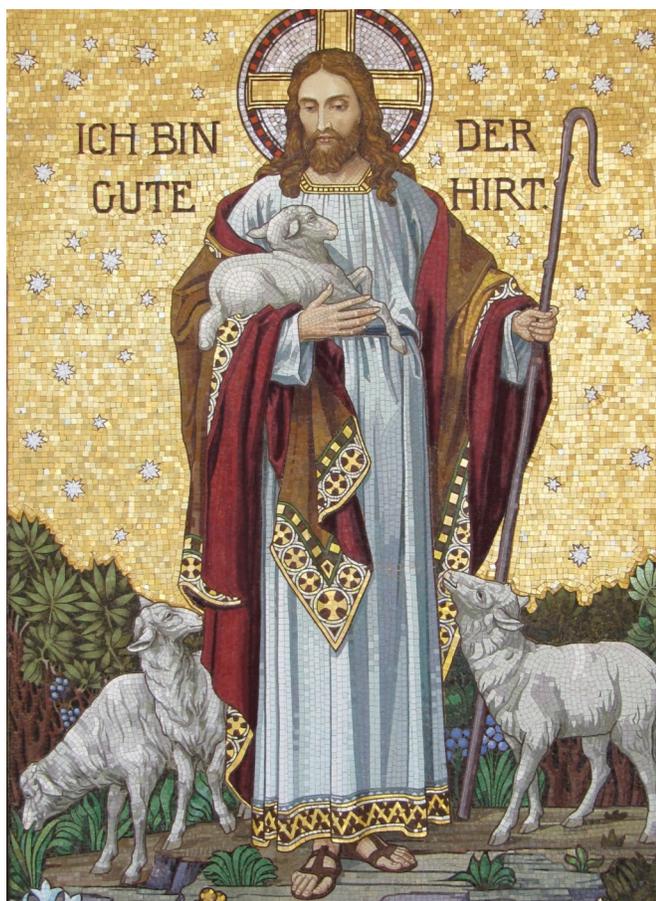


QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 25, 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



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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 in Christ:

We are celebrating the fourth Sunday of Easter, also called Good Shepherd Sunday. On this Sunday, the church invites us to pray for the increase in priestly vocations and ask the risen Jesus to provide us with shepherds according to His heart; let's take a moment to ask the Supreme Shepherd to give us holy and wise priests. Through the shepherds, Christ gives His Word, distributes His grace in the sacraments, and leads the flock towards the Kingdom: He gives himself as food in the sacrament of the Eucharist, imparts the Word of God and His Magisterium, and guides His people carefully. Jesus has procured for His Church shepherds according to His heart, that is, men who, through the sacrament of Holy Orders, represent Him and act as the "in persona Christi" men who give their lives for their sheep, with pastoral charity, with a humble spirit of service, with mercy, patience, and strength. Saint Augustine frequently spoke of this demanding responsibility of the pastor: "This honor as a pastor has me worried (...), but wherever the fact that I am for you terrifies me, I am consoled by the fact that I am among you (...). I am a bishop for you, and I am a Christian with you". (Saint Augustine Sermon, 176A).

As parishioners and Christians, each of us work to make the kingdom of God grow in communion with our pastors, Pope Francis, and our Bishop Burbidge, successors of the apostles, and for this, we pray for them, we love them, and we obey them. We are also shepherds for our brothers and sisters, enriching them with the grace and gifts we have received, sharing concerns and joys, helping everyone with all our hearts. We do our best for all those around us in the family, social and professional world until we give our lives for all with the same spirit of Christ, who came into the world "not to be served, but to serve" (Mt 20:28).

It has given me great joy to see that many are returning to Sunday Masses, I give you a warm welcome, and I invite you to come to meet us. I would like to let you know that Fr. Rampino and I are here to serve you in whatever way we can, feel the confidence to dialogue with us. On this special Sunday, I invite everyone to begin to reawaken the parish by returning to in-person meetings in parish ministries. I know that before the pandemic, the parish had more life and activity; let's leave fear behind and begin to resurrect; evangelization cannot stop. We have to go back to the ministries: lectors, ushers, music, extraordinary ministers, Legion of Mary, among other groups and associations.

Finally, I invite you to pray together for vocations in our diocese and our parish so that we continue to grow in holiness and wisdom to increase the kingdom of God in our lives.

Happy Good Shepherd Sunday!

Fr. Alex

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our diocese and our families. Inspire men to imitate Christ the Eternal High Priest in sacrificial service to Your Church. Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity, and obedience. Send them as laborers for Your harvest. Inspire the faithful to support them with prayer and sacrifice. Raise up holy families who foster openness to Your call. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Mary Immaculate, pray for us

St. Thomas More, pray for us

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us.





Religious Education Information

Registration for the 2021-2022 Religious Education school year opens on **April 25**. The Religious Education Program at Queen of Apostles is available to students in grades kindergarten (age 5) - high school. In-person classes will be held on Sunday mornings beginning on **September 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, have no more than three absences during the school year, and score at least 70% on tests. 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. Thank you for considering our program. In concert with parents, Religious Education 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. The student and a parent are to attend the rehearsal. Students are to go to Confession before the date of Holy Communion.

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, or talk with a priest.

Altar Servers

If your son is willing to serve at Holy Mass on Sundays at 8am, 10am, 12noon in English, Mass in Spanish at 7pm on Saturdays or 1:30pm on Sundays, and other Masses, please send a message to s.gray@queenofapostles.org or talk with Fr. Rampino. Boys who are serving Mass are asked to arrive no less than 15 min before Mass, wear dress shoes, bring a face mask, use the upper sacristy, and wait for the priest.

Called to be a Catechist, Aide, or Volunteer?

For the 2021-2022 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. As sowers of the Gospel, catechists (teachers), aides (assist the catechists), substitutes, and volunteers (assist with registration, setup, etc.) are needed on Sunday mornings for in-person classes. Prayerfully consider if you are called to respond to Jesus, be His witness and example, and serve as a disciple by helping teach the faith. We provide you with materials, support, and opportunities to attend Diocesan and parish workshops and obtain certification. Attendance at a VIRTUS seminar and completion of Virginia Background Check paperwork are required. If interested, please contact Susan Gray.

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. 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

✝ PARISH LIFE ✝

Masses This Week

Fourth Sunday of Easter- Sunday, April 25:

8:00 am (L) Bruce and Pamela Matzinger
 10:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
 12:00 pm +Roy Kasenge
 1:30 pm +Olga and Grace Duart

Monday, April 26:

6:30 am +John Battaglia
 9:00 am +Nick Kotz

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6:30 am +Alberto O'Connor
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St. Peter Chanel - Wednesday, April 28:

6:30 am +Antonio Sian
 9:00 am +Jason Dean Hemphill

St. Catherine of Siena - Thursday, April 29:

6:30 am (L) Caroline Mangels
 9:00 am +John Battaglia

St. Pius V - Friday, April 30:

6:30 am +Daniel McGarvey
 9:00 am +John Battaglia

St. Joseph the Worker - Saturday, May 1:

8:00 am +Betty and Arlene Quinn
 5:00 pm (L) Davis Family
 7:00 pm +Clara Latorre Rojas

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 and enroll online using our Parish code: **VA234**



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Thank you for your support!



April 25 – World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

Taken from the USCCB website.

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 today!

Work on Roof Please be mindful of moving materials in the parking lot over the next couple of weeks as our Church roof is being replaced. There will also be much more noise and dust during the week, so we thank you for your caution and patience. We are excited to keep you updated on this highly anticipated capital project.

Baptisms Infant Baptisms are held twice a month on Saturdays at 10:30 am: *First Saturday in English*, and the *Third Saturday in Spanish*. The classes are held on the *Third Wednesday at 7:30 pm in English* and the *First Wednesday at 7:30 pm in Spanish*. **May 1** we will have Spanish Baptisms and **May 5** we will have the English class.

Legion of Mary *Praises of Mary:* "The purer your words and your glances, the more pleasing to the Blessed Virgin, and the more will be the graces that she will obtain for you from her Divine Son." St. John Bosco



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

**QUEEN OF APOSTLES
GIFT SHOP**

New items for sale!

- Matching masks and hand sanitizer bottles
- Water bottles for the coming summer months!
- Tote bags
- Religious statues
- ...and more!

Gospel Commentary for Fourth Sunday of Easter: The Lord of Life

By Fr. Joseph Rampino

Once more this Easter season we turn to John's Gospel, allowing Christ to teach us what Eastertime really means, and how we can enter into living it well.

This week, we do not see Christ after His resurrection, but instead hear Him refer to Himself as the Good Shepherd. He is in the midst of a disputation with the crowds of the Pharisees after healing the man born blind, and giving an account of Himself in response to their challenges. The Pharisees refuse to believe in the miracle, saying of Jesus, "we do not know where he is from." Christ in turn tells them the nature of His mission, and hints strongly at His true identity.

The Lord tells the doubting crowds that He has come for the sake of caring for all of God's sheep, both those of Israel, and those of the pagan nations. Using the image of the shepherd, He foretells the Passion which He would undergo for the sake of all. Speaking of his death and resurrection, He says: the Good Shepherd lays down His life for His sheep. Now, this is certainly a familiar line to us; we know well the mission of Jesus for our sake. Yet what follows leads us in a different direction. Christ continues, saying: no one takes my life from me, but I lay it down myself. I have power to lay it down and take it up again.

We know of many people who out of love, courage, and goodness lay down their lives for the sake of their families, friends, countrymen, or fellow human beings. We see this sort of heroism throughout all times and places. Yet, the Lord makes clear that He is not only good because He lays down His life, but because He has power to lay it down and take it up again. Jesus does not speak only as a generous lover of humanity. He speaks as the Almighty God, who can undergo His passion and death of His own will, but who also rises of His own will. He does not just give Himself up to His suffering, only to receive the unexpected reward of being raised. He is in charge of everything, and goes into battle with death knowing that He will triumph.

How deeply do we believe in the divinity of the Lord Jesus? Do we really trust in the eternal power of Christ living in us? Do we really trust that He can and will bring good out of everything, and lead us to heaven if we let Him? Believing in His divinity is not merely a point of theological truth, but a matter of whether we can really hope or not. Perhaps it would be a good practice for the rest of this Easter season to make acts of hope in Jesus Christ our God, handing our troubles, fears, and concerns to His peaceful and almighty heart every day, knowing that He has conquered, and will never abandon us in anything. Resting in the arms of the Good Shepherd, the arms of our God, honors the stability of His ever-living love, spreads Christian peace to souls in need here in time, and prepares us all for the grand rest of eternity.



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 y hermanas en Cristo:

Estamos celebrando el cuarto domingo de Pascua, también llamado domingo del Buen Pastor, en este domingo la iglesia nos invita a orar por el incremento de las vocaciones sacerdotales, y a pedir a Jesús resucitado que nos provea de pastores según Su corazón; tomemos un instante para pedir al pastor supremo, que nos regale santos y sabios sacerdotes. A través de los pastores, Cristo da Su Palabra, reparte Su gracia en los sacramentos y conduce al rebaño hacia el Reino: Él mismo se entrega como alimento en el sacramento de la Eucaristía, imparte la Palabra de Dios y Su Magisterio, y guía con solicitud a su Pueblo. Jesús ha procurado para su Iglesia pastores según su corazón, es decir, hombres que, por el sacramento del Orden, lo representan y actúan como el “in persona Christi” hombres que donen su vida por sus ovejas, con caridad pastoral, con humilde espíritu de servicio, con clemencia, paciencia y fortaleza. San Agustín hablaba frecuentemente de esta exigente responsabilidad del pastor: «Este honor de pastor me tiene preocupado (...), pero allá donde me aterra el hecho de que soy para vosotros, me consuela el hecho de que estoy entre vosotros (...). Soy obispo para vosotros, soy cristiano con vosotros». (San Agustín Sermón, 176A).

Cada uno de nosotros, como parroquianos y cristianos, trabajamos por hacer crecer el reino de Dios en comunión con nuestros pastores el Papa Francisco y nuestro obispo Burbidge, sucesores de los apóstoles y por ello rezamos por ellos, les amamos y les obedecemos. También somos pastores para nuestros hermanos y hermanas, enriqueciéndolos con la gracia y los dones que hemos recibido, compartiendo preocupaciones y alegrías, ayudando a todo el mundo con todo el corazón. Nos desvivimos por todos aquellos que nos rodean en el mundo familiar, social y profesional hasta dar la vida por todos con el mismo espíritu de Cristo, que vino al mundo «no a ser servido, sino a servir» (Mt 20,28).

Me ha dado mucha alegría ver que muchos están regresando a las misas dominicales, les doy una cálida bienvenida, y les invito a que se acerquen para conocerles, y les hago saber que P. Rampino y yo estamos para servirles en lo que podamos, sientan la confianza de dialogar con nosotros. También en este domingo tan especial invito a que comencemos a reavivar la parroquia regresando a las reuniones presenciales en los ministerios parroquiales, sé que antes de la pandemia la parroquia tenía más vida y movimiento, dejemos atrás el miedo y comencemos a resucitar; la evangelización no puede parar, tenemos volver a los ministerios, lectores, ujieres, música, ministros extraordinarios, legión de María entre otros grupos y asociaciones.

Finalmente les invito a que juntos oremos por las vocaciones en nuestra diócesis, y por nuestra parroquia para que sigamos creciendo en santidad y en sabiduría para acrecentar el reino de Dios en nuestras vidas.

¡Feliz domingo del Buen Pastor!

P. Alex

Oración por las Vocaciones

Padre Celestial, Dueño de la cosecha, Concédenos vocaciones sacerdotales y a la vida consagrada de nuestra diócesis y de nuestras familias. Inspira a los hombres a imitar a Cristo el Sumo Sacerdote al servicio sacrificial de Tu Iglesia. Conmueve los corazones de hombres y mujeres para que se ofrezcan completamente a Ti en la pobreza, castidad y obediencia. Mándales como obreros a Tu cosecha. Inspira a los fieles que los apoyen con oración y sacrificio. Fomenta familias santas que promuevan una actitud abierta a Tu llamado. Te lo pedimos por Cristo, Nuestro Señor. Amén.

María Inmaculada, ruega por nosotros.

Santo Tomás Moro, ruega por nosotros.

Santa Elizabeth Ann Seton, ruega por nosotros.



Misas esta semana

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6:30 am +Daniel McGarvey
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Sábado 1 de mayo:

8:00 am +Betty and Arlene Quinn
5:00 pm (L) Davis Family
7:00 pm +Clara Latorre Rojas

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Trabajo en el techo Tenga en cuenta los materiales móviles en el estacionamiento durante las próximas dos semanas, ya que nuestro techo de la Iglesia está siendo reemplazado. También habrá mucho más ruido y polvo durante la semana, por lo que le agradecemos por su precaución y paciencia. Estamos encantados de mantenerlo actualizado sobre este proyecto de capital muy esperado.

Bautizos Los bautismos en español se celebran el Primer Sábado del Mes a las 10:30 am. La próxima fecha es el **1 de mayo**. Por favor complete toda la documentación necesaria para el martes 27 de abril.

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 hoy!

GENACULO DE ORACIÓN MDJ

“Tén Fe” en el Señor Jesús y te salvarás tú y tu casa.

HECHOS 16.31

**Todos los Sábados
5:00pm**

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LOS HERMANOS:
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VÍCTOR POSADA (703) 585 3876

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