



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

“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

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
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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, 2:00 pm (Ghana Community)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 6:30 am and 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: 7:00-7:30 am
Wednesday: 6:30 pm until last penitent
Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm during Holy Hour
Saturday: 4:00-5:00 pm and 6:00-7:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30-9:00 am and 10:00-10:30 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
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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.

Catholic Adult but Not Confirmed? Interested in Becoming Catholic? Join RCIA

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

RCIA is for three groups of adults:

1. Those who are not baptized.
2. Those who were baptized into another Christian denomination and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.
3. Baptized Catholics who were not fully formed in the Catholic faith and have not completed their initiation: those who have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

RCIA classes are held through **Jun. 2019**. Fr. Javier O'Connor leads RCIA classes in English on Mondays and in Spanish on Wednesdays, Classes are held at Christendom College Graduate School (4407 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA). Books are provided. Please register by contacting the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or by emailing s.gray@queenofapostles.org. An inquiry form can be sent or, you may stop by the parish office (4329 Sano Street) to complete the form. Please bring birth and baptismal certificates.

For couples not married in 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 and set an appointment to meet with a priest.

Altar Server Training

Boys in grade 4 and higher (who have received First Holy Communion) are invited to become an altar server and attend trainings on all Sundays in October: **Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28**. Mr. Kirby will conduct training from 1-1:45 pm. New servers and those who would like a refresher are asked to meet Mr. Kirby at the front of the church near the ambo. Generally, altar boys serve every other weekend. Interested? Please contact Susan Gray at s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

Thank you for serving our Lord in the Eucharist. A Blessing of Altar Servers will take place during Masses on **Nov. 3-4**.

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Oct. 14** bulletin was Monday, **Oct. 1** due to the Columbus Day holiday.

Religious Education

Religious Education classes begin promptly at 9 am. Please arrive no later than 8:45 am. A parent is to sign-in and sign-out their student each week. Students are to bring their textbook, paper and pen/pencil and completed homework to class. Thank you for choosing the Religious Education Program at Queen of Apostles.

On Saturday, **Dec. 1** from 8:30 am-3:30 pm, QofA School, Ghana Catholic Community, and homeschooled students in grade 8 and all RE students in grade 8 and high school are to attend the retreat. Please meet in Hannan Hall.

On Sunday, **Oct. 14**, the priest will lead a First Penance/First Holy Communion meeting. Religious Education parents of baptized students in grade 2 and higher who have attended 2+ years are to attend this meeting: 9-9:30 am in English; 9:30-10 am in Spanish. Please meet the priest in the School Library/All Saints Hall.

Sacrament of Confirmation packets were distributed to RE, Ghanaian, and homeschool families during the **Sep. 24** meeting. If you need another packet, visit: <https://queenofapostles.org/religious-education/>

Families with unbaptized children under the age of 7 years should contact the parish office to make arrangements for baptism as soon as possible. Unbaptized children over the age of 7 years are to attend Religious Education classes.

Emmaus

High school and young college students are invited to join Emmaus on Saturday evenings, 8:15-10 pm at Christendom Graduate School (CGS) located at 4407 Sano Street for fellowship, activities, faith discussions, and prayer. For information call (703) 220-0562 or email s.calvino@queenofapostles.org.

Nazareth

Girls and boys in grades 4-8 are invited to attend the bi-weekly Monday meetings in Hannan Hall. Doors open at 3:45 pm with activities beginning at 4 pm. Parent sign-out is at 5:30 pm. Students from QofA School, public school, and homeschoolers are welcome to join Nazareth to grow in the Catholic faith, learn about the sacramental life of the church, and make friends.

Thank You

for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend's collection will go toward the **Parish Needs**. Next weekend's collection will go toward **ACCA** and the **Missionaries of Charity**.

Pastor's Letter

Our Parish Project for Respect Life Month

For U.S. Catholics, October is Respect Life Month. Our bishops invite us to renew our effort to advance the respect and promotion of every human life, from conception to natural death. Now, as the midterm elections approach, it is a very sensitive time to make our representatives know how many Americans stand for human life and reject abortion. Let's ask the candidates to promote and defend human life.

October is also the month of the Rosary, which is the Marian prayer and devotion *par excellence*. We pray to Mary, the Mother of God, that Christ's transforming love would shine in our culture gripped by oppression and death. And I would like to make it a project for our Parish Family.

As you know, we have an abortion facility in our Parish boundaries. It's not the first time I let you know that this hurts. I am sure you know many miracles obtained through the prayer of the Rosary. We need to have that facility shut down. And we have the means: the Rosary. I ask the Parish families to pray daily the Rosary for this intention.

I am confident that Mary Queen of Apostles wants us to make this effort to grant us this petition. Please, write down this petition and put it on your prayer corner. Or have a candle lit (can be electric) there for this intention. As more and more Parish households pray the rosary daily, our Lady will begin to give us some signs. And when the number will be what she is asking us, we will see the fruit of our prayers. Don't let your inertia make you fail or give up. We need courage and perseverance to make it happen.

That said, I would like to make a remark about today's readings. They remind us of God's plan: "from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female... Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate" (Mk 10:6-9). Jesus makes it clear: "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery" (Mk 10:11-12). Today divorce is presented as a human rights advancement, and adultery would not exist. That's not what Jesus says in the Gospel.

Therefore, those in adultery, cannot receive the sacraments. Even more, they are invited to a journey of prayer and conversion to leave their situation to be in communion with God's plan and therefore ready to receive the sacraments.



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

Did you know that October is the month of the Holy Rosary?

Learn how to pray the Rosary.

Visit: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/rosaries/how-to-pray-the-rosary.cfm>

This Week In Our Parish

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 7:

Vestibule	ACCA Food Collection
School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Parish Office	9:00-11:00 am Stephen Ministry
Notre Dame Graduate School	9:00-11:00 am Hogares de Santa Maria
Parish Parking Lot	1:15 pm Blessing of Animals
Hannan Hall	2:00-10:00 pm Ghana Group

Monday, October 8:

Adoration Chapel Closed	
Parish Office Closed	
Cupertino Room	6:30-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

Tuesday, October 9:

Hannan Hall	10:00-11:30 am Bible Study
Parish Office	5:45-7:15 pm Bible Study
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, October 10:

Hannan Hall	10:00 am-1:00 pm Women's group
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Community Revival
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

Thursday, October 11:

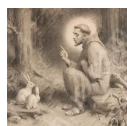
Hannan Hall	3:00-4:30 pm Children's Choir Practice
Parish Office	6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Hannan Hall	6:30-9:00 pm Caminantes de Emaus
Church	7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

Friday, October 12:

Adoration Chapel	11:00-11:30 am Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall	5:00-10:00 pm Ghana Community Revival

Saturday, October 13:

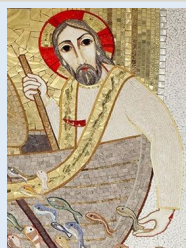
Parish Pilgrimage and Recollection	
Hannan Hall	9:00 am-2:00 pm Virtus Training
School	4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir
Notre Dame Graduate School	8:30-10:00 pm Emmaus



Blessing of Animals In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, there will be a blessing of animals this Sunday, **Oct. 7** at **1:15 pm**. Please bring your pets for a special blessing!

Please Note The Adoration Chapel and Parish office will be closed this Monday, **Oct. 8** in observance of the Columbus Day holiday. There will be one Mass celebrated at 9 am.

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat for Women: An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, **Oct. 13**. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. For more information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry at (888) 456-HOPE (4673) or info@helpafterabortion.org.



Vocations

“Let the little children come to me ...” Are you being called to bring others to Christ and His Kingdom as a priest, sister or brother? Contact Fr. Leopoldo Vives, DCJM at general@queenofapostles.org, or Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514, or m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

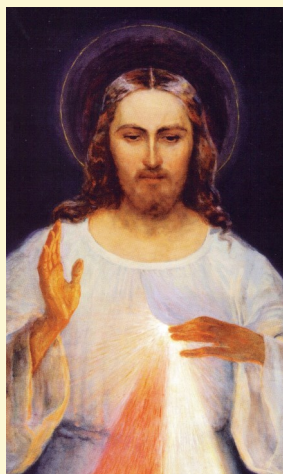
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time That men and women will be open to the voice of the Lord, asking the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help them recognize and answer His call to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Quo Vadis High School Boys Seminary Visit Ever wondered what seminary life is like? On Saturday, **Oct. 20**, travel with Fr. Isenberg and other Quo Vadis guys to visit St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia, one of the oldest seminaries in the country. Hang out with the Arlington seminarians and learn what a normal day is like for them. There's also Mass and prayer time and some sports. Dads welcome to chaperone. Cost is \$40, includes transportation and three meals. Visit www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis, or contact the Office of Vocations, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514. Permission form and payment due **Oct. 10**. Quo Vadis events are for high school boys interested in exploring their vocations.



