



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: 4-5:30 pm and 6-7:30 pm
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

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Kathy Littlefield, Principal
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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.

Aplicación de Ciudadanía ¿Necesita ayuda para completar su aplicación de ciudadanía? Catholic Charities Hogar Immigrant Services será el anfitrión de un taller de ciudadanía el **17 de septiembre** en Queen of Apostles Catholic School. La inscripción será desde las 10 am - 1 pm. Por favor llame al (571) 208-1572 para preguntas o más información sobre qué documentos debe traer. Habrá un cargo de \$120 para una consulta con un abogado, ayuda con su aplicación de ciudadanía y fotografías. Se aceptara efectivo o tarjeta de crédito.

Congreso de Parejas "Unidos Para Siempre" 17 de Septiembre, 9 am-6:30 pm. Invitados especiales: Monseñor Willie Peña desde Puerto Rico y Ministerio de Alavanza JEV. Lugar: Gimnasio Parroquia San Antonio de Padua (3305 Glen Carlyn Rd, Falls Church, VA) Para más información llame al (703) 824-3582 o (703) 220-6630.

Altar Server Training Schedule

Training for new altar servers: Sunday, **Sep. 11, 18, 25** from 1:00-1:45 pm in the church.

Training for captains, returning and new altar servers: Thursday, **Sep. 22** from 5:30-7:00 pm in the church.

Pilgrimage to National Shrine in Emmitsburg, MD Altar Servers and their families are invited to a pilgrimage on Saturday, **Oct. 8** to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Emmitsburg, MD (Mount St. Mary). We will leave QofA at 9 am and return by 4 pm. There, we will entrust ourselves in the protection of Mary, our Mother and Teacher. Please RSVP to Mrs. Susan Gray at s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

For Students in Grades 4-8 - Attend the First Nazareth Meeting of the Year on Sep. 16! All students in grades 4-8 are invited to attend the first Nazareth Meeting of the school year. Join Fr. Juan and Nazareth leaders on Friday, **Sep. 16**, 3:45-5:30 pm in Hannan Hall. Have fun, meet parish youth and learn about the Catholic faith. Nazareth is held on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month: **Sep. 16, Oct. 7, 21**, etc.

Join Emmaus - Activities for High School Students Emmaus provides a place of growth in Catholic life through spiritual and human formation, sharing and friendship. A variety of activities for high-school aged students will be held on Fridays, 6:00-8:00 pm throughout the school year: **Sep. 9, 16, 23; Oct. 7, 14, 21; Nov. 4, 11, 18**. Activities adoration, apostolic project and open gym. For more information, contact Susan Gray at (703)354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

An Invitation The group who launders the small, sacred linens used during Mass is looking for more volunteers to join their group. To learn more about this special service to our parish, call Mary O'Donohue at (703) 379-0255.



Religious Education Classes begin on Sunday, September 11; Parent Meeting also on September 11

Religious Education classes begin on Sunday **Sep. 11** at QofA School. Doors open at 8:00 am to allow time for you to sign-in your child and meet the catechist. Also on **Sep. 11**, all parents, students and catechists in grades 7, 8 and high school are to attend a 9:00 am Orientation Meeting with our priests. Fr. Leopoldo will lead the Orientation Meeting in Spanish in the Multipurpose Room/Cafeteria. Fr. Juan will lead the Orientation Meeting in English in the School Gym. Students in grades K through 6 will meet in their respective classrooms.

Grades 2 and 3 are full and no longer accepting students.

If registering for the first time, please bring a copy of the child's birth and baptismal certificates. Tuition (with late fee) is \$70+\$20 - 1 child; \$120+\$20 - 2 children; \$150+\$20 - 3+ children in the same family. Classes, taught in English, are held on Sundays, 9:00-10:15 am, at QofA School.

Space permitting, the last day to register for the **2016-2017** Religious Education school year is **Sep. 18**. Don't delay!

A second collection on **Sep. 17-18** benefits Queen of Apostles' Religious Education Program.

Thanks to our catechists and aides for sharing in the instruction of our children's Catholic faith. A blessing of catechists will take place on Catechetical Sunday, **Sep. 18** during the 10:30 am Mass.

Fall High School Bible Study There will be a High School Bible Study on Thursday nights this Fall starting on **Oct. 6** (please note the change in date). The Bible Study will take place from 6:00-7:30 pm. Please contact Susan Gray at s.gray@queenofapostles.org if you are interested. There may be a fee for some of the materials.



Pastor's Letter

September 11

In this 15th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attack, we copy Card. Dolan's statement from five years ago on September 8, 2011:

As we commemorate the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York, Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and at the Pentagon, it is a time for remembrance, resolve and renewal.

We reverently recall those who were most directly affected by this tragedy—those who died, were injured or lost loved ones. In a special way we recall the selfless first responders—firefighters, police, chaplains, emergency workers, and other brave persons—who risked, and many times lost, their lives in their courageous efforts to save others.

We also remember how our nation responded to the terrifying events of that day—we turned to prayer, and then turned to one another to offer help and support. Hands were folded in prayer and opened in service to those who had lost so much.

We resolve today and always to reject hatred and resist terrorism. The greatest resource we have in these struggles is faith. Ten years ago our Conference of Bishops issued a Pastoral Message, *Living with Faith and Hope* after September 11, which drew on the rich resources of our Catholic faith to minister to our nation and world. The truth of that Pastoral Message still resonates today.

A decade later we remain resolved to reject extreme ideologies that perversely misuse religion to justify indefensible attacks on innocent civilians, to embrace persons of all religions, including our Muslim neighbors, and to welcome refugees seeking safety. We steadfastly refrain from blaming the many for the actions of a few and insist that security needs can be reconciled with our immigrant heritage without compromising either one. Gratefully mindful of the continuing sacrifices of the men and women in our armed forces, and their families, we also resolve to bring a responsible end to the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

This tenth anniversary of 9/11 can be a time of renewal. Ten years ago we came together across religious, political, social and ethnic lines to stand as one people to heal wounds and defend against terrorism. As we face today's challenges of people out of work, families struggling, and the continuing dangers of wars and terrorism, let us summon the 9/11 spirit of unity to confront our challenges. Let us pray that the lasting legacy of 9/11 is not fear, but rather hope for a world renewed.

In remembering the fateful events of September 11, 2001, may we resolve to put aside our differences and join together in the task of renewing our nation and world. Let us make our own the prayer of Pope Benedict XVI when he visited Ground Zero in New York in 2008:

O God of love, compassion, and healing, look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions, who gather today at this site, the scene of incredible violence and pain.... God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events. Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.

Towards a Family Friendly Parish (TFFP)

The Parish as a Family of Families - *Theme for September*

Mark your calendar for September's TFFP activities in Hannan Hall:

Movie Night - *Mulan*

Saturday, Sep. 17 - 6:00 pm

Talk - *"Family and Society"*

Friday, Sep. 23 - 6:30 pm; doors open at 6 pm
Sr. Clare Hunter, F.S.E.



This Week in Our Parish

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 11:

Vestibule	Bible Study
School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
School	9:00-10:15 am Orientation Meeting with RE Parents
Church	1:00-1:45 pm Altar Server Training
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group
Adoration Chapel	6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

The Most Holy Name of Mary - Monday, September 12:

Cupertino Room	7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
Parish Office	7:00-8:30 pm Liturgy Coordinator Mtg.

Saint John Chrysostom - Tuesday, September 13:

Hannan Hall	7:30-9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Wednesday, September 14:

Hannan Hall	9:30 am-12 noon Women's Group
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group
Parish Office	7:00-9:00 pm Pastoral Council Mtg.

Our Lady of Sorrows - Thursday, September 15:

Hannan Hall	9:00 am-12 noon Craft Group
Parish Office	6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Church	7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

Saints Cornelius and Cyprian - Friday, September 16:

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
School	6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym

Saturday, September 17:

Hannan Hall	6:00-8:00 pm TFFP Movie Night
School	4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir

Catechetical Sunday - September 18:

Church	Ministries Fair
Hannan Hall	8:30 am -1:30 pm Sunday Social
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

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Celebrating A Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary this Year?

The annual Mass for gold and silver jubilarians who were married in **1966** or **1991** will take place at 2:30 pm on Sunday, **Oct. 16** at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Loverde. To register, contact Mayra at the parish office no later than **Sep. 23**. For more info, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/



Vocations

"This brother of yours was dead and has come to life." Do you want to bring others to life in Christ as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time For the holiness of all those called to be examples to those who would come to believe in Christ for eternal life as priests, deacons and consecrated men and women, we pray to the Lord.

Interested in Learning about the Catholic Faith?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults join or complete their initiation into the Roman Catholic Church. Led by Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, Queen of Apostles is offering RCIA classes in English and Spanish. The RCIA classes in English begin on Monday, **Sep. 19**, 7:30-9:00 pm. The RCIA classes in Spanish begin on Wednesday, **Sep. 21**, 7:30-9:00 pm. Classes will be held at Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street).

Please stop by the parish office (4329 Sano Street) to complete an inquiry form.

RCIA is for three groups of people:

- Those who are not baptized.
- Those who were baptized into another Christian denomination and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.
- 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.



Anniversary of September 11 Following the **September 11, 2001**, terrorist attacks, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued **A Pastoral Message: Living With Faith and Hope After September 11**. The message remains extremely relevant as we reflect on what happened that day. Visit www.usccb.org and search on "9/11" to re-read, reflect on, and pray with the bishops' statement, for only with God's help can we have the strength to forgive and the ability to live in hope instead of fear and hatred.

Save the Date: 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 to schedule pick-ups.

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**.

Music Ministry

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend we welcome back our choir members after a much deserved summer break! This fun and generous group of volunteers works hard every week to bring beautiful music to our 10:30 am Sunday Masses. We hope to contribute to the beautiful Liturgy of the Mass enabling our parishioners to enter into prayer more deeply. The Church teaches us that during the Mass we are praising God together with the angels and saints. We pray that during this year, the music lifts your hearts to the Lord. We pray that our music ministry volunteers will be blessed by the experience of offering their time and talent weekly to God. Thank you as always for your support and please continue to pray for our music ministry team members!

In Jesus and Mary,
Michelle Jacobeen

This week we will begin the choir season with the official Hymn of the Jubilee of Mercy. The refrain "misericordes sicut Pater" comes from Luke 6:36 "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." To see a video about the hymn, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UnIMxJdI7kE>

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Bible Study Do you sometimes feel you have gaps in your faith formation, or would like to deepen your understanding of Holy Scripture and Catholic Tradition? Have you ever wished you could converse with others about your faith, your questions, and even your struggles in a safe, well-grounded and non-judgmental setting?

The parish Bible Study program for adults is expanding to offer two eight-week series for the Fall Semester on Tuesdays from **Oct. 4 - Nov. 29**. The programs are taught by well-known experts in Catholic theology via video presentation, followed by a facilitated group discussion. 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 Early Bird registration rate (to cover study materials and program costs for either track) is \$20 until **Sep. 19**. Grab a flyer in the church and register in person at the Parish Office; or register online at our new website: www.QofAbiblestudy.com.

Special Opportunity, two weekends only (Sep. 10-11 and Sep. 17-18) Look for our Bible Study program representatives who will be at the tables in the vestibule after Masses to answer your questions, to help you register, and to invite you to help us better serve you. Complete our brief survey so we can learn when to add future study sessions that better accommodate your busy schedule, and you will be entered to win one free registration to your choice of the sessions being offered this fall. This will be awarded at the end of the Parish Ministries Fair on **Sep. 18**, as well as two lovely Christian jewelry items, and you need not be present to win. We look forward to meeting you!

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

The Most Holy Name of Mary - September 12:

6:30 am (L) Fr. Jason C. Burchell
9:00 am +G. Pereira

Saint John Chrysostom - Tuesday, September 13:

6:30 am +Michael Wood
9:00 am +Maryanne Keller

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Wednesday, September 14:

6:30 am +Betty Cuminski
9:00 am +Mary Del Bene

Our Lady of Sorrows - Thursday, September 15:

6:30 am +Constancia Monillas
9:00 am (L) Etelvina and Patricia León-Duarte

Saints Cornelius and Cyprian - Friday, September 16:

6:30 am +Frank Plominski
9:00 am +Anne Lindsay

Saturday, September 17:

8:00 am +Ann Jaggar
5:00 pm +Maria de Jesus Rodriguez de Rothenbach
7:00 pm +Jenny Silvera Rodriguez

Catechetical Sunday - September 18:

7:30 am +John Bartholme
9:00 am +Felisberta Belzarena
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Hugh Stack

Nourishing Our Souls with Holy Scripture



Readings for Next Week:

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
1 Tm 1:12-17 Lk 15:1-32

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.



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

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 Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Teresa Subalusky, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith