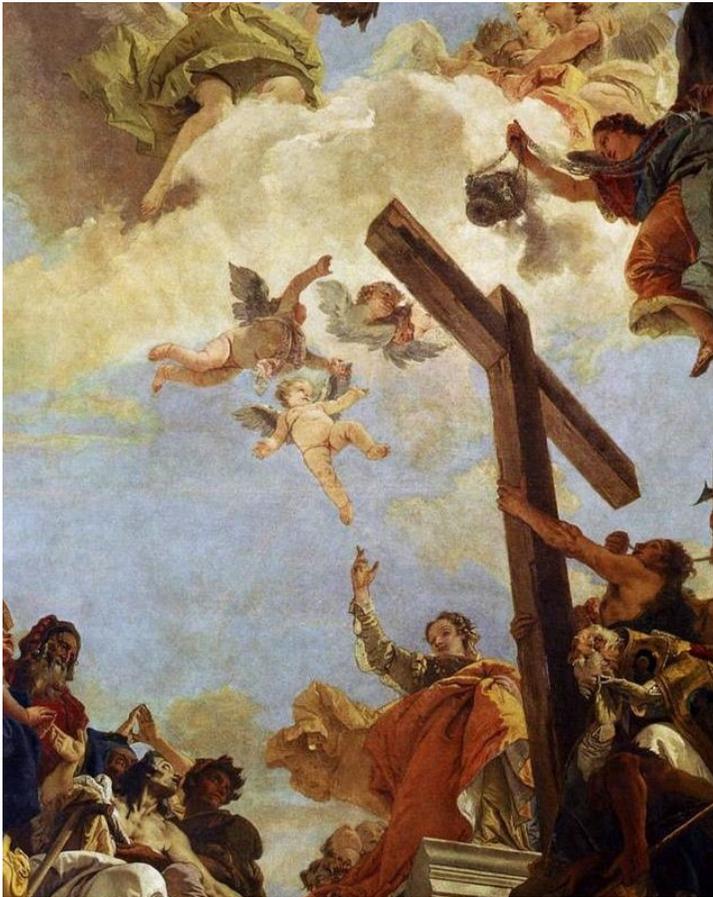


# QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 13, 2020**



## CLERGY

Fr. Alexander Díaz, Pastor  
Fr. Joseph Rampino, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Richard C. Caporiccio  
Deacon Vincent Kapral

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 am, 7:00 pm (Spanish)  
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm  
1:30 pm (Spanish) 3:00 pm (Ghana Community Mass)  
Monday-Saturday: 8:00 am

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday: 8:30-9:00 am  
Thursday: 7:00 pm until last penitent  
Friday: 6:30 pm until last penitent  
Saturday: 3:30 pm until last penitent

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 8:30 am-8pm  
Thursday: 7:00-8:00 pm



## QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*FAITH, EXCELLENCE, JOY*

4409 Sano Street  
Alexandria, VA 22312  
[www.queenofapostlesschool.org](http://www.queenofapostlesschool.org)

### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

Mon – Thurs, 8:00 am – 3:15 pm  
Friday, 8:00 am – 2:15 pm

### STAFF

Anne Arias, Principal  
Maria Fox, Secretary  
Fr. Joseph Rampino,  
Chaplain  
Phone: (703) 354-0714



*With Mary, “the first disciple of her son” (Redemptoris Mater, 20), Queen of Apostles Catholic School is rooted in faith, excellence, and joy. We flourish by embracing our call to holiness, advancing in virtue and academics, and cultivating the many talents God has given us.*

*Est. 1966*

## PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

I hope you have had a pleasant and fruitful Labor Day, and have taken the opportunity to share with the family and rest, perhaps pray a little more, but above all that you have shared time as a family. I think these are important moments that we should take advantage of because time passes and only the beautiful moments remain in our memory.

The liturgy of the word this weekend is an invitation to reflect on forgiveness, a rather difficult topic, but one that affects all of us in one way or another because our human nature makes us lose control and hold resentment and bitterness for things that have happened.

For many, forgiving the offender is nonsense, or worse, impossible, because human nature always invites us to do the opposite. We must be clear that forgiveness is a gift, a grace that comes from God's love and mercy.

For Jesus, forgiveness has no limits, as long as repentance is sincere and truthful. But it requires opening the heart to conversion, which means working with others according to God's criteria. Let us always seek to forgive those who offend us, and at the same time, forgive ourselves, because the vast majority of the time, we carry blame in our lives that is unnecessary. May the word of life this Sunday help us to pray a prayer of inner healing, and we can take a step and forgive those who offend us.

Now let's talk a little about the life of our parish. I want to officially welcome to our parish a new member, Deacon Vince Kapral, who I am sure will be of great help for our formation and growth in the faith. Vince was ordained a permanent deacon by Bishop DiLorenzo for the Diocese of Richmond in 2012, but due to his work, he is now living in the area and is a parishioner at Queen of Apostles. We will get to know him gradually and learn about his experiences of faith. I give him and his wife a warm welcome to their new home.

This week many students returned to college; one of them was Cora Wack. During the summer, she worked in our office, attending the front desk, and doing many other office activities. We are very grateful for her dedication and responsibility. I wish her success in her studies in this new school year. As we have fallen short in staff, I have decided to hire Clarisa Meza as her replacement; she will be in the office every day from Monday to Friday from 2 to 5 pm. Clarisa is bilingual and will assist you in everything you need.

I also want to ask you for your patience and understanding regarding the regulations for the pandemic. I have received some complaints regarding the tape in the pews. Believe me, that for me as your pastor, I am not too fond of the blue tape either, but it is for your good and to protect your health. Some do not want to use the mask, but by law regulations, it must be done. Please help me by complying with these rules. I know that some neighboring parishes do not strictly follow the diocese's security protocols, but I will follow them for your safety. This week we have installed four automatic sanitizer dispensers in the four entrances of the church so that when entering or leaving the church, you may use it to clean your hands, which gives us more security to fight the virus.

For the reception of Holy Communion, it can continue to be received in both ways, on the tongue or the hand. As our bishop has recommended, we have no problem with doing it both ways. Some express that they feel uncomfortable because they cause inconvenience to others. After all, we have to sanitize our fingers if someone has received communion on the tongue. Do not worry about it, do not feel bad about it; we all understand and have patience about the disinfecting process. Let's do it with faith and offer patience and sacrifice for the end of the pandemic.

Finally, I want to say a word regarding confessions. I know that it is quite challenging to confess in the parking lot for many because you walk a little more than usual. Perhaps by the end of this month, we will find a different way to confess inside the church, and it may be more comfortable for everyone. But for your safety, we can't use the confessionals hopefully until later this year. Next week I will announce how we will confess inside the church. Thanks for your understanding.

I wish you the best and keep you in my prayers. May the Virgin Mary, Queen of the Apostles, intercede for us always!

*Fr. Alex*



## Masses This Week

### Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 13:

8:00 am +Maria Sanchez  
 10:00 am Living & Deceased Parishioners  
 12:00 pm +Ron Umbeck  
 1:30 pm +Julia Budia

### Exaltation of the Cross - Monday, September 14:

8:00 am (L) George and Maria Fox

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

8:00 am +Mercedes Henning

### St. Cornelius - Wednesday, September 16:

8:00 am +Guy Mullen

### St. Robert Bellarmine - September 17:

8:00 am +Marcel Dupuy

### Friday, September 18:

8:00 am (L) Andrew Leong Family

### Saturday, September 19

8:00 am +Barry Pinard  
 7:00 pm (L) Moira and Michael Leite

*\*Please note that since we currently have a modified Mass schedule due to COVID, Mass intentions not listed will be said at private Masses said by our priests. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. Please call the parish office at (703) 354-8711 ext. 10 with any questions\**

## The Exaltation of the Cross: September 14

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross though this day is a commemoration of three events in the history of the Church (St. Helena finding the True Cross; the dedication of churches that St. Constantine build on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by the emperor Heraclius II), we venerate the Cross because it is a visible sign of Christ's love for His Church. On this day, let us take a few moments to reflect on the meaning of the Cross.



## Men's Silent Retreat

Register for the annual **Men's Silent Retreat weekend!** It includes daily Mass, conferences, time for private prayer, confession and spiritual direction.

## MEN'S SILENT RETREAT

### THE WAY FORWARD: PERFECTION, COURAGE, & HOPE

OCTOBER 16 AT 6:30PM -  
OCTOBER 18 AT 12PM



Register at

[Arlingtondiocese.org/retreatformen](http://Arlingtondiocese.org/retreatformen)

San Damiano Spiritual Center, White Post, VA  
 \$325 before Sept. 10; \$360 afterwards

## Queen of Apostles Young Adults

Our mission is to inspire single and married young adults, ages 18-39, to answer the universal call to sainthood through fellowship and formation.



On **Saturday, October 10 at 6:00 p.m.**, we'll be joining the Frassati Annandale YA group for a virtual event. We'll be watching "The Chosen", which is a great series based on the life of our Lord. For more information or to get added to our list, contact John Cosgayon at 571-265-9208 or [jncos95@outlook.com](mailto:jncos95@outlook.com) or text QOFA to 84576

## St. Ann's Homeschool Group

New to homeschooling? St. Ann's Homeschool Group is here for you! For more information about our group and events, please contact Genevieve Erkens at 703-719-7955.



## Rosary Rally for our Police

Saturday, September 26, 2020

**Join us in praying the Rosary for police officers! We will be praying the Rosary directly after 8am Mass, around 9:15am at the Mason District Government Center on Columbia Pike.**

## Wednesday Adoration

Every Wednesday, from **8:45am-8pm**, we will have Eucharistic Adoration in the main sanctuary. Please make an effort to spend time with our Lord in prayer! Confessions are available outside immediately following Exposition. Call the parish office at (703)-354-8711 ext. 10 if there is no one else in the church and you need to leave.



*Have you signed up for Parish electronic giving through Faith Direct? To join Faith Direct, start by simply focusing your phone camera on this QR code! You can also visit [faithdirect.net](http://faithdirect.net) and enroll online using our Parish code: **VA234** **thank you for your support!***



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# † RELIGIOUS EDUCATION †

## Second Collection

A Second Collection for our faith formation programs, Religious Education (RE) and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), will be held **Sept. 12-13**. Your generosity helps fund materials and activities for RE and RCIA students.

*St. John Chrysostom, pray for us.*

## Thank you Catechists!

We are blessed to have dedicated catechists, aides, and volunteers who assist parents in the important task of bringing children closer to Christ and His Church: **Magdalena, Lorynie, Lourdes, Natalie, Kene, Chris, Benedict, Gladys, Sister Eneyda, Vincent, Blanca, Maria, Jessica**. I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you is the theme for Catechetical Sunday, now scheduled for **Sept. 20, 2020**. Catechists will be recognized for their vocation to the ministry of catechesis.



## RCIA

*Were you baptized Catholic but missing Confirmation, Eucharist? Are you interested in Learning about the Catholic Faith? Are you in a Sacramental Marriage?*

If you answered “Yes” to any of these questions, you should register for RCIA! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults join or complete their initiation into the Catholic Church. RCIA is for 3 groups of adults:

- \* 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.



If you are missing Sacraments, not in a Church marriage, or thinking about becoming Catholic, please join our weekly English or Spanish adult faith formation classes. **RCIA in English** will be held on **Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm** beginning **Sept 22**. **RCIA in Spanish** will be held on **Wednesday, 7-8:30pm** beginning **Sept 23**. Both classes will be held in the parish office (4329 Sano Street).

Please stop by the parish office (4329 Sano Street) to register for the next school year (Sept 2020-June 2021) or email [s.gray@queenofapostles.org](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org). Please provide your birth certificate, and, if applicable, your baptismal certificate dated in the last 6 months.

For couples married outside of the Church, our priests are willing to help you prepare for Holy Matrimony. Please contact the office and set an appointment to meet with a priest.

## Religious Education Registration

**Dates:** In-person Religious Education classes begin this **Sunday, Sept 13** at QofA School (4409 Sano St)! Doors open at 8am to allow time for parent check-in, completion of the Awareness of Risk/Liability Waiver, and temperature checks. Classes begin promptly at **9am** with dismissal at **10:15am**. Very limited space remains in grades **kinder/1, 2, 4, 5, 6**. Grades 3, 7, 8, and high school are not accepting registrations. Limited availability remains for the on-line/at-home learning option (for students in grades 1-8, through MyCatholicFaithDelivered.com + a monthly Sunday morning class via video with the catechist and in-person class). Each week, a message will be sent to the student's parent about the lesson the student is to complete. Please park close to the school and escort your child to the check-in. Students will enter the school and find his/her classroom. Current Sunday Mass times are 8am, 10am, and 12noon in English and 1:30pm in Spanish and the parking lot may be busy. Please observe safety when entering and exiting the parking lot.

**Safety:** Each Sunday before RE class, in-person participants are to **perform a health screening for symptoms of COVID-19**. Family members displaying any symptoms are not to attend RE class. To comply with safety protocols, class size is limited, 6' distance between families/students, masks/face shields are to be worn by everyone, hand sanitizer will be used upon entering the school building, students will report directly to class, only catechists, aides, and registration volunteers may enter the school, and disinfection will occur before and after classes. Students must bring his/her own pen/pencil, paper, folder, bottled water, hand sanitizer, etc. to class each week. Please understand that our faith formation planning may change as conditions change. We are working with the Diocesan Office of Faith Formation/Office of Catholic Schools on balancing safety protocols with student learning and faith formation.

**Registration fees:** **\$75** for 1 child, **\$125** for 2, **\$155** for 3 in the same family + **\$20 late fee**. New students are to provide birth and baptismal (dated in the last 6 months) certificates with the registration form and tuition. If you have difficulties paying tuition, please talk with Susan Gray ([s.gray@queenofapostles.org](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org) or 703-354-8711 ext. 16) because a financial hardship should not impede your child's faith formation.

**Requirements:** Each RE school year builds on the next year of faith formation, therefore, students must attend **at least 2 consecutive years** of Religious Education before a Sacrament is administered. A student is to show **evidence of desire** and preparation for a Sacrament and **not have more than 3 absences** during the school year. Generally, baptized children receive First Penance/Holy Communion in grade 2 and higher and Confirmation is received in grade 8 and higher. Families with unbaptized children under 7 years old are asked to call the parish office at 703-354-8711 ext. 10

## WELCOME TO QUEEN OF APOSTLES, DEACON VINCE KAPRAL!

We are excited to introduce a new member and Deacon to the Parish! Vince was born July 04, 1967 in Corning, NY where he attended St Mary's parish until he joined the military in 1985. An interesting side note: He often spent early and mid 1980s living with his uncle who lived off Sleepy Hollow Rd and attended Queen of Apostles parish!

Vince married his beautiful wife Anne at St Mary's on December 29, 1989. From 1989 until 2002, they attended various parishes in Virginia Beach, Italy, and Florida. Vince was ordained October 13, 2012, as a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Richmond and was assigned to serve at St John the Apostle parish.

Most recently, Vince served at Santa Sophia parish in Spring Valley, CA until they came back home to VA this July. Vince says, "The Lord created us to live a common life together, from the very first moment of the human race. We are not monads, individual spiritual seekers chasing after God on our own in a closed personal relationship, seeing others as either opportunities for correction, objects for our charity, or disturbances for our peace. We are made in the image of the God who is both one and three, who Himself is a unity in a community of love. Only by following that example, honestly meeting and facing our brethren, praying together in truth, loving the difficult, supporting the weak, and welcoming the inconvenient for their own sake, do we become what we were made to be, and become capable of the union with God we so desire." Please join us in giving Deacon Vince and his wife a warm welcome to our Parish family!



### Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

#### Readings for Next Week

#### Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

IS 55, 6-9 PS 145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18  
PHIL 1: 20C-24, 27A MT 20: 1-16A

### Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself." Is God calling you to live for others as a priest, sister or brother? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514, or [michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org)



### 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 or on our website [queenofapostles.org](http://queenofapostles.org). Parish registration forms are available in the Church vestibule and at the Parish Office, located at 4329 Sano Street (next to the church). Please notify the Parish Office of any family status changes or if you have moved outside the parish by calling (703) 354-8711 ext. 10, or e-mailing [general@queenofapostles.org](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org)

### Please pray for the sick members of our parish

Jin C. Navarro, Leo Monterroso, Etelvina León-Duarte, Ginny Cook, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Maria Reyes, Anna Anderson, Jean McDermott, Anne Kemble, Virginia Shea, Joseph Lipari, Rosa María Santos, Carmelita Mate, Leonor Cabrestane, Roger Trozado, Jeanie Miller, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks, Charles Ferris, Dominic Blansett, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Spracht, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Russ and Jill Amerling, Dorothy Norpel, Kathy Ippolito, Richard Esterlund, Margaret Fiore, Michael Robertson, Mr. Cervantes, Jocelyn Reyes, Wilma Robles, Maryann McNutt

**Day of Healing and Prayer** Post-Abortion Healing Retreats for Women: An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on **Sat., Oct 17, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.** in both English and Spanish. For more information and confidential registration, contact Project Rachel Ministry at 888-456-HOPE (4673)

### Celebrating A Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary This Year?

Were you married in 1970 or 1995? Then join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the 2020 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on **Sunday, October 4th at 3:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, VA. Family members are invited to participate in the Mass via livestream. Contact the parish office (703-354-8711 ext. 10) to register no later than **September 18th.**

