



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
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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
Maria Fox, Secretary
(703) 354-0714
www.queenofapostlesschool.org



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.

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.

Emmaus Emmaus is organized for students in high school/college. The group meets with Fr. Juan on Fridays, 6-8 p.m. at Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street) for a faith discussion, adoration, prayer, and other activities. Open Gym is scheduled for the first Friday of the month and the group does not meet on the last Friday of the month.

Summer Program with Queen of Apostles/Stella

Maris This summer, Queen of Apostles is expecting 5 guests from Spain, Parish families are needed to host for three weeks in **July**. If interested in learning about the program and serving has a host family, please send a message to a.reid@queenofapostlesschool.org. If you cannot host for three weeks, please consider hosting for one week. 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.

Health Research on Diabetes On Saturday, **May 6**, a doctoral candidate from Walden University will be conducting research on "Health Disparities among Hispanic Americans with Type 2 Diabetes" at Queen of Apostles. Mr. Nelson Stitton will be available in the church vestibule during the afternoon and evening to talk with those interested in participating in this health research.

Religious Education Religious Education registration for the **2017-2018** school year is now open. 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. The first day of RE is **Sep. 10**.

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.

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, **May 21** for an RE family potluck. More details are coming!

Congratulations to our students and adults who received the three Sacraments of Initiation and became members of the Roman Catholic Church on Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday: Jessica, Joselyn, Lisbeth, Adamaris, Otilio, Ghislain, Bertin, Michelle, Sergio, Chelsea, and Rexford.

Fatima/Rome Pilgrimage Thank you to our parish family for supporting the pilgrimage to Fatima/Rome! Follow this link to read about their faith journey: qofayouthfatimaromepilgrimage2017.wordpress.com.

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **May 7** bulletin is Monday, **May 1** 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 **Parish Charity**. Next weekend's collection will go toward **Christ House**.



Pastor's Letter

Our Growing Family of Families

Today's Gospel is the story of the disciples of Emmaus. After the Passion of the Lord they left Jerusalem "and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them" (Lk 24:14).

Our pastoral and school year is coming to its end and at this point I would like to converse about all the things that are occurring during this fiscal year 2016-2017. I have the hope that Jesus himself will draw near, open our eyes and help us to recognize him in the breaking of the bread.

I would like to start precisely with our Liturgy. This past Holy Week we enjoyed the beauty of the Liturgy which helped us to participate more fully in the mysteries we were celebrating. We began with a joyful Palm Sunday procession from the School facilitated by our volunteers, and the Spanish Prayer Group before the Palm Sunday vigil Mass in Spanish.

Then the solemn liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. I can say without being bold that it was an excellent celebration. It was the result of the many talents with which our parish family is blessed. Each of us did their best for an incredibly beautiful celebration. Our parish family put its heart in it, and then the devotion and participation made the difference we felt and experienced as we were celebrating these most holy of days. From here please receive my most wholehearted gratitude: decorations, music, servers, lectors, ushers, clergy... Thank you for the care and love you poured on every single detail.

Our Holy Week was the celebration of a Family Fully Alive. That is our parish-wide family program for this year: "Towards a Family Fully Alive". Each month we celebrate one of the characters in family life: parents, children, grandparents, widows and widowers... As part of this monthly program, we also propose a prayer practice, building a rule of life to have a fully alive relationship with God. I would like that this effort help the Parish family and each home to be fully alive.

To speak about the family is also to speak about our home: our facilities. After urgent projects that have been executed over the last three years, it is time to focus on the Church. We are working on an integral plan for the Church in which the first project will be new lighting for the sanctuary. We hope you will enjoy it this summer. We are stretching the HVAC units and organ life span but they are ending their cycle.

May Jesus be with us in this journey and help us to recognize him in each other: those volunteering with us, those attending Mass with us, those sharing their talents to build up our growing family of families.



Regina Caeli

The Regina Caeli is prayed in place of the Angelus during Eastertide.

Queen of Heaven

- V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Week In Our Parish

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

Monday, May 1:

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

Tuesday, May 2:

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, May 3:

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

Thursday, May 4:

Parish Office	6:30-8:00 pm	Legion of Mary
Church	7:30-8:30 pm	Holy Hour

Friday, May 5:

Adoration Chapel	11:00 am-12 noon	Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall	3:45-5:30 pm	Nazareth
Notre Dame Graduate School	6:00-8:00 pm	Emmaus
School	6:00-8:00 pm	Open Gym

Saturday, May 6:

Hannan Hall	8:30 am-1:00 pm	Catholic Charities
Parish Office	1:00-3:30 pm	Stephen Ministry
Hannan Hall	2:30-4:30 pm	Children's Bible Study
School	4:00-6:30 pm	Spanish Prayer Group
Hanna Hall	5:30-9:00 pm	Homeschoolers Group
School	7:00-9:00 pm	Ghana Choir

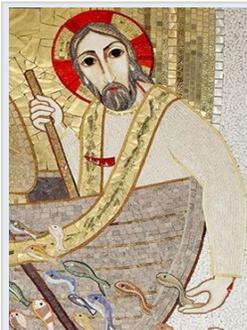
Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 7:

Rule of Life Program		
Vestibule	ACCA Food Collection	
School	9:00-10:15 am	Religious Education
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm	Ghana Group

Finding Freedom After Abortion This year it's time to make peace with your past. "Do not be afraid...Open your heart and let go of the weight you carry - let the light of Christ penetrate and heal your heart." For confidential, compassionate help after abortion, please call Project Rachel at (888) 456-HOPE or email info@helpafterabortion.org.



