

## Encountering Our Risen Lord

Happy and Holy Easter!

As we celebrate Easter in this year of mercy, I would like to reflect especially on the Paschal Mystery from the perspective of mercy. We can easily find that in the Easter celebration Divine Mercy is especially present. In fact, the first Sunday after Easter is the liturgical feast of the Divine Mercy. In the encyclical *Rich in Mercy* that we have been summarizing in this bulletin's section, St. John Paul II teaches, "In His resurrection Christ has revealed the God of merciful love, precisely because He accepted the cross as the way to the resurrection" (RM 8)



Image of the Divine Mercy  
Icon of the  
Diocese of Arlington

In the cross, Jesus shows God's merciful love by taking our suffering and death. Defeating sin and death in His resurrection, Jesus gives us the gift of a new life. In doing so, Jesus shows that mercy is much more than a well-intentioned feeling. It is God's power that can call us back to life, renew one's past and heal the wounds that hurt deep in our hearts. I would like to consider the transforming power of God's mercy in two very special witnesses of Jesus' resurrection: Peter and Paul.

Peter, the chosen one to be the rock denied and betrayed Jesus. But in the very same moment of Peter's betrayal, Jesus "turned and looked at Peter" who "went out and began to weep bitterly." (Lk 22:61.62). In this way Peter's tears were a new beginning for Peter, who confesses with understandable trepidation his love of Christ: "You know that I love you" (Jn 21:15-17). Paul was persecuting the Christians when Jesus encountered him. This encounter changed his life to the point that "I even consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ" (Phil 3:8).

Upon entering the Church in these days of the Easter Triduum you are encountering the Diocesan Divine Mercy icon. Our Parish is honored to host this icon precisely during the days of the Divine Mercy Novena. As Jesus visited His disciples into the upper room on Easter Sunday afternoon to console them and bring them the joy of the resurrection, Jesus has come mercifully to meet us through this icon blessed by our bishop. May this encounter of mercy with our risen Lord transform our lives as happened with Peter and Paul.

## Nourishing Our Souls with Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:  
Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 5:12-16 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
Rev 1:9-11A, 12-13, 17-19 Jn 20:19-31



## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

### Masses this Week

#### Monday within the Octave of Easter, Mar. 28:

6:30 am +Kim Taik Young  
9:00 am +Harold Baker

#### Tuesday within the Octave of Easter, Mar. 29:

6:30 am (L) Mary Yoo  
9:00 am +James Hamill

#### Wednesday within the Octave of Easter, Mar. 30:

6:30 am +Grace Okemo  
9:00 am +Mr. and Mrs. Joseph & Annelle Thach, Sr.

#### Thursday within the Octave of Easter, March 31:

6:30 am +Roy Kasenge  
9:00 am +George Davis

#### Friday within the Octave of Easter, April 1:

6:30 am +William J. Benson  
9:00 am (L) Margaret Peiffer

#### Saturday within the Octave of Easter, April 2:

8:00 am +Paulina Edwards  
5:00 pm +Kathryn Yates  
7:00 pm +Encarnación Yola Padilla

#### Sunday of Divine Mercy, April 3:

7:30 am +Annemarie Lang  
9:00 am +Dolores Perez  
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 pm +Lucia and José Antonio Venero

**Divine Mercy Icon at Queen of Apostles** During the Jubilee of Mercy an original Divine Mercy Icon painting has been traveling throughout our Diocese, and Queen of Apostles is blessed to be hosting this Icon during the Novena of the Divine Mercy. Please join us in venerating this special Divine Mercy Icon from now through Apr. 2. Novena prayers and additional information on Divine Mercy Sunday can be found on the parish website at [www.queenofapostles.org](http://www.queenofapostles.org). Your prayerful participation during this special initiative will be offered for peace and the healing of families in the Diocese of Arlington.

**"The Lord is truly risen!"** Are you being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord's resurrection as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Call Father J.D. Jaffe (703) 841-2514, or write: [j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org).

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - March 27, 2016** That the Risen Lord, made known to us through apostolic witness, will grace many more men and women to answer the call to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

**Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill** Deborah DuBrul, Kathleen Donohoe, Clarissa Trono De Guzman, Lyda Tanco, Mark Bush, Joseph Covas, Luta "Cornie" McGrath, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Irma Mori, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Teresa Sabina Piecyk, Bridgetta Jenkins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Teresa Subalusky, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith, Andres Encinas Fernandez.

## This Week in Our Parish

### Sunday, March 27:

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

### Monday, March 28:

Parish Office 7:00–8:00 pm RCIA

### Tuesday, March 29:

Hannan Hall 10:00 am–12:00 noon Bible Study  
Parish Office 6:30–8:00 pm Legion of Mary  
Cupertino Room 7:00–9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish  
Hannan Hall 7:30–9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, March 30:

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

### Thursday, March 31:

Hannan Hall 6:30–8:00 pm High School Bible Study  
Parish Office 6:30–8:00 pm Legion of Mary

### Friday, April 1:

Adoration Chapel 11:00 am–12 noon Children's Adoration Hour  
Adoration Chapel 3:00–4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Hannan Hall 3:30–5:30 pm Nazareth Group  
Cupertino Room 5:00–7:00 pm Jr. Legion of Mary  
School 6:00–8:00 pm Open Gym Night  
School 7:00–9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

### Saturday, April 2:

Hannan Hall 9:00 am–1:00 pm VIRTUS Training  
Parish Office 1:00–3:30 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting  
School 4:00–6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group  
School 7:00–9:00 pm Ghana Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday of Divine Mercy, April 3:

Hannan Hall 8:30 am–1:30 pm Sunday Social  
School 9:00–10:15 am Religious Education  
Hannan Hall 2:00–5:30 pm Ghana Group



**Rome Pilgrimage** Fr. Juan and our youth pilgrims return from Rome and the Vatican this Monday. To read their online journal from the week, visit [qofay-outhromepilgrimage2016.wordpress.com](http://qofay-outhromepilgrimage2016.wordpress.com).

We look forward to sharing pictures and testimonials upon their return. Thank you for your prayerful support. Your prayers and intentions accompanied the pilgrims throughout the week.

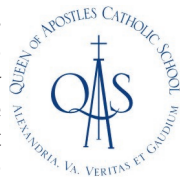
**Open Gym Night** All high school and college students - please join us for the next Open Gym Night this Friday, **Apr. 1** from 6 to 8 pm in the school gym. All levels of ability welcome! Invite your friends! Contact Charlie at [Charles.Kasenge@gmail.com](mailto:Charles.Kasenge@gmail.com) for more information.

**Bible Study—Classes Begin April 19** Would you like to deepen your faith and give new life to your understanding of the Mass? Join us for a 5-week study presented by Dr. Edward Sri on DVD, *A Biblical Walk through the Mass*. Classes begin Tuesday, **Apr. 19** in Hannan Hall from 10 to 11:30 am. Student workbooks are available for \$20. For more information or to register, please contact Mary O'Donohue at (703) 379-0255 or [daodonohue@aol.com](mailto:daodonohue@aol.com). Please register before **Mar. 31** so materials can be ordered.

**Car Raffle Has Raised \$8,000 To Date** There are only a few weeks left in the All Saints Car Raffle. Thanks to the participation of many parishioners thus far, we have raised over \$8,000 for our school and youth ministries! Please know that there is much luck (providence) that follows this parish... several parishioners have won cars and cash prizes in the past. Get in your tickets today, and come to the parish office for more!

**Bishop Loverde to Celebrate Respect Life Mass at QofA, April 30** Save the date of Saturday, **Apr. 30**, when Bishop Loverde will celebrate the monthly Diocesan Respect Life Mass at our parish. Mass will be at 8 am. Immediately following Mass, the Bishop will proceed to 101 S. Whiting Street to lead the Rosary, at around 8:45 am. Please join us for the Mass and Rosary. Did you know that there were 1,613 abortions at the clinic at 101 S. Whiting St. in 2014? Did you also know that 368 babies have been saved nationwide during the Lent's 40 Days for Life initiative? Help our parish do our part in putting an end to abortion by joining in prayer with our Bishop on Apr. 30.

**Queen of Apostles School** is now enrolling for the 2016-2017 school year. The kindergarten class is filling up quickly, so don't delay registering your child. Application packets are available at the school and online at [www.queenofapostlesschool.org](http://www.queenofapostlesschool.org). Tours are given daily from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm or upon request. You can arrange a tour through the school's website or by calling (703) 354-0714.



## Religious Education classes

resume on Sunday, April 3. There are no classes on Easter Sunday.



## A meeting with Fr. Juan and

**parents** of RE students desiring and preparing for First Holy Communion is scheduled for April 10 at 9 AM at the School.

## Host a student or teacher from Spain this summer

Now in its second year, the Summer Exchange Program seeks more parish families to open their home to a student or teacher from Spain, ~June 30–July 24, 2016. Contact Susan Gray at 703-354-8711 or [s.gray@queenofapostles.org](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org) for more information. Additionally, if you are interested in sending your high school aged student to Spain, please call the parish office to arrange a meeting with Fr. Leopoldo.

## International Visitors Program, Spring 2016

Queen of Apostles School will soon welcome two students, Zaira and Laura, from the Disciples' Stella Maris School in Madrid, Spain. We are grateful to our school host families for providing homes for our international visitors.

## You CAN find Employment, Even in a Tough Job Market

Christians are Networking (CAN), a ministry of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, pairs persons who are unemployed, under-employed, or, in search of a new career with volunteer HR professionals who will teach them essential networking, resume writing, and job interview skills. CAN is a tremendous resource, not only for persons seeking new jobs, but for returning military veterans and recent college graduates who are relative newcomers to the employment market. The CAN program is offered at: St. Philip Catholic Church, in Falls Church and St. Martin de Porres Senior Center in Alexandria. For meeting times and other important details, please visit our website: [www.cdda.net/programs\\_jobs.php](http://www.cdda.net/programs_jobs.php)

**Thank you** for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend the collection will go toward the **Poor Sisters of St. Joseph**. Next weekend the collection will go toward the **Poor Box**.