



# QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (in Spanish)  
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,  
12 Noon, 2 pm (Ghana Community)

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 6:30 am and 9 am  
*No 6:30 am Mass on Federal Holidays*  
Saturday: 8 am

## HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE

Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 7-7:30 am  
Wednesday: 6:30 pm until last penitent  
Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm during Holy Hour  
Saturday: 4-5 pm and 6-7 pm  
Sunday: 10-10:30 am

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 7 am through Saturday 7:45 am

## QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

4409 Sano Street,  
Alexandria, VA 22312  
Kathy Littlefield, Principal  
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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.*

**Fatima/Rome Pilgrimage** Thank you to our parish family for supporting the Fatima/Rome Pilgrimage, **Apr. 7-17**. The pilgrims are praying for your intentions. Read about the pilgrimage by following:

<https://qofayouthfatimaromepilgrimage2017.wordpress.com/>

**Altar Servers** Thank you to our altar servers and their families for supporting this ministry.

As a reminder, if you cannot serve, thank you for finding a substitute. Servers are to sign-in at least 15 minutes before the scheduled Mass.

The Vocations Crucifix Program needs families to host the crucifix **April - June**. Please sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544aca928a0fe3-vocations>

## Emmaus - High School/Young College Students

Emmaus resumes with Fr. Juan at 6 pm on **Apr. 21**, at the Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street) for a faith discussion, adoration, prayer, and other activities.

**Nazareth** Meet with Fr. Juan and other Nazareth leaders in Hannan Hall on Friday, **Apr. 21**. Sign-in begins at 3:45 pm with activities beginning at 4:00 pm. Parent sign-out is at 5:30 pm. Parents are needed to assist with activities. If you can lend a hand, please contact the parish office (703) 354-8711) or email [s.gray@queenofapostles.org](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org).

## Summer Program with Queen of Apostles/Stella

**Maris** Parish families are needed to host guests from Spain in **July**. If interested in learning about the program and serving as a host family, please send a message to [a.reid@queenofapostlesschool.org](mailto:a.reid@queenofapostlesschool.org). Adults living in the home must comply with Diocesan Safe Environment requirements: a Virginia Background Check and attendance at a Virtus seminar. Thank you for opening your home and hearts to the guests from Spain.

**Thank You** for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend's collection will go toward **Christ House**. Next weekend's collection will go toward the **Poor Sisters of St. Joseph**.

**Religious Education** Religious Education will not meet on **Apr. 16** (Easter Sunday). Classes resume on **Apr. 23**.

We wish you a prayerful Holy Week and a joyous Easter!

Religious Education registration for the **2017-2018** school year opens on Sunday, **Apr. 23** after 9 am in the School/Gym Lobby. Queen of Apostles Religious Education program welcomes students from Kindergarten (age 5) through high school. Returning students must register each year. New students need to bring birth and baptismal certificates.

Registration fees: \$70 for 1 child; \$120 for 2 children; \$150 for 3+ children in the same family. Queen of Apostles parishioners are given priority for enrollment. We accept cash and check payable to Queen of Apostles. Registration fees do not include fees associated with sacraments. Students are assigned to the Religious Education grade that parallels his/her public school grade. Students must attend two consecutive years of Religious Education before a sacrament (Generally, First Penance/First Holy Communion are received in grade 2 and higher; Confirmation grade 8 and higher) is administered. Families with unbaptized children under the age of 7 years old are asked to call the parish office at (703) 354-8711.

Thank you for considering Queen of Apostles Religious Education Program.

**All Saints Car Raffle** Thanks to all who have bought and sold tickets and donated their time and talents towards the success of our 5-car raffle. If you haven't gotten around to it, there's still one more day! Please return all sold tickets stubs and unsold tickets to the parish office by tomorrow, Monday, **Apr. 17!**

**Thank You** Many thanks to the students of Queen of Apostles School and the parishioners who attend Friday Mass during the school year for their offertory contribution to our Diocesan Mission in Banica. The latest collection, on **Apr. 7** was \$93, and to date we have collected a total of \$2,525 which goes towards educational programs run by the mission. We are sure that Fr. Keith O'Hare is very pleased with our support of his mission in Banica.



## Pastor's Letter

### A Spring of Eternal Life

Holy and Happy Easter!

Today we celebrate the only event that has transformed all of human history. Jesus, the Son of God who was made man and born of the Virgin Mary is risen from the dead. Now the gates of heaven are open for those who believe in the risen Lord.

As we celebrate with joy this Easter, we are invited to a new way of life, to a holy life. Our Lenten journey has been to be free from what impedes us to follow Jesus. Now, it is time to harvest the fruits of Lent, every kind of goodness, and righteousness and truth. Not just to go back to our former life before Lent.

Today, in his resurrection, Jesus fulfills that exchange between God and humanity which began in the Incarnation. God was made man. He brought to our humanity God's life.

Now God's glory, foreseen in the Transfiguration, is fully manifested in Jesus and is given to all of us.

The celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation in the Easter Vigil reminds us how we ourselves passed with Jesus from death into life, from time into eternity, from alienation from God to be his beloved children.

Baptism introduced us into Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus died and was buried. Likewise, we were immersed in the waters. Jesus was risen from the dead. Likewise, we came out from the water with a new life. Now that life that is the Son of God's is ours. Now this spring of eternal life streams in our own hearts.

Made to share in God's life, we are made holy as God is holy. What kind of life will we live? St. Paul urges us, "If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth" (Col 3:1-2). And also: "Now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth" (Eph 5:8-9).

May Mary, Queen of Apostles, help us to welcome the risen Lord as he comes to transform us into a new creation and, through us, all who are around us.



## Rule of Life for the Month of April

### The Divine Mercy Chaplet

**(APRIL) The Divine Mercy Chaplet** allows us to reflect that God loves us no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others.

- ❖ **Step 1:** Join in reciting the Chaplet at QofA on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23 at 1:15 pm. in the Church.
- ❖ **Step 2:** Pray the Chaplet weekly.
- ❖ **Step 3:** Pray it with others (family).

**Other Resources:** Rev. Michael Gaitley, *Divine Mercy*, available at FORMED.org.  
(Use parish code Z37RTW)

## This Week In Our Parish

### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - April 16:

No Religious Education Today

Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

### Monday within the Octave of Easter - April 17:

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

Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in English

### Tuesday within the Octave of Easter - April 18:

Hannan Hall 10:00-11:30 am Bible Study

Hannan Hall 6:00-7:15 pm Bible Study

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday within the Octave of Easter - April 19:

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

Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

### Thursday within the Octave of Easter - April 20:

Parish Office 6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary

Hannan Hall 6:30-8:00 pm Guest Speaker

Church 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

### Friday within the Octave of Easter - April 21:

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

Notre Dame Graduate School 6:00-8:00 pm Emmaus

### Saturday within the Octave of Easter - April 22:

Vestibule KofC KOVAR Program &

Membership Drive

Parish 9:00-11:00 am Parish Clean-up Day

with the Sustainability Committee

Parish Office 1:00-3:30 pm Stephen Ministry

School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group

School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir

### Sunday of Divine Mercy - April 23:

Vestibule KofC KOVAR Program &

Membership Drive

School 9:00-10:15 am Religious Education

Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

### ***And So We Pray* book signing April 30 with author Maribeth Harper and Fr. Paul Scalia**

Fr. Paul Scalia will speak at a book signing for ***And So We Pray, Supporting Young Adults through the College Years*** on Sunday, **Apr. 30** at 3:00 pm. The author, Maribeth Harper, and Fr. Scalia, of the Diocese of Arlington, will be hosted by Barnes and Noble at Catholic University 625 Monroe St NE, Washington, DC 20017. *And So We Pray*, the first in a series of books planned for PCM (Praying College Moms), weaves stories of real people with the teachings of Jesus Christ to provide meaningful help to moms who find themselves facing issues like homesickness, college "dating", changing family dynamics and much more. Each chapter ends with a prayer, questions for reflection, and a prayer practice, as well as four relevant Scripture verses for deeper meditation. The book is available at the book signing, or through Amazon in print or Kindle, or through the PCM website.



## Vocations

### **"The Lord is risen, it is true!"**

Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters. If you think God may be inviting you to such a vocation, contact Fr. Juan at [general@queenofapostles.org](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org) or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at [jjaffe@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:jjaffe@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-2514.

### **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

That more men and women will joyfully answer the call of the Lord to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

**Clases de Inglés y de Ciudadanía** Clases empiezan en abril en la escuela Reina de Apóstoles. Clases son los lunes y miércoles de 7-9 pm. Hay varios niveles de clases. Inscripción: 24 o 26 de abril a las 7 pm. Preguntas? Llamar a Caridades Católicas – Hogar Immigrant Services para más información: (571) 208-1572.

**Bulletin Deadline** The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Apr. 23** (Divine Mercy Sunday) bulletin was Thursday, **Apr. 13**.

### **Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture**

#### **Readings for Next Week:**

#### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31



**Urgent Need for a Scheduled Adorer for Tuesday morning, 4:00-5:00 am** Please prayerfully consider offering this special hour to Our Lord in thanksgiving for His many blessings, in memory of His Passion and Death on the Cross for our sins, and in honor of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. For additional information or to sign-up please contact Alexa Urban at: [moleski47@gmail.com](mailto:moleski47@gmail.com) or (703) 241-1096.

**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23** In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by St. John Paul the Great at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. Our parish will honor the Divine Mercy by having Eucharistic Adoration next Sunday morning, beginning after the 7:30 am Mass, and followed by Benediction and the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 1:15 pm.

*"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open."*

Our Lord Jesus to St. Faustina

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

**New Moms Club** A new club is starting for moms with babies/toddlers and young school age children. With play dates around the local area, it is a great opportunity to get out and meet other moms (while tiring out our tots for some good nap times!). Interested moms can email Shannon at [QoAmoms@gmail.com](mailto:QoAmoms@gmail.com). Looking forward to meeting you and your little ones!



**"How to Connect with the Millennial Generation!" Talk at QofA on Apr. 20** Our parish is pleased and honored to host Dr. Christina Lynch on Thursday, **Apr. 20** at 6:30 pm in Hannan Hall. Dr. Lynch teaches at the St. John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver. She is an expert commentator on the EWTN show Heroic Media, is an adviser to the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), and in 2005 was the first student to receive a Doctorate from the Institute for Psychological Sciences (IPS) in Arlington, VA. Dr. Lynch will address: Millennials being over connected, spending 7 hours a day in digital media • Shortness in patience and listening skills • Education that rarely prepares them with job skills • The "What's in It for Me?" battle-cry • Difficulty in having a face-to-face conversation. RSVP by calling Larry Cirignano at (202) 306-6863 or email [larryvte@gmail.com](mailto:larryvte@gmail.com).

**Parish Clean Up Day Apr. 22** Saturday, **Apr. 22** is Earth Day. To join in Earth Day activities taking place across the world, our parish Sustainability Committee will host a Clean Up effort from 9 to 11 am at the parish. We will clear our landscaping of trash and debris, and especially within the Chesapeake watershed zone along the back of the church. To RSVP for this effort and to receive more information, email [d.cook@queenofapostles.org](mailto:d.cook@queenofapostles.org).

**Coming Soon – Catholic Estate and Personal Planning Seminar** Looking for ways to prepare and manage your estate plans? On **Apr. 27**, our parish will offer two informational seminars at 9:30 am and at 7 pm in Hannan Hall explaining the process of Catholic estate and personal planning. Representatives from the Diocese of Arlington will be joining us to discuss these important topics: (1) Catholic teachings on end of life decisions (advance medical directives, proper planning, funerals); (2) The importance for individuals and couples to have a Will and other critical documents in place; (3) Vehicles and tools for charitable giving. Please RSVP to Dave Cook at (703) 354-8711, or [d.cook@queenofapostles.org](mailto:d.cook@queenofapostles.org).

**Children's Bible Study (K – 3rd Grade)** A new children's bible study for ages 5 to 8 (kindergarten through 3rd grade) will begin on Saturday, **May 6** from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Hannan Hall. There will be five Saturday afternoon sessions in total from **May 6** through **Jul. 1**. Contact Magda Zielinska for information on how to register or volunteer, at (202) 246-1298 or at [magdazie@icloud.com](mailto:magdazie@icloud.com).

## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Masses this Week

### **Monday within the Octave of Easter - April 17:**

6:30 am +Mrs. Gabriel Flannery  
9:00 am +Bobby Samantela

### **Tuesday within the Octave of Easter - April 18:**

6:30 am +Larina G. Zialcita  
9:00 am +Edward Bryndal

### **Wednesday within the Octave of Easter - April 19:**

6:30 am (L) Sarah Flannery  
9:00 am +Bobby Samantela

### **Thursday within the Octave of Easter - April 20:**

6:30 am +Eduardo Gualdino  
9:00 am +Nikolaos Harokopos

### **Friday within the Octave of Easter - April 21:**

3:00 pm +Sue Brodeur  
7:00 pm +Josefina and Alfonso Jocson

### **Saturday within the Octave of Easter - April 22:**

8:00 am +Kathleen Royals  
5:00 pm +David Mead  
7:00 pm +Trinidad Garcia

### **Sunday of Divine Mercy - April 23:**

7:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the León-Duarte, Saunders and Lor Families  
9:00 am (L) Fr. Juan Espino  
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 noon (L) Fr. Nicholas Barnes



### **Queen of Apostles School** Queen of Apostles

School is accepting applications for students entering kindergarten through 8th grade for the 2017-2018 school year. Incoming kindergarten students must be 5 years of age by **Sep. 30**. Applications are available on the school website: [www.queenofapostlesschool.org](http://www.queenofapostlesschool.org) or can be picked up at the school. Tours can be scheduled by calling the school office at (703) 345-0714. Financial assistance is available.



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

Peggy Mooney, Dominic Blansett, Daisy Atiyeh, Dick Owens, Miriam Farfan Christopher Said, Marta Fajardo, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Esther Stanley, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Anna Jeffrey, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Stephen Aldrich, Jessica Acot, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Etelvina León-Duarte, J. Saunders, Catherine Hanniff, Kristi Burns, Francis Walter, Deborah DuBrul, Kathleen Donohoe, 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 Sprahnt, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith