

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 23, 2018



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."
Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."*

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
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, 2:00 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 am through Saturday 7:45 am

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Mrs. Jodi Reagan, Principal
Mrs. 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 general@queenofapostles.org.

Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.

Catholic Adult but Not Confirmed? Interested in Becoming Catholic? Join RCIA

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 from **Sep. 2018 - Jun. 2019**. Fr. Javier O'Connor leads RCIA classes in English on Mondays and in Spanish on Wednesdays. Classes are held 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 by emailing s.gray@queenofapostles.org. An inquiry form can be sent or, you may stop by the parish office (4329 Sano Street) to complete the form. Please bring birth and baptismal certificates.

For couples not married in 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 and set an appointment to meet with a priest.

Nazareth Returns! Nazareth got off to a great start with our first meeting of the year on **Sep. 17**, but the fun is not over! As a reminder, girls and boys in grades 4-8 are invited to attend the bi-weekly Monday meetings in Hannan Hall. Doors open at 3:45 pm with activities beginning at 4 pm. Parent sign-out is at 5:30 pm. Students from QofA School, public school, and homeschoolers are welcome to join Nazareth to grow in the Catholic faith, learn about the sacramental life of the church, and make friends. Please note that our next meeting is **Oct. 1**, followed by a meeting with parents of Nazareth members at 5:30 pm in Hannan Hall. Questions? Email s.calvino@queenofapostles.org.

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Sep. 30** bulletin is Monday, **Sep. 24** by 9 am. Please email announcements to Mayra at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

Religious Education Religious Education classes at Queen of Apostles are underway! On Sundays, please arrive no later than 8:45 am. Classes begin promptly at 9 am. Students arriving after 9 am will not be admitted so please plan ahead to arrive on time. A parent is to sign-in and sign-out their student each week.

Mark your calendars! QofA School, Ghana Catholic Community, and homeschooled students in grade 8 and all RE students in grade 8 and high school are to attend the Saturday, **Dec. 1** retreat, 8:30 am-3:30 pm at QofA.

RE, Ghanaian Catholic Community, and homeschool students in grades 8 and high school who are baptized and received Communion and have attended 2+ consecutive years of RE, and their parents/sponsors are to attend a meeting about the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday, **Sep. 24** at 6:30 pm in Hannan Hall.

Families with unbaptized children who are under the age of 7 years old should contact the parish office to make arrangements for baptism as soon as possible. Unbaptized children over the age of 7 are to attend Religious Education classes.

Thank you to the **2018-19** catechists, aides, and volunteers for your generosity of time and your dedication to the faith formation of our youth!

Catechists are invited to an evening of prayer scheduled for Wednesday, **Sep. 26**, 7-9 pm at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Annandale.

Emmaus High school and young college students are invited to join Emmaus on Saturday evenings, 8:15-10 pm at Christendom Graduate School (CGS) located at 4407 Sano Street for fellowship, activities, faith discussions, and prayer. For information call (703) 220-0562 or email s.calvino@queenofapostles.org.

Attention Parents of 3rd-8th Graders Basketball players wanted. No experience necessary. If your child attends QofA religious education or QofA School and wants to play basketball for QofA CYO, please join us for a Parent Meeting, this Wednesday, **Sep. 26**, at 7 pm in the school gym. If you cannot attend the meeting or have any questions, please email Kim Battaglia at levineka@hotmail.com, or Coach Jeff at jdelaconcepcion@verizon.net.

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

Pastor's Letter

Tunes

What is the meaning of “tune”? Certainly it depends on the context. It can be a noun, a verb, and can also be used in some expressions.

We can hum a tune, tune an instrument, carry a tune... But we can also tune a car or tune it up. And even more, to be in tune with something, dance to another tune or change your tune. Today it is about being in tune with...

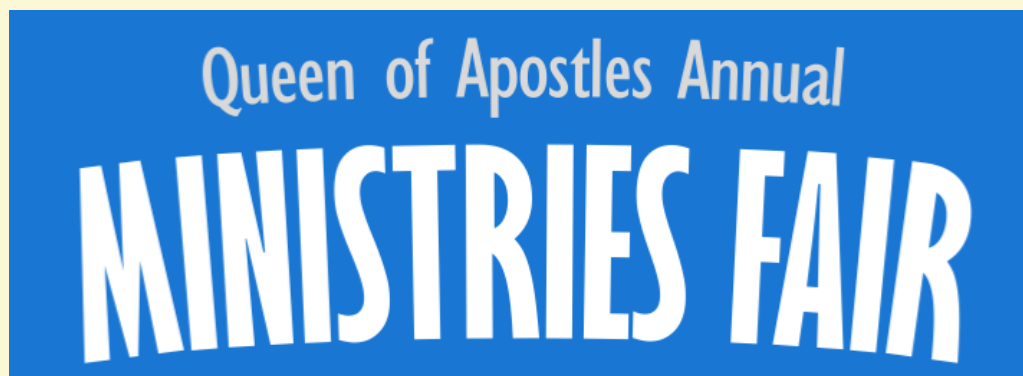
Two Sundays ago Jesus opened the ears and mouth of the deaf-mute man. He enabled him to communicate in a new way being able to enter into new relationships. Last Sunday and today Jesus is “openly” talking about his passion. But we see how the disciples were totally out of tune, and even they prefer to tune out: “But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him.” (Mk 9:32).

Three times Jesus is playing the tune of service, suffering, death and resurrection. The first time, Peter wants to sing a different tune. The second, the disciples are dancing to a different tune: who is the greatest. The third, James and John will sing out of tune: they want to be granted the first places in Jesus’ kingdom. In all these instances Jesus will call the disciples and ask them to tune themselves in a different way. The signature tune is service: “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all” (Mk 9:35).

“What does all this tell us? It reminds us that, the logic of God is always different from ours, just as God himself revealed through the mouth of Isaiah: “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, / neither are your ways my ways” (Is 55:8). For this reason following the Lord always demands of human beings – of all of us – a profound conversion, a change in our manner of thinking and living, it demands that the heart be opened to listening, to let ourselves be illuminated and transformed from within” (Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus Sept 23, 2012).

This Sunday –God willing and the waters don’t rise– we have the Ministries Fair. A call to serve after Jesus, who “did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mk 10:45). This is the tune we will hear this Sunday. Let us fine-tune our hearts to be in tune with Jesus. Our Parish Family will then sing the service tune and dance to the tune of holiness.

We ask the Queen of the Apostles to tune our hearts to be perfectly in tune with God. Let us call upon her with trust, so that she may teach us to follow Jesus faithfully on the path of love, humility and service. What a beautiful tune!



Join us this Sunday!

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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 23:

Ministries Fair

Hannan Hall	8:30 am-1:30 pm	Sunday Social
School	9:00-10:15 am	Religious Education
Parish Office	9:00-11:00 am	Stephen Ministry
Notre Dame Graduate School	9:00-11:00 am	
		Hogares de Santa Maria
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm	Ghana Group
Adoration Chapel	6:00-8:00 pm	Prayer Group

Monday, September 24:

Hannan Hall	6:30-8:00 pm	Sacrament of Confirmation Mtg.
Cupertino Room	6:30-9:00 pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm	RCIA in English

Tuesday, September 25:

Hannan Hall	10:00-11:30 am	Bible Study
Hannan Hall	5:45-7:15 pm	Bible Study
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm	Choir Practice

Wednesday, September 26:

Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

Thursday, September 27:

Hannan Hall	3:00-4:30 pm	Children's Choir Practice
Parish Office	6:30-8:00 pm	Legion of Mary
Hannan Hall	6:30-9:00 pm	Caminantes de Emaus
Church	7:30-8:30 pm	Holy Hour

Friday, September 28:

Adoration Chapel	11:00-11:30 am	Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall	7:00 pm-12:00 am	CGCC Prayer Mtg.

Saturday, September 29:

School	4:00-6:30 pm	Spanish Prayer Group
School	7:00-9:00 pm	Ghana Choir
Notre Dame Graduate School	8:30-10:00 pm	Emmaus

Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life

Answer the U.S. bishops' call to education, fasting, and prayer for the legal protection of human life each Friday, through **Sep. 28**. Join at www.usccb.org/pray/

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

Altar Server Training Boys in grade 4 and higher (who have received First Holy Communion) are invited to become an altar server and attend the trainings. Each Sunday in October, Mr. Kirby will conduct training from 1-1:45 pm. New servers and those who would like a refresher are asked to meet Mr. Kirby at the front of the church near the ambo. Interested? Please contact Susan Gray at s.gray@queenofapostles.org.



Vocations

“Wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield.” Praying for wisdom will help you yield to Christ's choice for you. Should He extend to you the gift of a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood, contact Fr. Leopoldo Vives, DCJM at general@queenofapostles.org, or Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514, or m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time That there will be an abundance of laborers chosen by the Lord to serve as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life in this vineyard of the Diocese of Arlington, we pray to the Lord.

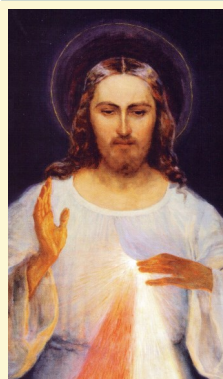
Reserve la Fecha: Peregrinación Parroquial y Retiro

Todos estan invitados a asistir a una peregrinación, una oportunidad de enriquecerse espiritualmente a través de reflexiones. Será un día de retiro inspirador, con la celebración de la Santa Misa y podran profundizar en la amistad con su comunidad de la parroquia. Estará dirigido por el P. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, en el Santuario de St. Elisabeth Ann Seton en Emmitsburg, MD. Más detalles muy pronto! Por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia antes del viernes, **5 de octubre** para inscribirse.

Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us.

Save the Date: Parish Marian Pilgrimage and Recollection

Join us on Saturday, **Oct. 13** and experience spiritual enrichment through holy reflections, a day of inspiring recollection, the celebration of the Holy Mass, and a spirit of friendship with your parish family, to be led by Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM in the beautiful shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, MD. More details coming soon! Please call the parish office by Friday, **Oct. 5** to sign up.



Divine Mercy

“My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world. Who can measure the extent of My goodness? For you I descended from heaven to earth; for you I allowed Myself to be nailed to the cross; for you I let My Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come, then, with trust to draw graces from this fountain. I never reject a contrite heart. Your misery has disappeared in the depths of My mercy. Do not argue with Me about your wretchedness. You will give Me pleasure if you hand over to Me all your troubles and griefs. I shall heap upon you the treasures of My grace.”

(Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary, 1485)

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29

Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

Jas 5:1-6

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



Urgent Need for Scheduled Adorers

There is an urgent need for a new Adorer, midnight to 1:00 am Wednesday morning each week. If you are interested in attending Adoration at this hour, please contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096, or moleski47@gmail.com.

Coats for Kids Drive As the weather starts to get cold, the Knights of Columbus heat up their commitment to the community with free winter coats for deserving children! Today, 18% of American children live in poverty and as a result, many families cannot afford to provide even the basic necessity of a warm winter coat. Putting our faith into action, your Knights of Columbus Council, Pope John Paul II 4522 will be collecting donations for the annual Coats for Kids drive several times this fall—starting this weekend. As little as \$20 will provide a child with a new winter coat, but all donations will be greatly appreciated. Rest assured 100% of your donation will go directly towards the purchase new winter coats. The Knights pray for the children and your generosity. Thank you in advance!

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation In this Bible study, you will learn about the major people, places, events and themes of the Bible and get the “big picture” of salvation history. This DVD presentation is part of the Great Adventure Bible study series led by Jeff Cavins. The study is offered on Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 am, and from 5:45 to 7:15 pm in Hannan Hall. Classes will begin **Sep. 25** and conclude **Dec. 4**, with a break during the Thanksgiving week. This semester will cover the last 10 of the 24 sessions begun in the spring. Newcomers are welcome to join and will be able to access the previous sessions online. Cost, including 24-week workbook and timeline chart: is \$50. Register on the first day of class or with Elizabeth Said at elizabethsaid2@gmail.com. For more information, please email Elizabeth.

Please Give the Gift of a Catholic Education and Receive Most of Your Donation Back Through Federal and State Tax Savings! The Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation (DASF) is part of the Virginia Education Improvement Scholarship Tax Credit Program which provides scholarships to low income new students to a Diocese of Arlington Catholic School. Donors receive 65% of their approved donation in Virginia tax credits. Donors who itemize also receive federal and Virginia tax deduction. Donating appreciated stock also avoids capital gains taxes. These donations, in addition to giving you, the donor, a tax benefit, will provide a life-changing education for our new students. The preauthorization form required for making your donation can be found at www.arlingtondiocese.org/scholarship-foundation or by calling the Diocese of Arlington Development Office at (703) 841-2764.

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Masses this Week

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 23:

7:30 am (L) Ron and Pia San Luis
9:00 am (L) Alaina and Warren San Luis
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm (L) Findley Alexander Leite

Monday, September 24:

6:30 am (L) Fr. John Paul Mitchell
9:00 am +Edwin and Bevinda de Silva

Tuesday, September 25:

6:30 am +Katherine Fauci
9:00 am (L) Rene Ruivivar, Birthday

Saints Cosmas and Damian - Wednesday, September 26:

6:30 am +Mrs. Colville
9:00 am (L) Mel and Sheila Loftus,
50th Wedding Anniversary

Saint Vincent de Paul - Thursday, September 27:

6:30 am +Bonnie Reiff
9:00 am +Lyle Schroeder

Saint Wenceslaus - Friday, September 28:

6:30 am (L) Jorge Villalobos and Jenny Cardenas
Wedding Anniversary
9:00 am +Magdalena Catain

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Saturday, September 29:

8:00 am Living and Deceased First Responders
5:00 pm +Patricia Severin
7:00 pm +Alicia Collazo

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 30:

7:30 am +Barbara A. Kasouf
9:00 am +Thomas Fotapulos
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Ashok Mark Noronha



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Pedro Baiza, Michelle Jacobeen, Beverly Spagnoli, Gabriel Carreon, Kevin Bonko, Daniel O'Donohue, Jean McDermott, Sesario Alvarez, Maria Reyes, Anne and James Kemble, Tesfa Haile, Virginia Shea, Margaret Cihak, Marion Jacobeen, Joseph Lipari, Rosa María Santos, Carmelita Mate, Leonor Cabrestane, Roger Trozado, Jeanie Miller, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks, Ruth Foreman and Baby, Charles Ferris, Dominic Blansett, Daisy Atiyeh, Dick Owens, 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, Kristi Burns, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo