



# QUEEN<sub>OF</sub> APOSTLES

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

4401 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA 22312  
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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

4409 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA 22312  
Kathy Littlefield, Principal  
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](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org).

Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.

## Hogar Immigrant Services ofrece clases de inglés y ciudadanía

Ofrecemos clases de inglés y ciudadanía en Alexandria. La inscripción para las clases de inglés y de ciudadanía en Alexandria será el **12 y 14 de septiembre** de 7-9 pm en Queen of Apostles Catholic School. Clases de inglés cuestan \$60 y clases de ciudadanía cuestan \$100. Sólo aceptamos dinero en efectivo o giros postales. Para más información llamar a Hogar Immigrant Services al (571) 208-1572.

**Trabajo** La Iglesia San Antonio de Padua está buscando una empleada para trabajar part-time 10 horas por semana en la Rectoría. Las responsabilidades son: limpieza de la cocina, hacer compras, cocinar el almuerzo y cena 3 veces por semana. El salario es de \$14-\$15/hora. Si estas interesada, por favor envíe su hoja de vida a [jobs@stanthonyparish.org](mailto:jobs@stanthonyparish.org).

**Nazareth Returns on September 16!** Students in grades 4-8 are invited to attend the first Nazareth Group of the school year. Join Fr. Juan and Nazareth leaders on Friday, **Sep. 16**, 3:45-5:30 pm. Have fun, meet parish youth and learn about the Catholic faith.

**Fall High School Bible Study** There will be a High School Bible Study on Thursday nights this Fall starting on **Sep. 22**. The Bible Study will take place from 6:00-7:30 pm. Please contact Susan Gray at [s.gray@queenofapostles.org](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org) if you are interested. There may be a fee for some of the materials.

**Youth Activities for High School Students** A variety of activities for high-school aged youth will be held on Fridays throughout the school year. Activities will include bible study, apostolic project, open gym and adoration. For more information, contact Susan Gray at (703) 354-8711 or [s.gray@queenofapostles.org](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org).

**An Invitation** The group who launders the small, sacred linens used during Mass is looking for more volunteers to join their group. To learn more about this special, most flexible service to our parish, call Mary O'Donohue at (703) 379-0255.



## Celebrating A Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary this Year?

The annual Mass for gold and silver jubilarians who were married in **1966** or **1991** will take place at 2:30 pm on Sunday, **Oct. 16** at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Loverde. To register, contact Mayra at the parish office no later than **Sep. 23**. For more info, visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/familylife/MJM.php](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/familylife/MJM.php).



## Novena for Our Nation

**Praying the 54 Day Rosary Novena for Our Freedom & Faith in America** This is a nationwide prayer campaign called the "Novena for Our

Nation." Everyone from around the nation is encouraged to join ranks as, united, we pray the very powerful 54 Day Rosary Novena from the Feast of the Assumption on **Aug. 15** to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on **Oct. 7**. To sign up for daily reflections or for more information visit [NovenaForOur-Nation.com](http://NovenaForOur-Nation.com).

*The time is now to call upon God, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, to heal our country and return it to holiness.*

**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 **ACCA and the Missionaries of Charity**.

**Subscribe to Our Weekly Parish E-Newsletter** To sign up please visit: <https://queenofapostles.org/news/>



**Anniversary of September 11** Following the **September 11, 2001**, terrorist attacks, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued **A Pastoral Message: Living With Faith and Hope After September 11**. The message remains extremely relevant as we reflect on what happened that day. Visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) and search on "9/11" to re-read, reflect on, and pray with the bishops' statement, for only with God's help can we have the strength to forgive and the ability to live in hope instead of fear and hatred.



## Pastor's Letter

### Election 2016: Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

#### Part I – A Prayerful Beginning

*Jesus gave shepherds to his Church to lead us. We want faith to inspire us in our social action, especially when we vote. We are grateful to Bishop Loverde for leading us in forming our consciences for a faithful citizenship through a series of six articles that will be published every other week.*

*To allow parishioners to read and meditate on these articles, we will copy Bishop's articles in this bulletin's section every other week.*

No doubt, each time we watch the nightly news, many of us become dismayed when we see the segment on politics. Like so many of our fellow Americans, these days I find myself at a loss to describe my thoughts, and yes, even my feelings, as the 2016 presidential election draws near. Why? Because politics, which is meant to be the search for the common good, is being reduced to negative ads and name-calling.

As you know, I have dedicated so much of my ministry as a priest and bishop to defending the right to life, the true and authentic nature of marriage, and the dignity of every human person who is created in the image and likeness of God.

Today, I see clear examples of where candidates' positions are contrary to our Church's teaching and to fundamental truths we know by human reason. In these recent weeks, I can also see where candidates' character and temperament seem to be troubling when we consider the enormous responsibility entrusted to the President of the United States.

Over the course of the coming weeks, I will offer a series of six reflections that I pray will assist you as you join me in the effort to form our consciences as we prepare for our participation in the presidential election of 2016.

Forming our consciences will require prayer, reflection on the teachings of our Church, the application of principles to the issues of our day and the positions taken by candidates for public office ... and yes, more prayer!

As a first step in the effort to form our consciences, I propose the practice of prayer and fasting.

A regular and habitual "discipline" of prayer opens our minds and disposes our hearts to hear the Word the Lord speaks to us under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Fasting — from food or drink, from different forms of entertainment, and even voluntarily "disconnecting" for a time from our various electronic devices — also purifies our minds and hearts so that we may be open to the Truth who, we pray, will speak to us in this time of discernment.

In future columns, I will present the principles of the Church's teaching and the natural law, which form the basis for making the decisions of conscience that ultimately lead to casting a vote in an election.

But now as we begin the journey of discernment, I invite you to join me in taking the first step in forming our consciences: let us make or renew a specific daily and weekly commitment to some form of prayer and fasting g, asking the Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds and move our hearts — and those of our fellow citizens — so that we might choose leaders who will best serve our nation, and specifically, in the words of Pope Francis to the U.S. Congress, "protect and defend human life at every stage of its development."

# SAVE THE DATE

# MINISTRIES FAIR 2016

## Sunday, September 18

## This Week in Our Parish

### Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 4:

Vestibule      ACCA Food Collection  
Hannan Hall      2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

### Blessed Teresa of Calcutta - Monday, September 5:

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

### Tuesday, September 6:

Hannan Hall      7:30-9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, September 7:

Hannan Hall      7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group  
Parish Office      7:30-8:45 pm Baptism Class in English

### The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Thursday, September 8:

Parish Office      6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary  
Church      7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour  
School      9:00-10:30 pm Adult Open Gym

### Saint Peter Claver - Friday, September 9:

Adoration Chapel      11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour  
Adoration Chapel      3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Hannan Hall      5:30-9:00 pm St. Ann's Homeschool Group

### Saturday, September 10:

Hannan Hall      10:30-12:30 GCC Council Meeting  
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

### Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 11:

Vestibule      Bible Study  
School      9:00-10:15 am Religious Education  
School      9:00-10:15 am Orientation Meeting with RE Parents  
Hannan Hall      2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group  
Adoration Chapel      6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

**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 begins on Monday, **Sep. 19**, 7:30-9:00 pm. The RCIA class in Spanish begins on Wednesday, **Sep. 21**, 7:30-9:00 pm.

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.

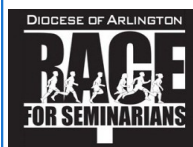
Please stop by the parish office (4329 Sano Street) to complete an inquiry form.



## Vocations

**"None of you can become My disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."** Are you being called to discipleship as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Juan at [general@queenofapostles.org](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org) or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or [j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org).

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time** For the faithful response of all those being called by Christ to take up their cross and follow Him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, we pray to the Lord.



**Race for Seminarians** Run the Marine Corps Marathon/10K on **Oct. 30** to support the future priests of the Arlington Diocese! Runners and walkers of all experience levels are welcome. For more information on joining or sponsoring the Race for Seminarians team, please visit: [www.ArlingtonVocations.org](http://www.ArlingtonVocations.org). or call (703) 841-2514.



## Religious Education Classes begin on Sunday, September 11; Parent Meeting also on September 11

If you have not registered your child/ren for Religious Education, please stop by the parish office (4329 Sano Street) to complete a registration form and pay tuition. Some classes are nearing capacity. Classes begin on **Sep. 11**. If registering for the first time, please bring a copy of the child's birth and baptismal certificates. Tuition (with late fee) is \$70+\$20 - 1 child; \$120+\$20 - 2 children; \$150+\$20 - 3+ children in the same family. Classes, taught in English, are held on Sundays, 9:00-10:15 am, at QofA School. On the first day of class, parents, students, and catechists in grades 7, 8 and high school are to attend an Orientation Meeting with our priests. Students in grades K through 6 will meet in their respective classrooms. Doors open at 8:00 am on **Sep. 11**. Come early to check-in your child/ren and meet the catechist/s. The last day to register for the 2016-2017 Religious Education school year is **Sep. 18**. Don't delay!

A second collection on **Sep. 10-11** benefits Queen of Apostles' Religious Education Program.

**"Prayer is powerful beyond limits when we turn to the Immaculata who is queen even of God's heart."**

**Saint Maximilian Kolbe**



## QofA School News

**Welcome Back to School!** The faculty and staff wish all our students and families a joyous school year. Our thoughts and prayers are with you for a successful year.

**Music Ministry** Singers and instrumentalists are invited to join the Music Ministry. No experience is necessary and all skill levels are welcome. Rehearsals for the English and Spanish choirs start this week. For more information please contact [m.jacobeen@queenofapostles.org](mailto:m.jacobeen@queenofapostles.org).

English Choir for 10:30 am Sunday Masses:

Rehearsals - Tuesday, 7:30-9:30 pm in the Choir Room (in Hannan Hall)

Mass - Sunday, 10:30 am (meet in the Choir Room at 10 am)

Rehearsals begin on **Sep. 6**

Spanish Choir for 7pm Saturday Vigil Masses:

Rehearsals - Saturday, 6:15 pm in the Choir Room (in Hannan Hall)

Mass- Saturday 7 pm

Rehearsals begin on **Sep. 10**

Instrumentalists will be worked into a variety of Masses depending on availability and other factors.

**Bible Study** Do you sometimes feel you have gaps in your faith formation, or would like to deepen your understanding of Holy Scripture and Catholic Tradition? Have you ever wished you could converse with others about your faith, your questions, and even your struggles in a safe, well-grounded and non-judgemental setting?

The parish Bible Study program for adults is expanding to offer two eight-week series for the Fall Semester on Tuesdays from **Oct. 4 - Nov. 29**. The programs are taught by well-known experts in Catholic theology via video presentation, followed by facilitated group discussion. 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 Early Bird registration rate (to cover study materials and program costs for either track) is \$20 until **Sep. 19**. Grab a flyer in the church and register in person at the Parish Office; register online at our new website [www.QofAbiblestudy.com](http://www.QofAbiblestudy.com); or look for our program representatives in the vestibule after weekend Masses **Sep. 10-11**, and at the Parish Ministries Fair **Sep. 17-18**. We look forward to meeting you!

**Save the Date: 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.

**Nourishing Our Souls with Holy Scripture**

**Readings for Next Week:**

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

1 Tm 1:12-17 Lk 15:1-32



**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Masses this Week**

**Blessed Teresa of Calcutta - Monday, September 5:**

9:00 am +George and Margaret Bannon

**Tuesday, September 6:**

6:30 am (L) Patty Rodgers

9:00 am +Harold Baker

**Wednesday, September 7:**

6:30 am (L) Jay León-Guerrero

9:00 am +Fred Anthony Tansey

**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Thursday, September 8:**

6:30 am (L) James and Miguel Saunders

9:00 am (L) Don Czaja

**Saint Peter Claver - Friday, September 9:**

6:30 am (L) Sister Maria Ursula Flores

9:00 am (L) Mr. Gundersen

**Saturday, September 10:**

8:00 am In Thanksgiving

5:00 pm +Ed and Nancy Hinterlong

7:00 pm +Pedro Santos

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 11:**

7:30 am +Mody Nepamuceno

9:00 am +Valiens Pinto

10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

12:00 noon +Anna Vella

**Bishop O'Connell High School Campus Ministry  
Presents Matt Fradd - *Porn: 7 Myths Exposed***

**Sep. 8, 2016** at 7 pm. Free admission, donations accepted. General Audience. (Bishop O'Connell High School Auditorium, 6600 Little Falls Road, Arlington, VA 22213)

About Matt Fradd: Matt Fradd experienced a profound conversion at World Youth Day in Rome in 2000 and afterward committed himself to inviting others to know Jesus Christ and the Church Christ founded. Matt speaks to about 50,000 people every year and has been a guest on the BBC, EWTN, ABC and Catholic Answers Live. He is the founder of The Porn Effect [www.theporneffect.com](http://www.theporneffect.com) a site dedicated to exposing the reality behind the fantasy of porn and offering help to those who seek sexual freedom.



**Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill**

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 Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Teresa Subalusky, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith