



# PRAY FOR AMERICA

*On the Anniversary of 9/11  
we remember the heroism of the many  
that lost their lives in saving others.  
We remember all those who suffered  
and died, we grieve for them still,  
friends and strangers alike,  
along with their families and friends.*

## QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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4401 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA 22312  
(703) 354-8711  
[www.queenofapostles.org](http://www.queenofapostles.org)

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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](http://www.queenofapostlesschool.org)

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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](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org).

*Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.*

### Interested in Learning about the Catholic Faith? Are you Missing a Sacrament? Are you in a Sacramental Marriage? Join RCIA, Sep. 18/20

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 leads RCIA classes in English and Spanish. Classes will be held at Christendom College/Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA).

RCIA-English will be held on Mondays, 7:30-9:00 pm starting on **Sep. 18**.

RCIA-Spanish will be held on Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm starting on **Sep. 20**.

Please register by contacting the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or emailing [s.gray@queenofapostles.org](mailto: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.

### Sacrament of Confirmation Meeting, Sept. 25 at 6:30 pm

Fr. Juan will lead a Confirmation meeting with students (school, Religious Education, Ghana, homeschool), parents, and sponsors (if available) on Monday, **Sep. 25** at 6:30 pm in Hannan Hall. Baptized students in grade 8 and above, who have received the Sacraments of Penance and Confession, and have attended at least two consecutive years of Religious Education, are to attend this mandatory meeting with a parent/sponsor. Fr. Juan will review the Sacrament and the role of the sponsor. A Confirmation packet will be distributed. All students in 8th grade and high school are to attend the **Dec. 2** retreat, 8:30 am-3:30 pm in Hannan Hall.

### Religious Education - First Day is Sep. 10!

We look forward to welcoming families to the first day of Religious Education class, Sunday, **Sep. 10!** Classes are held at Queen of Apostles School (4409 Sano Street). On **Sep. 10**, doors open at 8 am. Please arrive no later than 8:30 am to allow time for signing-in and meeting catechists. English speaking parents and students/catechists in grades 6, 7, 8, and high school are to meet at 9 am in the School Gym. Spanish speaking parents are to meet at 9 am in the Cafeteria/Multipurpose Room.

Very limited class openings remain. The last day to register is **Sep. 17**.

Registration fees for kindergarten-high school: \$90 for 1 child; \$140 for 2 children; \$170 for 3+ children in the same family. We accept cash and check payable to Queen of Apostles. Registration fees do not include fees associated with sacraments.

New students need to provide birth and baptismal certificates.

Families with unbaptized children under the age of 7 years old are asked to call the parish office at (703) 354-8711.

Thank you to our dedicated catechists, aides, and volunteers for preparing for the upcoming Religious Education school year! A Blessing of Catechists will be held during the 10:30 am Mass on **Sep. 17**.

A Second Collection for our Religious Education/Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Programs will be held **Sep. 16-17**. Your generosity helps fund materials and activities for Religious Education students and RCIA.

### Nazareth begins Friday, Sep. 15 for Students in Grades 4-8

Students attending Queen of Apostles School, public school, and those who are homeschooled are invited to the first Nazareth meeting of the year, **Sep. 15!** 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. 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: **Sep. 15, Oct. 6, 20, Nov. 3, 17**. 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](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org).

**Bulletin Deadline** The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Sep. 17** bulletin is Monday, **Sep. 11** by 9 am. Please email bulletin announcements to Mayra Saunders at [m.saunders@queenofapostles.org](mailto:m.saunders@queenofapostles.org).



## Pastor's Letter

### Family of Families Series (II): The Church's Fabric

Last week I started a series of articles aimed to deepen our understanding of "family". Our first question was what do we mean when we state that the Church is a family. We identified three realities found this analogy: there is a Father, there is a shared life, and there is a common good.

I ended with the question, who makes up the Church? Individuals or families?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church # 2207 states that "The family is the original cell of social life. It is the natural society in which husband and wife are called to give themselves in love and in the gift of life. Authority, stability, and a life of relationships within the family constitute the foundations for freedom, security, and fraternity within society. The family is the community in which, from childhood, one can learn moral values, begin to honor God, and make good use of freedom. Family life is an initiation into life in society."

This statement helps us to understand the Catholic view of society: an organism made up of cells filled with life which interact forming tissues and organs.

The cells of society grow and bond for each person's good and towards the common good. In this picture subsidiarity is a core principle. Civil society is understood "as the sum of the relationships between individuals and intermediate social groupings, which are the first relationships to arise and which come about thanks to the creative subjectivity of the citizen. This network of relationships strengthens the social fabric and constitutes the basis of a true community of persons, making possible the recognition of higher forms of social activity" (Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church # 185).

What is good for civil society is also valid for the Church as a human society. Thus, the family is also the fundamental cell of the Church, which can be defined as a "Family of Families." St. John Paul II in his foundational document on family, *Familiaris Consortio*, dedicates the fourth part to study the Christian Family's sharing in the life and mission of the Church.

Therefore, it is well founded in the Church's magisterium that the Church is a Family of Families. We can understand the life of the parish in the light of the interaction not only between individual persons, but also as families. Each family has its own dynamics and life, and faith has to be present there. In doing so, the life of the family will be opened to a broader horizon in communicating not only her own life, but also Jesus' life. The family home which opens its doors to others is also ushering the guests into their relationship with Jesus.

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**MINISTRIES FAIR**

Save the Date! Sunday, September 17

We celebrate the vibrant and growing ministry life of Queen of Apostles. There is a home for everyone in the family of families that is our parish community. Take the first step: Unite with parishioners in prayer for the many intentions of our parish and world.

## This Week In Our Parish

### Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 10:

School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
School	9:00-10:00 am RE Parent Meeting with Priests
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group
Adoration Chapel	6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

### Monday, September 11:

Cupertino Room	7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
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### Tuesday, September 12:

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, September 13:

Hannan Hall	9:30 am-1:30 pm Women's Group
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group

### Thursday, September 14:

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

### Friday, September 15:

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 Group
Hannan Hall	6:00-9:00 pm Couples for Christ

### Saturday, September 16:

Hannan Hall	10:00 am-1:00 pm GCC Council Mtg.
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
Hannan Hall	8:00-10:00 pm Emmaus

## Cook Needed for QofA Clergy

### Job Purpose:

Having their dinners prepared will allow the priests to dine together strengthening their family/community life, and to be more available to serve the Parish before and after dinner.

### Duties & Responsibilities:

- \*Prepare dinner for the priests from Monday to Thursday.
- \* Plan and prepare healthy and varied meals
- \*Shop for groceries
- \*Care for the cleaning of the kitchen

### Technical Skills & Knowledge Profile:

\*Ability to embracing the vision of the Parish as a Family of Families and the priests' community as a family in the Family of Families.

\*Discrete and reserved in a way to respect the privacy of the Religious Community life

\*Ability to adapt to the Spanish menu and cooking style

### Reports:

Office Supervisor

### Type:

Part time (10-15 hours/week), Non exempt  
The schedule is flexible. Meals can be prepared at home.

### To Apply:

Contact Flora Wack at [f.wack@queenofapostles.org](mailto:f.wack@queenofapostles.org)



## Vocations

**“Where two or three are gathered in My name ...”** The community who gathers in Christ needs leadership. Might He be inviting you to consider a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood? Contact Fr. Juan at [general@queenofapostles.org](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org) or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at [j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-2514.

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time** For a deeper participation among families in prayer for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life among their children, knowing that Christ is in their midst, we pray to the Lord.

**Adorer Needed** There is an urgent need for an Adorer Friday morning, 2:00 am to 3:00 am each week. Please contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096 if you are able to answer this call to adore Our Lord.

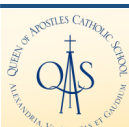
**11th Annual Young Adult Mass with Bishop Burbidge** Young Adults (ages 21-39) are invited to the 11th Annual Bishop's Mass & Reception at 6 pm on Sunday, **Sep. 10** at St. Charles Borromeo in Arlington, VA. The principal Celebrant and homilist will be Bishop Michael F. Burbidge. A reception will follow. Questions? Please contact Brendan at (703) 841-2549 or [yam@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:yam@arlingtondiocese.org).

**Pray the Rosary to end Abortion on September 16** 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.

**Banica Youth Mission June 23 to July 3, 2018:** Is God calling you to mission? Interested teens aged 16 and older can sign up to participate at the Ministries Fair on **Sep. 17**. Space is limited. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first serve basis. For more information, please contact Mother Maria at (703) 354-0395 or Jo Balsamo at (703) 623-5607.

**Celebrating A Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary this Year?** Were you married in **1967** or **1992**? Then join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the 2017 Marriage Jubilee Mass to be celebrated on Sunday, **Oct. 15** at 2:30 pm at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church in Potomac Falls, VA. Contact the parish office to register no later than **Sep. 22**. For more info, visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM).

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



## Queen of Apostles Catholic School

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

**Bible Study** Classes will begin **Sep. 12**, Tuesdays at 10 am and 6 pm in Hannan Hall. Early bird registration is \$25.

Join us for Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance with Jeff Cavins. Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance is an 8-part Bible study that will enrich your faith, and show you how to live it out. Pick up your registration in the vestibule or the church office. You can also register online at [www.qofabiblestudy.com](http://www.qofabiblestudy.com).

**Music Ministry Rehearsals Starting Up ~ Tuesday, September 12 at 7 pm** Please join us for our first choir rehearsal in the Choir Room (inside Hannan Hall). All singers (Spanish and English) and Instrumentalists are invited to come to the choir loft after Mass For more details, contact Michelle at [m.jacobeen@queenofapostles.org](mailto:m.jacobeen@queenofapostles.org) or (410) 707-5328.

**Rehearsals for English and Spanish Choirs:** 7-9pm Tuesdays in the Choir Room

**Spanish Mass:** 7pm Saturdays (6:30 pm warm-up)

**English Mass:** 10:30 am Sundays (10 am warm-up)



**Queen of Apostles Women's Group** The Queen of Apostles Women's Group will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday, **Sep. 13** 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. New and former members are welcome.

**Se les Invita a Participar de un Taller** Se les invita a participar de un Taller de Oración y Vida de la Espiritualidad del P. Ignacio Larrañaga, que comenzo el pasado martes, **5 de septiembre** en la biblioteca de la escuela de 7 a 9 pm. Se aceptan nuevos participantes hasta el martes, **19 de septiembre**. El Taller ofrece un método práctico y sencillo para aprender a orar en 15 sesiones. Para más información, contactar a Antonieta Berthe al (703) 244-5497.

**Couples for Christ** Join us Saturday, **Sep. 23**, at 1 pm in Hannan Hall and meet our community leaders and members from Couples for Christ Global Family Ministries. Couples for Christ is recognized by the Vatican as part of the Pontifical Council of Laity in the Vatican as a Private International Association of the Faithful. Our ministry consists not only of couples, but children, young adults, the widowed, and single men and women as well. Come and listen to CFC Global Mission: How we are Building the Church of the Home and the Church of the Poor as our response to our Holy Father Pope Francis' call in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (*The Joy of the Gospel*). For more information, email [etiong93@gmail.com](mailto:etiong93@gmail.com) or [deguzmannenita@yahoo.com](mailto:deguzmannenita@yahoo.com), or visit <https://couplesforchristusa.org/>.

**Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge** Boys and girls, ages 9-14, are invited to participate in the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge on Sunday, **Oct. 1** at 1 pm at St. Michael Catholic School in Annandale, VA. Each player will take 15 penalty kicks from the penalty line. There is no entry fee, only a guarantee of a good time and healthy competition. For an entry form and/or more info, contact the Council's Youth Director, Brother Vincent Guevara at [vincentg.97@gmail.com](mailto:vincentg.97@gmail.com), (703) 310-9718.

## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

### Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 10:

7:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the Monillas Family  
9:00 am +Antonio Sian  
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 noon +Lucia and José Antonio Venero

### Monday, September 11:

6:30 am (L) Betty Davis  
9:00 am (L) Dr. L. Kacsir

### The Most Holy Name of Mary - Tuesday, September 12:

6:30 am (L) Etelvina León-Duarte  
9:00 am (L) Debbie Spagnoli

### St. John Chrysostom - Wednesday, September 13:

6:30 am +Constancia Monilla  
9:00 am +Gavina Espejo Quibuyen

### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

#### Thursday, September 14:

6:30 am (L) Fr. John M. O'Donohue  
9:00 am +Max Green

### Our Lady of Sorrows - Friday, September 15:

6:30 am (L) James and Miguel Saunders  
9:00 am +Roy Kasenge

### Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian - Saturday, September 16:

8:00 am (L) Dr. L. Kacsir  
5:00 pm +Victor Pereira  
7:00 pm +Viuda de Salmeron

### Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 17:

7:30 am +Buenaventura Sian  
9:00 am +Elizabeth Ouedraogo  
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 noon +Caridad Lauigan

## Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

### Readings for Next Week:

#### **Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sir 27:30–28:7 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12  
Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35



### **Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill**

Daniel O'Donohue, Rosa María Santos, Minnie Ruth Ford, Debbie DuBrul, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks Ruth Foreman and Baby, Charles Ferris, John Harchick, Jr., Dominic Blansett, Daisy Atiyeh, Dick Owens, Miriam Farfan, 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