Urgent Need for Scheduled Adorers There is an urgent need for a new Adorer, midnight to 1:00 am Wednesday morning each week. There is also need for an Adorer for a half hour, from 11:30 am to 12 noon on Friday. If you are interested in attending Adoration at these hours, please contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096, or moleski47@gmail.com.

Women's Group The Queen of Apostles Women's Group will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday, **Oct. 10** at 10 am in Hannan Hall. Our Guest Speaker is Monica Leonard, Pharmacist at Harris Teeter. She will discuss Senior Health Issues and Medication Safety. All parishioners are cordially invited.



Divine Mercy

“Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy.”

(Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary, 687)

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18-24 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
Heb 2:9-11 Mk 10:2-16

Queen of Apostles Catholic School Activities and Events in October

Please stop by and join us.

- * Oktoberfest: **Oct. 26**, 5:30-7:30 pm in the school parking lot.
- * 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament: **Oct. 26-28** in the school gym. Come by to watch and cheer. To register a team, visit www.queenofapostlesschool.org

Young Adult Activities We are organizing a group to represent Queen of Apostles Parish at the Young Adult Mass with Bishop Burbidge on **Oct. 28** at 5:30 pm. Please contact Bridget Mullen at (239) 784-4831 or bmullen007@gmail.com if you are interested, or for more details.

Young Adults Do you have ideas for young adult activities? Do you want to continue growing in your faith with your peers? Are you looking for fellowship with other young Catholics? Please contact Sarah Calvino at (703) 220-0562 or s.calvino@queenofapostles.org!

If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us.

Celebrate Respect Life Month You're invited to join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month this October with the message "Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent!" Learn more at www.usccb.org/respectlife.

Bishop O'Connell High School Open House Bishop O'Connell High School located at 6600 Little Falls Road, in Arlington is hosting an Open House, next Sunday, **Oct. 14**, 1-4 pm, where families are invited to learn more about the Catholic high school experience. Visit renovated science and engineering labs, learn more about the curriculum, meet teachers, administrators and coaches, and chat with current students. No RSVP necessary. Presentation begins at 1 pm in the auditorium. For more information, visit www.bishopoconnell.org or call (703) 237-1433.

All Saints "Picking Party Oct. 28 Join us for an All Saints "Picking Party" on Sunday, **Oct. 28** at Queen of Apostles after all Sunday Masses. Children and adults will be asked to "pick" a saint to pray to and learn about this coming year. There will be pie, cider and coffee for the adults, and games with prizes for the kids. Do you have favorite saints you pray to or have read about and would like to share with your fellow parishioners? Before the 28th, add the names of your favorite saints to the form in the vestibule (look for the Picking Party display) and we will be sure to include them in the coming weeks. If you wish to volunteer for this event, please email Maura McMahon at maura.mcmahon@christendom.edu.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 7:

7:30 am +Falcamate Fam
9:00 am +Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thach, Sr.
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Pilar Garcia

Monday, October 8:

9:00 am +Helen Hensler

Saint Denis - Tuesday, October 9:

6:30 am +Raymond J. Welch
9:00 am +Lois Pais

Wednesday, October 10:

6:30 am (L) Rebeca Vargas and Alicia Cardenas
9:00 am +Herminia Briones

Saint John XXIII - Thursday, October 11:

6:30 am +Will Howard
9:00 am +Purificación M. Floren

Friday, October 12:

6:30 am (L) Paul K. Yoo, Birthday
9:00 am +Grace Okemo

Saturday, October 13:

8:00 am +Deanna Jones-Moses
5:00 pm +Kathleen Marie King
7:00 pm +Henrietta Pignatel-Ospici

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 14:

7:30 am (L) Mary Ann and Bill McNut,
50th Wedding Anniversary
9:00 am +Philip Yahner
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Pilar Garcia

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary." - Pope Saint Pius X



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Kevin Bonko, Michelle Jacobeen, Beverly Spagnoli, Gabriel Carreon, Daniel O'Donohue, Pedro Baiza, Jean McDermott, Maria Reyes, Anne and James Kemble, Tesfa Haile, Virginia Shea, Margaret Cihak, Marion Jacobeen, Joseph Lipari, Rosa María Santos, Carmelita Mate, Leonor Cabrestane, Roger Trozado, Jeanie Miller, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks, Ruth Foreman and Baby, Charles Ferris, 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, Kristi Burns, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo