



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
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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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 7 am through Saturday 7:45 am

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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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.

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>

Nazareth Meet with Fr. Juan and other Nazareth leaders in Hannan Hall on Friday, **May 5** and **May 19**. 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 at (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 as 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.

Camp Veritas 2017 Camp Veritas is a one-week play and pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into the 7th to 12th grades. It will be held at three locations in **2017: Jul. 16-22** at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY; **Jul. 23-29** at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD; **Aug. 13-18** at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. More information is found at www.campveritas.com.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal Collection Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the US are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Religious Education Religious Education classes resume on **Apr. 23**. Doors open at 8:30 am.

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 Thank you to everyone who participated in the 5 Car Raffle this year! The official drawing is at All Saints Parish Festival in Manassas on Saturday, **Apr. 29**.

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Apr. 30** bulletin is Monday, **Apr. 24** by 9 am. Please email announcements to m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

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

Hispanic Vocations Mass with Bishop Burbidge

Join Bishop Burbidge to pray for more vocations especially from our Hispanic communities. This annual Mass will be celebrated in Spanish on Sunday, **Apr. 30** at St. Anthony Church in Falls Church at 3:30 pm.



Pastor's Letter

His Mercy Endures Forever

Jesus is risen and all of us rejoice with the Church and the whole creation. As we celebrate these mysteries we meditate on them and are instructed by the Scriptures as Jesus himself did with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus on the very day of his resurrection: “‘Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures” (Lk 24:26-27).

Today the Church rejoices and invites us to rejoice and be glad by singing Psalm 118, which is a prayer of praise and thanks giving, “Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his mercy endures forever... The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad” (Ps 118:1.22-24).

This first Sunday after Easter has become “Divine Mercy Sunday”. Through today’s prayers and readings, the Church brings the mystery of Divine Mercy to the center. As Pope Benedict taught, “Mercy is the central nucleus of the Gospel message; it is the very name of God, the Face with which he revealed himself in the Old Covenant and fully in Jesus Christ, the incarnation of creative and redemptive Love. May this merciful love also shine on the face of the Church and show itself through the sacraments, in particular that of Reconciliation, and in works of charity, both communitarian and individual. May all that the Church says and does manifest the mercy God feels for man” (Regina Caeli, March 30, 2008).

With the apostle Thomas, we are invited to “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe” (Jn 20:27). Even more, we are invited to enter into Jesus’ pierced heart and dwell there in intimacy with the Father and the Son.

To believe in God’s merciful love means to let mercy transform us so that we ourselves might manifest God’s mercy in our lives. Let us invite others to enter into the realm of God’s mercy through a sincere conversion, leaving behind what is sinful and accepting the challenge of a great life, of a holy life. That is the path of mercy: the one who brings us from darkness into light, from death into eternal life, from sin to a holy life with Jesus. The path which Jesus himself opened for us in his Paschal Mystery.



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 the Chaplet with others (family).
- ❖ **Step 4:** Pray the Chaplet on Fridays at 3 pm at QofA.

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

This Week In Our Parish

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

Monday, April 24:

Cupertino Room	7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in English

Tuesday, April 25:

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, April 26:

Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

Thursday, April 27:

Parish Office	6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Hannan Hall	9:30-10:30 am Planned Giving Seminar
Hannan Hall	7:00-8:00 pm Planned Giving Seminar
Church	7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour
School	9:00-10:30 pm St. Joseph's Men Group

Friday, April 28:

Adoration Chapel	11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Notre Dame Graduate School	6:00-8:00 pm Emmaus
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm QofA CYO Reception
Hannan Hall	9:15 pm-12:00 am GCC Prayer Meeting

Saturday, April 29:

Hannan Hall	7:30-10:30 am Lunch prep for ACCA
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

Third Sunday of Easter- April 30:

Hannan Hall	7:30 am -1:30 pm Banica Mission Breakfast/Brunch
School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group



Banica Mission Breakfast/Brunch Fundraiser on April 30:

Join us on Sunday, **Apr. 30** in Hannan Hall after all Masses for the Banica Mission sponsored breakfast and come learn more about the mission. Free will donations are gratefully accepted. Your donations will help buy building supplies to make it possible for us to Raise the Roof for a Family in need and build them a new home. Thank you for your generous support of our parish youth mission to Bancia!

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. Inscrición: **24 o 26 de abril** a las 7 pm. Preguntas? Llamar a Caridades Católicas – Hogar Immigrant Services para más información: (571) 208-1572.