Volunteers Needed The MaRiH Center is a pro-life crisis pregnancy service offering alternatives to abortion. We are seeking new volunteers to assist pregnant women and their babies. There are many ways to help, with both weekday and Saturday shifts. All training is provided. Bilingual volunteers are also needed. If you have questions or would like to visit and do a tour, please call us at (703) 370-4774 ask for the volunteer coordinator Beth Whitehead. We are located at 3230-B Duke St, Alexandria, 22314.



Vocations

Do you recognize Christ in your life and hope to make Him known to others? Perhaps you are being called to the priesthood or consecrated life. If you are considering this possibility, contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Third Sunday of Easter For an increased awareness among our young people of the closeness of the Lord in their vocation discernment and their responsibility to recognize and follow Him, we pray to the Lord.



Vacation Bible School Active Volunteers, adults, and high school students (current 8th grade and above) are invited to join our summer camp staff. Exciting times are ahead as we lead our campers in the K4J program, "Summertime Blast: Jesus in the Eucharist". We need activity station leaders, guides and support staff. VBS will be held in our parish school, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. All persons, 18 years and up will need to become VIRTUS compliant. Please contact co-directors Mrs. Ann Souser at (571) 334-2439 or Mr. Joseph Manson at (703) 536-5460, or email us at vbs@queenofapostles.org.

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14A, 36-41 Ps 23: 1-3A, 3B4, 5, 6
1 Pt 2:20B-25 Jn 10:1-10



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.



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 Banica!

Stephen Ministry Would you like to make a difference through caring that can change lives? Would you like to grow in faith and deepen your relationship with Jesus by serving Christ through others? Would you like to be more loving by sharing the love of Christ with others? If so, Stephen Ministry may be for you. Stephen Ministry is Christ caring, for people through people. For information on how to be part of this beautiful ministry, please contact Maris Dionisio at (703) 751-8495 or Stephenministry@queenofapostles.org.

Women's Group Instead of a formal meeting, members and guests are encouraged to make a trip to the Mother Seton Shrine and Basilica in Emmitsburg, MD. Arrangements have been made to rent a charter a bus that accommodates 28 passengers. The bus will depart from QofA at 8 am on **May 10** and return around 5 pm. There will be a tour of the grounds, buildings and gift shop before a luncheon at a local family restaurant, paid by the attendees. The day will close with Mass at the Basilica before returning home. As of **Apr. 25**, there are 8 seats available. To reserve a seat, please contact the trip coordinator: Estela Prieto at (703) 354-4767 or estelaprieto45@gmail.com. To assure that all trip expenses are covered, you are asked to make your commitment and submit your payment of \$25 for the bus, the driver's tip, and donation to the Shrine by **May 5** or sooner. Thank you!

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.

Pro-life: Baby Bottles 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**.

Marriage Enrichment Evening: 7 Ways Forgiveness Enhances Your Marriage Please join us on Friday, **May 19**, at St. Ambrose Parish Hall, Annandale from 7 -9 pm. Featuring Beverly Tauke, a counselor, author and speaker. Register online at www.arlingtondiocese.org/forgivenessinmarriage. All married and engaged couples welcome! Contact Nancy McKeague at (703) 841-2550 or n.mckeague@arlingtondiocese.org.

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Third Sunday of Easter Masses this Week

St. Joseph the Worker - Monday, May 1:

6:30 am (L) Souls in Purgatory
9:00 am +Theresa Subalusky

St. Athanasius - Tuesday, May 2:

6:30 am (L) Michael Delaney
9:00 am (L) Betty Jane and + Gregory Davis

Sts. Philip and James - Wednesday, May 3:

6:30 am +Byrne and Monillas Family
9:00 am (L) Davis Family

Thursday, May 4:

6:30 am (L) Deborah DuBrul
9:00 am +Theresa Subalusky

Friday, May 5:

3:00 pm +Mr. Shiferaw Woldemarian
7:00 pm +Felix and Belén Perez

Saturday, April May 6:

8:00 am (L) William Borgeshani
5:00 pm +Theresa Subalusky
7:00 pm +Antonio Delgadillo Orellana and +Benjamin Delgadillo Arias

Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 7:

7:30 am (L) Chris and Alex Lynem
9:00 am +Dolores Perez
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Roy Kasenge



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 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, John Harchick, Jr., 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