



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

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 pm (Ghana Community)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 6:30 am and 9 am
No 6:30 am Mass on Federal Holidays
Saturday: 8 am

HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE

Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 7-7:30 am
Wednesday: 6:30 pm until last penitent
Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm during Holy Hour
Saturday: 4-5 pm and 6-7 pm
Sunday: 10-10:30 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 7 am through Saturday 7:45 am

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

4409 Sano Street,
Alexandria, VA 22312
Mrs. Jodi Reagan, 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. 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.



Becoming Catholic - Adult Faith Formation/RCIA Classes have Begun!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults join or complete their initiation into the Roman Catholic Church.

Can you answer "Yes" to any of these questions?:

Are you unbaptized and recognized a desire and need for the Church in your life?

Are you baptized Catholic or in another Christian denomination but have not received formal catechesis? Are you missing the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation?

Do you attend Mass and want to take the next step in becoming Catholic?

Fr. Javier O'Connor leads RCIA classes in English on Mondays and Spanish on Wednesdays, 7:30-9 pm. Classes are held at Christendom College/Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA).

Please register by contacting the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or emailing s.gray@queenofapostles.org for more information. An inquiry form will be sent, or, stop by the parish office (4329 Sano Street) to complete the form.

We will need your birth and baptismal (if applicable) certificate/s. For couples married outside of 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 at (703) 354-8711 and set an appointment to meet with a priest.

Sacrament of Confirmation Meeting, Sep. 25 at 6:30 pm. Retreat on Dec. 2

Fr. Juan will lead a Confirmation meeting with students (QofA School, Religious Education, Ghana, homeschool), parents, and sponsors (if available) on Monday, **Sep. 25** at 6:30 pm in Hannan Hall. Baptized students in grade 8 and above, who have received the Sacraments of Penance and Confession, and have attended at least two consecutive years of Religious Education, are to attend this mandatory meeting with a parent/sponsor. The Confirmation packet will be distributed.

All students in 8th grade and high school, enrolled at QofA School, Religious Education, Ghana Catholic Community, and those who homeschooled, are to attend the **Dec. 2** retreat, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in Hannan Hall.

Religious Education - The School Year Has Begun!

We've had a great start to the new Religious Education school year! As a reminder to families, doors open at 8:30 am for parent sign-in. Classes begin promptly at 9 am. Children arriving after 9 am will not be admitted to class and an absence will be recorded. After class, students will meet parents inside the School Gym. Please, no parking in the fire lane or spaces outside the Hannan Hall kitchen.

Thank you for contributing to the Sept. 16-17 Second Collection that helps fund materials and activities for Religious Education students and RCIA.

Homeschool families are asked to contact the parish office and let us know if your children will be receiving sacraments this school year. Please contact Susan at 703-354-8711 ext. 16 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

Fr. Juan Oct. 8 Meeting - Sacraments of First Penance/First Holy Communion

Religious Education parents with baptized children in grade 2 or above, who have not received the Sacraments of Penance/First Communion, and who have attended at least 2 consecutive years of RE, are to attend the meeting on **Oct. 8** at 9 am in the School.

Nazareth - for Students in Grades 4-8 - Begins Oct. 6

Students attending Queen of Apostles School, public school, and those who are homeschooled are invited to the first Nazareth meeting of the year, **Oct. 6**! Nazareth is a QofA youth ministry where students can grow in their faith and learn from our priests and sisters through discussion, prayer, and activities. This year's theme is Encounters with Christ. Meet Fr. Juan and high school/college students in Hannan Hall. Sign-in begins at 3:45 pm with activities beginning at 4 pm. Parents sign-out their child/ren at 5:30 pm. Nazareth meets on the first and third Fridays of the month: **Oct. 20, Nov. 3, 17, Dec. 1, 15**. Parent volunteers are needed to assist with activities and to provide snacks. Contact the parish office at (703) 354-8711, or email s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

Emmaus - for High School/College Students

All high school and young college students are invited to join Fr. Juan and their peers on Saturdays (except the 1st Sat. of the month), 8:30-10 pm at the Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street) for fellowship, activities, and prayer. Questions? Send a message to youth@queenofapostles.org or call the parish office at (703) 354-8711.



Pastor's Letter

Family of Families Series (III): the Origin

There are some qualities which define who the human being is. However, in our culture some of these qualities can fade away and be forgotten. One of those is that I am not eternal. I was born and certainly I will die. And if I was born then I have my origin in others.

There is a thirst in the human heart to connect with its origin because we know that life springs from that origin. And this question about the origin goes hand in hand with the question about identity. Who am I?

The birth certificate gives a powerful answer: I am my parents' child. Each one of us has a father and a mother. I am not self-sufficient. And having my origin in others, I am always connected to others. And this fabric of relationships is the soil where my identity grows and receives its final configuration. Sure enough, family is the place of origin in

which a child is introduced into human relationships and invited to embrace life, identity and dignity as a gift.

This experience of gifts given opens me to the experience of the ultimate origin that is God the Father, and the ultimate spring of my identity and dignity: I am a child of God. Therefore in the family relationships the child is given the experience of its origin and identity.

Family is based on two relationships: marriage between man and woman; and parenthood. In the family there is father. And to open the child in a deeper way to God the Father, the nuclear family also has a broader family: the Church, in which divine Sonship is given through the gift of Baptism. Talking to the families, Pope Benedict beautifully said,

"At the origin of every man and woman, and thus in all human fatherhood and motherhood, we find God the Creator. For this reason, married couples must accept the child born to them, not simply as theirs alone, but also as a child of God, loved for his or her own sake and called to be a son or daughter of God. What is more: each generation, all parenthood and every family has its origin in God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

[...] Certainly we come from our parents and we are their children, but we also come from God who has created us in his image and called us to be his children. Consequently, at the origin of every human being there is not something haphazard or chance, but a loving plan of God. This was revealed to us by Jesus Christ, the true Son of God and a perfect man. He knew whence he came and whence all of us have come: from the love of his Father and our Father" (Benedict XVI: Homily July 9, 2006).

Blessing of Animals on Sunday, Oct. 1 In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (**Oct. 4**) there will be a blessing of the animals following the 12 noon Mass next Sunday, **Oct. 1** at 1:30 pm. Please bring your pet bunnies, birds, hamsters, cats, dogs, etc., for a special blessing!

ACCA Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA), will celebrate their 50th Anniversary at Queen of Apostles Church on Tuesday, **Oct. 3**. The program will begin with a service at 7 pm with a reception to follow in Hannan Hall. All are invited to attend and help recognize the accomplishments and services provided by this organization founded by Fred and Emily Ruffing from Queen of Apostles.

Thank You The Knights of Columbus, Pope John Paul II Council 4522 have graciously volunteered to attend Adoration and fill the urgent hour of need on Friday mornings from 2:00 am to 3:00 am.

Invitation to Children's Holy Hour Anxious to come to adoration but afraid your little one(s) will be too disruptive? Come visit the Children's Holy Hour! Every Friday from 11-12 noon families gather in the adoration chapel to spend time with Our Lord (without fear of being too noisy!). Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet said aloud. This is a beautiful way to introduce little ones to Christ in the Eucharist! Feel free to bring children's prayer books, religious coloring pages, or just yourselves for part of the hour. Hope to see you there! For more information, email Cara at cara.f.cook@gmail.com.

This Week In Our Parish

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 24:

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 25:

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

Tuesday, September 26:

Hannan Hall	10:00-11:30 am Bible Study
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Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 27:

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

Thursday, September 28:

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

Friday, September 29:

Adoration Chapel	11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall	6:00-9:00 pm Couples for Christ

Saturday, September 30:

Hannan Hall	9:00 am-1:00 pm Virtus
Hannan Hall	1:00-5:00 pm Couples for Christ
School	4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir

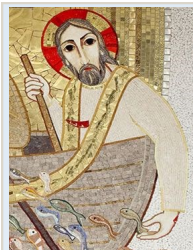
Catholic Charities Counseling Queen of Apostles has partnered with Catholic Charities to have a counselor, Ty Kramer, come to the parish to provide counseling services. Ty is a Bilingual Therapist. He specializes in trauma work and has a lot experience working with abuse victims. Ty is available for appointments at the parish office on Tuesdays between 11 am and 7 pm. Catholic Charities offers sessions on a sliding scale fee, in order to provide services to all those seeking assistance. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please call our intake coordinator at (703) 224-1630.

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, pray for us.

Second Collections

The Mass collection from Friday, **Sep. 29**, will help support those affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Please join Q of A's chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) in helping those who are suffering. The donations will be sent to Catholic Charities USA, which is leading the disaster relief effort on behalf of the Catholic Church in the United States.

Next Sunday's Second Collection will be for the victims of Hurricane Irma. Thank you for your generosity.



Vocations

"Seek the Lord while He may be found..."

While seeking Him in prayer and the sacraments, listen to Him. Could it be you are being called by Jesus to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If you think He may be offering you this grace,

contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

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.

Altar Server Training Fourth grade boys and older who are interested in serving the Lord in the Eucharist have training on Sundays, **Sep. 24** and **Oct. 1**, 1-1:45 pm inside the church. If servers missed previous trainings or want a refresher, please attend the additional training on **Oct. 1**.

40 Days for Life

Please join us in praying out loud to end abortion. 40 Days for Life will begin on Wednesday, **Sep. 27**. For a list of events and to sign up to pray, visit www.40DaysForLife.com.

In 2015, 1512 babies were killed at the abortion center located on 101 South Whiting St.

A group will gather to pray on Wednesday, **Sep. 27** at the abortion center located on 2839 Duke St.

Bishop Burbidge will pray the Rosary at the abortion center on 2839 Duke St. at 7:30 am on Wednesday, **Oct. 18**.

**Respect
Life
Sunday**

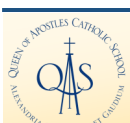


October 1 - Respect Life Sunday Life Chain

On Sunday, **Oct. 1**, the 22nd Alexandria Life Chain will be conducted as a public witness to the sanctity of human life, joining 900 life chains across the United States and Canada. Approximately 400 Christians from 10 area churches participated in the 2016 Alexandria Life Chain, joining a million other Americans in this act of Christian witness and charity.

Please join us at 2:00 pm at the corner of Broad Street (Route 7) and Spring Street, by St. James Catholic School. Parking is available in the school lot or along Spring Street. Positive pro-life signs will be available at this corner. We will then pray along both sides of Broad Street, spreading out to maximize visibility, until 3:30 pm. Bring your whole family! You are welcome to bring water, lawn chairs, umbrellas, and strollers.

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 Charity**.



Queen of Apostles Catholic School

Please join us every Friday at 9 am
for the School Mass.

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Phil 2:1-11 Mt 21:28-32



Save the Date! Diocesan Pilgrimage

Bishop Michael Burbidge invites you to this year's Diocese of Arlington Pilgrimage on Saturday, **Oct. 14**, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. For more information visit the Diocese's website, arlingtondiocese.org/diocesanpilgrimage. Queen of Apostles will be offering bus transportation to this pilgrimage for QofA parishioners. To reserve a bus seat, please call the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or email general@queenofapostles.org. Reservations will be first come, first serve.

Your Parish Family Needs You! Would you like to be inspired and grow in your spiritual life with Christ and through Christ, with you as a vital part of the "Family of Families"?

You have a very important role in our parish which values family life and the commitment to helping its parishioners be a "Family of Families".

You have an exciting opportunity to take an active part in the family of Christ when you share your gifts and talents by joining the *Mother Teresa Caring Ministry* at Queen of Apostles Parish. The ministry aims to follow Christ by caring for others as a family, sharing the love, joy and hope of Jesus in the footsteps of Mother Teresa.

For more information, please contact Maris Dionisio at (703) 751-8495 or Stephenministry@queenofapostles.org.

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat for Women

An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, **Sep. 30**. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. For further information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel at (888)456-HOPE (4673) or info@helpafterabortion.org.

“Make it a practice to judge persons and things in the most favorable light at all times and under all circumstances.” - St. Vincent de Paul

Gain a 65% Tax Credit and Give a Student the Gift of a Catholic Education!

The Virginia Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credit Program will award a 65% tax credit (on top of a regular charitable deduction) for donations made to the Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation, which will, in turn, provide scholarships for new students wishing to attend our diocesan Catholic Schools. For more information, please call (703) 841-2764, or visit: <https://www.Arlingtondiocese.org/Scholarship-Foundation/>.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses this Week

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 24:

7:30 am +David Plain
9:00 am +Patricia Jackson
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Elisabeth Ouedraogo

Monday, September 25:

6:30 am +Lucious Riley and Pablo Mendez
9:00 am +Betty Dvorscak

Saints Cosmas and Damian - Tuesday, September 26:

6:30 am +Brian Schmucker
9:00 am +John Bartholme

Saint Vincent de Paul - Wednesday, September 27:

6:30 am (L) Jesùs Emanuel Castro
9:00 am (L) Rebecca G. Yoo

Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

Thursday, September 28:

6:30 am +Peter J. Yoo
9:00 am +José and Alice Castro

Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Rafael

Friday, September 29:

6:30 am +Anna Blais
9:00 am +Zita D'Souza

Saint Jerome - Saturday, September 30:

8:00 am +Sister Emery Duval
5:00 pm +Barbara Ann Kasouf
7:00 pm (L) Jesús Emanuel Castro

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 1:

7:30 am +Miguel Antonio Alvarez
9:00 am +Joseph Michael Sheehan
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Veronica Breznak

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Oct 1** bulletin is Monday, **Sep. 25** by 9 am. Please email bulletin announcements to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Daniel O'Donohue, Jeanie Miller, Rosa María Santos, Minnie Ruth Ford, Debbie DuBrul, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks Ruth Foreman and Baby, Charles Ferris, John Harchick, Jr., 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, J. Saunders, Catherine Hanniff, Kristi Burns, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, Joseph Covas, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Teresa Sabina Piecyk, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Spracht, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith