



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Alexandria, VA 22312
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www.queenofapostles.org

*O all-blessed, Immaculate Virgin,
ornament and glory of Mount Carmel,
thou who dost look with most gracious countenance
on those who have been clothed
with thy venerable livery,
look kindly also on me and take me
under the mantle of thy maternal protection.*

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 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
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.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Certificates

Students who received First Holy Communion or Confirmation in June may pickup their certificate from the parish office (4329 Sano Street) Mon., Tues., Thurs., or Fri. from 9 am - 5 pm.

Interested in Learning about the Catholic Faith? Are you Missing a Sacrament?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults join or complete their initiation into the Roman Catholic Church.

RCIA is for three groups of adults:

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

RCIA will begin again in **September**. For more information, please contact s.gray@queenofapostles.org or call (703) 354-8711.

For couples who are not in a sacramental marriage, please contact the parish office and set an appointment to meet with a priest.

Volunteer Catechists and Aides for the 2017-18 Religious Education School Year

Our Religious Education Program relies on our dedicated and faithful volunteers (adults, high school/college students) who serve as catechists and aides in our Sunday morning classes. Volunteers who are 18 years and older will need to complete a Virginia Background Check and attend a VIRTUS seminar.

If interested in helping to teach the Catholic faith to parish youth, please contact Susan Gray at s.gray@queenofapostles.org or call (703) 354-8711 to arrange an interview.

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Jul. 23** bulletin is Monday, **Jul. 17** by 9 am. Please email announcements to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.



Register for Religious Education Thank QofA's Religious Education program welcomes students from kindergarten (age 5) through high school. The QofA Religious Education Program uses the Faith and Life series texts. Because parents are the primary educators of their children, Queen of Apostles program complements the catechesis that children receive at home.

Registration forms are available from the parish office, in the church vestibule, and online: http://queenofapostles.org/wp-content/uploads/RegistrationForm2017-2018_1andGhanaandHSBible.pdf

New students need to provide birth and baptismal certificates. The first day of RE is **Sept 10, 2017**. Doors open at 8 am. Parents will meet with a priest at 9 am while students attend class.

Registration fees before **Aug. 1**: \$70 for 1 child; \$120 for 2 children; \$150 for 3+ children in the same family. After Aug. 1, a \$20 late fee applies. Queen of Apostles parishioners and returning students are given priority for enrollment. We accept cash and check payable to Queen of Apostles. Registration fees do not include fees associated with sacraments.

Students are assigned to the Religious Education grade that parallels his/her public school grade. Students must attend two consecutive years of Religious Education before a sacrament is administered (Generally, First Penance/First Holy Communion are received in grade 2 and higher; Confirmation is received in grade 8 and higher).

Families with unbaptized children under the age of 7 years old are asked to call the parish office at (703) 354-8711.

Thank you for considering Queen of Apostles Religious Education Program. It is an opportunity for your child to grow and live the Catholic faith by learning to pray, knowing the Bible, learning Scripture and preparing for Sacraments.

Home school families wishing to receive the Sacraments at appropriate age and preparation levels are asked to contact the parish office by the beginning of the school year.

Pastor's Letter

Fortnight for Freedom (III)

This Sunday we come to the end of our three articles about Religious freedom copying some of the Bishop's reflections on the 2017 Fortnight for Freedom. May they inspire us so that the good seed of Religious Freedom might yield a bountiful harvest of progress in respecting and promoting the dignity of the human person, the truth, and growth for each person, each family and the whole society.

Freedom to serve God with our whole lives

Christians carry out the mission of the Church by doing simple acts of charity on a daily basis. A person might check in on his elderly neighbors, or another may show her co-workers in small ways that she truly cares about their well-being. All of us, from every walk of life, are to infuse our work and daily activities with Christian charity. Sometimes, our culture urges us to think of our faith as a strictly interior matter. The culture says that we are free to worship, or to be spiritual, but our faith should not be expressed publicly. A culture in which faith is never visible tends to be one that constricts religion. Christ calls us to a whole life of discipleship. We exercise our faith in all that we do.

For the freedom of the Church

The Church is the body of Christ, the pilgrim people of God. She is not simply another charitable organization. The Church is called to carry forward the mission of Jesus Christ in all times and places. Much current work for religious freedom asks for exemptions from the state. But we should keep in mind that the government is not granting us rights. Rather, the state is correctly acknowledging the right of the Church to fulfill her purposes. As Pope Francis, echoing Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, has said, the Church is not merely an "NGO" (non-governmental organization). The Church is empowered by the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission of Christ, and a well-functioning government will recognize its own limits and allow the Church the space to do her work.

Freedom to build stronger communities

We hold our faith because it is true. At the same time, faith turns out to be good for society as a whole. When religious freedom is respected, religion itself flourishes, and society flourishes in turn. Recent research has even shown that religious institutions significantly boost the economy. Religious institutions employ many people, and their service to the poor helps to lift people out of poverty. As Catholics, we promote religious liberty so that we can have the space to serve and so that all have the freedom to seek the truth about God. When we work for religious freedom, we are working to promote the common good, the flourishing of all people in our country.

May we promote a culture of freedom for all

Religious freedom is for everyone. The Church teaches that religious freedom is rooted in the nature of the human person, and therefore it is a fundamental human right. When we speak up for religious freedom, we do so not only for ourselves, but because we are called to defend the dignity of every individual and community that seeks the truth about God, including Muslims, Jews, and others who do not share our Catholic Christian faith.



Prayer to Saint Mary Magdalene

Saint Mary Magdalene, woman of many sins, who by conversion became the beloved of Jesus, thank you for your witness that Jesus forgives through the miracle of love.

You, who already possess eternal happiness in His glorious presence, please intercede for me, so that some day I may share in the same everlasting joy. Amen.

Prayer to Our Lady of Mount Carmel

O all-blessed, Immaculate Virgin, ornament and glory of Mount Carmel, thou who dost look with most gracious countenance on those who have been clothed with thy venerable livery, look kindly also on me and take me under the mantle of thy maternal protection. Strengthen my weakness with thy might; enlighten the darkness of my heart with thy wisdom; increase in me faith, hope and charity. So adorn my souls with graces and virtues that it may always be dear to thy divine Son and thee. Assist me during life, comfort me in death with thy most sweet presence, and present me as thy child and faithful servant to the most Holy Trinity, that I may be enabled to praise and extol thee in heaven forever. Amen.

(This prayer is followed by 3 Hail Marys and the Glory Be.)

This Week In Our Parish

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 16:

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

Monday, July 17:

School 9:00 am-3:00 pm Summer Enrichment Camp
Cupertino Room 7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

Tuesday, July 18:

School 9:00 am-3:00 pm Summer Enrichment Camp
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
Hannan Hall 7:30-9:30 pm ACCA Meeting

Wednesday, July 19:

School 9:00 am-3:00 pm Summer Enrichment Camp
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group

Thursday, July 20:

School 9:00 am-3:00 pm Summer Enrichment Camp
Parish Office 6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Church 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Emaus
School 9:00-10:30 pm St. Joseph's Men Group

Friday, July 21:

School 9:00 am-3:00 pm Summer Enrichment Camp
Adoration Chapel 11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall 3:30-4:30 pm Nazareth Group

Saturday, July 22:

Hannan Hall 2:30-4:30 pm Children's Bible Study
School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir

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Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group
Adoration Chapel 6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

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**.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us.

Your Parish Community Needs You! Do you have the gift to walk with others in their journey through life's struggles? 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 is designed to train and equip lay persons to provide a high quality, one-on-one, Christ centered care, in and around congregations with emphasis on confidentiality.

"Becoming a Disciple of Jesus Christ leads naturally to the practice of service after the One who came not to be served, but to serve (Mk 10:45). There is no love of God without love of neighbor which is spoken in the concrete and real words of service and ministry." (From the June Rule of Life)

For more information, contact the Parish Coordinator, Maris Dionisio at (703)751-8495; Stephenministry@queenofapostles.org.



Vocations

"Let everyone heed what they hear." Is the Lord inviting you to know, love and serve Him more closely in the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time That the call to serve Christ and His Church in the priesthood and consecrated life will fall on the rich soil of hearts prepared by prayer, hard work, and generous service to others, we pray to the Lord.

Hispanic Pilgrimage to pray for Vocations Join the Hispanic Pilgrimage to Pray for Vocations on Saturday **Jul. 22**. Since it is the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima, we will visit the National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Washington, New Jersey. The day will include prayer, rosary, Mass, Stations of the Cross, confessions, songs, and games. The bus will depart Queen of Apostles Church at 6:30 am and return by 9:00 pm. Cost is \$20 per person, and includes transportation. Bring your lunch, and bring money to pay for dinner on the way home. For more information or to register, contact Madre María González or Eneyda Martinez, at (703) 354-0395 or pssjalexandria@gmail.com.

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

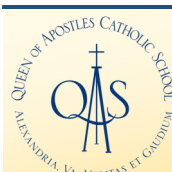
Readings for Next Week:

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16-19 Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43



La USCCB apoya la legalización por mérito La Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos apoya un programa de legalización por mérito que permitiría que los ciudadanos extranjeros de buen carácter moral que viven en los Estados Unidos solicitaran un cambio de su situación para obtener la residencia permanente legal. Ese programa crearía una posible vía hacia la ciudadanía al exigir que los solicitantes se sometan a una investigación de antecedentes y la pasen con éxito, paguen una multa y cumplan las condiciones de admisibilidad necesarias para participar en el programa. Para más información referente a la enseñanza de la Iglesia sobre inmigración y para buscar recursos sobre la defensa de esa causa, visite este sitio: arlingtondiocese.org/immigration.



Queen of Apostles Catholic School

Queen of Apostles Catholic School is now enrolling for the 2017-2018 school year. Application packets are available at the school and online at www.queenofapostlesschool.org.

Catholic Charities Counseling Queen of Apostles has partnered with Catholic Charities to have a counselor, Ty Kramer, come to the parish to provide counseling services. Ty and his wife have recently moved to the area to work with Catholic Charities. He is originally from Chicago and moved here to serve the community as a Bilingual Therapist. He specializes in trauma work and has a lot of experience working with abuse victims. Ty will be available for appointments at the parish office on Tuesdays between 11 am and 7 pm. Catholic Charities offers 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 at (703) 224.1630.

ACCA Meeting ACCA, Annandale Christian Community for Action, will meet at Queen of Apostles on Tuesday, **Jul. 18** at 7:30 pm in Hannan Hall. The Fred and Emily Ruffing Scholarships will be awarded to disabled students who are going to college. All are welcome to attend the meeting and learn more about the many activities of the organization.

*St. Camilus de Lellis and St. Mary Magdalene,
pray for us.*

Emmaus - Summer Activities - BBQ on July 21! Emmaus is a Queen of Apostles/DCJM youth ministry for students in high school through young college. Through activities, faith discussions, and prayer, it is a way for youth to experience and embrace continual conversion to Christ by walking as a disciple.

Our Summer Bible study series on the Acts of Apostles has begun! Please join us every Friday from 4:30-6 pm at the Christendom College Graduate School (4407 Sano St.) right in front of QofA school. There is no cost to participate. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Open Gym - Come join us every first Friday of the month, 6-8 pm, to play sports and board games at the Queen of Apostles School Gym. Free pizza will be provided at the end of the meeting.

On Friday, **Jul. 21** we will have a BBQ and Movie Night at the Christendom College Graduate school after the Bible Study. Food and drink contributions are welcome! Please RSVP at <https://goo.gl/forms/XkTshlrh3kthu2dY2>

For more information on summer activities, send a message to Vincent Guevara youth@queenofapostles.org or call the parish office at (703) 354-8711.

Assistant Director(s) A Woman's Choice Pro-life Crisis Pregnancy Center has immediate openings for two part-time assistants to the Associate and Executive Directors. One position is in the Falls Church location and another in our Herndon location. Hours would be Monday-Friday from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Candidates must be dedicated to the pro-life movement, bilingual in English and Spanish and be willing to be trained in counseling pregnant women. For more information please contact Dolores Wisecarver at AWCLife@VACoxMail.com or call (703) 538-4305.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses this Week

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 16:

7:30 am	+Olenga Pinto
9:00 am	+Annemarie Lang
10:30 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon	+Mrs Nobue Kuwada Ching

Monday, July 17:

6:30 am	+Father of Susan Miller
9:00 am	+Gregorio Pereira

Saint Camillus de Lellis - Tuesday, July 18:

6:30 am	(L) Mark Maloni
9:00 am	+Larina G. Zialcita

Wednesday, July 19:

6:30 am	+Margarita Elizabeth Denison
9:00 am	+Struan Pinto

Saint Apollinaris - Thursday, July 20:

6:30 am	+Seamus Dowling
9:00 am	+Sister Margaret Spotti

Saint Lawrence of Brindisi - Friday, July 21:

6:30 am	+Mother of Sister Laura Nolin
9:00 am	(L) Victoria Pereira

Saint Mary Magdalene - Saturday, July 22:

8:00 am	(L) Nenita De Guzman and Magdalena Catain
5:00 pm	(L) Fr. Dennis W. Kleinmann
7:00 pm	(L) Dwight Collins

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7:30 am	+Christina Lynem
9:00 am	+Christina Lynem
10:30 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon	+Christina Lynem

Parish Bible Study Group Bring your bagged dinner and join the Bible Study Group for evening movies from FORMED. Every Tuesday at 6 pm in Hannan Hall. See you there!



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Minnie Ruthford, Deborah DuBrul, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks Ruth Foreman and Baby, Charles Ferris, John Harchick, Jr., Dominic Blansett, Daisy Atiyeh, Dick Owens, Miriam Farfan, Marta Fajardo, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa

Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Etelvina León-Duarte, J. Saunders, Catherine Hanniff, Kristi Burns, Francis Walter, Kathleen Donohoe, 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, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith