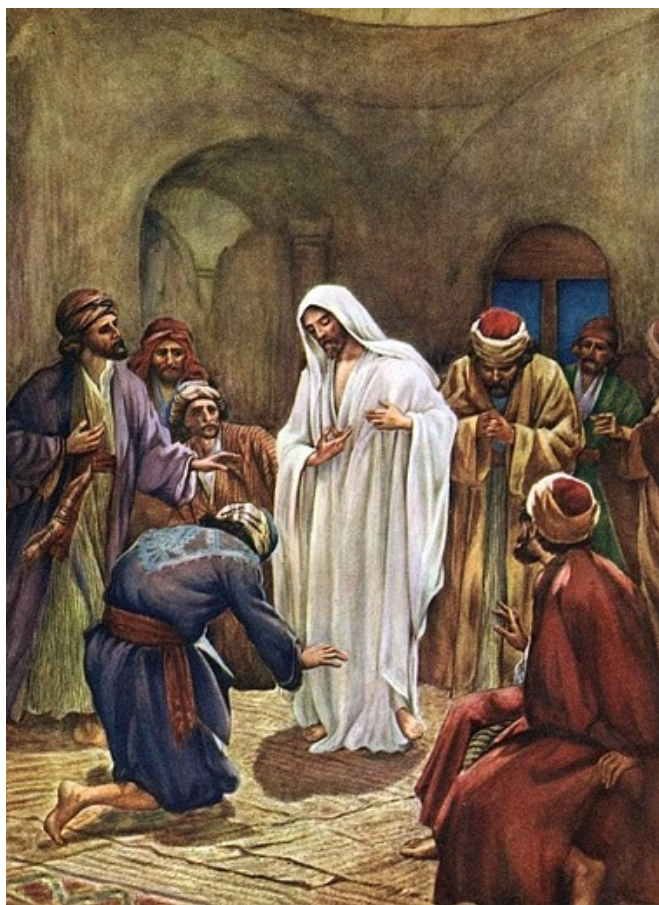


# QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

4401 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA 22312 (703) 354-8711 [www.queenofapostles.org](http://www.queenofapostles.org)

**Third Sunday of Easter - April 18, 2021**



## CLERGY

Fr. Alexander Díaz, Pastor  
Fr. Joseph Rampino, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Richard C. Caporiccio  
Deacon Vincent Kapral

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 am, 5:00 & 7:00 pm (Spanish)  
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm  
1:30 pm (Spanish) 3:00 pm (Ghana Community Mass)  
Monday-Friday: 6:30 & 9:00 am

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday: 8:30-9:00 am  
Thursday: 7:00 pm until last penitent  
Friday: 6:30 pm until last penitent  
Saturday: 3:30 pm until last penitent

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 8:30 am-8pm  
Thursday: 7:00-8:00 pm

## OFFICE & GIFT SHOP HOURS

Mon-Fri, 9:30 am-12 pm; 12:30 pm to 5 pm



## QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*FAITH, EXCELLENCE, JOY*

4409 Sano Street  
Alexandria, VA 22312  
[www.queenofapostlesschool.org](http://www.queenofapostlesschool.org)

### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

Mon – Thurs, 8:00 am – 3:15 pm  
Friday, 8:00 am – 2:15 pm

### STAFF

Anne Arias, Principal  
Maria Fox, Secretary  
Fr. Joseph Rampino,  
Chaplain  
Phone: (703) 354-0714



*With Mary, “the first disciple of her son” (Redemptoris Mater, 20), Queen of Apostles Catholic School is rooted in faith, excellence, and joy. We flourish by embracing our call to holiness, advancing in virtue and academics, and cultivating the many talents God has given us.*

*Est. 1966*

## PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear brothers and sisters,

Peace be with you. With this same greeting, Jesus greets the eleven disciples and His mother in all the appearances after His resurrection, a sign that the life, joy, and light that His resurrection brings should bring peace, harmony, and tranquility to all Christians in our lives; Easter is precisely that, meditating on all the greatness that His resurrection brings us. Christians must see the will of God in everything and realize that we must fall in love with the life that Jesus brings us and expel the fears, complexes, and traumas that the walk of our life, the crosses, and the falls have caused us. Living in peace and harmony is having a life according to the resurrection of Jesus; live and rise because Jesus is alive.

On another subject, I want to inform you that before the Easter celebrations, our school principal Anne Arias, made the personal decision to resign from her position as principal of our school, which I have respected and accepted. I thank Anne for her more than fifteen years of faithful service to Queen of Apostles School, including and especially her two years serving as principal. During the last year, she has safely and effectively guided our school community through the COVID-19 pandemic, and for her heroic efforts, I am immensely grateful. I trust that God has great things in store for Anne as she pursues the next chapter in her professional life. As we look to appoint the next great leader for our wonderful school, I will keep you informed of my progress when I have more information to share. Thank you for your prayers and support as we navigate this transition – always a difficult time in the life of any organization, but one which I know will be strengthened by our gifted faculty, committed parents, and bright students. I am very grateful to Mrs. Arias for her outstanding work at our school, and I wish her success in the future. Count on my prayers.

I also want to inform you that the diocese has given us a donation of \$241,211.29. This donation is the dividends that we have earned from our parish savings; we give thanks to our Bishop Burbidge for his great support. This money is destined to be invested in the maintenance and repair of the parish buildings; that is why I have decided that we are going to use it in the reconstruction of Hannan Hall. We will rebuild bathrooms, doors, windows and the kitchen that is quite damaged, we will also add a picnic area and access for the disabled among other things. I hope to start with this new project during this upcoming summer. I want to take the opportunity to make these reparations now that the number of activities is minimal due to the pandemic so that when all this is over, you will find everything almost new. We can continue with all the activities that we miss so much.

Also, next week I will inform you about how the Capital Campaign process is going and the following dreams and projects that are to come; we are preparing a detailed report of the costs of each completed project, you will receive this via email or perhaps by mail, we will inform you about it soon.

Finally, I thank all those who donated money for the Easter flowers. I inform you that I have a little of that money left over, and have decided to use it to buy plants and flowers to plant in the parish gardens, I want the parish to have many flowers and become a welcoming place if anyone wants to donate more plants or for the cost of the plants it is welcome.

God bless you,

*Fr. Alex*



## Thanksgiving

FOR THE GIFT OF HUMAN LIFE  
With Bishop Michael Burbidge

Saturday, April 24, 8:00 AM  
Queen of Apostles Catholic Church  
4401 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA  
22312

Rosary to follow outside the  
abortion facility at:  
5999 Stevenson Ave. Alexandria, VA





# FAITH FORMATION



## Religious Education Information

Registration for the 2021-2022 Religious Education school year opens on **Apr 25**. The Religious Education Program at Queen of Apostles is available to students in grades kindergarten (age 5) - high school. Classes will be held on Sunday mornings beginning on **Sept 12, 2021**. Queen of Apostles parishioners and returning students are given priority for Religious Education enrollment. Class size is limited. Non-parishioners will be placed on a wait list until **August 1, 2021**. The registration form and tuition are to be submitted together. Birth and baptismal certificates for new students are to be provided at the time of registration. Because each year builds on the next year of faith formation, students must attend at least two consecutive years of Religious Education before a Sacrament is administered and have no more than three absences during the school year. Generally, baptized children receive First Penance/First Holy Communion in grade 2 and higher and Confirmation is received in grade 8 and higher. A student is to show evidence of desire and preparation for a Sacrament. Families with unbaptized children under the age of 7 years old are to contact the parish office, 703-354-8711 or [general@queenofapostles.org](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org). Thank you for considering our program. It is an opportunity for your child to live the Catholic faith by learning to pray, knowing the Bible, learning Scripture, and preparing for and living the Sacraments.

The First Holy Communion Mass for Queen of Apostles School students is **May 8, 2021 at 10am**. Students are to meet in Hannan Hall by 9:15am, dressed and ready.

The First Holy Communion Mass for Religious Education students is **May 22, 2021 at 10am in English and 12:30pm in Spanish**. Students are to meet in Hannan Hall 45 minutes before the Mass, dressed and ready. The rehearsal for the Mass in English is scheduled for May 17 at 6:30pm in the church. The rehearsal for the Mass in Spanish is scheduled for **May 18 at 6:30pm** in the church.

*St. Joseph, pray for us!*

## RCIA

Congratulations to our newly Baptized, Confirmed, and Professed Adult Catholics who came into the Catholic Church during our Easter Vigil liturgies. Our prayers are with you as you strive to live and love the life of a faithful Catholic. Thank you to our faithful sponsors who accompanied our catechumens and candidates. Please keep all our new Catholics and their sponsors in your prayers for their continued growth and perseverance in the faith.

RCIA classes continue until **~June 2, 2021**.

*Are you Catholic Adult but Not Confirmed? Interested in Becoming Catholic? Are you in a Sacramental Marriage?*

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults join or complete their initiation into the Roman Catholic Church. If interested in attending RCIA for the next school year, Sept 2021-June 2022, please contact Susan Gray at 703-354-8711

or [s.gray@queenofapostles.org](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org), or talk with a priest.

## Called to be a Catechist, Aide, or Volunteer?

For the 2020-2021 Religious Education school year, we are seeking practicing Catholics who have a love of the Catholic faith and want to help develop the faith in our youth. Catechists (teachers), aides (assist the catechists), and volunteers (assist with registration, setup, etc) are needed on Sunday mornings for the ~Sept 12, 2021- June 5, 2022 program. Prayerfully consider if you are called to respond to Jesus and serve as a disciple by helping teach the faith.

We provide you with materials, support, and opportunities to attend Diocesan workshops and obtain certification. Attendance at a Virtus seminar and completion of Virginia Background Check paperwork are required. If interested, please contact Susan Gray at 703-354-8711 or [s.gray@queenofapostles.org](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org).

## 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 or on our website [queenofapostles.org](http://queenofapostles.org). Parish registration forms are available in the Church vestibule and at the Parish Office, located at 4329 Sano Street.

Please notify the Parish Office of any family status changes or if you have moved outside the parish by contacting (703) 354-8711 ext. 10, or [general@queenofapostles.org](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org)

# ✝ PARISH LIFE ✝

## Masses This Week

### Third Sunday of Easter- Sunday, April 18:

8:00 am	+John Battaglia
10:00 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm	(L) Helen Donovan
1:30 pm	+Heriberto Morales

### Monday, April 19:

6:30 am	(L) Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM
9:00 am	+Anna Barnoski

### Tuesday, April 20:

6:30 am	+Krist and Adeline Milin
9:00 am	(L) Christina Daney

### Wednesday, April 21:

6:30 am	(L) George Grossman
9:00 am	+John T. Battaglia

### Thursday, April 22:

6:30 am	+Joseph Roney
9:00 am	(L) Marie Blanco Family

### Friday, April 23:

6:30 am	(L) Barbara Walker
9:00 am	+John Battaglia

### Saturday, April 24:

8:00 am	+Dr. Joseph Braddock
5:00 pm	(L) Lorna Daniels Family
7:00 pm	+Lucio Herrera and (L) Mery Herrera

*Have you signed up for Parish electronic giving through Faith Direct?* To join Faith Direct, start by simply focusing your phone camera on this QR code! You can also visit [faithdirect.net](http://faithdirect.net) and enroll online using our Parish code: **VA234**



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**Legion of Mary** Praises of Mary: “Virgo Praedicanda means the virgin who must be preached – that is we must announce her, we must tell the world about her; this virgin most great; this virgin most essential; this co-operator in salvation both in its roots and in its fruits; the woman through whom Our Lord came on earth and without whom He would not have come – the New Eve beside the New Adam.

Meetings on **Thursdays, 6:00 pm**, Parish Center

**Weekly Emails** Want to receive Parish updates and announcements directly to your email inbox? Sign up for our weekly emails sent every Friday by contacting the Parish Office or visiting our website [queenofapostles.org](http://queenofapostles.org) today!

## Construction Site/Work in Progress

As you have seen or heard by now, we are in the midst of replacing the entire roof on the church. This is a long overdue and quite necessary capital improvement—which has only been made possible through your generous donations and/or pledges to the Capital Campaign.

Any construction means noise, dust, disruption to normal operations and—the need for caution and patience! The biggest impact will be losing a number of parking spaces in the upper parking lot. Space is needed to store all the materials and have an open lane to move the materials from the storage area to the edge of the church roof. This includes temporarily losing three handicapped spaces in the upper lot. That said, we are still in compliance with the number of remaining spaces in the lot.

Secondly, noise. Work is to commence each day at approximately 7:30 AM. Crews will work until approximately 8:45 AM, then break until approximately 9:40 AM for the 9:00 AM Morning Mass. Work on the roof will continue throughout each workday until approximately 5:00 PM. We apologize in advance for the noise inside the church, especially on Wednesdays during Eucharistic Adoration. We all are working together to get the roof replaced as quickly as possible—the only way to do that is to have the crews work every day. Weekend work is not possible due to Masses, along with being cost prohibited.

Lastly, please exercise extreme caution when entering and exiting the upper parking lot—especially the parents each morning and afternoon while dropping off/picking up the students. Moving materials will be constant. Workers will be moving back and forth in the parking lot. The same goes for the 9:00 AM Mass parishioners.

Again, we thank you in advance for your patience, caution, and cooperation while we put the “top hat” on our beautiful renovations.

In Christ,  
Fr. Alex

TOWARDS A  
FAMILY OF FAMILIES

## Gospel Commentary for Third Sunday of Easter: The Meaning of the Bible

*By Fr. Joseph Rampino*

“He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.”

There may be no desire more consistent among Christians than to understand the Holy Scriptures. How many bible commentaries have been written over time? How many bible studies and classes? How much do we long to hear homilies that will relate the readings to our daily lives and give us some lasting take-away? Fr. Mike Schmitz’s Bible in a Year podcast has even topped the download charts recently! And here today in the Gospel reading, we hear that the Risen Christ Himself opens the Scriptures to His disciples. What Christian would not leap at the opportunity to learn the meaning of the Word of God from the Word of God Himself!

Yet, what is fascinating, and perhaps a little unexpected in relation to how we read the Bible today, is what truth Christ draws from the Scriptures. The Lord does not come to the Scriptures looking for the same things we do, nor does he offer to His disciples the sort of things that we seek. He does not give them quick practical lessons or morals for their daily lives. He does not give them concrete or practical challenges for the week to come. He does not give them spiritual reflections or interesting tidbits about what life was like for the ancient Hebrew people. Instead, we are told that He shows His disciples how the ancient Word of God was really about Him, about His Passion and Resurrection, all along. Rather than bringing the Scriptures down to the level of His disciples, He brings His disciples up to the level of Scriptural vision.

So how is it that we read the Scriptures? What is it we look for when we listen to the readings at Mass, or think about a passage from the Gospels? Do we simply try to extract what we need for the day, or try to understand what the Lord is telling us in the present moment? These things are certainly not wrong, since the Scriptures can and should absolutely guide each moment of our Christian lives, but perhaps this Easter we can ask for the grace to understand the Bible as Christ taught it, as a portrait of His saving work, of His love for us.



### Have you committed to our Capital Campaign?

There is much to be done to maintain our Parish facilities, and you could help make it all possible. Please prayerfully consider either making a pledge or a one-time gift if you have not already done so. Those who registered in the year 2020 at Queen of Apostles who have not yet pledged will be receiving phone calls from our Continuation Committee to provide more information on how their contributions will help with essential renovations and safety upgrades in our beautiful Church. Installments can be made through Faith Direct, PayPal, and other forms of electronic giving as well as by check. We sincerely thank you for your generosity.



### Please pray for all of the sick members of our parish

Jin C. Navarro, Leo Monterroso, Etelvina León-Duarte, Ginny Cook, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Maria Reyes, Anna Anderson, Jean McDermott, Anne Kemble, Virginia Shea, Joseph Lipari, Rosa María Santos, Carmelita Mate, Leonor Cabrestane, Roger Trozado, Jeanie Miller, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks, Charles Ferris, Dominic Blansett, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Russ and Jill Amerling, Richard Esterlund, Margaret Fiore, Michael Robertson, Jocelyn Reyes, Wilma Robles, Maryann McNutt, Yolanda Arzadon, and those who have been affected by the coronavirus.



## CARTA DEL PÁRROCO

Queridos hermanos:

La paz este con ustedes. Con este mismo saludo Jesús saluda a los once discípulos y Su madre en todas Sus apariciones después de Su resurrección, signo de que la vida, la alegría y luz que trae Su resurrección debe de causarnos paz, armonía y tranquilidad a todos los cristianos en nuestra propia vida; la pascua es precisamente eso, meditar en toda la grandeza que su resurrección nos brinda. Los cristianos debemos de ver la voluntad de Dios en todo y darnos cuenta que hay que enamorarnos de la vida que Jesús nos trae y expulsar los miedos, los complejos y traumas que el caminar de nuestra vida, las cruces y las caídas nos han causado. Vivir en paz y armonía es tener una vida acorde a la resurrección de Jesús, vive y resucita porque Jesús está vivo.

Cambiando de tema. Quiero informarles que antes de las celebraciones pascuales, nuestra directora Anne Arias, tomo la decisión personal de renunciar al cargo de directora, decisión que he respetado y aceptado. Agradezco a Anne por sus más de quince años de fiel servicio a la Escuela Reina de los Apóstoles incluyendo y especialmente sus dos años como directora. Durante el último año, ha guiado de manera segura y eficaz a nuestra comunidad escolar a través de la pandemia del COVID-19, y estoy inmensamente agradecido por sus heroicos esfuerzos. Confío en que Dios tiene grandes cosas reservadas para Anne a medida que avanza en el próximo capítulo de su vida profesional. Mientras buscamos nombrar al próximo gran líder para nuestra maravillosa escuela. Los mantendré informados del progreso cuando tenga más información para compartir. Gracias por sus oraciones y apoyo mientras navegamos por esta transición, que siempre es un momento difícil en la vida de cualquier organización, pero sé que será fortalecido por nuestros talentosos profesores, padres comprometidos y estudiantes brillantes. Agradezco mucho a la Sra. Arias por su gran labor en nuestra escuela y le deseo éxitos en el futuro. Cuento con mis oraciones.

También quiero informarles que la diócesis nos ha dado una donación de \$241,211.29, esta donación son los dividendos que hemos ganado de nuestros ahorros parroquiales, demos gracias a nuestro obispo Burbidge por su gran apoyo; este dinero está destinado a invertirlo en el mantenimiento y reparación de los edificios de la parroquia; por ello he decidido que lo vamos a utilizar en la reconstrucción del Hannan Hall, reconstruiremos baños, puertas, ventanas y la cocina que está bastante dañada, también le agregaremos un área de picnic y acceso para discapacitados entre otras cosas, espero poder comenzar con este nuevo proyecto para el verano de este año, quiero aprovechar para hacer estas reparaciones ahora que el numero actividades es mínimo por causa de la pandemia, para que cuando todo esto termine encuentren ustedes todo casi nuevo y podamos continuar con todas las actividades que ahora tanto se extrañan.

También, la próxima semana les informaré sobre cómo va el proceso de la campaña capital y de los siguientes sueños y proyectos que están por venir; estamos preparando un informe detallado de los costos de cada proyecto concluido, esto lo recibirán vía email o quizás por correo, pronto les informaremos al respecto.

Finalmente, agradezco a todos los que donaron para las flores de Pascua, les informo que sobre un poco de ese dinero, y he decido utilizarlo para comprar plantas y flores para sembrar en los jardines de la parroquia, quiero que la parroquia tenga muchas flores y se convierta en un lugar acogedor, si alguien desea donar más plantas o el costo de las plantas es bienvenido.

Que Dios les bendiga.



## Acción de Gracias

POR EL DON DE LA VIDA HUMANA  
Con el obispo Michael Burbidge

Sábado 24 de abril, 8:00 AM  
Iglesia Católica Reina de los Apóstoles  
4401 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA 22312

Rosario a seguir fuera del centro de  
aborto en:  
5999 Stevenson Ave. Alexandria, VA

## Misas esta semana

### Domingo 18 de abril:

8:00 am +John Battaglia  
10:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 pm (L) Helen Donovan  
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8:00 am +Dr. Joseph Braddock  
5:00 pm (L) Lorna Daniels Family  
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*¡Gracias por su apoyo!*

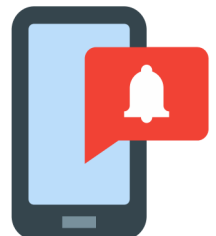


**Clase de Bautismo** Habrá una Clase de Bautismo en español este miércoles **21 de abril a las 7:30 pm** en hannan Hall. Llame a la Oficina Parroquial para registrarse.

**BASH: ¡Edición familiar!** Cada año, la Diócesis de Arlington organiza este evento para que los estudiantes de secundaria tengan una gran experiencia de fe y comunidad. Este evento familiar en el Anfiteatro Bull Run el sábado **24 de abril (3:30pm-8pm)** contará con misa de vigilia con el Obispo Burbidge, confesiones, charlas magistrales del orador nacional Jackie Francois Angel, Joel De Loera, y un increíble espectáculo del ilusionista cristiano Danny Ray. La cena, el helado y la camiseta del evento se proporcionarán a todos los participantes, y tendremos hinchables, paseos, una pared de roca, vendedores católicos locales y una caza de carroñeros. Mientras que el evento se centra en los estudiantes de mediana edad, los niños de todas las edades disfrutarán del evento.

## Correos electrónicos semanales

¿Quieres recibir actualizaciones y anuncios de Parish directamente en tu bandeja de entrada de correo electrónico? Regístrese para recibir nuestros correos electrónicos semanales enviados todos los viernes poniéndose en contacto con la Oficina Parroquial o visitando nuestro sitio web [queenofapostles.org](http://queenofapostles.org) hoy!



**CENACULO DE ORACIÓN**  
**MDJ**  
"Tén Fe" en el Señor Jesús y te salvarás tú y tu casa.  
HECHOS 16.31

**Todos los Sábados**  
**5:00pm**

**4401 SANO ST. ALEXANDRIA VA 22312**  
**EN EL HANNAN HALL DE LA PARROQUIA**  
**REINA DE LOS APÓSTOLES**

**INTERESADOS CONTACTAR CON**  
**LOS HERMANOS:**  
**ALEX ORELLANA (571) 309 8207**  
**VÍCTOR POSADA (703) 585 3876**

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