLA, let us renew our personal commitment to the Lord's work in our diocese.

Thank you for your support! The Knights of Columbus, Pope John Paul II Council 4522, thank you for your generous support during our recent Keep Christ in Christmas card sales. Through the purchase of your Christmas cards, you not only helped the Knights proclaim the need to Keep Christ in Christmas—you also directly supported four of the Dioceses' worthy seminarians. Through our sales and your generosity, the Council was able to raise approximately \$2,000, which we in turn, donated to the seminarians. God bless you for your support and once again, thank you!

Financial Peace University What if you were following a plan for your money that you KNEW worked? With Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money, get out of debt, and create a plan for your future. Q of A is offering the class starting **Jan. 27** at 9 am in the parish rectory. For information, please see the website <https://www.daveramsey.com/fpu> or contact Jonathan Lash at (571) 982-0775. It is not too late to register!

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses this Week

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 28:

7:30 am (L) Jim Bailey, Birthday
9:00 am +Donald Czaja
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Peter Murtha

Monday, January 29:

6:30 am +Patricia Doyle Curran
9:00 am +Charles Del Bene

Tuesday, January 30:

6:30 am +Steve Guthrie
9:00 am +Mr. and Mrs. Thach

Saint John Bosco - Wednesday, January 31:

6:30 am +Theresa Subalusky
9:00 am +Charles Del Bene

Thursday, February 1:

6:30 am (L) Fr. Jason Burchell, Birthday
9:00 am +Charles Del Bene

The Presentation of the Lord

World Day for Consecrated Life - Friday, February 2:

6:30 am +Arlene O'Connor
9:00 am +Charles Del Bene

Saint Blaise - Saturday, February 3:

8:00 am +Mr. and Mrs. Edmund F. Enos
5:00 pm +Donald Czaja
7:00 pm +Thomas Bernard

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 4:

7:30 am +Margarita E. Denison
9:00 am +Dolores Perez
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Helen Adams

"When tempted, invoke your Angel. He is more eager to help you than you are to be helped! Ignore the devil and do not be afraid of him: He trembles and flees at the sight of your Guardian Angel." - St. John Bosco



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Leonor Cabrestane, Patricia Severin, Debbie DuBrul, Petrona Reyes, Roger Trozado, Michael McSherry, Rosa A. Valderrama, Daniel O'Donohue, Jeanie Miller, Rosa María Santos, 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