



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
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Fr. Ignacio de Ribera, DCJM, In Residence
Deacon Richard C. Caporiccio

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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
Kathy Littlefield, Principal
Maria Fox, Secretary
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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.

Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.

Nazareth There is one more Nazareth meeting scheduled for the school year, **Jun. 2**. Sign-in begins at 3:45 pm with activities beginning at 4:00 pm. Parent sign-out is at 5:30 pm. Thanks to the youth leaders and parents for assisting with activities throughout the year!

Emmaus Emmaus is organized for students in high school/college. The group meets with Fr. Juan on Fridays, 6-8 pm at Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street) for a faith discussion, adoration, prayer, and other activities, **May 19**. Open Gym is scheduled for the first Friday of the month and the group does not meet on the last Friday of the month. Stay tuned as summer activities are being planned.

Religious Education Religious Education Registration for the **2017-2018** school year is open. QofA's Religious Education program welcomes students from Kindergarten (age 5) through high school. Returning students must register each year. Forms are available during Religious Education, from the parish office, and online: http://queenofapostles.org/wp-content/uploads/RegistrationForm_2017-2018_1andGhanaandHSBible.pdf.

New students need to bring birth and baptismal certificates. The first day of RE is **Sep. 10**.

Registration fees: \$70 for 1 child; \$120 for 2 children; \$150 for 3+ children in the same family. 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. The remaining Religious Education classes for this school year meet on **May 14, 21, 28** and **Jun. 4**. Thank you to our dedicated catechists, aides, and volunteers for helping with the faith formation of QofA's children.

Potluck Breakfast with Religious Education Families, May 21 Religious Education families are invited to attend the **May 21** Potluck Breakfast, in the School's Multipurpose Room at 9 am. While students attend class, families will share food and conversation.

First Holy Communion, June 3 First Holy Communion for Queen of Apostles School students and Religious Education students is Saturday, **Jun. 3**.

For School students and Religious Education students who are attending the **Jun. 3** Mass in English, a mandatory rehearsal is scheduled for Tuesday, **May 30** at 6:30 pm in the church.

For Religious Education students who are attending the **Jun. 3** Mass in Spanish, a mandatory rehearsal is scheduled for Friday, **Jun. 2** at 6:30 pm in the church.

Students and parent/s must attend the rehearsal.

The **Jun. 3** Mass in English begins at 10 am. Students are to meet in Hannan Hall by 9:15 am.

The **Jun. 3** Mass in Spanish begins at 12:30 pm. Students are to meet in Hannan Hall by 11:45 am.

Students are to be dressed, rested, and fed before arriving in Hannan Hall. Parents and guests are to proceed to the church and find a seat quietly.

Please mark your calendar to participate in the **Jun. 18** Corpus Christi Mass and Procession starting at 12 noon.

Students are to attend wearing their First Communion clothes. We ask parents to take students to Confession before the **Jun. 3** First Holy Communion.

Please pray for our students as they continue to desire and prepare to receive the Body of Christ.

Confirmation, June 11 Desiring and prepared students at Queen of Apostles School, Religious Education, Ghana Catholic Community, and those who are homeschooled, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Jun. 11** at 7 pm. Bishop Michael Burbidge is scheduled as the Confirming Prelate. A mandatory rehearsal is Monday, **Jun. 5** at 6:30 pm in the church. Students and Confirmation sponsors must attend the rehearsal.

Update: On **Jun. 11**, students are to meet in Hannan Hall starting at 5:45 pm. Bishop Burbidge is expected to talk with students before the Confirmation Mass. Sponsors are to meet in the School's Multipurpose room starting at 5:45 pm. Fr. Robert Wagner will talk with the sponsors before the Mass. We ask parents/sponsors to take students to Confession before the June 11 Confirmation. Please mark your calendar to participate in the **Jun. 18** Corpus Christi Mass and Procession starting at 12 noon. Students are to attend wearing their Confirmation robes.

Pastor's Letter

The Family Fully Alive

Last weekend was a special day of celebration for our Parish Family. Saturday the 13th we celebrated the 100 anniversary of the apparitions of our Lady of Fatima. During this month of May we have a statue of Our Lady of Fatima on the altar to remind us of this occasion as we also celebrate Mary's month. We thank a parishioner family for generously donating the statue for our veneration.

Pope Francis has given plenary indulgences to those who pray to an image of Our Lady of Fatima placed for public veneration in the Church on the 13th of each month from May through October of this year. Last Saturday we could gain it, and we will have Our Lady of Fatima in the Church again each month on the 13th to make it available to the faithful for the grace of the plenary indulgence.

Along with this festivity, we celebrated all together Mother's Day, Fr. Ignacio's 12th Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination and the Pastor's Birthday. I want to wholeheartedly give thanks for your sincere affection and joy in celebrating with Fr. Ignacio and me last Sunday.

These celebrations had in common the joy and gratitude for the many blessings God gives us and for those persons who bring meaning and greatness to our lives, those who devote themselves to make us fully alive.

At this point of the year, when we are also celebrating graduations, the end of the school year... before we take our summer break, I would like to ask if we are growing and becoming more fully alive. That is the program we are running this year: *Towards a Family Fully Alive*. We want to help you to strengthen your family relations with those who are closest to you in the journey of life. On a monthly basis we focus on each of the threads that intertwine the fabric of our family life: mothers, fathers, grandparents, siblings... We also pray for them and give them a special blessing.

Each of us will be "fully alive" to the extent that we are connected with the source of our life and identity, to the extent that we recognize ourselves as children, as brothers or sisters, as fathers or mothers. Only going back to my origin will I find the strength and the power to move forward.

This is why we are also proposing the monthly "rule of life." Because God is the ultimate foundation of my life, I will be fully alive if I am deeply connected with Him. Do I want to be holy? Do I want to grow and strive in my faith? Is my faith just a set of routines or is it my inspiration and the driving force of my life?

At this point of the year, let's ask about our growth. We want to be a Family Fully Alive. Is it happening?



Rule of Life for the Month of May: Lectio Divina

(MAY) Lectio Divina "And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart" (Lk 2:19). In May, we go to the school of Mary to learn the art of *Lectio Divina*, an ancient tradition of prayerful reading of the Bible through four steps:

Lectio - reading/listening

Meditatio - letting Scripture wash over my thoughts, hopes, memories, and desires

Oratio - loving conversation with God

Contemplatio - a wordless and quiet presence of the One Who loves us

❖**Step 1:** Enthroned the Bible at home in a prominent place.

❖**Step 2:** Once a week read the Bible for 10 minutes.

❖**Step 3:** Learn the 4 steps of *Lectio Divina*.

Marian pilgrimage to the JPPII Shrine: Saturday, May 27, 9 am to 1 pm

Other Resources: *Lectio: Prayer*, a 6-part video program available on FORMED.org

This Week In Our Parish

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 21:

School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
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Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

Monday, May 22:

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

Tuesday, May 23:

Hannan Hall	7:00-9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
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Wednesday, May 24:

Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

Thursday, May 25:

Hannan Hall	6:30-9:00 pm V Encuentro Reunión
Parish Office	6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Church	7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour
School	9:00-20:30 pm St. Joseph's Men Group

Friday, May 26:

Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Notre Dame Graduate School	6:00-8:00 pm Emmaus
Hannan Hall	7:30 pm-12 am GCC Prayer Meeting

Saturday, May 27:

Parish Pilgrimage

Hannan Hall	11:00 am-2 pm GCC Retreat
Parish Office	1:00-3:30 pm Stephen Ministry
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

The Ascension of the Lord - May 28:

School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group
Adoration Chapel	6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

Towards a Family Fully Alive

Bible Reflection

Her children rise up and call her blessed;
her husband, too, praises her:
"Many are the women of proven worth,
but you have excelled them all."

Prov 31:28-29



Mothers

May 2017

Vocations



"Those who love Me will keep my word." Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Sixth Sunday of Easter For a growing conviction among our young people that they are loved by our Heavenly Father and that Jesus will manifest Himself to them through their vocations, 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.

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**.

Bulletin Deadlines The deadline for submitting announcements for the **May 28** bulletin is Monday, **May 22** by 9 am. The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Jun. 4** bulletin is Thursday, **May 25** by 9 am (please note early deadline due to the Memorial Day holiday). Email announcements to m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11	Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Eph 1:17-23	Mt 28:16-20




Summer Program with Queen of Apostles/Stella


Maris One more parish host family is needed to house a student from Spain in July. The Program is scheduled for 3 weeks. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Ann Reid to learn about this year's Summer Exchange Program: a.reid@queenofapostlesschool.org.

May 27 Marian Pilgrimage In lieu of our monthly Morning of Recollection and to honor the month of Mary, the parish will host a Pilgrimage to the St. John Paul II Shrine in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, **May 27**. Buses will pick up at the parish at 9 am and return by 1 pm. RSVP by calling the parish office or by emailing d.cook@queenofapostles.org.

Diocesan Retired Priests' Collection Today's second collection is for the care of our diocesan retired priests. Currently there are 21 retired priests and an additional 20 diocesan priests who will retire in the next ten years. Thank you for your generous support.

 **Pro-life: Baby Bottles** Thank you for collecting your spare change! Baby bottles are due back on Fathers Day. Checks are gratefully accepted and can be made out to Queen of Apostles, with *Baby Bottles* in the memo section.

June 16 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner The life of our parish family depends on the volunteerism of hundreds of parishioners, and so we want to thank you for all that you do. On Friday, **Jun. 16**, Fr. Leopoldo through the support of the parish Pastoral Council will host a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner from 5:30 to 8 pm in Hannan Hall. All who have volunteered in a significant way in the last year, including our Eucharistic Adorers, are warmly invited and asked to save the date. For more information and to RSVP, visit queenofapostles.org/volunteer-appreciation. (Raffle prizes for early bird RSVPs.)

 **Vacation Bible School** Registration is now open for this summer's "Summertime Blast: Jesus in the Eucharist" VBS program. VBS will be held from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm on **Jun. 26-30**. Printed forms are available in the rectory. Online registration is available through links in the last paragraph of information at <https://queenofapostles.org/vacation-bible-school/>. Payment may be made online through Faith Direct or by check. There are forms which must be completed, printed, signed, and delivered to the rectory. There are links to PDF-fillable versions of each of these forms on the same web page. Preparation meetings for Youth and Adult staff will be held on **Jun. 17 and 24**, starting at 1 pm both days.

Summer Camp Please join us for the first annual Queen of Apostles Summer Camp for rising K-6th graders. The camp will be offered at Queen of Apostles School for four weeks: **Jul. 3, Jul. 10, Jul. 24 and Aug. 4**. To apply, please visit goo.gl/Y27c7X or email Michael Caballero at caballerom1@bishopireton.org.

Catholic Charities: College Student Summer Volunteer for Office of Volunteers We are looking for college students to volunteer during the summer to help with program marketing and logistics; conduct research; help plan a Prison Ministry Aftercare Awareness event; liaise with our parishes; write articles about our programs; keep our social media platforms updated, and more. Must be available during the workdays, at least 20 hours per week, have excellent computer and writing skills. Contact Director of Volunteers, Sally O'Dwyer at sodwyer@ccda.net.

Bishop Burbidge's Homilies Online Want to hear relevant, pastoral inspiration from our Shepherd? Selected homilies of Bishop Burbidge are posted on the Diocese's YouTube page. Please visit youtube.com/arlingtondiocese.

Sixth Sunday of Easter Masses this Week

St. Rita of Cascia - Monday, May 22:

6:30 am +Gloria Collins
9:00 am +Mr. and Mrs. George Hatala

Tuesday, May 23:

6:30 am +Grace and Olga Duarte
9:00 am +Albert Covas

Mary, Help of Christians - Wednesday, May 24:

6:30 am +John Isabel Saunders
9:00 am +John Bartholme

Thursday, May 25:

6:30 am +Ilse Pollard
9:00 am +Theresa Subalusk

St. Philip Neri - Friday, May 26:

6:30 am +Matthew Schliecher
9:00 am +Eveleen Allen

Saturday, May 27:

8:00 am +Maria Benson
5:00 pm +Marvin Heise
7:00 pm +Emma Corina Lopez

The Ascension of the Lord - Sunday, May 28:

7:30 am +Theresa Subalusk
9:00 am +Jane Souser
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Lucia and José Antonio Venero



Conozca Sus Derechos

Hogar Immigrant Services de Catholic Charities
dara una presentación en español:

"Conocer Sus Derechos y
Crear un Plan de Seguridad."

"Guía sobre sus derechos en relación a contacto
con oficiales de inmigración o la policía."

Fecha: **Junio 17**

Hora: 4 pm

Lugar: Hannan Hall

Para más información y para reservar su espacio, llamar la oficina de la parroquia al (703) 354.8711.



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

John Harchick, Jr., Dominic Blansett, Daisy Atiyeh, Dick Owens, Miriam Farfan Christopher Said, Marta Fajardo, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Esther Stanley, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Jessica Acot, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Etelvina León-Duarte, J. Saunders, Catherine Hanniff, Kristi Burns, Francis Walter, Deborah DuBrul, 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