



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

4409 Sano Street,
Alexandria, VA 22312
Kathy Littlefield, Principal
Maria Fox, Secretary
(703) 354-0714
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 Meet with Fr. Juan and other Nazareth leaders in Hannan Hall on Friday, **May 19**. Sign-in begins at 3:45 pm with activities beginning at 4:00 pm. Parent sign-out is at 5:30 pm. Parents are needed to assist with activities. If you can lend a hand, please contact the parish office at (703) 354-8711, or email s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

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

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. Thank you for considering Queen of Apostles Religious Education Program.

Potluck Breakfast with Religious Education Families, May 21 Please mark your calendar for Sunday, **May 21** for a Religious Education potluck breakfast during class time. RE families are cordially invited to bring and share a dish and conversation with other families. On Sunday, please talk with Mrs. Atchison or Mrs. Barrios about your attendance at the potluck.

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>.

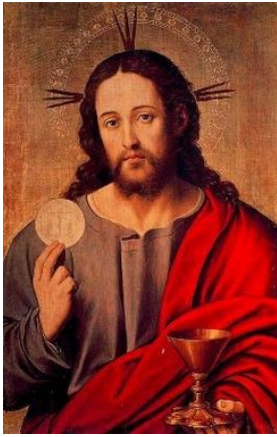
We ask parents to take students to Confession before the **Jun. 3** First Holy Communion.

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. Parents and guests are to proceed to the church and find a seat quietly no later than 6:45 pm.

We ask parents/sponsors to take students to Confession before the **Jun. 11** Confirmation.



Pastor's Letter

The Priest and the Eucharist

Today we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. It is a day to give thanks to the Lord for the priests and to pray for vocations.

As we hear today in the Gospel, Jesus is "the Shepherd of the sheep" (Jn 10:2), our good Shepherd.

Jesus, who gave us the Sacraments, gave us also the Sacrament of Holy Orders. In his mercy he knew that we would be overwhelmed if we had to approach him, the High Priest who is in the Sanctuary of Heaven, filled with the Glory of God. Thus he provided us a fitting means to approach him: the priests. Men like us who would not inspire terror or distress. Men who in their weakness would stir our trust and confidence. Men who in their generous service will encourage us to advance in holiness. We give thanks for the gift of the priest, and we remember with gratitude those priests who marked us in a decisive way.

We also pray for vocations. And let me ask: what are we doing to promote vocations in our families? With the Eucharist being the "center and root of the whole priestly life" (II Vatican Council, *Presbyterorum Ordinis* 14), a great way to promote vocations is to be ourselves a Eucharistic family, each household and the whole Parish Family. Through daily Mass and Communion, Eucharistic Adoration, visits to the Church, spiritual Communion... we can grow as a Eucharistic family.

On July 1, 1990 St. John Paul II said during the Angelus:

"It is fitting that seminarians take part every day in the Eucharistic celebration, in such a way that afterward they will take up as a rule of their priestly life this daily celebration. They should, moreover, be trained to consider the Eucharistic celebration as the essential moment of their day, in which they will take an active part and at which they will never be satisfied with a merely habitual attendance. Finally, candidates to the priesthood will be trained to share in the intimate dispositions which the Eucharist fosters: gratitude for heavenly benefits received, because the Eucharist is thanksgiving; an attitude of self-offering, which will impel them to unite the offering of themselves to the Eucharistic offering of Christ; charity nourished by a sacrament which is a sign of unity and sharing; the yearning to contemplate and bow in adoration before Christ, who is really present under the Eucharistic species."

If this becomes our lifestyle, vocations will flourish in our Parish Family for the good of the Church and the Glory of God.



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.

Marian pilgrimage to the JPII 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

Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 7:

Rule of Life Program
Vestibule ACCA Food Collection
School 9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

Monday, May 8:

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 9:

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 10:

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

Thursday, May 11:

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, May 12:

Adoration Chapel 11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Notre Dame Graduate School 6:00-8:00 pm Emmaus

Saturday, May 13:

School 5K/International Festival
Parish Office 1:00-3:30 pm Stephen Ministry
School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir

Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 14:

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


Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12



 **Pro-life: Baby Bottles** New Baby Bottles are here. We will distribute them on Mother's Day and collect them on Father's Day. We need your help. This is our BIG fund raiser for the year! Donations go to support pro-life education materials, March for Life, 40 Days for Life, the flag display and guest speakers. Volunteer to help distribute bottles after Masses, **May 13-14**.

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 Church. Mass is at 5 pm with a reception and cultural fair to follow in the school gym. All are welcome.

Vocations



On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest 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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter - World Day of Prayer

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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 our Team Kickoff on **May 11** from 5:30-7:30 pm at St. Charles Borromeo Parish. 3304 Washington Blvd. in Arlington, or visit ArlingtonDiocese.org/Run.



Urgent Need for a Scheduled Adorer for Tuesday morning, 4:00-5:00 am

Please prayerfully consider offering this special hour to Our Lord in thanksgiving for His many blessings, in memory of His Passion and Death on the Cross for our sins, and in honor of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. For additional information or to sign-up please contact Alexa Urban at: moleski47@gmail.com or (703) 241-1096.

Summer Program with Queen of Apostles/Stella

Maris This summer, Queen of Apostles is expecting 5 guests from Spain, Parish families are needed to host for three weeks in **July**. If interested in learning about the program and serving has a host family, please send a message to a.reid@queenofapostlesschool.org. If you cannot host for three weeks, please consider hosting for one week. Adults living in the home must comply with Diocesan Safe Environment requirements: a Virginia Background Check and attendance at a Virtus seminar. Thank you for opening your home and hearts to the guests from Spain.



Queen of Apostles School

Queen of Apostles School is accepting applications for students entering kindergarten through 8th grade for the **2017-2018** school year. Incoming kindergarten students must be 5 years of age by **Sep. 30**. Applications are available on the school website: www.queenofapostlesschool.org or can be picked up at the school. Tours can be scheduled by calling the school office at (703) 345-0714. Financial assistance is available.

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.



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.

Stephen Ministry Would you like to make a difference through caring that can change lives? Would you like to grow in faith and deepen your relationship with Jesus by serving Christ through others? Would you like to be more loving by sharing the love of Christ with others? If so, Stephen Ministry may be for you. Stephen Ministry is Christ caring, for people through people. For information on how to be part of this beautiful ministry, please contact Maris Dionisio at (703) 751-8495 or stephenministry@queenofapostles.org.

Marriage Enrichment Evening: 7 Ways Forgiveness Enhances Your Marriage Please join us on Friday, **May 19**, at St. Ambrose Parish Hall, Annandale from 7-9 pm. Featuring Beverly Tauke, a counselor, author and speaker. Register online at www.arlingtondiocese.org/forgivenessinmarriage. All married and engaged couples welcome! Contact Nancy McKeague at (703) 841-2550 or n.mckeague@arlingtondiocese.org.

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. More details coming soon on how to RSVP.

2017 Car Raffle Winner List Congratulations to Amber Dewey from Queen of Apostles who won \$5,000 cash. Please check All Saints website for the complete list of the 2017 car raffle winners: <http://allsaintsvachurch.org/news-and-events/parish-festivalraffle/car-raffle/raffle-schedule-and-winners/>.

Fourth Sunday of Easter Masses this Week

Monday, May 8:

6:30 am (L) Jordano Family
9:00 am +Theresa Subalusky

Tuesday, May 9:

6:30 am +Felix Macatangay
9:00 am +Mary Heon Carpousis

Saint Damien de Veuster - Wednesday, May 10:

6:30 am +James Ritchie
9:00 am +Theresa Subalusky

Thursday, May 11:

6:30 am +Evelyn Manese
9:00 am +Albert J. Covas

Saints Nereus and Achilleus - Friday, May 12:

6:30 am (L) Etelvina, Patricia and Carolina León-Duarte
9:00 am +Grace Okemo

Our Lady of Fatima - Saturday, April May 13:

8:00 am (L) Fr. Ignacio de Ribera Martin
5:00 pm +Emaly Parafianovich
7:00 pm +Claudia Alcoser +Marcelina Quiroz

Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 14:

7:30 am +Mrs. Annelle Thach
9:00 am +Katherine Krescanko
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon (L) Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Birthday

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **May 14** bulletin is Monday, **May 8** by 9 am. Please email announcements to m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

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 **ACCA** and the **Missionaries of Charity**.



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Peggy Mooney, 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, Anna Jeffrey, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Stephen Aldrich, 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