



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

Saturday: 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12 noon,
2 pm (Ghanaian Catholic Community)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 6:30 am, 9:00 am
(no 6:30 am Mass on Federal Holidays)
Saturday: 8:00 am

HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE

Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: after the 6:30 am Mass
Wednesday: 6:30 pm until last penitent
Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm
Saturday: 4-5:00 pm or until last penitent, and
6-7:00 pm or until last penitent
Sunday: 10 am until last penitent

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday at 7 am through Saturday at 7:45 am,
in the Adoration Chapel

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.

For All Students in Grades 4-8 - Join Nazareth

All students in grades 4-8 are invited to join Fr. Juan and Nazareth leaders on Friday, **Oct. 7**, 3:45-5:30 pm in Hannan Hall, then onto the School Gym. Have fun, meet parish youth and learn about the Catholic faith. Nazareth is held on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month: **Oct. 7, 21; Nov. 4, 18; Dec. 2, 16**. We are looking for 3-4 parents to help with providing snacks. Please contact Susan at (703) 354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

Bible Study for High School Students

There will be a High School Bible Study on Thursday nights this fall starting on **Oct. 6**, 6-7:30 pm. The fall Bible Study will focus on the Acts of the Apostles. Learn about the heroic moments, powerful testimonies and daring adventures of the Church's first Christians. Please contact Susan Gray at s.gray@queenofapostles.org if you are interested. There may be a fee for some of the materials.



Altar Server Pilgrimage, Oct. 8 Altar servers and dad chaperones are invited to a pilgrimage on Saturday, **Oct. 8** to the Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine and Grotto in Emmitsburg, MD (Mount St. Mary). We will leave QofA at 9 am and return by 4 pm. Field trip permission forms will be sent to families that have responded.

Join Emmaus - Activities for High School/College Students

Emmaus provides a place of growth in Catholic life through spiritual and human formation, sharing and friendship. A variety of activities, including open gym on the first Friday of the month in the School Gym, and adoration and apostolic projects on other Fridays at Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street), for high-school aged/young college students will be held on Fridays, 6-8 pm throughout the school year. Mark your calendars for **Oct. 7, 14, 21; Nov. 4, 11, 18; Dec. 2, 9, 16**. Please note that Emmaus does not meet on the last Friday of the month. For more information, contact Susan Gray at (703)354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

Religious Education Thank you parents of Religious Education students for working with our priests, staff, catechists and volunteers on arrival/departure and other procedures. You are reminded to arrive by 8:45 am at QofA School on Sundays. Classes begin promptly at 9 am and end at 10:15 am. Students arriving after 9:10 am will not be admitted to class and an absence will be recorded. A parent is to sign in and sign out their child/ren. A parent must meet their child/ren at the school; students will not be released until a parent signs out (in St. Joseph Hall) and meets their child/ren. Parents and RE students are to attend Mass before or after RE class. Queen of Apostles has Mass before RE at 7:30 am or after RE at 10:30 am.

The updated RE General Information Packet is posted to the QofA website, <https://queenofapostles.org/religious-education/>. Homeschooling families who have children of sacramental age, please contact the parish office.

Thank you to the school and RE families that attended the Confirmation meeting with Fr. Juan on **Sep. 26**. The student packet for Confirmation 2017 is posted to the QofA website, <https://queenofapostles.org/religious-education/>. Mark your calendars for the **Dec. 3** retreat. Please note that paperwork deadlines for school students may vary.

October 9 First Penance/First Holy Communion Meeting with Fr. Juan

Fr. Juan will lead a First Penance/First Holy Communion meeting in the School's Multipurpose Room on Sunday, **Oct. 9** at 9 am.

Parents who have 1) baptized child/ren in grade two and above; 2) child/ren has not made First Penance/First Holy Communion and has the desire to receive these sacraments; and 3) attended no less than two consecutive years of Religious Education, are to attend this meeting.

October 23 Sacraments of Initiation Meeting with Fr. Juan

Fr. Juan will lead a meeting with parents who have unbaptized children that are over age 7 and have attended no less than two consecutive years of Religious Education. The meeting will be held on Sunday, **Oct. 23** at 9 am in the School's Multipurpose Room. Fr. Juan will discuss the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion, and how sacraments communicate God's divine life. A godparent/sponsor may also attend this meeting.



Pastor's Letter

Marriage and Sexuality

Part 3 - Witness to the Truth

Bishop Paul S. Loverde

For Following is the third in a six-part series by Arlington Bishop Paul S. Loverde on forming our consciences as Catholics prior to the November presidential election.

It both baffles and saddens me to think that what used to be taken for granted as obviously and unquestionably true is now not only questioned, but sometimes even ridiculed as either "old fashioned," or worse, even bigoted.

In particular, I am thinking of one of the most fundamental truths of God's creation: that He made our first parents male and female, and that for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and cling to his wife and the two shall become as one flesh (Mt. 19:5).

As Catholics we believe that marriage can only be between one man and one woman.

This truth is revealed by God in the Scriptures and the Tradition of the Church, and moreover, it is also a part of the natural law, capable of being known by human reason apart from explicit religious faith.

In forming our consciences as we prepare to participate in the upcoming elections, it is necessary for us to consider candidates' positions on issues that pertain to marriage and human sexuality.

Our Church consistently and unequivocally affirms the dignity and value of every human person, because we are all created in the image and likeness of God.

Our affirmation of the dignity of every human life of course includes those who experience same-sex attraction, and leads us to condemn all forms of unjust discrimination and every manner of violence.

This same affirmation leads us to insist that any laws, court decisions and government regulations that affirm a "right" to same-sex "marriage" are unjust, because they both ignore the truth and are contrary to the natural law.

Pope Francis recently affirmed what is not only the Church's consistent teaching, but also the truth that may be known by reason alone, namely, that "Creation is prior to us and must be received as a gift. ... We are called to protect our humanity, and this means ... accepting it and respecting it as it was created" (*Amoris Laetitia*, no. 56).

In evaluating the candidates who seek our votes, and the platforms of the parties which they represent, it is necessary that we consider their positions on the nature of marriage and the truth of human sexuality.

Candidates' positions on questions such as these reveal their willingness to acknowledge and embrace the truth. And the truth that we speak of is more fundamental than any policy position, party platform, or particular religious teachings ... it is rooted in human nature.

I will always insist that it is never "old fashioned," and most certainly never "bigoted," to be a witness to the truth with regard to marriage, human sexuality, and all of the important issues that confront our society.

In a society such as ours that places such great value on liberty, may we always remember the words of our Lord Who reminds us that it is the truth that sets us free! (Jn. 8:31-32)

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View "Opening the Word" a 6 minute video on the readings for this Sunday:

formed.org/course/lesson/562538a294e8bb5c0a980769

Grow in knowledge of Our Blessed Mother and the Saints as a family. Watch the movie: *Clare and Francis* for the Feast of St. Francis (**Oct. 4**), or listen to the audio: *Praying the Rosary Like Never Before* for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (**Oct. 7**), available through FORMED.

This Week in Our Parish

Twenty-seventh Sunday in ordinary Time - October 2:

Vestibule	ACCA Food Collection
Vestibule	KofC Christmas Card Sale
Hannan Hall	8:30 am-1:30 pm Sunday Social/ Craft Sale
School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

Monday, October 3:

Parish Office	7:00-8:20 pm Liturgy Coordinator Mtg.
Cupertino Room	7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in English

Saint Francis of Assisi - Tuesday, October 4:

Hannan Hall	10:00-11:30 am Bible Study
Parish Office	6:00-7:15 pm Bible Study
Hannan Hall	7:30-9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

Wednesday, October 5:

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

Saint Bruno - Thursday, October 6:

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

Our Lady of the Rosary - Friday, October 7:

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 Nazareth Group
Notre Dame Graduate School	6:00-8:00 pm Emmaus
School	6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym
Hannan Hall	6:00-9:00 pm Homeschoolers Group

Saturday, October 8:

Vestibule	KofC Membership Drive & Christmas Card Sale
Parish Office	8:00 am-2:00 pm Appalachian Mission Pick-up
Hannan Hall	10:30 am-12:30 pm GCC Council Mtg.
Parish Office	1:00-3:30 pm Stephen Ministry
School	4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
Cupertino Room	4:30-6:45 pm Marriage Prep Classes in Spanish
School	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 9:

Vestibule	KofC Membership Drive & Christmas Card Sale
School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
School	9:00-10:00 am 1st Communion & 1st Penance Meeting
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group
Adoration Chapel	6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

Fr. Beiting Appalachian Mission Center Pick-Up

Saturday, Oct. 8 A truck from the mission center will be parked in the rectory parking lot starting at 9 am on Saturday, **Oct. 8** to receive donations of furniture, appliances, bedding, dishes, and household items. Children's clothing only please. Canned goods and monetary donations are also welcome. Call Cathy (703) 354-0710 or Karen (703) 671-0089 for pick-ups.



Vocations

"God did not give us a spirit of coward-

ice." Will you let the Holy Spirit lead you beyond your fearful hesitation to follow Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time That by the power of the Holy Spirit, every Catholic called to the priesthood and consecrated life will guard the treasure of their unique vocation in Christ and fan into flame their love for Him, we pray to the Lord.

Support Vocations Sponsor a runner in the Race for Seminarians! Our team of priests, seminarians and lay people is preparing for the Marine Corps Marathon and 10K as a way to support vocations. If you already have a spot in one of these races, we invite you to join our team. For more information, visit ArlingtonVocations.org or call (703) 841-2514.

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**.

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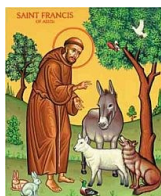
Temporary Exhibition on Saint Thomas More

In a new landmark exhibition, God's Servant First: The Life and Legacy of Thomas More, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. presents the life, martyrdom, and legacy of the 16th century English philosopher-statesman whom Pope John Paul II named the heavenly Patron of Statesmen and Politicians. The exhibition also explores the connection between Thomas More, the Carroll Family of Maryland, and the foundations of religious liberty in America. The Saint John Paul II Shrine is located at 3900 Harewood Road, NE, Washington, D.C. Additional information can be found at www.jp2shrine.org.

Last call for the Adult Bible Study Fall Semester-classes begin Tuesday, Oct. 4!

Registration is still open for the two eight-week series offered on Tuesdays from **Oct. 4-Nov. 29**. Track One meets in Hannan Hall 10-11:30 am, to explore a new study, *"Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John,"* featuring Dr. Edward Sri. Track Two meets in the Parish Office Conference Room 6-7:15 pm for the foundational study, *"A Quick Journey through the Bible,"* featuring Jeff Cavins.

The fee of \$25 covers study materials and program costs for either track. Register at the Parish Office or online at: www.QofAbiblestudy.com. Registrations also may be accepted on the first day of class on a space-available basis. Registrations received after the **Sep. 19** early cutoff date will not receive student materials until after the first class.



Blessing of the Animals this Sunday, October 2 Join us outside of the church with your pet for the "Blessing of the Animals" this Sunday, **Oct. 2** after the 12 noon Mass. This special blessing is in celebration of St. Francis of Assisi's feast day.

Invitation to Children's Holy Hour Anxious to come to adoration but afraid your little one(s) will be too disruptive? Come visit the Children's Holy Hour! Every Friday from 11 am-12 noon families gather in the adoration chapel to spend time with Our Lord (without fear of being too noisy!). Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet said aloud. This is a beautiful way to introduce little ones to Christ in the Eucharist! Feel free to bring children's prayer books, religious coloring pages, or just yourselves for part of the hour. Hope to see you there! For more information, email Cara at cara.f.cook@gmail.com.



Marian Pilgrimage to the National Shrine

Join us on Saturday, **Oct. 29** for a parish pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. The pilgrimage will include the opportunity to pass through the Holy Doors of Mercy, for which one may obtain a plenary indulgence during this Jubilee of Mercy, which ends on **Nov. 20, 2016**. We will pray the Rosary in the Crypt at 11:45 am and celebrate Holy Mass at 12:10 pm. Charter bus seats are available free of charge for first-comers who contact the parish office. The bus will leave from Queen of Apostles at 9:30 am and depart from the Shrine at 1 pm.



Save The Date Celebrate 50 years of Eagle Excellence on Saturday, **Nov. 12**, with our school's 50th Anniversary Mass at 5 pm followed by a School Dedication. A Reunion Reception will be held at Clyde's at Mark Center immediately after. Join us for hors d'oeuvres and refreshments at Clyde's beginning at 6:30 pm. Tickets for the Reunion Reception are \$30. Cash bar. For more information and to RSVP, please email 50@queenofapostlesschool.org.

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Catholic Charities Loves Volunteers Do you want to answer God's call to serve? Please visit www.cdda.net/volunteer.php to find more than 100 different volunteer opportunities available. Catholic Charities relies on its volunteers to reach those in need throughout the Diocese. Come and share your talents and skills with us. To learn more, please contact the Director of Volunteers, Sally O'Dwyer at sodwyer@cdda.net or (703) 841-3838.

Nourishing Our Souls with Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14-17 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
2 Tm 2:8-13 Lk 17:11-19



Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

Monday, October 3:

6:30 am +Sharon Van Meter
9:00 am +Mary and James Lyons

Saint Francis of Assisi - Tuesday, October 4:

6:30 am +George Fath
9:00 am (L) Charles Kasenge

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

Wednesday, October 5:

6:30 am +Elizabeth Fisher
9:00 am +Dolores Perez

Saint Bruno - Thursday, October 6:

6:30 am +Roland B. Gomez
9:00 am +Virginia Covas

Our Lady of the Rosary - Friday, October 7:

6:30 am (L) Fr. Juan Espino
9:00 am +Joseph and Annelle Thatch, Sr.

Saturday, October 8:

8:00 am (L) Betty Jane Davis
5:00 pm +Ed Felauer
7:00 pm +Joshua Chedid

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 9:

7:30 am +Barbara Ku'uipo Graham
9:00 am +Falcamata Family
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Pilar Garcia

Catholic Charities Counseling Queen of Apostles has partnered with Catholic Charities to have a counselor come to the parish to provide counseling services. Carly Rouston, our new Catholic Charities counselor, has a Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of St Mary's in San Antonio. She works with children, adults, and couples – providing therapy in both English and Spanish. Carly will be available for appointments at the parish office on Thursdays between 2 pm and 8 pm. Catholic Charities is able to offer sessions on a sliding scale fee, in order to provide services to all those seeking assistance. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please call our intake coordinator Hannah Navarro at (703) 224-1630.



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Ronald Redman, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Stephen Aldrich, Jessica Acot, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Etelvina and Patricia León-Duarte, J. Saunders, Catherine Hanniff, Kristin Burns, Francis Walter, Eduardo Vega, Deborah DuBrul, Kathleen Donohoe, Clarissa Trono De Guzman, Lyda Tanco, Mark Bush, Joseph Covas, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Teresa Sabina Piecyk, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Spracht, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Teresa Subalusky, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith