



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Almighty ever-living God, who, while the Blessed Virgin Mary was carrying your Son in her womb, inspired her to visit Elizabeth, grant us, we pray, that, faithful to the promptings of the Spirit, we may magnify your greatness with the Virgin Mary at all times. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
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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, 2:00 pm (Ghana Community)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 6:30 am and 9:00 am
No 6:30 am Mass on Federal Holidays
Saturday: 8:00 am

HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE

Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 7:00-7:30 am
Wednesday: 6:30 pm until last penitent
Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm during Holy Hour
Saturday: 4:00-5:00 pm and 6:00-7:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30-9:00 am and 10:00-10:30 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 7 am through Saturday 7:45 am

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

4409 Sano Street,
Alexandria, VA 22312
Mrs. Jodi Reagan, Principal
Mrs. 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. 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.

Faith: the Next Generation – Pass It On as a Catechist, Aide, Volunteer!

Over 170 children and young people, kindergarten through grade 12, attend QofA's Religious Education Program to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. Boldly go and help develop the Catholic faith of our youth by becoming a catechist, aide, or volunteer on Sunday mornings for the **Sep. 2019-Jun. 2020** school year! As you nurture the faith, you will learn and grow as well! We provide you with materials, support, and opportunities to attend Diocesan workshops. Attendance at a Virtus seminar and completion of Virginia Background Check paperwork are required. If interested, please contact Susan Gray at (703) 354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

*O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and
Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.*

Altar Servers Thank you for committing to this ministry and serving the parish and our Lord in the Eucharist. The server schedule for **May 4-Sep. 8** has been sent.

RCIA RCIA in English will not meet on **May 27**. The last day of RCIA in English is June. RCIA in Spanish has class on **May 29** and **Jun. 5**. If you are an adult and do not have the Sacraments, please send a message to s.gray@queenofapostles.org. RCIA classes will begin in **September**.

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Emmaus High school and 8th grade students are invited to join Emmaus on Saturday evenings, 8:15-10 pm at Christendom Graduate School (CGS) located at 4407 Sano Street for fellowship, activities, faith discussions, and prayer. For more information email s.calvino@queenofapostles.org, or text QofA to 84576 to join our contact list and receive information about upcoming events.

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

Religious Education Religious Education meets on **May 26** and **Jun. 2** (last day of class). Thank you to the catechists, aides, and volunteers who offer their time and talents to teach the parish youth.

Religious Education registration for public school and home-school students in kindergarten (age 5) - high school is now open! Parents of current students can pick up the registration form on-site during RE class time. Tuition for parish members is \$70 for 1 child; \$120 for 2 children and \$150 for 3 children in the same family. The tuition payment by cash or check is expected at the time of registration.

Religious Education classes are on Sundays, 9-10:15 am. The first day of class is **Sep. 8**.

Because each year builds on the next year of faith formation, students must attend at least 2 consecutive years of Religious Education before a Sacrament is administered and have no more than three absences during the school year. Generally, baptized children receive First Penance/First Holy Communion in grade 2 and higher and Confirmation is received in grade 8 and higher. A student is show evidence of desire and preparation for a Sacrament.

New students need to provide birth and baptismal certificates to register. Parents of unbaptized children under the age of 5 are asked to contact the parish office.

Congratulations to the newly Confirmed and to the First Communicants who received sacraments last week! We pray that these sacraments guide our young people to establish a deeper relationship with God, unite them more closely to Jesus Christ, pour out the gifts of the Holy Spirit into their souls, strengthen their bond with the Catholic Church, and give them the power needed to be true soldiers of Christ through living, sharing, and defending the Catholic Faith (CCC). Thank you to the choir, ushers, servers, teachers, catechists, families, and volunteers for ensuring prayerful and beautiful Masses.

Students who received sacraments this year are highly encouraged to participate in the 12 Noon Corpus Christi Mass and procession on Sunday, **Jun. 23**. Please wear your white garment.

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Jun. 2** bulletin was Monday, **May 20**.

Pastor's Letter

Celebrating God's Gifts

Last Sunday I spoke after all Masses to invite parishioners to take special care of the school. As I told you, it is the largest ministry of the Parish. And also a critical one: we cannot fail our families who entrust us with the Catholic education of our children. And we want many others to benefit from our great school.

Yes, a great school, and we need to celebrate it. This week our eighth graders are graduating, and we will celebrate it. I congratulate their hard work as most of them matriculate on to our competitive Diocesan high schools... Bishop Ireton, Bishop O'Connell, John Paul the Great. We also have one from this 2019 graduating class who will attend Thomas Jefferson Science & Technology School next year!

We celebrate also the successes of our alumni: Two weeks ago, a QofA alumna and current senior at Ireton, Anne-Marie Caballero, was featured in the Arlington Catholic Herald under the headline: "Student's academic excellence rooted in faith, desire to learn." She will study computer science at Princeton starting in the Fall. Said her mother, proudly, "She is a good example of the education and faith that our school teaches!"

Other things to celebrate: Our students consistently place in the top Religion scores in the Diocese. QofA had the biggest growth in Math scores of all Diocesan schools last year, and this year signs point to having a similar increase in Language Arts. Our children's choir received top marks – highest ratings – at local choir festivals this year. Our sports teams compete for – and win! – championships: this year, our 7th grade boys in CYO basketball.

Our faculty has been growing stronger and more robust...these accomplishments listed above do not happen without a solid faculty. Our school leadership, beginning with Jodi Reagan and Anne Arias are especially to thank for making this growth possible. They and the faculty are a great asset for our school.

Our school has many great things. And also some room to improve. Who doesn't? Especially now, we need more students.

Our enrollment, although with an expected shy growth for next year, is still low – fewer than 180 students. Having 200+ students will make many things easier. We almost hit that number three years ago. We need work to raise the enrollment to that magic number.

This is not only the responsibility of the principal, nor the pastor. It is an effort of the whole parish family. Know our school, love our school, have it present in our conversations, be always alert for potential students, and promote it in all the ways we can: relatives, neighbors, friends... in the park, in the swimming pool... how many opportunities to talk about our school and celebrate it!

We celebrate God's gifts, and we are responsible for them. We have responsibility for our Parish. We have responsibility for our school. And we have responsibility for the Catholic education of our children.

Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

"Consecration to the Mother of God", says Pope Pius XII, "is a total gift of self, for the whole of life and for all eternity; and a gift which is not a mere formality or sentimentality, but effectual, comprising the full intensity of the Christian life – Marian life." This consecration, the Pope explained, "tends essentially to union with Jesus, under the guidance of Mary."

When consecrating ourselves to Our Lady, we are consecrating ourselves to Jesus through Mary. As Pope John Paul II explained, "Consecrating ourselves to Mary means accepting her help to offer ourselves and the whole of mankind to him who is holy, infinitely holy; it means accepting her help—by having recourse to her motherly heart, which beneath the cross was opened to love for every human being, for the whole world—in order to offer the world, the individual human being, mankind as a whole, and all the nations to him who is infinitely holy" (May 13, 1982).

A very popular and solid consecration to Mary is St. Louis de Montfort's total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. You can find it in the book *True Devotion to Mary: with Preparation for Total Consecration* or this other, very popular one: *33 Days to Morning Glory: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat In Preparation for Marian Consecration* (You can find it on Formed.org. The Parish Code is Z37RTW).

This Week In Our Parish

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 26:

School 9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Parish Office 9:00-11:00 am Stephen Ministry
Notre Dame Graduate School 9:00-11:00 am
Hogares de Santa Maria
Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group
Hannan Hall 8:00-10:00 pm Caminantes de Emaus

Monday, May 27:

Adoration Chapel and Parish Office Closed
Cupertino Room 6:30-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, May 28:

Hannan Hall 6:00-10:00 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, May 29:

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

Thursday, May 30:

Hannan Hall 3:00-4:30 pm Children's Choir Practice
Parish Office 6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Hannan Hall 6:30-9:00 pm Caminantes de Emaus
Church 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour
School 9:00-10:30 pm St. Joseph Men's Group

Friday, May 31:

Adoration Chapel 11:00-11:30 am Children's
Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Parish Office 6:30-9:00 pm Marian Consecration Reception
Hannan Hall 6:00-9:30 pm Caminantes de Emaus Retiro

Saturday, June 1:

Parish Office 1:00-6:00 pm Stephen Ministry
School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir
Notre Dame Graduate School 8:30-10:00 pm Emmaus



Mother of Light Center First Annual Bazaar

Saturday, Jun. 8, 9 am to 3 pm
St. Anthony Catholic Church
(3305 Glen Carlyn Road, Falls Church)

Join us for the MOLC bazaar. Find great bargains and support a great cause at the same time! Household goods, white elephants, vintage items, kids clothing and vendors selling great products and more. Gift basket raffles, and a 50/50 split raffle. Lots of great food and baked goods will be available to fill you up for more shopping! For additional information, please visit: www.motheroflightcenter.com.

Prime Time Single Catholics (PTSC) is a Washington-area social group serving single Catholics 40 and over. Share in Christian fellowship with us! See what we offer by visiting: <https://ptscnva.wixsite.com/website>, or by contacting Patricia Huttman at pava1319@gmail.com, (703) 527-3455, or John McBride at jfmcbride526@hotmail.com, (703) 820-9196.



Vocations

"Whoever loves me will keep my word." Are you called to bring the word of Christ to his flock? Contact Fr. Leopoldo Vives at general@queenofapostles.org, or Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

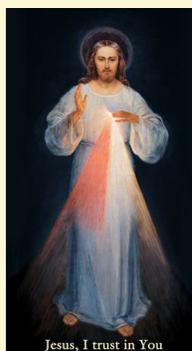
Sixth Sunday of Easter That the Holy Spirit will guide and comfort men and women discerning their vocations, we pray to the Lord.

Ordination Events The ordination of men to the priesthood and diaconate are beautiful and inspiring events for our entire diocese, and all are welcome to witness them. The Mass of Ordination to the transitional diaconate for seminarians Peter McShurley, Joe Moschetto and Charles Pavlick is Saturday, **Jun. 1**. The Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood for Deacons Nicholas Blank, Edouard Guilloux, Sean Koehr and Will Nyce is Saturday, **Jun. 8**. Both events are at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More starting at 11 am. There is also a Holy Hour Vigil with Bishop Burbidge and the seminarians on Friday **Jun. 7** at 7:30 pm at the Cathedral, followed by a light reception.

Gifts for Education Endowment Fund (SEEF)

Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost \$40,000 per seminarian. Please give generously! To donate, make checks payable to: "Foundation for the CDA - SEEF." Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Contact Gretchen Koch at g.koch@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-3819 with questions.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine & Franciscan Monastery Come and join your parish family led by Fr. Javier O'Connor on Saturday, **Jun. 15**, for a pilgrimage to renew, nourish and deepen our faith and hope in Christ. The day will begin with the celebration of the holy Mass at Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC, followed with exploration of the inspiring life of St. John Paul II and culminating with prayers, reflections and sharing of faith experience at the Franciscan Monastery, the "Little Jerusalem" in America. Please call the parish office by Monday, **Jun. 10** to sign up for the pilgrimage.



Divine Mercy

"At the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person, the pardon is the same. When this chaplet is said by the bedside of a dying person, God's anger is placated, unfathomable mercy envelops the soul, and the very depths of My tender mercy are moved for the sake of the sorrowful Passion of My Son."

(Jesus to Saint Faustina, Diary 811)

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 Lk 24:46-53

Memorial Day The Adoration Chapel and the Parish Office will be closed this Monday in observance of Memorial Day. There will be one Mass celebrated at 9 am.

Vacation Bible School We are looking for volunteers and participants - Is God calling you to the adventure of sharing your faith?

VBS will be held Monday, **Jun. 24** through Friday, **Jun. 28** from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm each day. Registration and information is on the parish website: queenofapostles.org/vbs. The registration deadline is Monday, **Jun. 3**. Preparation meetings for current 5th graders through adult volunteers will be held on the afternoons of Saturday, **Jun. 1, 15** and **22**. To volunteer or for more information, email vbs@queenofapostles.org.

Saint Justin Martyr, pray for us.

Catholic Communication Campaign Next week, our special collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Fully 50% of funds collected remain here in the Diocese of Arlington to fund local communications efforts. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

Flatlining: Conscience Rights Under Attack Calling all Medical Professionals in Virginia! Do you know about proposed regulations that could subject health care professionals to misconduct sanctions simply for acting consistently with their religious beliefs? Learn about the latest threats to your conscience rights and how to safeguard your livelihood as a health care provider! Join us on Saturday, **Jun. 29** from 8-10 am, in Hannan Hall at Queen of Apostles Church, for *Flatlining: Conscience Rights Under Attack*. The event is free. Registration is required. Please register at: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/flatlining/>. Email respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org to learn more.

Attention Class of 2019 This summer, the Associates of St. John Bosco will be hosting four College Nights (7-9 pm) throughout the Arlington Diocese for graduated high-schoolers headed to college in the fall.

Jun. 19: St. Mark's in Vienna, **Jul. 1:** All Saints in Manassas

Jul. 17: Basilica of St. Mary in Alexandria

Jul. 24: St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Fredericksburg.

The purpose of these free events is to help students keep their faith while transitioning into college. Catholic college students will be in attendance to meet students and share their experiences of being a Catholic college student. Free dinner with registration and the chance to win door prizes! Student registration can be found by visiting: www.asjb.org. Registration is limited to 50 students per night.

Sixth Sunday of Easter Masses this Week

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 26:

7:30 am +Frank Subalusky
9:00 am In Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Berta Molina

Saint Augustine of Canterbury - Monday, May 27:

9:00 am +Bernardo Bustamante

Tuesday, May 28:

6:30 am +Dr. and Mrs. William J. McAuliffe
9:00 am +Brian Short

Wednesday, May 29:

6:30 am +Arlene Quinn
9:00 am +Jeanne Deeds Green

Thursday, May 30:

6:30 am +Alfredo and Marilyn De León
9:00 am +Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thach, Sr.

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Friday, May 31:

6:30 am (L) Fr. Juan Puigbó
9:00 am +Marilyn Cole

Saint Justin Martyr - Saturday, June 1:

8:00 am +Carlos Suarez
5:00 pm +Francis J. Hoyer
8:00 pm +Judith De Jesus Sanchez

The Ascension of the Lord - June 2:

7:30 am +Josephine Klemek
9:00 am +Dolores Perez
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Arlene Quinn

*Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary,
who believed that what was spoken to you
by the Lord would be fulfilled.*



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Claire Reilly, Kevin Bonko, Leo Monterroso, Betty Jane Davis, Etelvina León-Duarte, George Cook, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Maria Reyes, Anna Anderson, Michelle Jacobeen, Pedro Baiza, 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, Kristi Burns, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo