



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we who have known his mystery on earth may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

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CLERGY

Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM, Pastor
Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Jaime de Cendra, 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, 2:00 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 7:00 am through Saturday 7:45 am

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

4409 Sano Street,
Alexandria, VA 22312
Mrs. Anne Arias, Principal
Mrs. 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. 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 of the parish by calling (703) 354-8711, or e-mailing general@queenofapostles.org

Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.

Catholic Adult but Not Confirmed? Interested in Becoming Catholic? RCIA Classes in English and Spanish Begin Monday, Sept 16

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 on Monday nights, Sept 16, 2019 - June 8, 2020, 7:30-9pm. Fr. Jaime de Cendra will lead classes in English at the Parish Family Center (4329 Sano Street) while Fr. Javier O'Connor will lead classes in Spanish 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 emailing s.gray@queenofapostles.org. An inquiry form will be sent, or, stop by the parish office (4329 Sano Street) to complete the form. Please bring birth and baptismal certificates.

"A prayerful spirit, in fact, is an essential characteristic of Christianity" - St. Robert Bellarmine

Visit the Adoration Chapel during our hours of need!

Our Chapel is open 24 hours a day, Monday 7 am through Saturday 8 am (midnight hours require a passcode for entry). Greatest hours of need include:

- **Friday, 4-5 am** *Critical need for a permanent Adorer
Contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096 or moleski47@gmail.com for these hours of need
- **Mon 10pm-12midnight; Wed 10-11 pm;**
Contact Nenita De Guzman at (703) 354-8711 Ext. 18 or n.deguzman@queenofapostles.org for these hours of need
- **Mon 1-3 pm; Tues 3-4 pm; Wed 1-4 pm; Thu 1-2 pm**
Contact Rosalie Mainey at (703) 256-5765 or rosalieam@msn.com for these hours of need



Religious Education Classes have Begun! Religious Education classes, held at Queen of Apostles School, have begun. Classes meet on **Sundays 9-10:15am**. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. to allow families enough time to sign-in. The last day to register is **Sept 15** if space is available. Very limited availability remains in grades kindergarten, grades 1, 4, and 6; all other grades are at capacity. Each Sunday, a parent is to sign-in and sign-out their student.

A Sacrament of Confirmation meeting with Fr. Juan will be held on **Monday, Sept 30 at 6:30pm** in Hannan Hall for students, parents, and if available, Confirmation sponsors. Students from the school, Religious Education, Ghana Catholic Community, and homeschool, in grade 8 and above, who are baptized, have the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, have attended at least 2 consecutive years of Religious Education, and have a desire to be Confirmed, are to attend this mandatory meeting.



Please use caution in the church parking lot and nearby roads to allow parishioners and families to walk safely to and from the church/school/ home. Please do not park in the fire lanes and watch your speed when driving.

Thank you for contributing to the Sept 8 Second Collection that benefits Religious Education and RCIA materials.

A Blessing of Catechists will be held on **Sept. 15** during the 10:30am Mass. Thank you for your service to our parish.

New Parish Office Hours The Parish Office will be open Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm with a half hour lunch break at 12:00 pm beginning **October 1, 2019**. Please note the later opening time to allow the priests and staff to prepare properly for each day.



Third Saturday Pro-life Prayer Vigil Join QofA's Pro-life group in praying outside the Alexandria Abortion Clinic (5999 Stevenson Ave #403, Alexandria, VA 22304) this **Saturday, September 21**. We will begin the morning by attending the 8:00 am Mass. Directly following the Mass, all will reconvene outside the abortion facility to pray. Invite a friend!

**PRO
LIFE**

I Came to Bring Fire:

Meditations on the Gospel

By Fr. Armando Marsal, DCJM



Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them he addressed this parable. "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance. Or what woman having ten coins and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it? And when she does find it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.' In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." (Luke 15:1-10)

My Conversion Gives Joy in Heaven

Conversion is an essential and necessary part of our pilgrimage toward God. In fact, only the one who converts walks toward Heaven. This stage of conversion is constitutive of being on the way. Actually the disposition of conversion marks the deepest dimension of the whole Church; it means walking toward an encounter with the One who is love and is calling us to be transformed in love.

Authentic knowledge of the God of mercy, the God of tender love, is a constant and inexhaustible source of conversion, not only as a momentary interior act but also as a permanent attitude, as a state of mind. Those who come to know God in this way, who "see" him in this way, can live only in a state of being continually converted to him. They live, therefore, in statu conversionis (condition of conversion, being in continual conversion); and it is this state of conversion which marks out the most profound element of the pilgrimage of every man and woman on earth in statu viatoris (condition of pilgrimage of being in the way). (Saint John Paul II, God Rich in Mercy, VII, 136)

We are called to be as Jesus: "For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son" (Rm 8:29).

Save the Date

Queen of Apostles' Annual MINISTRIES FAIR

Weekend of September 21-22, 2019

After all Masses

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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 15:

School 9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

Monday, September 16:

Cupertino Room 6:30-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
Parish Office 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA

Tuesday, September 17:

Hannan Hall 3:00-5:00 pm Children's Choir Practice
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, September 18:

Conference Room 7:30-8:45 pm Baptism Class in Spanish
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group

Thursday, September 19:

Hannan Hall 6:30-9:00 pm Caminantes de Emaus
Parish Office 6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Church 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

Friday, September 20:

Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall 6:30-9:00 pm Emaus Retreat

Saturday, September 21:

Hannan Hall After all Masses: Ministries Fair
School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir Practice
Notre Dame Graduate School 8:00-10:00 pm Emmaus

Come learn English or take Citizenship preparation classes at Queen of Apostles Catholic

School Catholic Charities offers Adult English classes and Citizenship Preparation classes on Mondays and **Wednesdays from 7-9pm, starting on September 23rd.** Registration for classes will be held on **September 16th and 18th from 7-8:30pm.** Various class levels are available. The cost is \$60.00 for English and \$100 for Citizenship for 12 weeks and includes the textbook. For more information call Hogar Immigrant Services at (571) 208-1572.



40 Days for Life starts **Wednesday, September 25th** and goes until **Sunday, November 3rd.** Sign up to spend an hour praying on the sidewalk. There will be an opening ceremony on **Tuesday, September 24** at **7 pm** at 900 So. Washington Street in Falls Church. We will have vigil hours at 5999 Stevenson Ave the DaVita Dialysis building. Contact: Jim & Geneva Park at jim.geneva@cox.net

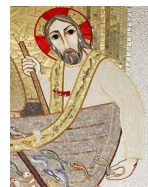


Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

AM 8:4-7 PS 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8
1 TM 2:1-8 LK 16: 1-13



Vocations

“He was lost and has been found.” Do you want to bring others to life in Christ as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? If so, please contact general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time That the Lord, who rejoices over one sinner who repents, will bless us with vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life to call sinners to repentance, we pray to the Lord.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a positive and personal experience offering married couples an opportunity to learn a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives. It is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on **September 20-22, 2019** in Herndon, VA and **October 25-27, 2019** in Gaithersburg, MD. Early sign ups are recommended. For more information visit: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or (703)-646-1521.

Celebrating A Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary this Year?



Were you married in 1969 or 1994? Then join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the 2019 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on **Sunday, October 13th at 2:30 pm** at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington. Fill out a form at the parish office by Sept. 30th. For more info, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM

Seeking Volunteer Music Assistant Queen of Apostles is seeking a part-time volunteer Music Assistant in the Parish office to support our vibrant and expanding ministry. This position requires basic office skills, communication with volunteers, professional musicians and Parish families, and at least a basic understanding of how to read music. Ability to play piano, proofread music, and speak Spanish are desired but not necessary. For inquiries, send Resume to Michelle Jacobeen at m.jacobeen@queenofapostles.org



Priesthood Sunday

Our Parish will be celebrating Priesthood Sunday on **September 29th, 2019.** It is a special day set aside to remember and be reminded of the need to pray for our priests and all priests. This day gives each of us a chance to personally thank our priests through our prayers. Parishioners will be able to contribute to our gift of prayers, also called a Spiritual Bouquet. A table and display will be set up in the back of the Church through **September 22nd**, on which there will be a form to make your spiritual gift. Then on Priesthood Sunday, our priests will be presented with a card detailing our gift as a sign of our love and admiration for all that they so generously do for us.



Knights of Columbus Council, Pope John Paul II 4522

Knights of Columbus Membership The Knights of Columbus Council, Pope John Paul II 4522 strive to live Fr. McGivney's vision each day—we pray to have more Catholic gentlemen share that vision with us in the Knights of Columbus! To join online, visit <http://kofc.org/un/newjoin/en/index.html> or contact our Membership Director, SK Joe King at (703) 599-4389 for more information, and tell us, "Why are you not already a Knight?"

Coats for Kids Drive The Knights of Columbus Council, Pope John Paul II 4522 will be collecting cash/check donations for the annual Coats for Kids Drive several times starting the weekend of **Sept. 22**. As little as \$20 will provide a child with a new winter coat, but all donations will be greatly appreciated.



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. 5th, 2019**. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is healing and hope. For more information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry at 888-456-HOPE (4673) or info@helpafterabortion.org



Adult Bible Study Begins in October! Morning and evening sessions will study Romans: The Gospel of Salvation. This 8-week study explores the ways in which Jesus is the fulfillment of Israel's prophecies, which leads to the universal, "Catholic" family of God. Dates are **Tuesdays, Oct 1-29, Nov 5, 12, and Dec 3, 2019, 10-11:30 am or 5:45-7:15pm**. Stop by the parish office to register or register on the first day. \$20 cash/check payable to Queen of Apostles for the workbook.

Nazareth We are looking for high school and adult volunteers for Monday afternoon Nazareth meetings. Contact Sarah Calvino at s.calvino@queenofapostles.org to help with supervision, running activities, and snack prep. Volunteer time can count as service hours.

Emmaus High school students are invited to join Emmaus this Saturday evening, **September 21**, from **8:00-10:00 pm** at Christendom Graduate School (CGS) located at 4407 Sano Street for fellowship, activities, faith discussions, and prayer. For more information, contact Sarah Calvino at s.calvino@queenofapostles.org or text QofA to 84576 to join our contact list and receive information about upcoming events.

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Sept. 22** bulletin is Monday, **Sept. 16**. Please email announcements to general@queenofapostles.org

Thank You for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend's collection will go toward **Christ House**. Next weekend's collection will go toward the **Poor Sisters of St. Joseph**.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 15:

7:30 am +Constanca Monillas
9:00 am +Christina Lynem
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm (L) Robert and Kelsey Quinn

St. Cornelius - Monday, September 16:

6:30 am +Frank Fleming
9:00 am +Domingo De La Fuente

St. Robert Bellarmine - Tuesday, September 17:

6:30 am +Cesario Alvarez
9:00 am +Marcel Dupuy

St. Joseph of Cupertino - Wednesday, September 18:

6:30 am (L) Madeline Lukeheart
9:00 am +Stella S.

St. Januarius - Thursday, September 19:

6:30 am (L) Fr. Leopoldo Vives
9:00 am +Ruth S.

Sts. Paul Chong and Companions- Friday, September 20:

6:30 am +Betty Yauneridge
9:00 am +Raphael Agtarap

St. Matthew - Saturday, September 21:

8:00 am +Julia Balanay Lapada
5:00 pm +Marilyn Cole
7:00 pm (L) Pedro and Natalia Varillas

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 22:

7:30 am +Adelean V. Nolan
9:00 am +Daniel O'Donohue
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Alice Jean Christman

"Charity is that with which no man is lost, and without which no man is saved." -St. Robert Bellarmine



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Claire Reilly, Jin C. Navarro, Leo Monterroso, Etelvina León-Duarte, George Cook, Olivia Castillo Anis, Maria Reyes, Anna Anderson, Michelle Jacobeen, Pedro Baiza, Jean McDermott, Anne Kemble, Tesfa Haile, 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, David Stemcosky, 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