



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
Mrs. Jodi Reagan, Principal
Mrs. 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.



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.

QofA CYO Basketball Parents wanting to register their 3rd through 8th Grade students for QofA CYO Basketball may pick up the necessary forms at the rectory or school office. Completed forms and \$75 check made payable to Queen of Apostles must be returned by **Oct. 20**. If you have any questions, please email Kim Battaglia at levineka@hotmail.com or Coach Jeff at jdelaconcepcion@verizon.net.

Parish Office Furniture Needed The parish office is in need of conference table chairs. The current set is worn and several are beyond repair. If you know of a business office or furniture supplier that has excess or discounted inventory, please call the parish office at (703) 354-8711, ext. 11 or email d.cook@queenofapostles.org to confirm interest. (Please do not drop off items unannounced.)

Religious Education Fr. Juan will lead a Baptism/Sacraments of Initiation meeting on **Oct. 22** at 9 am with Religious Education parents of unbaptized children over the age of 7 years old who have attended at least two consecutive years of Religious Education. The meeting will be held in the School's Multipurpose Room/Library.

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.

As a reminder, the Sacrament of Confirmation registration form and fee are due to the parish office by **Nov. 5**.

Nazareth - for Students in Grades 5-8 Students attending Queen of Apostles School, public school, and those who are homeschooled are invited to participate in this 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 leaders 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, Open Gym 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 Christendom College/Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street) for fellowship, activities, faith discussion, and prayer. On the first Friday of the month, join Mr. Kasenge for Open Gym, 6-8 pm in the School Gym. Questions? Please contact s.gray@queenofapostles.org or call (703) 354-8711.

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

Second Collection Next Sunday's Second Collection will be for the World Missions. Thank you for your generosity.



Pastor's Letter

The Fatima Centenary

This past Friday, October 13th, was the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's last apparition and the well-known miracle of the Sun. A hundred years later, we still marvel at how powerfully Fatima has transformed the story of the 20th century. My question today is, how has it transformed my life?

To answer this question we first need to revisit Fatima's message. Mary revealed her Immaculate Heart and called for conversion, prayer and penance. She asked to pray for sinners, so they might not go to hell which she showed to the three shepherds.

In our religious language hell has become a bad word, one that should be avoided. However, "The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of hell and its eternity" (Catechism 1035). "The affirmations of Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Church on the subject of hell are a call to the responsibility incumbent upon man to make use of his freedom in view of his eternal destiny. They are at the same time an urgent call to conversion" (Catechism 1036).

Mary calls the children to share her maternal concern for those who live in a state of sin so that they might convert and be saved. The Blessed Mother told them that many sinners go to hell because no one prays for them. Jacinta, Francisco and Lucía devoted themselves to save them. The means are prayer –especially the Holy Rosary–, penance, sacrifice and a holy life. And sure enough, they grew holy and now we venerate saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto, and Lucia's canonization is on its way.

Am I letting Mary's words to also transform my life through prayer, sacrifice and penance? Do I want to join the young shepherds on their path to holiness? Let's celebrate Fatima's centenary with a purpose!

There is also a remarkable event related to Fatima. On May 13th, 1981 Pope John Paul II was shot. He himself said that Mary's hand deflected the bullet, saving his life. That very same day, before being shot, St. John Paul II had instituted the Pontifical Council for the Family and the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family. Literally, he founded these institutions with his own blood. The "pope of Fatima" is at the same time "the pope of the family."

And rightly so. Our Lady of Fatima talked about the world wars. Today there is a silent but devastating war against human life, from conception to natural death. The culture of death promoters are now invested in euthanasia. And the family being the sanctuary of life, family founded on the indissoluble bond of man and woman is also under attack.

It's up to us to stand with the saints who preceded us and let God's grace transform us, as it transformed them. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us! St. John Paul II, pray for us! Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto, pray for us!

Priesthood Sunday Spiritual Bouquet Priesthood Sunday is on **Oct. 29**. Parishioners are invited to contribute to a Spiritual Bouquet for our DCJM Priests and for former pastors of the parish celebrating their 25th ordination anniversaries. A display will be in the vestibule over the next two weeks for parishioners to offer their gifts of prayer.

FORMED is an online library of Catholic study programs, Bible studies, eBooks and movies providing Catholics the opportunity to learn the Faith and grow in their knowledge and love of Christ. Go to FORMED.org and enter our parish code: Z37RTW for unlimited access to all programs.

Diocesan High School Open Houses

Bishop O'Connell High School invites prospective students and families to their Open House this Sunday, **Oct. 15**, at 1 pm.

Paul VI High School invites prospective students and families to their Open House on Sunday, **Oct. 29**, at 1 pm.

Saint John Paul the Great High School invites prospective students and families to their Open House on Sunday, **Nov. 5**, at 1 pm.

Bishop Ireton High School invites prospective students and families to their Open House on Sunday, **Nov. 5**, at 1 pm.

This Week In Our Parish

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 15:

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, October 16:

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 17:

Hannan Hall	10:00-11:30 am Bible Study
Hannan Hall	6:00-7:30 pm Bible Study
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 18:

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

Thursday, October 19:

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

Friday, October 20:

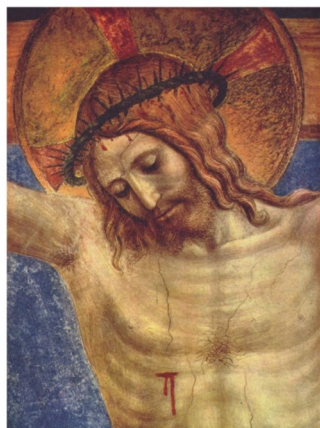
Adoration Chapel	11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall	3:30-5:30 pm Nazareth
Hannan Hall	6:00-9:00 pm Couples for Christ

Saturday, October 21:

Parish Vestibule	KofC Membership Drive
Hannan Hall	1:00-5:00 pm Couples for Christ
School	4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir

"The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin...If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors." - Pope Pius XI

25 YEARS A PRIEST



*"As the Father loves me,
so I also love you." John 15:9*

JOIN US OCTOBER 24TH to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Fr. Leopoldo's priestly ordination.

There will be a 6:30 PM Mass concelebrated by Fr. Paul Scalia, Episcopal Vicar for Clergy for the Diocese of Arlington, and Fr. Javier Nieva, DCJM, former Queen of Apostles parochial vicar, among other concelebrants and guests.

Following Mass, there will be a reception in St. Joseph's Hall (School Gymnasium).



Vocations

"Many are called, but few are chosen." Consider following Christ more closely as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life. Contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time That from the many called to holiness in Christ, those chosen to follow Him more closely in the priesthood and consecrated life will respond with humble readiness, we pray to the Lord.

Come pray with Bishop Burbidge for Vocations

Join Bishop Burbidge for a Holy Hour for Vocations at a parish near you. Each Holy Hour will start at 7:30 pm, followed by a light reception. **Oct. 20** is at St. John the Beloved in McLean; **Nov. 3** is at St. John the Baptist in Front Royal. No RSVP needed. For more information visit www.ArlingtonVocations.org, or call (703) 841-2514.

Pray the Rosary to End Abortion Please join us every third Saturday after the 8 am Mass to pray the Rosary in front of the abortion clinic at 101 S. Whiting Street. We pray for all unborn children in danger of being aborted and for all parents contemplating abortion, that they may say yes to the gift and sanctity of life.

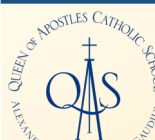
40 Days for Life

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**.



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 date: **Oct. 27**. Email Cara at cara.f.cook@gmail.com for additional information.



Queen of Apostles Catholic School

Queen of Apostles Catholic School is looking for someone to help work as a classroom aid/substitute as well as help with the extended day program. Anyone interested, please contact the school at info@queenofapostlesschool.org or (703) 354-0714.

Any Queen of Apostles parishioners who would be interested in receiving the school newsletter, the "Eagle Flyer", can send their email information to info@queenofapostlesschool.org.

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6 Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10
1 Thes 1:1-5B Mt 22:15-21



Invitation to Culmore Clinic Open House and Pancake Fundraiser

The Culmore Clinic, founded in 2007 by two St. Anthony of Padua parishioners, is an interfaith, non-profit clinic which provides medical care to uninsured adults in Bailey's Crossroads. Please join us for an Open House to celebrate our 10th Anniversary on Thursday, **Oct. 19** at Columbia Baptist Church (3245 Glen Carlyn Road, Falls Church). This is a wonderful opportunity to see how a church is transformed into a fully functioning health clinic twice a week. Breakfast and tours from 7:30-9 am; remarks and interfaith gathering at 8 am. Please RSVP to: www.culmoreclinic.org/rsvp.

Join us at The Original Pancake House (7395 Lee Highway, Falls Church) on Thursday, **Oct. 26** from 7 am-3 pm. 15% of proceeds will go to the Culmore Clinic.

Knights of Columbus, Council 4522 Membership Drive on Oct. 21/22

Are you a Catholic man who wants to better serve Queen of Apostles Parish? Would you like the assistance of a 1.9 million worldwide brotherhood to help you become a more devout Catholic? Would you like to become closer to our Savior Jesus Christ? Would you like to be counted among those loving God and intending to outwardly show support for his word throughout our local community? Then the Knights of Columbus is calling you, the Lord is calling you to this group to be the best Catholic man you can be. Please visit our membership table in the vestibule before or after Mass. You may also contact our Membership Director, Patrick Okoronkwo at pokor22@gmail.com, (734) 431-1275 or Grand Knight Roger Williams at sbrog11@yahoo.com, (703) 629-3239.

Keep Christ in Christmas Share the good news of the birth of Jesus Christ with your family and friends with reasonably priced, Knights of Columbus, religious Christmas cards. Cards will be available for purchase after all Masses in the vestibule during the following weekends: **Oct. 21/22, Nov. 4/5 and 18/19, and Dec. 2/3**. Please support our parish's Knights of Columbus Council 4522 and share the beautiful birth of Jesus Christ with those closest to your heart with these stunning, religious Christmas cards. Please contact Grand Knight Roger Williams at sbrog11@yahoo.com or (703) 629-3239 with questions.

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, pray for us.

Mass for Homeschool Families on November 3

Homeschool families are invited to celebrate Mass with Bishop Burbidge and the Office of Catholic Schools on Friday, **Nov. 3**, at 10 am at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Gainesville, VA. Bring a picnic lunch to continue the celebration after Mass. A light reception of beverages and desserts will be provided. Registration requested by Friday, **Oct. 20** to catholic.schools@arlingtondicoese.org.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 15:

7:30 am +Esther Stanley
9:00 am +Catherine O'Brien
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon (L) Brother Brian Vaccaro

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque - Monday, October 16:

6:30 am +Marcel Dupuy
9:00 am +Lorna May Infante

St. Ignatius of Antioch - Tuesday, October 17:

6:30 am +Inocencio Monillas
9:00 am +Marcel Dupuy

St. Luke - Wednesday, October 18:

6:30 am +Marguerite Mooney
9:00 am +Frank Constantino

Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues

Thursday, October 19:

6:30 am +Pablo Mendez
9:00 am +Purificación B. Realica

St. Paul of the Cross - Friday, October 20:

6:30 am (L) Sister Maria of Abba
9:00 am (L) Camille Alger

Saturday, October 21:

8:00 am +Frank Constantino
5:00 pm (L) Saeed Edalit and Cinia Hernandez
7:00 pm +Antonia Gonzalez and Rosa Maria Segura

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 22:

7:30 am +Jocelyn Walter
9:00 am +Esther Stanley
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Lucia and José Antonio Venero

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Oct. 22** bulletin is Monday, **Oct 16** by 9 am. Please email bulletin announcements to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.



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 and Patricia 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