Vocations

“Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” Is God calling you to be an instrument of God's mercy to others as a priest, sister or brother? Contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Sunday of Divine Mercy For all our priests, deacons, sisters and brothers whom God has sent in the name of Jesus to serve the people of Arlington, that they will be blessed with continued faithfulness to Him and inspire many more to consider a vocation to consecrated life and ordained ministry, we pray to the Lord.

The “Tootsie Roll” guys are returning! This weekend, the Knights John Paul II Council #4522 will be collecting donations to support KOVAR. KOVAR is dedicated to serving Virginians with intellectual disabilities. Through the volunteer efforts of the members of the Knights of Columbus, KOVAR collects and distributes funds in the form of grants and loans, which in turn are used to purchase scholarships for Special Olympic athletes, to renovate group homes, to purchase wheelchair accessible vans, and to provide job training opportunities, among many other things. The Knights of John Paul II Council #4522 pray that those that they support, are blessed by your generous donations before and after Masses.

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33	Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
1 Pt 1:17-21	Lk 24:13-35



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.



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 on 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

A Word from the Pastoral Council

Father Leopoldo and the Pastoral Council met on April 3rd to review the status of the Parish. During the meeting, we discussed the following topics:

Parish Life.

Toward a Family Fully Alive (TFFA) continues to thrive. We took a first look at next year's program – **Toward a Missionary Family**. **The Rule of Life** devotion for April is the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Hannan Hall. If you have been in Hannan Hall lately you will notice the upgraded Audio-Visual system. We have already used this system for the Lenten Soup Supper Talks and Bible Study classes. I would like to thank the parishioners who donated money, time, and effort of make this new system a reality. This system was paid for outside of normal weekly contributions.

Volunteer Appreciation Event. All parish volunteers, please mark your calendars for June 16th for an appreciation event. More details to follow.

Parish Pilgrimage. A Parish Pilgrimage to the St. John Paul II National Shrine on May 20th was proposed. (<http://www.jp2shrine.org/en/index.html>) This would be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about this holy saint and his impact on the world. We would also be able to venerate a First Class relic of St. John Paul II. Stay tuned for more details.

Parish Orientation. The parish is growing! We decided that it is now time to develop a Parish Orientation Program so that we can help our newest members of the Parish Family to quickly engage in the life of the Parish. I volunteered to lead the effort to pull this together. I would love to hear your ideas. Please share with me at welcomes@queenofapostles.org successful ideas that you have seen in other churches.

I would like to thank all of the people who responded to my call in January to volunteer when the call goes out. We had more than 40 volunteers help with hosting participants for the March for Life. We had another group assist with decorating the Church for Easter.

Please continue to pray for our priests, parish staff, parish ministries, and the Pastoral Council. Have a blessed and holy Easter season.

Chip Souser, Chair

Pro-life Join the Planned Parenthood protest Saturday, **Apr. 29** from the White House to Planned Parenthood. www.ProtestPP.com.

New Baby Bottles are here. We will distribute them on Mother's Day and collect them on Father's Day. We need your help. This is our BIG fund raiser for the year! Donations go to support pro-life education materials, March for Life, 40 Days for Life, the flag display and guest speakers. Volunteer to help distribute bottles after Masses, **May 13-14**.

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.

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Masses this Week

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen - Monday, April 24:

6:30 am (L) Caitlyn McCord
9:00 am +Mary Trwitt

St. Mark - Tuesday, April 25:

6:30 am +Luvina Kleinmann
9:00 am +Bobby Samantela

Wednesday, April 26:

6:30 am +Jane Sonsor
9:00 am +Harold Myatt

Thursday, April 27:

6:30 am +Barbara Trojniak
9:00 am +Theresa Subalusky

St. Louis Grignon de Montfort - Friday, April 28:

3:00 pm (L) Cameron McCord
7:00 pm +Purificación M. Floren

St. Catherine of Siena - Saturday, April 29:

8:00 am +Paloma Soto and Blas Vives
5:00 pm +Theresa Subalusky
7:00 pm +Mary Arias Moreno and Aurelio Camacho

Third Sunday of Easter - April 30:

7:30 am (L) Martin and Cara Crotty
9:00 am +Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Thach
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Lucia and José Antonio Venero

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.



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, Mark Bush, Joseph Covas, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Teresa Sabina Piecyk, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith