



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"Let us celebrate with joy
the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
for from her arose the sun of justice,
Christ our God."*

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(703) 354-8711
www.queenofapostles.org

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
Jodi Reagan, Principal
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.

Interested in Learning about the Catholic Faith? Are you Missing a Sacrament? Are you in a Sacramental Marriage? Join RCIA, Sep. 18/20

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 leads RCIA classes in English and Spanish. Classes will be held at Christendom College/Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA).

RCIA-English will be held on Mondays, 7:30-9:00 pm starting on **Sep. 18**.

RCIA-Spanish will be held on Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm starting on **Sep. 20**.

Please register by **Sep. 8** 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.

Emmaus Kick-off On Saturday, **Sep. 9** from 8:30 to 10:00 pm, High School and Young College Students are invited to join together in Hannan Hall for games and snacks to kick-off the school year. Please bring a snack to share and a friend. For more information and to RSVP, send a message to youth@queenofapostles.org or call the parish office at (703) 354-0714.

Religious Education - First Day is Sep. 10! We look forward to welcoming families to the first day of Religious Education class, Sunday, **Sep. 10**, 9 am. Doors open at 8 am. Please arrive no later than 8:30 am to allow time for signing-in and meeting catechists. Priests will meet with parents at 9 am.

Grade 3 is no longer accepting registrations and grades 4 through high school have very limited space. Please do not delay registering your child/ren. Students are assigned to the Religious Education grade that parallel his/her public school grade.

Registration fees for kindergarten-high school: \$90 for 1 child; \$140 for 2 children; \$170 for 3+ children in the same family.

We accept cash and check payable to Queen of Apostles. Registration fees do not include fees associated with sacraments.

New students need to provide birth and baptismal certificates.

Families with unbaptized children under the age of 7 years old are asked to call the parish office at (703) 354-8711.

Thank you to our dedicated catechists, aides, and volunteers for preparing for the upcoming Religious Education school year! A Blessing of Catechists will be held during the 10:30 am Mass on **Sep. 17**.

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Sep. 10** bulletins was Monday, **Aug. 28** by 9 am.

Nazareth begins Friday, Sep. 15 for Students in Grades 4-8

Students attending Queen of Apostles School, public school, and those who are homeschooled are invited to the first Nazareth meeting of the year, **Sep. 15!** 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. 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: **Sep. 15, Oct. 6, 20, Nov. 3, 17**. 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.

Second Collection Next Weekend Next weekend's Second Collection will be for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Thank you for your generosity.



Pastor's Letter

The Church as a Family

Family is a core value for our Parish, and a main focus of QofA's mission and vision statement. Now, one question can arise. What do I mean by Family? What do I mean when I say that the Parish is a Family of Families or that my vision is that every individual and every family would find at QofA a home and a family?

If we are to build a Parish for the Family, and a Family of Families, it is fair that we know what are we talking about. Therefore I would like to make this theme a topic of discussion and thinking in my weekly articles and in my pastoral leadership of the Parish.

I would like to begin with what is evident. Husband, wife, children. That's the more evident definition of family, and what we maybe think first when we say "family."

Then, there is the extended family: siblings, in-laws, grandchildren, nephews and nieces...

Philosophers use the concept of "analogy" to show the likeness between two realities, understanding that there is also a difference. Pope Benedict used this concept in his encyclical "God is love" n.2 to explain the concept of "love".

Today I would like to reflect about the Church as a Family. When we say this we express three realities: that there is a Father, there is a shared life, and there is a common good. We can go further with the analogy saying that Mary is our mother, as Jesus determined when from the cross he said to his mother: "behold your son" (Jn 19:27).

It is a shared experience that we are "brothers and sisters in Christ," and this applies not only to Catholics but to all baptized regardless of the denomination. What do we mean by this if not that we have a Father and a shared life? And sure enough, that shared life is communion with God, graced with the presence of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

Therefore we have made a first step in understanding family. The Church is a family. God is our Father and we are brothers and sisters. Nonetheless, now I should ask myself: Who makes up the Church? Christians as individuals? When we say that "family is the fundamental cell of society", wouldn't we say that family is also the fundamental cell in the Church?

That's a question that will usher into the next step in this series about family as a focus in our vision and mission.

Queen of Apostles Annual

MINISTRIES FAIR

Save the Date! Sunday, September 17

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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 3:

Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group
Adoration Chapel 6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

Monday, September 4:

Adoration Chapel Closed

Parish Office Closed

Cupertino Room 7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

Tuesday, September 5:

Hannan Hall 9:30-11:30 am ACCA Meeting

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 6:

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group

Thursday, September 7:

Parish Office 6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary

Church 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

Friday, September 8:

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 9:

Hannan Hall 1:30-5:30 pm Couples for Christ

School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group

School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir

Hannan Hall 8:00-10:00 pm Emmaus

*When the Most holy Virgin was born, the whole world
was made radiant; blessed is the branch and
blessed the stem which bore such holy fruit.*

Cook Needed for QofA Clergy

Job Purpose:

Having their dinners prepared will allow the priests to dine together strengthening their family/community life, and to be more available to serve the Parish before and after dinner.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- *Prepare dinner for the priests from Monday to Thursday.
- * Plan and prepare healthy and varied meals
- *Shop for groceries
- *Care for the cleaning of the kitchen

Technical Skills & Knowledge Profile:

*Ability to embracing the vision of the Parish as a Family of Families and the priests' community as a family in the Family of Families.

*Discrete and reserved in a way to respect the privacy of the Religious Community life

*Ability to adapt to the Spanish menu and cooking style

Reports:

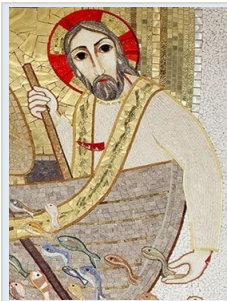
Office Supervisor

Type:

Part time (10-15 hours/week), Non exempt
The schedule is flexible. Meals can be prepared at home.

To Apply:

Contact Flora Wack at f.wack@queenofapostles.org



Vocations

“What profit would a man show if he were to gain the whole world and ruin himself in the process.”

Are you being called to be a priest or deacon, brother or sister? Contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time That none of us will be a hindrance to those men and women called to take up their cross and follow Jesus as priests, deacons or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Race for Seminarians Team Rally and Picnic September 12

All are invited to come learn more about the Race for Seminarians, meet other runners and walkers and get set for race day. Donors, cheerers and prayer warriors welcome as well. Hear training tips from Ray Pugsley of Potomac River Runners as well as fundraising testimonials and motivation. Enjoy a picnic dinner, and organize your cheer squads. We'll meet at Lacey Woods Park in Arlington from 5:30-7:30 pm. Please RSVP by **Sep. 6** to vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514. For more information, visit www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/RUN.

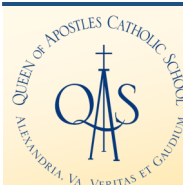
Labor Day The Parish Office and the Adoration Chapel will be closed this Monday in observance of Labor Day. There will be only one Mass celebrated at 9 am.

11th Annual Young Adult Mass with Bishop Burbidge

Young Adults (ages 21-39) are invited to the 11th Annual Bishop's Mass & Reception at 6 pm on Sunday, **Sep. 10** at St. Charles Borromeo in Arlington, VA. The principal Celebrant and homilist will be Bishop Michael F. Burbidge. A reception will follow. Questions? Please contact Brendan at (703) 841-2549 or yam@arlingtondiocese.org.

Banica Youth Mission June 23 to July 3, 2018: Is God calling you to mission? Interested teens aged 16 and older can sign up to participate at the Ministries Fair on **Sep. 17**. Space is limited. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first serve basis. For more info please contact Mother Maria at (703) 354-0395 or Jo Balsamo at (703) 623-5607.

Thank You for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend's collection will go toward the **Parish Charity**. Next weekend's collection will go toward **ACCA** and the **Missionaries of Charity**.



Queen of Apostles Catholic School

Thank you to all who have helped make the first week at Queen of Apostles School a great success. We are looking forward to a wonderful year.

Adorer Needed There is an urgent need for an Adorer Friday morning, 2:00 am to 3:00 am each week. Please contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096 if you are able to answer this call to adore Our Lord.

Music Ministry Season Starting Up! The Please join us for a meet and greet introductory session in Hannan Hall. All singers (Spanish and English) and Instrumentalists are invited! Bring a snack/dish to share. If you are a seasoned member of our ensemble or someone thinking about joining, this is the perfect day to come learn more about us!

When: Tuesday, **Sep. 5** at 7pm in Hannan Hall. For more details contact Michelle at m.jacobeen@queenofapostles.org or (410) 707-5328.

Bible Study Classes will begin **Sep. 12**, Tuesdays at 10 am and 6 pm. Early bird registration \$25.

Join us for Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance with Jeff Cavins

- *Discover what it means to be not just a son or daughter of God, but an heir to all he has to give.
- *Learn about the great mystery of how we can love one another as Christ loves the Church.
- *Find out that you have a place in God's "plan of sheer goodness".

Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance is an 8-part Bible study that will enrich your faith, and show you how to live it out. Pick up your registration in the vestibule or the church office. You can also register online at www.qofabiblestudy.com.



Queen of Apostles Women's Group The Queen of Apostles Women's Group will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday, **Sep. 13** at 10:00 am in Hannan Hall.

All parish women are cordially invited to enjoy the FAITH and FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE and JOY, that are the basis of the Women's Group. New and former members are welcome.

14th Annual Diocesan Blue Mass The 14th Annual Diocesan Blue Mass will be held at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More on Saturday, **Sep. 16**, at 5:30 pm. This Mass is to pray for the safety of all Police Officers, Fire Fighters and Emergency Personnel serving within the Diocese of Arlington and to pray for those who have died in the line of duty. Bishop Burbidge will be the principal celebrant and homilist. All are welcome. Following the Mass there will be a reception in Burke Hall for all first responders and their families. Please contact the Cathedral of St. Thomas More for more information.

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.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 3:

7:30 am +George and Margaret Fonge
9:00 am +Dolores Perez
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Edna Nuval

Monday, September 4:

9:00 am +Mr. Jan Marvin Matutol

Tuesday, September 5:

6:30 am +Jack Dalton
9:00 am +Don Gavin

Wednesday, September 6:

6:30 am +Carmen Solis
9:00 am +Buenaventura Sian

Thursday, September 7:

6:30 am +Mr. and Mrs. Henry Van Leuven
9:00 am +Clarissa De Guzman

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, September 8:

6:30 am Living & Deceased Victims of Hurricane Harvey
9:00 am +Grace Okemo

St. Peter Claver - Saturday, September 9:

8:00 am +Anne Camp
5:00 pm +Arlene O'Connor
7:00 pm (L) Jennifer Mary Delgadillo

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 10:

7:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the Monillas Family
9:00 am +Antonio Sian
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Lucia and José Antonio Venero

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Daniel O'Donohue, 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, Miriam Farfan, 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 Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith