



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 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

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Alexandria, VA 22312
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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 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 or call (703) 354-8711 if information was not received.

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

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.



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

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. 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.

Pastor's Letter

Archbishop Chaput on Beauty

While the Disciples are in Colorado in our annual silent retreat, praying and enjoying the beautiful Rockies, I would like to copy an insightful reflection of Archbishop Chaput about Beauty.

"Beauty is the battlefield where God and Satan contend for the hearts of men." – Dostoyevsky, The Brothers Karamazov

A friend once told me the story of how she first met God. She doesn't remember her age; it must have been about 4 or 5. Her family lived in the countryside on the rim of one of our big eastern cities. And one June evening, cloudless, moonless, with just the hint of a humid breeze, her father took her out into the back yard in the dark and told her to look up at the sky. From one horizon to the other, all across the black carpet of the night, were the stars – thousands of them, tens of thousands, in clusters and rivers of light. And in the quiet, her father said, "God made the world beautiful because he loves us."

That was more than 50 years ago. My friend grew up and learned all about entropy and supernovae and colliding galaxies and quantum mechanics and the general theory of relativity. But still, when she closes her eyes, she can see that carpet of stars and hear her father's voice. God made the world beautiful because he loves us.

Creation is more than an accident of dead matter. It's a romance. It has purpose. It sings of the Living God. It bears his signature.

The story of my friend offers several lessons we might consider this week as summer begins and life starts to briefly slow down.

First, the most powerful kind of witness doesn't come from a classroom or pulpit. It doesn't need an academic degree or special techniques. Instead, it grows naturally out of the lives of ordinary people – parents and spouses and friends; people confident in the love that God bears for them and eager to share it with others; people who know the world not as a collection of confused facts but as a symphony of truth and meaning.

Second, nature is sacramental. It points to things outside itself. God speaks and creation sings in silence. We can't hear either if we're cocooned in a web of manufactured distraction, anxiety and noise. We can't see the heavens if our faces are buried in technologies that turn us inward on ourselves. Yet that's exactly what modern American life seems to promote: a restless and relentless material appetite for "more," that gradually feeds selfishness and separates each of us from everyone else.

Third and finally, every experience of real beauty leads us closer to three key virtues: humility, because the grandeur of creation invites awe and lifts us outside ourselves; love, because the human heart was made for glory and joy, and only the Author of life can satisfy its longings; and hope, because no sadness, no despair, can ultimately survive the evidence of divine meaning that beauty provides.

If the world we see taking shape around us today in the name of a false freedom often seems filled with cynicism, ugliness, little blasphemies and sadness, we need to ask why. And then we need to turn our hearts again to the God of beauty – Augustine's "Beauty so old and so new" – who created us, who sings his longing for us in the grandeur of the world he made, and who renews our souls.

God lives in the summer rain, the stars in the night sky, the wind in the leaves of the trees. He speaks to us through a creation alive with his love. We need to be silent, and watch and listen. And then we need to join in nature's symphony of praise.



*"Look upon the hour of adoration assigned to you as an hour in paradise.
Go to your adoration as one would to heaven, to the divine banquet.
You will then long for that hour and hail it with joy.
Take delight in fostering a longing for it in your heart.
Tell yourself, in four hours, in two hours, in one hour, our Lord will give me
an audience of grace and love. He has invited me; he is waiting for me; he is longing for me."*

St. Peter Julian Eymard

This Week In Our Parish

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 30:

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

Monday, July 31:

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

Tuesday, August 1:

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, August 2:

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

Thursday, August 3:

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
School 9:00-10:30 pm St. Joseph's Men Group

Friday, August 4:

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 3:45-5:30 pm Nazareth Group

Saturday, August 5:

School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir

The Transfiguration of the Lord - Sunday, August 6:

Vestibule ACCA Food Collection
Hannan Hall 10:30 am-2:00 pm School's Used
Uniform Sale
Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 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!

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 is designed to train and equip laypersons to provide a high quality one-on-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.

"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, please contact Maris Dionisio, the Stephen Ministry Coordinator, at (703) 751-8495 or Stephenministry@queenofapostles.org.



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! If you think God may be offering you the grace

of a vocation to 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.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time That just as the apostles saw the glory of the Lord and were strengthened to go out to the world as heralds of what they witnessed, may young men and women be moved to share their experience of Him as a priest or sister, 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.

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9
2 Pt 1:16-19 Mt 17:1-9

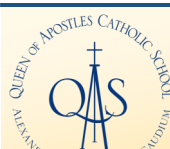


Emmaus - Summer Activities Emmaus is a Queen of Apostles/DCJM youth ministry for students in high school through young college. Through activities, faith discussions, and prayer, it is a way for youth to experience and embrace continual conversion to Christ by walking as a disciple.

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**.

Thanks to all who attended the **Jul. 21** cookout and movie! For more information on summer activities, send a message to Vincent Guevara at youth@queenofapostles.org or call the parish office at (703) 354-8711.

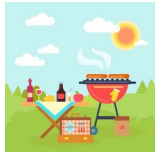


Queen of Apostles Catholic School

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 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.

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 **Parish Charity**.



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 or call the parish office at (703) 354-8711 by **Jul. 31**. A permission form will be sent. Please complete the permission form before **Aug. 8**. Meet Vincent at 9:15 am at the church vestibule to carpool to the picnic.

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 Mondays and Wednesdays 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.

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat for Women An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, **Sep. 30**. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. For more info and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel at 888-456-HOPE (4673) or info@helpafterabortion.org.

Please slow down! We've received word from our parish's neighbors that cars going to and coming from the church are speeding through the local streets. This poses a danger to residents, particularly children and the elderly. Please be mindful of our neighbors. (And pray for them as you drive pass their homes!)

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

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

Saint Ignatius of Loyola - Monday, July 31:

6:30 am +Jocelyn Walter Graham
9:00 am +Josephine Stokowski

Saint Alphonsus Liguori - Tuesday, August 1:

6:30 am Mother's Day Novena
9:00 am +Arthur Binninger

Saint Peter Julian Eymard - Wednesday, August 2:

6:30 am +Marilyn Adams
9:00 am Mother's Day Novena

Thursday, August 3:

6:30 am Mother's Day Novena
9:00 am +Barbara Bowen

Saint John Vianney - Friday, August 4:

6:30 am Mother's Day Novena
9:00 am +María Rafaela Barrios

The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

Saturday, August 5:

8:00 am +Kate O'Beirne
5:00 pm Mother's Day Novena
7:00 pm (L) Rosisela Aparicio

The Transfiguration of the Lord - Sunday, August 6:

7:30 am Mother's Day Novena
9:00 am +Dolores Perez
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Lucia and José Antonio Venero

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Aug. 6** and **13** bulletins is Monday, **Jul. 31** by 9 am. Please email announcements to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Rosa María Santos, Minnie Ruth Ford, Debbie 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