



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

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

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Kathy Littlefield, Principal
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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.

Caridades Católicas, Hogar Immigrant

Services ofrece clases de ciudadanía en la Escuela Reina de los Apóstoles. La inscripción para las clases de ciudadanía será el lunes y miércoles próximos de 7-9 pm en la escuela. Las clases de ciudadanía cuestan \$100 e incluyen el libro. Para más información llame al Hogar Immigrant Services al (571) 208-1572.

Santa Teresa de Avila:

*Nada te turbe,
nada te espante;
todo se pasa,
Dios no se muda.
La paciencia todo lo alcanza.
Quien a Dios tiene nada le falta:
solo Dios basta.*

For All Students in Grades 4-8 - Join Nazareth

All students in grades 4-8 are invited to join Fr. Juan and Nazareth leaders on Friday, **Oct. 7**, 3:45-5:30 pm in Hannan Hall, then onto the School Gym. Have fun, meet parish youth and learn about the Catholic faith. Nazareth is held on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month: **Oct. 7, 21; Nov. 4, 18; Dec. 2, 16**. We are looking for 3-4 parents to help with providing snacks.

Bible Study for High School Students There will be a High School Bible Study on Thursday nights this fall starting on **Oct. 6**, 6-7:30 pm. The fall Bible Study will focus on the Acts of the Apostles. Learn about the heroic moments, powerful testimonies and daring adventures of the Church's first Christians. Please contact Susan Gray at s.gray@queenofapostles.org if you are interested. There may be a fee for some of the materials.

Altar Server Pilgrimage, Oct. 8 Altar servers and dad chaperones are invited to a pilgrimage on Saturday, **Oct. 8** to Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine and Grotto in Emmitsburg, MD (Mount St. Mary). We will leave QofA at 9 am and return by 4 pm. Field trip permission forms will be provided. If attending, please contact Susan Gray in the parish office by **Sep. 30**: s.gray@queenofapostles.org or (703) 354-8711.

Join Emmaus - Activities for High School/College Students Emmaus provides a place of growth in Catholic life through spiritual and human formation, sharing and friendship. A variety of activities, including open gym on the first Friday of the month in the School Gym, and adoration and apostolic projects on other Fridays at Notre Dame Graduate School, for high-school aged students will be held on Fridays, 6-8 pm throughout the school year: **Sep. 9, 16, 23; Oct. 7, 14, 21; Nov. 4, 11, 18; Dec. 2, 9, 16**. Please note that Emmaus does not meet on the last Friday of the month. For more information, contact Susan Gray at (703) 354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

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.

October 9 First Penance/First Holy Communion Meeting with Fr. Juan

Fr. Juan will lead a First Penance/First Holy Communion meeting in the School's Multipurpose Room on Sunday, **Oct. 9** at 9 am.

Parents who have 1) baptized child/ren in grade two and above; 2) child/ren has not made First Penance/First Holy Communion and has the desire to receive these sacraments; and 3) attended no less than two consecutive years of Religious Education, are to attend this meeting.

Religious Education Thank you parents of Religious Education students for working with our priests, staff, catechists and volunteers on arrival/departure and other procedures. You are reminded to arrive by 8:45 am at QofA School on Sundays. Classes begin promptly at 9 am and end at 10:15 am. Students arriving after 9:10 am will not be admitted to class and an absence will be recorded. A parent is to sign in and sign out their child/ren. A parent must meet their child/ren at the school; students will not be released until a parent signs out (in St. Joseph Hall) and meets their child/ren. Parents and RE students are to attend Mass before or after RE class. Queen of Apostles has Mass before RE at 7:30 am or after RE at 10:30 am.

Thank you for contributing to the second collection held on **Sep. 17-18** that benefits Queen of Apostles' Religious Education Program.

Homeschooling families who have children of sacramental age, please contact the parish office.



Pastor's Letter

A Family of Families

For the past 12 months we have been running the program "Towards a Family Friendly Parish." With this program we intended to advance our awareness of the central role of the family in the life of our parish. This approach is part of our mission statement saying, *"Under the protection of our Blessed Mother and guided by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to form disciples of Christ by ... inspiring families to embrace joyfully their vocation to holiness"* and our vision, *"To be a family of families committed to growing in discipleship of Christ and eager to invite others to join our family."*

As we talked about a "Family Friendly Parish" we also introduced the concept of a "Family of Families," which is this month's theme. I would like to make a point about the consequences of this approach.

As pastor, my perspective is to be inclusive to all parishioners. From seniors to babies; singles, married or widows. If I focus on seniors, what about the youth? If I focus on young families with children, what about empty nesters or singles? If I focus on couples, what about widows, widowers or divorced?

In contrast with those partial approaches, the "family" approach has the capacity to include everyone. All of us belong to a family and family relations are central to our lives. QofA wants to be family and home for each of you whatever your situation in life. As a home we welcome each parishioner. As a family we form significant relationships. And also, as we are a family, we reach out to others whom we haven't yet met but nevertheless are part of our parish family.

As a family of families, we want to offer a home not only to individuals, but also to families. The parish is a home where families can meet, build friendships and share their faith and life journey. We can meet others who fit naturally with us because of sharing age, situation in life.

Finally, as a family we share our gifts and work together. Being a part of a parish group or ministry helps us to strengthen our relations and thus grow as a family of families. Last Sunday's Ministries Fair was a beautiful example of our joy of being a family and sharing God's gifts. May Mary continue caring for this family and guiding us.

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View "Opening the Word" a 6 minute video on the readings for this Sunday:
formed.org/course/lesson/562538a294e8bb5c0a980769

Have a movie night with the family! Watch the movie: *Paul VI, The Pope and the Tempest* available through FORMED.



Temporary Exhibition on Saint Thomas More

In a new landmark exhibition, God's Servant First: *The Life and Legacy of Thomas More*, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. presents the life, martyrdom, and legacy of the 16th century English philosopher-statesman whom Pope John Paul II named the heavenly Patron of Statesmen and Politicians. The exhibition also explores the connection between Thomas More, the Carroll Family of Maryland, and the foundations of religious liberty in America. It features over 60 artifacts from England and the United States, including numerous period objects from Stonyhurst College in the United Kingdom that have never been exhibited in the United States. The exhibition runs through Mar. 31, 2017, and is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. The Saint John Paul II Shrine is located at 3900 Harewood Road, NE, Washington, D.C. Additional information can be found at www.jp2shrine.org.

This Week in Our Parish

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

Monday, September 26:

Hannan Hall	6:30-8:30 pm RE 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

Saint Vincent de Paul - Tuesday, September 27:

Hannan Hall	7:30-9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
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Wednesday, September 28:

Parish Office	6:00-7:00 pm Sustainability Committee
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

Thursday, September 29:

Parish Office	6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Church	7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

Saint Jerome - Friday, September 30:

Adoration Chapel	11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Saturday, October 1:

Vestibule	KofC Christmas Card Sale
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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 2:

Vestibule	KofC Christmas Card Sale
Hannan Hall	8:30 am-1:30 pm Sunday Social/Craft sale
School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

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**.

Craft Supplies Sale Mark your calendar for the Craft Supplies Sale on **Oct. 2** in Hannan Hall from 8:00 am -12 noon. Crafters, teachers, parents who are looking for craft supplies are welcome to purchase craft items at unbeatable prices. Plan to attend!

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.



Vocations

"Fight the good fight of the faith." Is your faith in Christ leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time That the pursuit of righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness will mark the lives of all those discerning our Heavenly Father's will, especially those considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Support Vocations Sponsor a runner in the Race for Seminarians! Our team of priests, seminarians and lay people is preparing for the Marine Corps Marathon and 10K as a way to support vocations. If you already have a spot in one of these races, we invite you to join our team. For more information, visit ArlingtonVocations.org or call (703) 841-2514.

It's Not Too Late to 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. Led by Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, Queen of Apostles is offering RCIA classes in English and Spanish. The RCIA class in English meets on Mondays, 7:30-9 pm. The RCIA class in Spanish meets on Wednesdays, 7:30-9 pm. Classes will be held at Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano St.). 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.

Last call for the Adult Bible Study Fall Semester-classes begin Tuesday, Oct. 4!

Registration is still open for the two eight-week series offered on Tuesdays from **Oct. 4-Nov. 29**. 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.

The fee of \$25 covers study materials and program costs for either track. Register at the Parish Office or online at: www.QofAbiblestudy.com. Registrations also may be accepted on the first day of class on a space-available basis. Registrations received after the **Sep. 19** early cutoff date will not receive student materials until after the first class.

Congratulations to Carmen Shafer who won the Ministries Fair drawing for a free Fall Semester registration; and to Edward White who was the winner of a bracelet from the family-owned Christian jewelry firm Premier Designs.

A Word from the Pastoral Council

Father Leopoldo formed the Pastoral Council to support him in achieving the parish's vision. The Council is composed of fourteen members of the parish, including our three Disciples assigned to the parish, who meet every two months. Our role is advisory in nature. We are not a governance body.

The Council met on 9/14 and discussed the following topics:

1. **Parish Life.** Our parish's theme for 2017 is **Toward a Family Fully Alive (TFFA)** which follows last year's **Towards a Family Friendly Parish**. We will have monthly topics and monthly Days of Recollection. This program will kick off with a Marian Pilgrimage to The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on **October 29**. Please mark your calendars and join us. As a part of the TFFA program, the Disciples will introduce a Rule of Life for the parish. The Rule is a group of spiritual practices that will assist parishioners with deep spiritual growth. The Council also discussed how to use the FORMED.org web site to grow spiritually. As announced this month, Queen of Apostles has a FORMED parish account, so membership is free to parishioners. To join FORMED.org use our parish account number Z37RTW when you register.
2. **Parish Communications.** The Council had a lively discussion on ways to reach out to the parish community with social media and also how to make information and materials more readily available to parishioners.
3. **Homeless Shelter at Lincolnia Senior Center.** At the time of our meeting, it was understood that a homeless shelter on Columbia Pike would be relocated to the field behind the Lincolnia Senior Center by 2017. There was discussion on how to serve the pastoral needs of the homeless center, while also attending to practical concerns of safety and security. However, a vote by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on September 20 discontinued plans for that shelter and so there are no further issues to address at this time.

Please continue to pray for our priests, parish staff, parish ministries, and the Pastoral Council.

Chip Souser, Chair

Catholic College Fair Are you facing a college selection decision? Are you interested in learning more about what Catholic colleges and universities have to offer? Then come to the Catholic College Fair at 7 pm on Wednesday, **Oct. 5** in the school gym at Holy Spirit School, 8800 Brad-dock Road, Annandale. Sponsored by the Knights of Colum-bus, this fair brings together representatives from Catholic schools from across the country. Come learn about the wide variety of programs and majors available at these schools and their financial aid programs.

Nourishing Our Souls with Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Lk 17:5-10



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

Monday, September 26:

6:30 am (L) Joe Covas
9:00 am + Virginia Covas

Saint Vincent de Paul - Tuesday, September 27:

6:30 am +Charlie Villanueva
9:00 am +Magdalena Lopez Catain

Wednesday, September 28:

6:30 am +Joshua Chedid
9:00 am (L) Gabriel Thomas Cook

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

Thursday, September 29:

6:30 am (L) Paul Kyung Yoo
9:00 am (L) Rebecca Gall Yoo

Saint Jerome - Friday, September 30:

6:30 am +Barbara Ann Kasouf
9:00 am + Joseph and Annelle Thach, Sr.

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

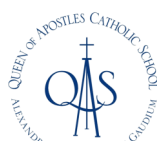
Saturday, October 1:

8:00 am +Miguel Antonio Alvarez
5:00 pm +Bonnie Felauer
7:00 pm +Hermana Margarita Alvarez Tostado

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 2:

7:30 am +George Davis
9:00 am +Virginia Covas
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon (L) The Smith Family

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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

Ronald Redman, 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 Spracht, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Teresa Subal-usky, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith