



QUEEN_{OF} APOSTLES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
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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

4409 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA 22312
Kathy Littlefield, Principal
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 gen-eral@queenofapostles.org.

Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.



September 26 Confirmation Meeting with

Fr. Juan Fr. Juan will lead a meeting on Monday, **Sep. 26** at 6:30 pm in Hannan Hall with parents and students in eighth grade and high school desiring and preparing for Confirmation. This is a mandatory meeting for parents and students. Generally, baptized students who have received First Penance and First Holy Communion receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during eighth grade or high school. The student is to attend no less than two consecutive years of Religious Education before Confirmation.

Altar Server Training Schedule

Training for new altar servers: Sunday, **Sep. 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. Thank you for serving Our Lord in the Eucharist.

Pilgrimage to National Shrine in Emmitsburg, MD, October 8

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. Because this pilgrimage will take place one day after the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, we encourage our "knights of the altar" to embrace the Rosary as the best spiritual weapon against the growing evil in our culture and our world. To attend the pilgrimage, please contact Susan Gray at (703) 354 8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org by **Sep. 30**.

Nazareth - for Students in Grades 4-8 All students in grades 4-8 are invited to join Nazareth on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, 3:45-5:30 pm in Hannan Hall, then the school gym. Meet with Fr. Juan and Nazareth leaders on Fridays, **Oct. 7, 21; Nov. 4-18, etc.** Have fun, meet parish youth, and learn about the Catholic faith. We are looking for families to help provide snacks.

Join Emmaus - Activities for High School Students

Emmaus provides a place of growth in Catholic life through spiritual and human formation, sharing and friendship. Held at Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street), a variety of activities for high-school aged students will be held on Fridays, 6:00-8:00 pm throughout the school year: **Sep. 23; Oct. 7, 14, 21; Nov. 4, 11, 18; Dec. 2, 9, 16**. Join Fr. Juan and others for adoration, apostolic project and open gym. For more information, contact Susan Gray at (703) 354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

Religious Education Classes have Begun; Last Day to Enroll is September 18

Religious Education classes have begun! Please ensure to arrive by 8:45 am to sign in your child before the 9:00 am class start time. Attendance at Religious Education classes should take priority over extra-curricular activities. At 10:15 am, all parents are to meet their child at the school; a student will not be released until a parent signs out the student and meets him/her. Families are encouraged to go Mass together before (7:30 am) or after (10:30 am) Religious Education class.

Space permitting, the last day to register for the **2016-2017** Religious Education school year is **Sep. 18**. Grades 2, 3, 5, and 8 are full. 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.

A second collection this weekend benefits Queen of Apostles' Religious Education Program.

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.

Catechetical Sunday, September 18 Thank you to our volunteer 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.

Congratulations to catechist Mary Moran who is now in her 40th year in teaching. We are grateful to Mrs. Moran (and her family) for her dedication to the religious education of our youth. May Our Lady continue to guide and bless you.



Pastor's Letter

Election 2016: Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

The Right to Life

Part 2 – The First Principle

By Bishop Paul S. Loverde

Arlington Bishop Paul S. Loverde on forming our consciences as Catholics prior to the November presidential election.

We who are Catholics “of a certain age” identify the hymn “Whatsoever You Do” with a reminder of how we encounter Jesus in those who are poor and needy in our midst.

Those who are vulnerable in our midst include those who are homeless and hungry, those who are elderly and ill, and those who are challenged by physical, intellectual or emotional disabilities.

We also remember that the most vulnerable in our world are those who have been given the gift of life, but who still remain completely dependent upon another — the unborn children living in their mothers’ wombs.

Every society will be judged on the basis of how it treats those who are most vulnerable, and as we seek to form our consciences in anticipation of the 2016 presidential election, we need to consider as a first principle the right to life and how we protect the gift of life at every stage of its development.

In expressing a commitment to defending the gift of life, we remember that what our Church teaches is not a belief that is exclusively Catholic, but our teaching reflects what we know to be true according to human reason and logic.

So, for example, the rational person understands that if we do not defend life at its beginning at conception, then there is no life for us to develop and protect thereafter. Life is the first right.

We live today in a culture where one of our greatest values appears to be a commitment not to offend others — and it is true that patience, respect and compassion are all virtues that contribute to the formation of a person’s good character.

We also know that from the very beginning of our country’s history, we have placed great value on the gift of human freedom. However, for a number of years now, it has become common for some in politics to use the expression “pro-choice” to lure many into believing that we should not interfere with others’ freedom to make decisions even when those choices are contrary to what is objectively true and right.

Because we are made in God’s image, each one of us has deep within our hearts a knowledge of what is right and wrong.

Moreover, God gives us the gift of freedom to choose what is true and good, and therefore it is never right for anyone to choose directly or indirectly what is intrinsically evil, especially when that choice destroys the gift of life.

No one ever has a “right” to exercise the gift of freedom to deprive an innocent person, especially an unborn child, of his or her right to life.

As we form our consciences in this and every election, our first consideration is always where a candidate stands on the first principle: the right to life.

For more voter education resources please see the website for the Virginia Catholic Conference, the Virginia Bishop’s public policy agency at vacatholic.org.

Towards a Family Friendly Parish (TFFP)

The Parish as a Family of Families - Theme for September

Talk - “Family and Society”

Does Family Matter? A fun and intriguing reflection on the gift of family life, and the need for families to save our culture today. Join Sr. Clare Hunter and the families of Queen Apostles for this night of celebrating the “dys” in the function of families.

Friday, **Sep. 23** - 6:30 pm; doors open at 6 pm in Hannan Hall

Sr. Clare Hunter, F.S.E.

Respect Life Office, Diocese of Arlington



This Week in Our Parish

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
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

Monday, September 19:

Cupertino Room	7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in English

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions - Tuesday, September 20:

Hannan Hall	7:30-9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
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Saint Matthew - Wednesday, September 21:

Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

Thursday, September 22:

Church	5:30-7:00 pm Altar Server Training
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

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina - Friday, September 23:

Adoration Chapel	11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Cupertino Room	4:00 -7:00 pm Jr. Legion of Mary
Hannan Hall	6:00-7:30 pm TFFP Speaker
Notre Dame Graduate School	6:00-8:00 pm Emmaus

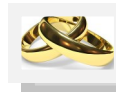
Saturday, September 24:

Hannan Hall	9:00 am-2:30 pm GCC Annual Feast Day Retreat
Parish Office	1:00-3:30 pm Stephen Ministry
School	4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
Cupertino Room	4:30-6:45 pm Marriage Prep Classes in Spanish
School	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 25:

School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
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

**“May the Mother of Jesus and our Mother,
always smile on your spirit, obtaining for it, from her
Most Holy Son, every heavenly blessing.”
St. Pio of Pietrelcina**



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/familylife/MJM.php.



Vocations

“Who will entrust to you the true riches?”

Do The riches of truth belong to those who are faithful to Christ and their vocation. Will you follow Him as a priest, deacon, 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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time For all those especially dedicated to making supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving on behalf of God's people, that they will be strengthened in their vocations as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life 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 this Monday, **Sep. 19**, 7:30-9:00 pm. The RCIA classes in Spanish begin this 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.

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.

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**.

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.

Paul VI Catholic High School would like to extend a warm invitation to our annual PVI Middle School Night on Friday, **Sep. 23** at 6:00 pm. Students are invited to join us for Rally in the Alley and varsity football. There will be free food, tee shirts, prizes and football game tickets for all. Bring your friends!!!

Eucharistic Adoration

Thoughts From An Adorer "If you ask me about my Adoration schedule I might whine and complain about my scheduled, middle of the night Adoration hour. Going to bed early, driving in the middle of the night, being tired the next day are the complaints you could hear. But the real story is how this wonderful hour has enriched my life. Once I am in the presence of Jesus, all my troubles fade. I know I have all the love and support I need from Him. I take the names of all those who I know and love and who need His help, and confidently give them to Him. When the hour is up, I reluctantly leave, overjoyed that my burdens have been lightened by Our One, True Savior.

As I go through my week whenever I am troubled, I recall that moment, that special hour with Our Lord. Reflecting on my visit I am comforted to know that He is with me and will take care of me regardless of the circumstance. When I smile, it is a reflection of His love for me.

When it is time to go to bed early, to prepare for my next 'shift', I am encouraged when I think of the Host who is waiting for my next special visit, in a few hours."

Adult Bible Study Classes begin in two weeks!

Last call for Early Bird Registrations The Early Bird rates (to cover study materials and program costs for either track) is \$20 until Monday, **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. Early Birds are guaranteed that their study materials will arrive in time for the first class.

This Sunday, Sep. 18 you can also register in person at the Ministries Fair Before or after each Mass, look for our Bible Study program representatives who will be at the tables in the vestibule 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 classes 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, or two lovely Christian jewelry items. These will be awarded at the end of the Parish Ministries Fair on **Sep. 18**, and you need not be present to win.

Reminder The parish Bible Study program for adults now offers 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 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. Come join us!

Nourishing Our Souls with Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1A, 4-7 Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31



Catechetical Sunday Masses this Week

Monday, September 19:

6:30 am +Rita Gorry
9:00 am +Ronald Leheney

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions - Tuesday, September 20:

6:30 am +Rafael Agtarap
9:00 am +James Bonofilio

Saint Matthew - Wednesday, September 21:

6:30 am +Peter Buccieri
9:00 am +Julia B. Lapada

Thursday, September 22:

6:30 am +Willard C. Collins
9:00 am (L) Steve Rodgers

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina - Friday, September 23:

6:30 am +Virginia Jean Covas
9:00 am +Catherine Straub

Saturday, September 24:

8:00 am (L) Katrina Hidalgo
5:00 pm +Donata Zartman
7:00 pm +Antonia Gonzalez

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 25:

7:30 am +Peter Gi Young Yoo
9:00 am +Roy Kasenge
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Grace Okemo

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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

Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, 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