



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*“...You should know that there is present with you the Angel whom God has appointed for each man... This angel, who is sleepless and cannot be deceived, is always present with you; he sees all things and is not hindered by darkness. You should know, too, that with him is God.”
St. Anthony of Egypt*

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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

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.

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.

Altar Server Training

Boys in grade 4 and higher (who have received First Holy Communion) are invited to become an altar server and attend trainings on all Sundays in October: **Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28**. 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. Generally, altar boys serve every other weekend. Interested? Please contact Susan Gray at s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

Thank you for serving our Lord in the Eucharist. A Blessing of Altar Servers will take place during Masses on **Nov. 3-4**.

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Oct. 7** and **Oct. 14** bulletins is Monday, **Oct. 1** by 9 am (note early **Oct. 14** bulletin deadline due to the Columbus Day holiday). 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. Students are to bring their textbook, paper and pen/pencil.

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.

On Sunday, **Oct. 14**, the priest will lead a First Penance/First Holy Communion meeting. Religious Education parents of baptized students in grade 2 and higher who have attended 2+ years are to attend this meeting: 9-9:30 am in English; 9:30-10 am in Spanish. Please meet the priest in the School Library/All Saints Hall.

Sacrament of Confirmation packets were distributed to RE, Ghanaian, and homeschool families during the **Sep. 24** meeting. If you need another packet, visit: <https://queenofapostles.org/religious-education/>

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

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.

Nazareth 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. 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.

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



Pastor's Letter

The On-Deck Circle

Last Wednesday we had Michael McGuire's Funeral Mass. I would like that this Pastor's letter be a tribute to him and all our generous volunteers serving the Parish Family through our varied ministries. As you know, he has been, along with his sister Patty, the Parish Candle Master for many years. His ministry provided that we could always find votive candles ready to light in our clean and well-polished candle stands. Through that ministry, he supported our devotion, our prayers, and helped to make visible the light of faith and prayer. Those votive candles invite us to stop for a moment when we pass by them as we go into the Church.

Our Ministries Fair was a call to our parishioners to jump into the on-deck circle, to be the next one to bat in the parish game. Baseball players don't want to be in the hole. Why would we be at ease in the hole, just watching the game?

Great players train hard to be ready to come up and hit the winning ball. In today's Gospel Jesus reminds us that we need to be ready to give up those things which would restrain us in following him, "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off... And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off... And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna" (Mk 9:43-47).

It is serious. Jesus sets clearly what is entailed to take the cross and follow him. We don't train for the World Series. We train for holiness and heaven. So why wouldn't we be ready to fast, to exercise, to choose the proper diet, to have enough rest and sleep so that we are at our best when we enter the batter's box? And don't take me wrong. The batter's box is not Mass. It is life, and we go to Mass as to the gym to be healed, strengthened, and, becoming one with Jesus, get ready to "go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life" (Mass Dismissal).

After the seventh day, Saturday, we take a break and we go to Mass: "Take me out to the ball game." Yes, Jesus is our coach and wants us being part of the game. He is calling us from the on-deck circle into the batter's box. Let us get ready to jump in and win the game!

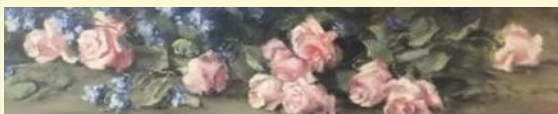


Novena Rose Prayer

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus, please pick for me a rose from the heavenly garden and send it to me as a message of love.

O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God to grant the favors

I now place with confidence in your hands (mention your special prayer request here).
St. Therese, help me to always believe as you did, in God's great love for me, so that I may imitate your "Little Way" each day.
Amen.



Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me
here, ever this day (or night)
be at my side, to light and guard,
to rule and guide. Amen.



"Keep a clear eye toward life's end. Do not forget your purpose and destiny as God's creature. What you are in his sight is

what you are and nothing more. Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take nothing that you have received...but only what you have given; a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice, and courage."

-St. Francis of Assisi

This Week In Our Parish

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 30:

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

Monday, October 1:

Hannan Hall 3:45-5:30 pm Nazareth
Cupertino Room 6:30-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in English

Tuesday, October 2:

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

Wednesday, October 3:

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

Thursday, October 4:

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
School 9:00-10:30 pm St. Joseph Men's Group

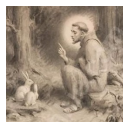
Friday, October 5:

Adoration Chapel 11:00-11:30 am Children's
Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
School 6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym
Hannan Hall 6:30-9:00 pm Couples for Christ
Hannan Hall 9:00 pm-8:00 am First Friday Adoration Vigil

Saturday, October 6:

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

A Mom's Peace Day of Reflection Inviting all mothers who have suffered the loss of an unborn child to "A Mom's Peace Day of Reflection: Journey of Hope with Mary, Queen of Peace and St. Francis". Thursday, **Oct. 4**, 9 am-1 pm at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Gainesville. Mass at 9 am, followed by talks, small group discussions, lunch and an opportunity for counseling. The event is free of charge. RSVP at marybeth@amomspeace.org.



Blessing of Animals In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, there will be a blessing of animals next Sunday, **Oct. 7** at 1:30 pm. Please bring your pets for a special blessing!

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.



Vocations

"Would that all the Lord's people were prophets..." All Catholics share the prophetic ministry of the Lord through baptism. Is He calling you to bear witness to His truth as a priest or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Leopoldo Vives, DCJM at general@queenofapostles.org, or Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514, or m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time For the graces of clarity and active response in the discernment of our Heavenly Father's will for all those considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.



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.

Knights of Columbus Soccer Penalty Kick Challenge

Calling all boys & girls, ages 9-14! The Knights of Columbus, Pope John Paul II Council 4522 is looking for you to compete in the most basic soccer skill – the penalty kick. Each player will be allowed 15 shots at the goal from the penalty line. Winners can progress to district, regional, state, and international levels. There is no entry fee. This year's Competition will be held on Sunday, **Sep. 30** at 2 pm at St. Michael Catholic School, in conjunction with Fr. Scannell Council's competition. As a bonus, winners will move on to the District Competition immediately following our Councils' Competitions. Entry forms will be available at the competition. For more information, please contact the Council's Youth Director, Brother Vincent Guevara at vincetg.97@gmail.com or (703) 310-9718 or Grand Knight, Roger Williams, at rlwsb11@gmail.com or (703) 629-3239.



Divine Mercy

"I remind you, My daughter, that as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment mercy was opened wide for every soul. In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world—mercy triumphed over justice. My daughter, try your best to make the Stations of the Cross in this hour, provided that your duties permit it; and if you are not able to make the Stations of the Cross, then at least step into the chapel for a moment and adore, in the Blessed Sacrament, My Heart, which is full of mercy; and should you be unable to step into the chapel, immerse yourself in prayer there where you happen to be, if only for a very brief instant."

(Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary, 1572)

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18-24 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
Heb 2:9-11 Mk 10:2-16

Family Rosary The Queen of Apostles' Knights of Columbus Council 4522, Pope John Paul II, invite and strongly encourage all parishioners to join us immediately following the Noon Mass on Sunday, **Sep. 30** where (Sir Knight) Fr. Leopoldo Vives will lead us in praying the Holy Rosary.

Women's Group The Queen of Apostles Women's Group will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday, **Oct. 10** at 10 am in Hannan Hall. Our Guest Speaker is Monica Leonard, Pharmacist at Harris Teeter. She will discuss Senior Health Issues and Medication Safety. All parishioners are cordially invited.

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 in Hannan Hall, and from 5:45 to 7:15 pm in the parish office. Classes run through **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 with Elizabeth Said at elizabethsaid2@gmail.com. For more information, please email Elizabeth.

Divine Mercy Care's 2018 Blooms of Joy Gala The pro-life non-profit Divine Mercy Care will be holding its annual Gala on **Nov. 10** at 6 pm at the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel. DMC's primary program is support for Tepeyac OB/GYN, one of the largest private pro-life OB/GYNs in the nation. Gala tickets are \$150 for individuals before **Oct. 10** and \$175 after. Table sponsorships start at \$2,000. To register or to donate toward the event, visit: divinemercycare.org/gala.

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.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses this Week

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 30:

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

St. Therese of the Child Jesus - Monday, October 1:

6:30 am +Walter Lind
9:00 am +Marina and Lily De Souza

The Holy Guardian Angels - Tuesday, October 2:

6:30 am (L) Fr. Rogelio Ayala
9:00 am (L) Logan Leite

Wednesday, October 3:

6:30 am +Mary Patricia and Thomas Clancy
9:00 am +Catherine Hanniff

St. Francis of Assisi - Thursday, October 4:

6:30 am +Ba Ngaoi
9:00 am +Erna Thurau

Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos - Friday, October 5:

6:30 am (L) Etelvina León-Duarte
9:00 am +Dolores Perez

St. Bruno - Saturday, October 6:

8:00 am +Mary Pat and Tom Clancy
5:00 pm +Felix William
7:00 pm +Teofilo Ospici

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 7:

7:30 am +Falcamate Fam
9:00 am +Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thach, Sr.
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Pilar Garcia

"Look at His adorable face.

*Look at His glazed and sunken eyes. Look at His wounds.
Look Jesus in the Face. There, you will see how He loves us."*
St. Therese of the Child Jesus



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill Kevin Bonko, Michelle

Jacobeen, Beverly Spagnoli, Gabriel Carreon, Daniel O'Donohue, Pedro Baiza, Jean McDermott, 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