

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 8, 2020



CLERGY

Fr. Alexander Díaz, Pastor
Fr. Joseph Rampino, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Richard C. Caporiccio
Deacon Vincent Kapral

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 am, 5:00 & 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm
1:30 pm (Spanish) 3:00 pm (Ghana Community Mass)
Monday-Friday: 6:30 & 9:00 am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday: 8:30-9:00 am
Thursday: 7:00 pm until last penitent
Friday: 6:30 pm until last penitent
Saturday: 3:30 pm until last penitent

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 8:30 am-8pm
Thursday: 7:00-8:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri, 9:30 am-12 pm; 12:30 pm to 5 pm



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FAITH, EXCELLENCE, JOY

4409 Sano Street
Alexandria, VA 22312
www.queenofapostlesschool.org

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

Mon – Thurs, 8:00 am – 3:15 pm
Friday, 8:00 am – 2:15 pm

STAFF

Anne Arias, Principal
Maria Fox, Secretary
Fr. Joseph Rampino,
Chaplain
Phone: (703) 354-0714



With Mary, "the first disciple of her son" (Redemptoris Mater, 20), Queen of Apostles Catholic School is rooted in faith, excellence, and joy. We flourish by embracing our call to holiness, advancing in virtue and academics, and cultivating the many talents God has given us.

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus:

I hope that this short message finds you well and that your spiritual and physical health are getting stronger every day. Gradually, we are approaching the end of the liturgical year, and it is time to begin to examine ourselves if we grew in our inner life or did not. I know that this year has been challenging because of everything we have lived through, and we continue to live, but I am sure that thanks to God's goodness and mercy, we have overcome the fear, doubt, and sadness that all this has brought us. I want to invite all of you to practice what the Gospel of this Sunday tells us, "keep the lamps burning," and with enough oil to continue fighting with the faith and grace of God and not let ourselves faint. Hopefully, this pandemic will soon pass, but our faith has to become more substantial and solid. Hopefully, we make this pandemic a ladder to go up to heaven.

I want to thank the support towards the Capital Campaign for the reconstruction of some areas of our Sanctuary, that support has already begun to bear fruit; As you have been able to realize in the last week of October, we installed a new and modern sound system, now we can understand the word of God more clearly. We have also already installed the new altar lights; many bulbs have been burned out for many years., now we can enjoy the beauty of our altar; Many of you have told me that you enjoy the beauty of the altar more and that you had not realized how big and beautiful it is. These projects are just the first part of all. I inform you that the ceiling and the Sanctuary walls' painting will begin in the coming weeks. The architects have also advised me to change the apostles' background color to a lighter color; the purple makes the altar look opaque and less vibrant. I'm working on this new project to give more life and beauty to our Lord's house. I hope you support me. I look forward to furthering improvements.

Changing the subject a bit, we have already started working on the Christmas activities, which is less than two months away; I know it will be different this year, and it will be like that, only if we allow ourselves to be won over by pessimism and fear. We are getting ready for our first Christmas Festival on December 19 in the church parking lot from 5 to 10 pm. We will have a live nativity, a petting zoo, live Christmas caroling, a bonfire, and food. The purpose is to make our children and also us adults, for a moment, stop to contemplate the manger of Jesus and forget about this challenging situation. Please mark your calendar now because it will be a special day for everyone.

Finally, this week we received a message from our bishop regarding the celebrations of Masses for Christmas. I would like you to consider if you plan to participate because depending on the number that attends, this will be the number of Masses that we will schedule. The objective is that everyone who wishes to attend can participate and that together we contemplate and meditate on the birth of Jesus. Therefore, three weeks before Christmas, you will receive more details about it.

I ask you to pray for us; leading the parish in these times is not easy, but I know that you support us with your prayers.

God bless you.

Fr. Diaz



QUEEN OF APOSTLES SCHOOL VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

November 17, 2020 at 6 pm

Visit queenofapostlesschool.org to RSVP!

† RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & VOCATIONS †



Welcome Seminarian, Joseph Angsten!

Joseph comes from John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C., and will be speaking at Masses this weekend for Vocations Week. He studied at NOVA, Franciscan University of Steubenville, and Catholic University of America. In asking why he wants to become a priest, he answered, "I want to joyfully respond to God's love. Since Jesus is the Good Shepherd, I want nothing more than to be able to follow where He leads, and if He asks me to care for His 99 while He seeks a lost soul, or if He uses me as an instrument to find that missing lamb, that is enough for me." Please extend a warm welcome!

Religious Education Information

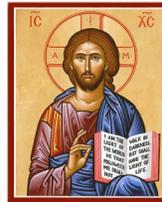
Info: Grade 8-high school students who are eligible for the Sacrament of Confirmation are to attend a retreat on **Saturday, Nov 21, 2020 or on Jan 16, 2021** at Queen of Apostles, 8:30am~3:30pm. A survey will be sent to parents indicating the preferred retreat date.

The Sacrament of Confirmation packet is posted on our website. QofA School students/families are to confirm due dates/projects with the school teacher, Miss Hang.

For in person Religious Education classes, doors will open at **8:30am** and students are asked to arrive no later than **8:45am** for the **9am** class. Please park close to the school and escort your child to the check-in. Students will enter the school and find his/her classroom. Parents are to meet their student/s along the walkways near the school by **10:15 a.m.**

For students using MyCatholicFaithDelivered.com (MCFD) + a monthly Sunday morning class via Zoom (with the catechist and in-person class) homework assignments are emailed to the class MCFD group. About once a month, two grades per week will Zoom into the in-person class. A parent is to accompany the student during the Zoom video during the 9-10:15am Sunday morning class time

Safety: On-site, temperatures will be checked and questions about COVID symptoms will be asked. Family members displaying any symptoms are not to attend RE class. To comply with safety protocols, class size is limited, 6' distance between families/students, masks/face shields are to be worn by everyone, hand sanitizer will be used upon entering the school building, students will report directly to class, *only catechists, aides, and registration volunteers may enter the school*, and disinfection will occur before and after classes. Students must bring his/her own pen/pencil, paper, hand sanitizer, etc. to class. Please, no sharing of supplies.



Vocations

"Our concern must be to know God's will. We must enter that path: if God wants, when God wants, how God wants,"
St. Gianna Molla

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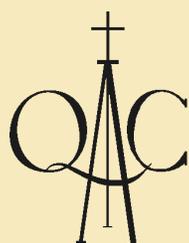
That young people will be open to God's call in their lives, and respond generously to give their lives to Him in the service of the Church, we pray to the Lord.

"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."

We were created with a thirst for God. Could He be calling you to quench it by living in Him as a priest, sister or brother? Call Father Michael Isenberg (703) 841-2514, or write: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org

Altar Servers—Serving our Lord in the Eucharist

The Diocese has given us permission to start having 2 or 3 altar servers present at each Sunday Mass. Season and new servers are invited. If your son is willing to serve at Holy Mass, please contact Susan Gray at s.gray@queenofapostles.org or talk with Fr. Rampino. Fr. Rampino will lead a training/refresher for seasoned and new servers on **Sat, Nov 28, 1-3pm** in the church. For servers who have already returned, please arrive no less than 15 min before Mass, wear dress shoes, bring a face mask, and use the upper sacristy and wait for the priest. Sts. John Berchmans and Tarcisius, pray for us.



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 or on our website queenofapostles.org. Parish registration forms are available in the Church vestibule and at the Parish Office, located at 4329 Sano Street. Please notify the Parish Office of any family status changes or if you have moved outside the parish by contacting (703) 354-8711 ext. 10, or general@queenofapostles.org

✠ PARISH LIFE ✠

Masses This Week

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, November 8:

8:00 am	+John Barsh
10:00 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm	(L) Gertrud Thureau
1:30 pm	All Souls Novena

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Monday, November 9:

6:30 am	+Giuse Nguyen Xuan Phung
9:00 am	All Souls Novena

St. Leo the Great - Tuesday, November 10:

6:30 am	All Souls Novena
9:00 am	+Mary Nguyen Thi Tuy

St. Martin of Tours - Wednesday, November 11:

No 6:30 am Mass - Veteran's Day
9:00 am (L) Penny Deith

St. Josaphat - Thursday, November 12:

6:30 am	+Isnelda Pino
9:00 am	+Joseph Barnoski

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini - Friday, November 13:

6:30 am	+Enrique Lopez
9:00 am	+Anne Cleary

Saturday, November 14:

8:00 am	+Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
5:00 pm	+Carlos Perez
7:00 pm	+Carmen and Rumualdo Méndez

November 9: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, the oldest and highest ranking of the four major basilicas in Rome. The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, the official ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome, not St. Peter's Basilica as so many mistakenly believe. It is the oldest church in the West, built in the time of Constantine and was consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324. This feast became a universal celebration in honor of the archbasilica, the ecclesiastical mother church, called "the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world" (omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput), as a sign of love for and union with the See of Peter.



Veteran's Day The Parish office will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, on observance of Veteran's Day. There will be only one Mass celebrated at 9 am. Thank you to all of those who have served.



Have you signed up for Parish electronic giving through Faith Direct? To join Faith Direct, start by simply focusing your phone camera on this QR code! You can also visit faithdirect.net and enroll online using our Parish code:



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Thank you for your support!

We have returned to the normal weekday Mass schedule!

Weekday Masses are now celebrated at 6:30 am and 9:00 am Monday through Friday. We also have brought back the 5:00 pm vigil Mass on Saturdays. At this time, we are not able to return to our previous Sunday Mass schedule, as Virginia has not yet moved to the next phase of re-opening. Thank you for your patience during these very uncertain times. We ask that all those 10 years and older *please wear a mask* while in the Church and vestibule so that we can continue moving back to our pre-COVID schedule. Please continue to pray for those affected by the coronavirus and for their families.

Looking for ways to

serve? The Usher Ministry is in need of more volunteers for each of our weekend masses, especially the 5:00pm Mass on Saturdays. We also are in need of volunteers to help operate our livestreams during the week as well as on weekends. If you would like to help, please contact the Parish office at 703-354-8711.



Work in Sanctuary 2 weeks ago, we began the lighting work in our sanctuary's altar and the painting of the ceiling and the walls. We ask for your patience; there will be several workers and noise in the church during this time. To complete the renovations faster, there will be *no Adoration on Wednesdays in November*. Thank you for your understanding.

Have you committed to our Capital Campaign?

There is much to be done to maintain our Parish facilities, and you could help make it all possible. Please prayerfully consider either making a pledge or a one-time gift if you have not already done so. We will be sending out information on these projects and a form to make a commitment if you decide to do so. Thank you for your generosity!



Gospel Commentary for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Deciding Now for God

Fr. Joseph Rampino

In 1849, at the age of seven, after making his first Holy Communion, St. Dominic Savio wrote a series of resolutions in his personal notebook. He declared the following: "I will go to confession often, and to Holy Communion as often as my confessor allows, I will keep Sundays particularly holy, my friends will be Jesus and Mary, and I will choose death rather than sin." Even at such a young age, this young man had seen clearly that which was most important in life, and with great wisdom, laid the groundwork necessary to remain secure in his Christian faith. Even as a youth, he had made decisions about his life that we might expect from people many times older than him, people who had lived long enough to spend time following their own will and desires, realize the emptiness of a life apart from God, and finally turn back to their faith in repentance.

Perhaps others might look at someone like St. Dominic and think that he ought to have tasted all the world had to offer before deciding to give it up, that there is more than enough time to repent once a person's own goals and desires are accomplished. A more subtle form of this temptation might be to tell oneself that there will be time to pray and turn to the Lord once the work or crisis of the day or of the moment has past. On the other side of the to-do list, there will be space to think of heavenly things.

This was perhaps the mindset of the five foolish maidens in Christ's parable this Sunday. They may not have brought oil enough for their lamps simply because they thought that their entrance into the wedding feast was already a sure thing. Their uncaring and carefree attitude suggests that they do not think they really need the bridegroom. They treat him lightly, as someone for whom they do not have to prepare, a person of no real consequence, an option to be taken when all other pleasant things have passed.

This mindset, of course, forgets the uncertainty of our future. St. Dominic Savio was in fact, called early to the house of the Lord, at the age of fourteen. In his last days, he remained calm and peaceful, knowing that he was close to the heart of Jesus, and his last words as he passed from this life were, "oh what beautiful things I see!" The choices he made to remain close to God when he was seven proved themselves truly wise. Had Dominic put off his conversion and devotion, if he had decided that there would be time for friendship with God once he had lived his life and settled down, once he had finished the work he wanted to do and achieved the goals he had set for himself in the world, his peaceful passage to eternity might not have been so sure. Rather than meeting the end of his life in peace and confidence, he would have had to contend with the fear and anxiety of going through a conversion in the space of a moment, or perhaps he would have grown bitter in heart at his misfortune and not returned to God at all.

Following the example of this young saint, we too should decide today to turn to the Lord with real dedication, asking that He convert whatever in our hearts is not yet with Him. We do not know if we will have tomorrow, so now is the time to make preparation for eternity by allowing the Lord to love us, and truly loving Him in return, taking His will as our own, and following the commandments in true wisdom.

Prayer after the Election

God of all nations,
Father of the human family,
we give you thanks for the freedom we exercise
and the many blessings of democracy we enjoy
in these United States of America. We ask for your
protection and guidance for all who devote themselves to the
common good, working for justice and peace at home and
around the world. We lift up all our duly
elected leaders and public servants, those who will serve
us as president, as legislators and judges, those in the
military and law enforcement. Heal us from our
differences and unite us, O Lord, with a common purpose,
dedication, and commitment to achieve liberty and justice
in the years ahead for all people, and especially those
who are most vulnerable in our midst.
Amen.



Please pray for the sick members of our parish

Jin C. Navarro, Leo Monterroso, Etelvina León-Duarte, Ginny Cook, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Maria Reyes, Anna Anderson, Jean McDermott, Anne Kemble, 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, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Russ and Jill Amerling, Kathy Ippolito, Richard Esterlund, Margaret Fiore, Michael Robertson, Mr. Cervantes, Jocelyn Reyes, Wilma Robles, Maryann McNutt, Leo Weston

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CARTA DEL PÁRROCO

Queridos hermanos en Cristo Jesús:

Espero que este corto mensaje les encuentre bien, y que su salud tanto espiritual como corporal este cada día mejor. Poco a poco nos vamos acercando al final del año litúrgico, y es tiempo de comenzar a auto examinarnos si crecimos en nuestra vida interior o no lo hicimos. Sé que este año ha sido difícil por todo lo que hemos vivido y seguimos viviendo pero estoy seguro que gracias a la bondad y misericordia de Dios hemos vencido el miedo, la duda y las tristezas que todo esto nos ha traído. Quiero invitarles a todos a practicar lo que el evangelio de este domingo nos dice, “mantener las lámparas encendidas” y con suficiente aceite para seguir luchando con la fe y la gracia de Dios y no dejarnos desfallecer. Esta pandemia pasara y espere-mos que pronto, pero nuestra fe tiene que volverse más fuerte y sólida. Ojala hagamos de esta pandemia una escalera para subir al cielo.

Quiero agradecer el apoyo a la Campaña Capital para la reconstrucción de algunas áreas de nuestro templo, ese apoyo ya ha comenzado a dar frutos; como se han podido dar cuenta en la última semana de octubre instalamos un nuevo y modernos sistema de sonido, ahora podemos entender con más claridad la palabra de Dios. También ya hemos instalados las nuevas luces del altar, que habían estado quemadas por muchos años, ahora podemos disfrutar de la belleza de nuestro altar; muchos de ustedes me han comentado que disfrutaban más lo bello del altar y que no se habían dado cuenta de tan grande y bello es. Este solo es una primera parte de todo eso. Les informo que en las próximas semanas se iniciara la pintura del cielo y las paredes del templo; también los arquitectos me han aconsejado cambiar el fondo de las imágenes de los apóstoles a un color más claro, el morado que tiene hace que el altar se vea más triste, estoy trabajando en eso, para darle más vida y belleza a la casa de nuestro Señor. Espero que me apoyen, viendo hacia delante en las mejorías que se buscan.

Cambiando un poco de tema, ya hemos comenzado a trabajar en las actividades de navidad, que está a menos de dos meses para celebrarse; sé que será diferente este año y será así, solo si nosotros nos dejamos ganar por el pesimismo y el miedo. Estoy preparando un festival de Navidad, esto será el 19 de diciembre frente al templo, será de 5 a 10pm, pondremos un pesebre viviente, con animales de verdad, tendremos un Pedie Zoo y música navideña en vivo; el objetivo es hacer que nuestros niños y también nosotros adultos, por un momento nos detengamos a contemplar el pesebre de Jesús y nos olvidemos de esta difícil situación, póngalo ya en su calendario porque será un día especial para todos.

Finalmente, esta semana recibimos de nuestro obispo un mensaje con respecto a las celebraciones de las misas en Navidad. Me gustaría que fueran considerando si piensan participar, porque dependiendo del número que asistan así será el número de misas que programaremos, el objetivo es poderles atender y que juntos contemplemos y meditemos el nacimiento de Jesús. En las tres semanas previas a la Navidad recibirán más detalles al respecto.

Les pido que oren por nosotros, llevar la parroquia en estos tiempos no es nada fácil, pero se que ustedes nos apoyan con sus oraciones.

Dios les bendiga.

Padre Alex



ESCUELA REINA DE LOS APÓSTOLES JORNADA DE PUERTAS ABIERTAS VIRTUAL

17 de Noviembre de 2020 a las 6 p.m.

¡Visite queenofapostlesschool.org para confirmar su asistencia!

Misas esta semana

Domingo 8 de noviembre:

8:00 am +John Barsh
10:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm (L) Gertrud Thureau
1:30 pm All Souls Novena

Lunes 9 de noviembre:

6:30 am +Giuse Nguyen Xuan Phung
9:00 am All Souls Novena

Martes 10 de noviembre:

6:30 am All Souls Novena
9:00 am +Mary Nguyen Thi Tuy

Miércoles 11 de noviembre:

Día de los Veteranos
9:00 am (L) Penny Deith

Jueves 12 de noviembre:

6:30 am +Mary Tuat Thi Nguyen
9:00 am All Souls Novena

Viernes 13 de noviembre:

6:30 am All Souls Novena
9:00 am +Carmen Solis

Sabado 14 de noviembre:

8:00 am All Souls Novena
5:00 pm +Julie Barreto
7:00 pm +Felicitas Mendez

Día de los Veteranos La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el miércoles 11 de noviembre, en observancia del Día de los Veteranos. Solo se celebrará una misa a las 9 am. Gracias a todos los que han servido.



¡Volvimos al horario normal de misas diarias!

Las misas entre semana se celebrarán a las 6:30 am y 9:00 am de lunes a viernes a partir del **martes 13 de octubre**. También regresaremos la misa de vigilia a las 5:00 pm el **sábado 17 de octubre**. Gracias por su paciencia durante estos tiempos muy inciertos. Les pedimos a todos los mayores de 10 años que usen una mascarilla mientras estén en la Iglesia y el vestíbulo para que podamos continuar regresando a nuestro horario anterior al COVID.



Sea parte de nuestra familia parroquial

¡Bienvenidos a Reina de los Apóstoles! Le invitamos cordialmente a unirse a nuestra familia parroquial, para que pueda recibir todas nuestras comunicaciones parroquiales, y para que nuestro clero y personal puedan responder adecuadamente a sus diversas necesidades sacramentales, le alentamos a inscribirse en Reina de los Apóstoles a través de la Oficina Parroquial o en nuestro sitio web queenofapostles.org

Formularios de inscripción parroquial están disponibles en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia y en la Oficina Parroquial. Por favor notifique a la Oficina Parroquial de cualquier cambio de estado familiar o si se ha mudado fuera de la parroquia llamando al (703) 354-8711 o general@queenofapostles.org

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¡Alrededor de 500 familias se han comprometido generosamente con nuestra Campaña Capital! Queda mucho por hacer para mantener las instalaciones de nuestra parroquia y usted podría ayudar a que estos proyectos se lleven a cabo. Por favor, considere en oración hacer un compromiso o una donación única si aún no lo ha hecho. Enviaremos información sobre estos proyectos y un formulario para hacer el compromiso si decide hacerlo. ¡Gracias por su generosidad!

Monaguillos La Diócesis nos ha dado permiso para comenzar a tener 2 o 3 monaguillos presentes en cada misa dominical. Se invita a nuevos monaguillos. Si su hijo está dispuesto a servir en la Santa Misa, comuníquese con Susan Gray a s.gray@queenofapostles.org o hable con el P. Rampino. El P. Rampino dirigirá una capacitación/actualización para servidores nuevos y experimentados el sábado 28 de noviembre de 1 a 3 pm en la Iglesia. Para los servidores que ya están sirviendo, por favor lleguen no menos de 15 minutos antes de la Misa, use zapatos de vestir, traiga una mascarilla, use la sacristía superior y espere al sacerdote.

Trabajo en el Santuario Esta semana comenzamos los trabajos de iluminación en el altar de nuestro santuario y la pintura del techo y las paredes. Les pedimos paciencia; habrá varios trabajadores y ruido en la iglesia durante este tiempo. Para completar las renovaciones más rápido, no habrá Adoración los miércoles de noviembre. Gracias por su comprensión.