Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord  
April 16, 2017

QUEEN OF APOSTLES Catholic Church

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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

EUCHARISTIC 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.

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

Emmamaus - High School/Young College Students  Emmas 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.

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 has a host family, please send a message to 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 Office 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

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**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.

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**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 or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at jaffe@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.

**Classes de Inglés y de Ciudadanía**
Classes 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**
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 or (703) 241-1096.

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**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

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Cook at ples to have a Will and other critical documents in place; planning, funerals); (2) ing us to discuss these important topics: Catholic estate and personal plan-
formational seminars at your estate plans? Email 

d.cook@queenofapostles.org

"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?" battlecry • Difficulty in having a face-to-face conversation. RSVP by calling Larry Cirignano at (202) 306-6863 or email larryvote@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.

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.

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.