



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

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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. 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.



Becoming Catholic - Adult Faith Formation/RCIA Classes have Begun!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults join or complete their initiation into the Roman Catholic Church.

Can you answer "Yes" to any of these questions?:

Are you unbaptized and recognized a desire and need for the Church in your life?

Are you baptized Catholic or in another Christian denomination but have not received formal catechesis? Are you missing the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation?

Do you attend Mass and want to take the next step in becoming Catholic?

Fr. Javier O'Connor leads RCIA classes in English on Mondays and Spanish on Wednesdays, 7:30-9 pm. Classes are held at Christendom College/Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA).

Please register by contacting the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or emailing s.gray@queenofapostles.org for more information. An inquiry form will be sent, or, stop by the parish office (4329 Sano Street) to complete the form.

We will need your birth and baptismal (if applicable) certificate/s. For couples married outside of the Church, our priests are willing to help you prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony, an important step to receiving the other Sacraments and living the Catholic faith. Please contact the parish office at (703) 354-8711 and set an appointment to meet with a priest.

Altar Server Training Fourth grade boys and older who are interested in serving the Lord in the Eucharist have another training this Sunday, **Oct. 1**, 1-1:45 pm inside the church. If servers missed previous trainings or want a refresher, please attend the additional training this Sunday.

Attention Parents of 3rd-8th Graders If your child attends QofA school or religious education and wants to play basketball for QofA CYO, please join us for a Parent Meeting on Monday, **Oct. 2**, at 7pm in the school gym. If you cannot attend the meeting or have any questions, please email Kim Battaglia at levineka@hotmail.com or Coach Jeff at jdelaconcepcion@verizon.net.

Religious Education

Oct. 8 Meeting - Sacraments of First Penance/First Holy Communion Fr. Juan will lead a First Penance/First Holy Communion meeting on **Oct. 8**. Religious Education parents with baptized children in grade 2 or above, who have not received the Sacraments of Penance/First Communion, and who have attended at least 2 consecutive years of RE, are to attend the meeting on **Oct. 8** at 9 am in the School.

Dec. 2 Retreat The **Dec. 2** retreat is for all students in 8th grade and high school Religious Education, and 8th graders enrolled at QofA School, Ghana Catholic Community, and those who are homeschooled and desire Confirmation. The retreat is 8:30 am-3:30 pm in Hannan Hall.

Homeschool families are asked to contact the parish office and let us know if your children will be receiving sacraments this school year. Please contact Susan at (703) 354-8711 ext. 16 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

Nazareth - for Students in Grades 4-8 - Begins Oct. 6

Students attending Queen of Apostles School, public school, and those who are homeschooled are invited to the first Nazareth meeting of the year, **Oct. 6**! Nazareth is a QofA youth ministry where students can grow in their faith and learn from our priests and sisters through discussion, prayer, and activities. This year's theme is Encounters with Christ. Meet Fr. Juan and high school/college students in Hannan Hall. Sign-in begins at 3:45 pm with activities beginning at 4 pm. Parents sign-out their child/ren at 5:30 pm. Nazareth meets on the first and third Fridays of the month: **Oct. 20, Nov. 3, 17, Dec. 1, 15**. Parent volunteers are needed to assist with activities and to provide snacks. Contact the parish office at (703) 354-8711, or email s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

Emmaus - for High School/College Students

All high school and young college students are invited to join Fr. Juan and their peers on Saturdays (except the 1st Sat. of the month), 8:30-10 pm at the Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street) for fellowship, activities, and prayer. Questions? Send a message to youth@queenofapostles.org or call the parish office at (703) 354-8711.



Pastor's Letter

Respect Life Sunday

In today's Gospel Jesus strongly warns Israel's chief priests and elders: "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did" (Mt 21:31-32). In doing so, Jesus tells them that they are like the son who when asked to go and work in the vineyard says "Yes, sir," but did not go (Mt 21:30).

As we were reminded last Sunday, Jesus wants all of us to work in his vineyard. No matter how late in the day, he hires us.

Last Wednesday began the "40 Days for Life" program, and today is Respect Life Sunday. This celebration is aimed to help Catholics understand, value, and become engaged with supporting the God-given dignity of every person, which naturally leads to protecting the gift of every person's life.

As a Pastor I have a deep hurt: there is an abortion facility within our parish boundaries. Every third Saturday, when some parishioners go to pray the Rosary near that facility, every Saturday when the Rosary is prayed after the 8:00 am Mass, this wound bleeds again.

And so, today, reading the Gospel, I ask myself, Am I the son going to work in the Lord's vineyard? Am I not rather the son saying "Yes, Sir" but did not go?

With Baptism we received the treasure of Faith and Grace. We have the Gospel to inspire us in our lives. We have Jesus to be the Light of the World to save us from walking in darkness. And my question is, Am I maybe burying these talents the Lord gave me? How do I work to bring this light to our world? How do I work to renew social life with the Joy of the Gospel?

I would like to bring Archbishop's Chaput's words inviting participation in the 2017 March for Life last January. They are always powerful and inspiring.

"When the Supreme Court's Roe V. Wade decision legalized permissive abortion 44 years ago this month, abortion supporters argued that abortion was a sad necessity. As such, it needed to be made safe, legal and rare. Now it's celebrated as a sacred right that demands veneration from the whole culture, including the millions of ordinary people who see this kind of officially blessed homicide as a gravely evil act... abortion is still with us. As thousands of Catholics and other prolife persons gather in Washington on January 27 and walk together in the annual March for Life, the time has never been better, nor the need more urgent, to pray for our country, to pray for the end of abortion, and to pray for a conversion in the hearts our leaders. Forty-four years after Roe, a reverence for the sanctity of human life still burns in the spirit of far too many people to ignore."



Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

*"The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live
has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary
to such an extent that there is no problem,
no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual,
in the personal life of each one of us,
of our families...that cannot be solved by the Rosary.
There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is,
that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."*

Sister Lucia dos Santos

Learn how to pray the Rosary. Visit:

[http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/rosaries/
how-to-pray-the-rosary.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/rosaries/how-to-pray-the-rosary.cfm)

This Week In Our Parish

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 1:

Toward a Missionary family

Vestibule	ACCA Food Collection
Hannan Hall	8:30 am-1:30 pm Sunday Social
School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Church	1:00-1:45 pm Altar Server Training
Parish Parking Lot	1:30 pm Blessing of Animals
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group
Adoration Chapel	6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

Monday, October 2:

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

Tuesday, October 3:

Parish Office	10:00-11:30 am Bible Study
Parish Office	6:00-7:30 pm Bible Study
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
Church	7:00-8:00 pm ACCA 50th Anniversary Ecumenical Service
Hannan Hall	8:00-10:00 ACCA Reception

Wednesday, October 4:

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

Thursday, October 5:

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

Friday, October 6:

Adoration Chapel	11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall	3:45-5:30 pm Nazareth
HannSchool	6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym

Saturday, October 7:

School	4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir
Hannan Hall	8:00-10:00 pm Familias de Betania



Children's Holy Half Hour Fr. Leopoldo has generously offered to come lead a Children's Holy Half-Hour every other Friday from 11:00-11:30 am in the Adoration Chapel! Please come with your little ones for prayer, incense and discussion of the faith in Jesus' Presence. Upcoming dates: **Oct. 13**, and **27**. For additional information, email Cara at cara.f.cook@gmail.com.

ACCA Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA), will celebrate their 50th Anniversary at Queen of Apostles Church on Tuesday, **Oct. 3**. The program will begin with a service at 7 pm, with a reception to follow in Hannan Hall. All are invited to attend and help recognize the accomplishments and services provided by this organization founded by Fred and Emily Ruffing from Queen of Apostles.



Vocations

"He humbled Himself and became obedient...." If the Lord invites you to follow Him in humble obedience as a priest or in the consecrated life, how will you respond? Contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time For the graces of clarity and active response in the discernment of our Heavenly Father's will for all those considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Oct. 8** and **15** bulletins is Monday, **Oct. 2** by 9 am. Please email bulletin announcements to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org. Please note early **Oct. 15** bulletin deadline due to the Columbus Day holiday.

40 Days for Life

Catholics throughout our Diocese are invited to take part in the 40 Days for Life Campaign this Fall (**Sep. 27-Nov. 5**) to end abortion in our country. For a list of events and to sign up to pray, visit www.40DaysForLife.com.

Bishop Burbidge will pray the Rosary at the abortion center on 2839 Duke St. at 7:30 am on Wednesday, **Oct. 18**.

Holy Guardian Angels, pray for us.

**Respect
Life
Sunday**

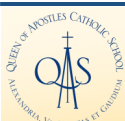


October 1 - Respect Life Sunday Life Chain

On Sunday, **Oct. 1**, the 22nd Alexandria Life Chain will be conducted as a public witness to the sanctity of human life, joining 900 life chains across the United States and Canada. Approximately 400 Christians from 10 area churches participated in the 2016 Alexandria Life Chain, joining a million other Americans in this act of Christian witness and charity.

Please join us at 2:00 pm at the corner of Broad Street (Route 7) and Spring Street, by St. James Catholic School. Parking is available in the school lot or along Spring Street. Positive pro-life signs will be available at this corner. We will then pray along both sides of Broad Street, spreading out to maximize visibility, until 3:30 pm. Bring your whole family! You are welcome to bring water, lawn chairs, umbrellas, and strollers.

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**.



Queen of Apostles Catholic School

Please join us every Friday at 9 am
for the School Mass.

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20
Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43



Thank You This Sunday's Second Collection will be for the victims of Hurricane Irma. Thank you for your generosity.



Save the Date! Diocesan Pilgrimage

Bishop Michael Burbidge invites you to this year's Diocese of Arlington Pilgrimage on Saturday, **Oct. 14**, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. For more information please visit the Diocese's website, arlingtondiocese.org/diocesanpilgrimage. Queen of Apostles will be offering bus transportation to this pilgrimage for QofA parishioners. To reserve a bus seat, please call the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or email general@queenofapostles.org. Reservations will be first come, first serve.

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, pray for us.

25th International Week of Prayer and Fasting

The 25th International Week of Prayer and Fasting coalition in collaboration with the Marians Fathers, Legion of Mary and Priests for Life, are asking for individuals, families, prayer groups and parishes to unite for nine days (**Oct. 1 –9**) of prayer and fasting for the following goals: Conversion of all Peoples and Nations, to Build a Culture of Life, to Defend the Sanctity of Marriage and Family Life, to Pray for Peace and to Implore God's Mercy. Everyone is encouraged to attend holy hours, pray the Rosary, attend weekday Masses and offer some kind of sacrifice or penance during these nine days.

For the final day, on Monday, **Oct. 9**, please join us at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. from 9 am–4:30 pm for the International Day of Prayer. Registration is free. For more information, and to register online, visit www.iwopf.org, or call (888) 478-PRAY (7729).

Women's Group The Queen of Apostles Women's Group will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday, **Oct. 11** at 10:00 am in Hannan Hall. All parish women are cordially invited to enjoy the Faith and Fellowship, Service, and Joy, that are the basis of the Women's Group. At 10:30 am, we will be showing the documentary "Finding Fatima". All parishioners are invited.

Statement on Volunteer Arrest Please visit www.queenofapostles.org for a statement and more information on the Sep. 17 arrest of a volunteer at the parish. We are deeply saddened by this situation and pray for all those involved. In this moment, we reach out with special gratitude to the members of our volunteer counting ministry who diligently count each week's collections, and who do so with careful adherence to strong financial controls. May Our Blessed Mother continue to protect and guide us.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses this Week

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 1:

7:30 am +Miguel Antonio Alvarez
9:00 am +Joseph Michael Sheehan
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Veronica Breznak

The Holy Guardian Angels - Monday, October 2:

6:30 am (L) Mercedes Henning
9:00 am (L) Michael Bartholme

Tuesday, October 3:

6:30 am +Rev. Msgr. John Hannan and
all deceased QofA Pastors
9:00 am +Marina and Lily de Souza

St. Francis of Assisi - Wednesday, October 4:

6:30 am +Marcel Dupuy
9:00 am (L) Joseph Frankino

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos - Thursday, October 5:

6:30 am (L) Etelvina León-Duarte
9:00 am +Dolores Perez

Saint Bruno - Friday, October 6:

6:30 am +Carmen Solis
9:00 am +Grace Okemo

Our Lady of the Rosary - Saturday, October 7:

8:00 am +Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Thach
5:00 pm +Joseph Thach
7:00 pm (L) DCJM Priests

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 8:

7:30 am (L) Joyce Du Kuette
9:00 am +Fallcomata Family
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Pilar Garcia

Blessing of Animals this Sunday, Oct. 1 In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, there will be a blessing of animals this Sunday, **Oct. 1** at 1:30 pm. Please bring your pet bunnies, birds, cats, dogs, etc., for a special blessing!



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Daniel O'Donohue, Jeanie Miller, Rosa María Santos, Debbie DuBrul, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks Ruth Foreman and Baby, Charles Ferris, John Harchick, Jr., Dominic Blansett, Daisy Atiyeh, Dick Owens, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Etelvina León-Duarte, J. Saunders, Catherine Hanniff, Kristi Burns, 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