



# QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

4401 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA 22312  
703-354-8711 [www.queenofapostles.org](http://www.queenofapostles.org)

## 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  
Jodi Reagan, Principal  
Maria Fox, Secretary  
(703) 354-0714  
[www.queenofapostlesschool.org](http://www.queenofapostlesschool.org)



## 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](mailto: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 pick up their certificate from the parish office (4329 Sano Street) on Mon., Tues., Thurs., or Fri. from 9 am - 5 pm.

Information on how to order First Holy Communion pictures was sent to parents on **Jun. 27**. Parents may contact Susan Gray at [s.gray@queenofapostles.org](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org) or call (703) 354-8711 if information was not received.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org) or call (703) 354-8711 to arrange an interview.



### Religious Education - Register before August 1!

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/RegistrationForm\\_2017-2018\\_1andGhanaandHSBible.pdf](http://queenofapostles.org/wp-content/uploads/RegistrationForm_2017-2018_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

### A House Set On Solid Rock

Dear Parish Family,

In the Sermon of the Mount Jesus talks about the house that is built on rock. "The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock" (Mt 7:25).

The new school year is coming, and we can say that in a certain way, "The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted" the school. Coinciding with the 50th anniversary of our school – "50 years of Eagle excellence" – some changes have shaken the school community.

They strong pillars of our school are not coming back. Persons that have been foundational for the school in the last 20 years are now retiring. Mrs. Ault our former 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Dowden, Kinder and Mrs. Littlefield, first mother, then resource teacher and finally principal. It has been like winds blowing and buffeting the school, "But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock" (Mt 7:25).

50 years have built a solid school community a culture of strong faith, joy and excellence. A solid foundation to build upon. Also the presence of the Disciples in the Parish. A Religious Order brings additional stability to the institutions where they serve. We have been invested in the school from the very first day at QofA, and we are strengthening our presence in the life of the school.

Yes, our school has solid foundations, and a strong faculty. We continue having outstanding teachers that have grown to become new pillars of our school. At this point we have all the teachers but science and still hiring for some side positions. And we have a new principal, Mrs. Jodi Reagan, who brings twenty years of valuable relevant experience both as an educator and as a school administrator in Catholic and public education. Most recently, she served as a principal in the Archdiocese of Washington. Mrs. Reagan impressed with her track record of improving academic performance while creatively promoting a strong school community - qualities that I am confident she will bring to Queen of Apostles.

Fr. Juan and I are especially eager to begin working with Mrs. Reagan in enriching our school within the vision of the Disciples. We believe she has the requisite talents, experience, and enthusiastic demeanor to help bring our vision to life: where School, Parish, and Family form an Educational Covenant; and where Faith, Excellence, and Joy grow ever deeper roots within the lives of our students.

### Emmaus - Summer Activities

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 continues until **Aug. 25** 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.

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. The next Open Gym is **Aug. 4**.



### Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

O, Lord, God of our Fathers,  
who bestowed on Saints Joachim and Anne  
this grace, that of them should be born the  
Mother of your incarnate Son,  
grant, the prayers of both, that we may obtain  
the salvation you have promised to your people.  
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. Amen.

## This Week In Our Parish

### **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 23:**

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

### **Monday, July 24:**

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

### **Tuesday, July 25:**

School 9:00 am-3:00 pm Summer Enrichment Camp  
Hannan Hall 6:00-7:30 pm Bible Study  
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, July 26:**

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

### **Thursday, July 27:**

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

### **Friday, July 28:**

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

### **Saturday, July 29:**

Hannan Hall 8:00 am-12 noon Men's Prayer Group  
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

### **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 30:**

Hannan Hall 8:00 am-10:00 pm Ghana Group

**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!

### **Summer Program with Queen of Apostles/Stella Maris**

Juan Luis, Ana, Sofia, and Juan have been in Virginia since June 30. Thanks to the hospitality of their host families, they have been enjoying adventures such as Six Flags and tubing at Harpers Ferry on the weekends and enjoying the Fourth of July in Annapolis! During the week they have been attending a summer day camp at St. Stephen's/ St. Agnes School in Alexandria. There they participate in drama, arts and crafts, music, science and technology, sports, and swimming each day. Queen of Apostles Parish and School have teamed up and are also taking them on field trips around DC to see all the sights we have to offer. On a recent rainy day we went indoor rock climbing! This past week we explored the National Mall, seeing the White House, the Washington Monument, the World War II Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, and the statue of Albert Einstein. We also visited Mount Vernon, Iwo Jima, and Arlington National Cemetery. It's hard to believe we are more than halfway through their visit here!



## Vocations

**“The Spirit too helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought.”** Do you approach the Lord in prayer with the confident strength given by the Holy Spirit asking that He make known your unique vocation? If God may be inviting you to consider the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Fr. Juan at [general@queenofapostles.org](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org) or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at [j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-2514.

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** That with dedicated spirits, we will beg the Lord of the Harvest to provide an abundance of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our diocese who will help gather the wheat of souls into His barn, we pray to the Lord.

**Run, Walk, Cheer, Donate and Pray to Support Our Seminarians** There are many ways to support the future priests of our diocese in the Race for Seminarians campaign. Runners and walkers of all levels can get sponsored for their races; cheer squads can encourage them as they log the miles, donors can pledge to support specific runners, and prayer warriors can back up their efforts. Learn more at [ArlingtonDiocese.org/Run](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/Run).

## Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

### Readings for Next Week:

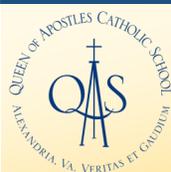
#### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12  
Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130  
Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52



## La Diócesis Católica de Arlington y la inmigración

La La Diócesis Católica de Arlington realiza una función proactiva para llegar hasta la comunidad inmigrante. Nuestro Apostolado Hispano y la Oficina de Ministerios Multiculturales trabajan con migrantes e inmigrantes por medio de su ministerio pastoral y sirven de recurso para actividades de defensa de esa causa realizadas por la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos. Muchos de los inmigrantes en nuestra zona reúnen los requisitos para legalizar su situación pero necesitan ayuda para obtenerla. La organización Caridades Católicas (Catholic Charities) tiene personal cuyo deber principal incluye prestación de servicios a los recién llegados y supervisión de programas para inmigrantes y refugiados en la Diócesis. 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](http://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](http://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 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.

*Saint James, pray for us.*

**Volunteers Needed** Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington- Hogar Immigrant Services is seeking volunteer teachers for ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) at Queen of Apostles Catholic Church in Alexandria for our upcoming 12 week semester. We offer six levels of English instruction and classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7pm-9pm. You only teach once per week as a part of a teaching team. Classes will begin late **August**. Training and materials are provided. No previous experience or second language required! Please help us demonstrate Christ's love by "welcoming the stranger" in this country. If interested, please call (571) 208-1572 or email [volunteer.hogar@ccda.net](mailto:volunteer.hogar@ccda.net).

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

**Bulletin Deadline** The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Jul. 30** bulletin is Monday, **Jul. 24** by 9 am. Please email announcements to Mayra Saunders at [m.saunders@queenofapostles.org](mailto:m.saunders@queenofapostles.org).



**Altar Server Picnic on Aug. 8** The annual Diocese of Arlington Altar Server Picnic will take place on Tuesday, **Aug. 8** from 10 am -2 pm at Lake Fairfax Park in Reston, VA. If you are a QofA altar server, please join us! If you would like to attend or chaperone, please email Vincent at [youth@queenofapostles.org](mailto:youth@queenofapostles.org) or call the parish office at (703) 354-8711 by **Aug. 1**. A permission form will be sent. Meet Vincent at 9:15 am at the church vestibule.

*Saint Martha, pray for us.*

**Summer Storytime with the Saints!** Join us at Pauline Books & Media, 1025 King Street in Old Town Alexandria, every other Thursday from 10:30-11:00 am. Story Time includes stories, activities, and songs for children ages 3-5 yrs, with parent or guardian; siblings are welcome. Story Time will be held **Jul. 27**, and **Aug. 10**. Call (703) 549-3806 for more information.

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 23:

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

### Saint Sharbel Makhluif - Monday, July 24:

6:30 am +Clarissa De Guzman  
9:00 am +Clarissa De Guzman

### Saint James - Tuesday, July 25:

6:30 am +Fr. Salvator Ciullo and  
all deceased QofA Pastors  
9:00 am +Thomas Carroll

### Saints Joachim and Anne,

### Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Wednesday, July 26:

6:30 am +Virginia Townsend  
9:00 am (L) Daniel and Mary O'Donohue

### Thursday, July 27:

6:30 am +Robert Adams  
9:00 am +Peggy Mooney

### Friday, July 28:

6:30 am +Elisa Dionisio  
9:00 am +Peggy Mooney

### Saint Martha - Saturday, July 29:

8:00 am +Eugenio Lacay  
5:00 pm +Martha J. Bibb  
7:00 pm +Carmen Paredes Ortuno

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 30:

7:30 am +Peggy Mooney  
9:00 am +Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Thach  
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 noon +Richard Wilkinson

*Saints Joachim and Anne,  
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, pray for us.*



### **Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill**

Minnie Ruth Ford, 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