

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 26, 2020



CLERGY

Fr. Alexander Díaz, Pastor
Fr. Joseph Rampino, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Richard C. Caporiccio

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 am, 7:00 pm (*Spanish*)
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon
2:00 pm GCC Mass
Monday-Saturday: 8:00 am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday: 8:30-9:00 am
Thursday: 7:00 pm until last penitent
Friday: 6:30 pm until last penitent
Saturday: 3:30 pm until last penitent

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 8:30 am-8pm
Thursday: 7:00-8:00 pm



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FAITH, EXCELLENCE, JOY

4409 Sano Street
Alexandria, VA 22312
www.queenofapostlesschool.org

School Office Hours:
Mon-Thurs, 8:00 am – 3:15 pm
Friday, 8:00 am – 2:15 pm

STAFF

Anne Arias, Principal
Maria Fox, Secretary
Fr. Joseph Rampino,
School Chaplain
Phone: (703) 354-0714



With Mary, "the first disciple of her son" (Redemptoris Mater, 20), Queen of Apostles Catholic School is rooted in faith, excellence, and joy. We flourish by embracing our call to holiness, advancing in virtue and academics, and cultivating the many talents God has given us.

Est. 1966



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. Parish registration forms are available in the Church vestibule and at the Parish Office, located at 4329 Sano Street (next to the church). Please notify the Parish Office of any family status changes or if you have moved outside the parish by calling (703) 354-8711 #10, or e-mailing general@queenofapostles.org

Mary, Queen of Apostles, Pray for us!

PASTOR INSTALLATION MASS

FR. ALEXANDER DIAZ

MONDAY JULY 27, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.

Fr. Alexander Diaz will be installed as **17th Pastor** of Queen of Apostles on **Monday, July 27, 2020** at 7:00pm with Most. Reverend Michael F. Burbidge as president. We will continue to observe physical distancing protocols, therefore, we will have limited seating in the church for this celebration. However, the Mass will be livestreamed along with limited seating in Hannan Hall. Sign up on our website or scan this QR code which takes you to the Flocknote link.



SCHOOL NURSE NEEDED

Queen of Apostles Catholic School (K-8) is seeking a part-time school nurse. Applicants must be able to provide clinic assistance during school hours. Please send a resume to Anne Arias at principal@queenofapostlesschool.org

Gender Ideology and the Catholic Response Talk

On Saturday, **July 25**, Mary Rice Hasson, J.D. and Theresa Farnon, PhD. will be speaking about Gender Ideology and the Catholic Response at **St. Ambrose Parish**. The talk will begin at **9:45am** following the 9am Mass. There will be an option for in-person and online attendance, but RSVPs are needed for both. Please sign up as spaces are limited. Visit <https://bit.ly/giconference> to RSVP



New Parish Office Hours Beginning Wednesday, July 15, the parish office will be open to the public Monday through Friday from 9:30am to 5:00pm.

Join the Nationwide Movement to Stand Out for Life in Peaceful, Prayerful, Protest for the End of Abortion



Queen of Apostles will have a Pro-Life Balloon Rosary at 5999 Stevenson Ave on **Sat., August 1**, at **9am** immediately following 8 am Mass. This is the DaVita building across the street from the old Landmark Towers location. Please spread the word and invite your friends!

"TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF MINE, YOU DID IT FOR ME." MATTHEW 25:40



Get involved with Queen of Apostles Young Adults!

Our mission is to inspire single and married young adults, ages 18-39, to answer the universal call to sainthood through fellowship and formation.



We are starting our first Zoom Bible Study! The topic is **The Bible and the Virgin Mary** with Dr. Scott Hahn. Our first session will be **Tuesday July 28 at 6:00pm** via Zoom. We will hold the Bible Study each Tuesday at that time.

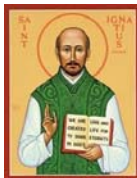
For more information or to get added to our list, contact John Cosgaton at 571-265-9208 or jncos95@outlook.com

Cover Saint: St. Ignatius of Loyola

1491-1556

Feast Day: July 31

Patron of retreats, Society of Jesus, soldiers, educators and education



Prayer of St. Ignatius: "Take, Lord, receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, my whole will, all that I have and all that I possess. You gave it all to me, Lord; I give it all back to you.

Quote: All the things in this world are gifts of God, created for us, to be the means by which we can come to know him better, love him more surely, and serve him more faithfully."

2020 Respect Life Conference The Diocese of Arlington Respect Life conference will be **September 12, 2020** from **8am-12:30pm** at **Holy Spirit Parish** in Annandale. Come for an assessment of current and potential threats to human life and dignity, as well as suggestions for effective practical grassroots response. Speakers include Victoria Cobb, President of the Family Foundation, Olivia Gans Turner, President of the Virginia Society for Human Life, and Jeff Caruso, Executive Director of VA Catholic Conference. Visit arlingtondiocese.org/rlc to register. The registration cost is \$10.



Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce

Recovering Origins is a unique healing retreat for adult children of divorce. Retreatants will discover their identity as children of God. The retreat will include presentations, adoration, confession, small group sharing, and daily Mass. Retreatants will receive insight into dealing with the earthly realities of their parents' divorce. Whether you have struggled with this issue for a long time or have tried not to think about it, we invite you to join us on retreat this summer at **San Damiano**, in White Post, VA from **Friday, August 21 at 6 pm** to **Sunday, August 23 at 1:30pm**. Register at arlingtondiocese.org/recoveringorigins

Pick up your Sacrament Certificates! Sacrament certificates are available for pickup from the parish office (4329 Sano St). Students and adults who were baptized, confirmed, or received Holy Communion in May and June 2020 are to visit the office, Mon-Fri, 9:30am-5pm.



Attention Class of 2020!

The Associates of St. John Bosco invites rising college freshmen to attend a College Night at **Holy Cross Academy** on **July 29**. (250 Stafford Lakes Parkway, Fredericksburg, VA 22406)* Location change!



College Nights are free to all students and provide resources and support for keeping your Catholic faith when entering college this fall. Catholic student representatives from George Mason, UVA, the University of Mary Washington, William & Mary, Virginia Tech, and other private and public schools will be on hand to share their experiences of being a Catholic college student. This is an excellent opportunity to network with other Catholic students and to receive resources for the transition to college only a few months away. The Nights begin at **7:00 PM**, and students are encouraged to wear their college t-shirt to the event! To register for one of the College Nights and for additional information, visit our website at www.asib.org. Registration is limited to 50 students per night.

** Our College Nights will be held according to VA Covid-19 Guidelines for social distancing and group size.

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Have you signed up for Parish electronic giving through Faith Direct? Here are some reasons to sign up today:

Simplicity: No more writing the checks! We also save the time not having to count up and deposit the money.

Cost and time effective: Faith Direct is more cost-effective than printing and mailing out envelopes, and the money we save can help us further expand our ministries.

To join Faith Direct, simply **hover your phone camera over this QR code!** You can also visit www.faithdirect.net and enroll online using our Parish code: **VA234**



This Week In Our Parish

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 26:

8:00 am	Mass
10:00 am	Mass
12:00pm	Mass
2:00 pm	GCC Mass

Monday, July 27:

8:00 am	Mass
7:00 pm	Pastor Installation Mass

Tuesday, July 28:

8:00 am	Mass
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St. Martha - Wednesday, July 29:

8:00 am	Mass
8:30 - 9am	Confession
8:30am-8pm	Eucharistic Adoration

St. Peter Chrysologus - Thursday, July 30:

8:00 am	Mass
7:00 pm	Confession
7:00-8pm	Holy Hour

St. Ignatius of Loyola - Friday, July 31:

8:00 am	Mass
6:30 pm	Confession

St. Alphonsus Liguori - Saturday, August 1

8:00 am	Mass
3:30 pm	Confession
7:00 pm	Spanish Mass
8:00 pm	Emmaus Meeting

High School and Young Adult Virtual Summit

Sign up for the FREE Young Adult Virtual Summit, **God's Great Adventure Awaits**, July 31-August 2nd. It features 4 diocesan speakers: Stacey Sumereau (married lay evangelist), Liz Van de Voorde (consecrated daughter of Dcn. Van de Voorde), China Briceno (consecrated single parishioner at All Saints), and Dcn. Gerard Anthony (celibate permanent deacon for our diocese). The Summit addresses relevant topics for ages 14 (high school) through 40 such as discernment, blessings of celibacy, dating, finding your spouse, living out your marriage, and growing in holiness in our everyday life.

If you are a young adult in high school up to 40, this **FREE** Summit is for you!!! Register for the God's Great Adventure Awaits Summit: <https://www.staceysumereau.com/adventure>

There will be amazing speakers including Jason Evert, Fr. Thomas Gallagher, China Briceno, Beth Van de Voorde, and Sr. Bethany Madonna. When you sign up and they ask for a promo code, type in "**ANTHONY**" and it will get you special discounts on certain items in the online store and access to meet and greets with the conference presenters.

Please contact Deacon Gerard Anthony for more information: deaconanthony@sttimothyparish.org



**GOD'S ADVENTURE
AWAITS**

»» A virtual summit unlike any other ««

Religious Education Registration Registration for the 2020-2021 Queen of Apostles Religious Education school is now open to students in kindergarten (age 5) through high school! Expect the RE school year to begin on Sunday, **Sept 13, 2020** with doors opening at **8:00 a.m.** and classes from **9:00-10:15 a.m.** New students are to provide birth and baptismal certificates. Class size limited. Parishioners and returning students have priority until Aug. 1. Visit our Parish website queenofapostles.org (Youth and Family > Religious Education) or go to <https://rb.gv/baixkk> to register.



Celebrating A Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary This Year?

Were you married in 1970 or 1995? Then join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the 2020 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on **Sunday, October 4th** at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, VA. Contact the parish office to register no later than **September 18th**. For more info, visit <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/family-life/2018-marriage-jubilee-mass/>



In a Sacramental Marriage? For couples not married in the church, our priests are willing to help you prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Please call the parish office at 703-354-8711 ext. 10 and set an appointment to meet with a priest.

"There is nothing more pleasing to God, than to see a soul who patiently and serenely bears whatever crosses it is sent." -St. Alphonsus Liguori

Help Children Encounter Christ - Become a Catechist

For the 2020-2021 Religious Education school year, we are seeking practicing Catholics who love the faith and want to help develop the faith in our youth, kindergarten - high school. Catechists are to have a basic understanding of Catholic teaching, Scripture, and Tradition and a commitment to the Church's liturgical and sacramental life and moral teachings. Catechists (teachers), aides (assist the catechists), and volunteers (assist with registration, setup, etc) are needed on Sunday mornings, Sept 13, 2020 - May 30, 2021. Training and professional development opportunities will be offered. A background check and attendance at a Virtus seminar are required. Prayerfully consider if you are called to respond to Jesus and serve as a disciple by helping teach the faith. Additional volunteers are needed to comply with safety procedures. Can you help us? Please contact Susan Gray at 703-354-8711 #16 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org



GOSPEL REFLECTION

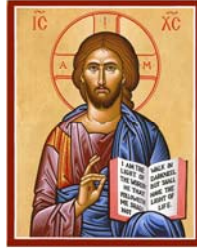
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Spending Wisely

Fr. Joseph Rampino

While common financial wisdom urges us to save wisely for the future, to spend within our means, to avoid impulse purchases, and to diversify our assets, the Lord Jesus, in the parables the Church gives us this Sunday, commends the opposite action. He encourages us to imitate the treasure hunter and the pearl merchant who act lavishly, without measure, and immediately. In no world is it a wise action to sell everything one owns for anything. So why then does Jesus counsel us to follow the example of such foolishness? What is the difference when the kingdom of heaven is involved?

The difference is, in large part, one of means and ends. In our daily lives, money is a means to acquire food, clothing, shelter, and entertainment, all of which are themselves means to obtain and preserve earthly happiness. We preserve our wealth so as to achieve our end, our purpose. In fact, if anyone acquires wealth for its own sake, we consider that out of order. We must remember though that we as human beings have a further and greater end and purpose than earthly happiness, namely, union with God, which lasts forever, and which satisfies and overwhelms every other lesser desire.

Christ urges that we be willing to spend all our means for the attainment of this true and perfect end. All the things that make for earthly happiness will pass away, without fail, but this union with God perfects whatever good things we knew on earth, and surpasses them infinitely in eternity. Why would we hold anything back in pursuing the Kingdom of God? Why would we use cold and calculating measures to invest bit by sparing bit in the purpose of our existence? While wise thrift makes sense when dealing with what is earthly, since we know there is always another possible day coming to us, when it comes to the things that are eternal, thrift is only harmful. We will receive the joys of union with God in the measure that we desire and pursue them. We should learn to loosen the moneybag of our soul, and spend lavishly on that one pearl of great price that is divine life.



Vocations

"Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. Knock and it will be opened to you." Ask in prayer to know your vocation! Seek and find ways to serve! Knock on the doors of those who can help guide you! Do you think God may be offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Michael Isenberg (703) 841-2514, or write: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

Mornings of Mercy for Divorced Catholics

Join other members of the Diocese who have gone through divorce in a series of morning retreats, which include Holy Mass, talk, prayer, and Benediction. The next morning of Mercy will be **August 8** at **Blessed Sacrament Parish** in Alexandria from **8:30–11:30 am**. These retreats are free, and you can register at arlingtondiocese.org/morningsofmercy

"The Holy Eucharist is the perfect expression of the love of Jesus Christ for man." -St. Maria Goretti

Wednesday Adoration

Every Wednesday, from **8:30am-8pm**, we will have Eucharistic Adoration in the main sanctuary. Please make an effort to spent time with our Lord in prayer! Confessions are available immediately following Exposition.



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Jin C. Navarro, Leo Monterroso, Etelvina León-Duarte, Ginny Cook, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Maria Reyes, Anna Anderson, Michelle Jacobeen, Jean McDermott, Anne 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, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprahnt, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Russ and Jill Amerling, Dorothy Norpel, Kathy Ippolito, Richard Esterlund, Margaret Fiore, Michael Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Cervantes, Joseph Manson, Jocelyn Reyes