



# 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

4409 Sano Street,  
Alexandria, VA 22312  
Kathy Littlefield, Principal  
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](mailto: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 - High School/Young College Students; Bible Study** Students in high school/college are invited to attend the next Open Gym, **Jun. 2**, 6-8 pm at the School Gym. A summertime bible study is being organized and scheduled to begin on **Jun. 30**. To register or for more information, contact [s.gray@queenofapostles.org](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org) or call (703) 354-8711.

**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.

Questions about First Holy Communion clothing are addressed in the First Penance/First Holy Communion packet, page 13: <https://queenofapostles.org/wp-content/uploads/First-Penance-First-Holy-Communion-packet-2017.pdf>

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.

**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](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 28** and **Jun. 4**. Thank you to our dedicated catechists, aides, and volunteers for helping with the faith formation of QofA's children.

**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 **Jun. 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

### Towards a Missionary Family

Moved from this past Thursday, this Sunday we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. This solemnity reminds us that the Easter season is coming to its fulfillment with the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday. A new time begins for the Church.

Easter season has been a time of intimacy with the risen Lord and to get accustomed to his new way of presence in our midst. The practice of *Lectio Divina* invited us to keep all these things reflecting on them with Mary in our hearts. The Second Vatican Council urges us to do so: "The sacred synod also earnestly and especially urges all the Christian faithful [...] to learn by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures the 'excellent knowledge of Jesus Christ' (Phil. 3:8). 'For ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.' (St. Jerome) Therefore, they should gladly put themselves in touch with the sacred text itself [...] And let them remember that prayer should accompany the reading of Sacred Scripture, so that God and man may talk together; for 'we speak to Him when we pray; we hear Him when we read the divine saying.' (St. Ambrose)"

Jesus ascended into heaven. We miss him and we are restlessly seeking him. The Holy Spirit is the answer to that longing: Jesus is at hand in the communion of the Church and in our giving of ourselves to others. Upon becoming one with Jesus in Holy Communion we are drawn into the current of his sacrifice on the Cross. The Holy Spirit transformed the apostles into courageous witnesses of Jesus's death and resurrection. Likewise He transforms us into a missionary family.

After the Ascension, the disciples "devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus" (Acts 1:14). Like them, we prepare this week for the coming of the Holy Spirit praying with one accord with Mary. Likewise, we will be sent by the Holy Spirit to announce the Gospel to others, to reach out to our family members, friends, neighbors, coworkers... to bring them the joy of the Gospel.

Our church's sanctuary makes visible in a unique way this missionary dynamic. Jesus' ascension into heaven drives us to the apostles gathered with Mary. Then the Father and the Son will send the Holy Spirit who, overflowing Mary will fill the apostles and the whole parish family to send us forth with hearts on fire.

On Pentecost Sunday we will have the Disciples' Annual Appeal. Through your prayers and financial support you help us to form our seminarians to become part of this missionary family. Be assured of our gratitude and our commitment to devote ourselves to you with the same generosity. And looking forward, on October we will celebrate 25 years of my priestly ordination. It's a great gift to celebrate as a family, a missionary family.



## 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*.

❖ **Step 4:** Practice *Lectio Divina* weekly.

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



## This Week In Our Parish

### **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

### **Monday, May 29:**

*Parish Office Closed for Memorial Day*

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 30:**

Hannan Hall	8:00 am-10:00 pm Floor Work
Church	6:30-8:30 pm First Holy Communion Mandatory Rehearsal - English
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, May 31:**

Hannan Hall	8:00 am-10:00 pm Floor Work
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

### **Thursday, June 1:**

Parish Office	6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Church	7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

### **Friday, June 2:**

Adoration Chapel	11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall	3:30-5:30 pm Nazareth
Notre Dame Graduate School	6:00-8:00 pm Emmaus
School	6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym
Church	6:30-8:30 pm First Holy Communion Mandatory Rehearsal - Spanish

### **Saturday, June 3:**

*DCJM Appeal*

Hannan Hall	8:00 am-2:30 pm First Holy Communion
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
Hannan Hall	8:30-10:30 pm Reunión de Familias

### **Pentecost Sunday - June 4:**

*DCJM Appeal*

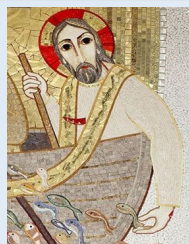
*Rule of Life Program*

Vestibule	ACCA Food Collection
Hannan Hall	7:30 am-1:30 pm Sunday Social
School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group



### **Sunday Social Volunteers Needed**

The Sunday Social is looking for a few "coffeemeisters". No prior experience needed, and training is provided. Duties include making coffee, serving donuts, and the opportunity to meet parishioners and guests one Sunday each month for a morning of fellowship. Stop by the kitchen at the Sunday Social on **Jun. 4** for details or call (571) 205-5439 for more details.



## 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](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org) or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at [j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-2514.

**The Ascension of the Lord** That seated at the right hand of His Father in heaven, the Lord will generously share His spirit of wisdom with all those now discerning their vocation and open the eyes of the hearts in faithfulness, 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:**

#### **Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2:1-11      Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34  
1 Cor 12:3B-7, 12-13      Jn 20:19-23



**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 Charity**.

**Marriage Nullity Presentation** What is the marriage nullity process in the Diocese of Arlington? How does one go about introducing an annulment case? What are the steps of the process? Fr. Robert J. Rippy, J.C.L, Judicial Vicar, will give a presentation on the Marriage Nullity Process on Tuesday, **May 30** from 7:30–9 pm at Our Lady of Hope Parish in Pottomac Falls. He will answer questions about the nullity process and the grounds (reasons) needed to begin the process. To ensure there are adequate copies of the materials to be distributed, please reserve a space by calling Danine Welsh at (703) 841-2556 and leave a message with your name, phone number, and the number of attendees.

### **Diocesan Multicultural Mass & Fair – Saturday,**

**June 24** Join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge in worship and celebration. All are welcome to share the experience of our one Catholic faith, united in Christ, through the diversity of our local diocesan Catholic cultures at Queen of Apostles Parish. Mass is at 5 pm with a reception and cultural fair to follow in the school gym.

## Catholic Communication Campaign Collection

Today, we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to support local efforts. Help to spread the gospel message and support the collection today! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).



**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](http://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](http://goo.gl/Y27c7X) or email Michael Caballero at [caballerom1@bishopireton.org](mailto:caballerom1@bishopireton.org).



### 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.

## The Ascension of the Lord Masses this Week

### The Ascension of the Lord - Sunday, May 28:

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

### Monday, May 29:

9:00 am	+Alvaro Gomez
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### Tuesday, May 30:

6:30 am	+Elisa Dionisio
9:00 am	+Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Thach

### The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Wednesday, May 31:

6:30 am	(L) Fr. Javier Nieva, DCJM
9:00 am	+Constance Seymour

### Saint Justin Martyr - Thursday, June 1:

6:30 am	(L) Fred Blanco
9:00 am	+Constance Seymour

### Saints Marcellinus and Peter - Friday, June 2:

6:30 am	(L) Darryl Kan
9:00 am	+Grace Okemo

### Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions

### Saturday, June 3:

8:00 am	+Constance Seymour
5:00 pm	+Clotilde Martinez
7:00 pm	+Martha Peredo Gonzales

### Pentecost Sunday, June 4:

7:30 am	+Margaret Martin
9:00 am	(L) Disciples of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary
10:30 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon	+Roy Kasenge

## 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](mailto:a.reid@queenofapostlesschool.org).



### 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