



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.



Altar Servers A new schedule for altar boys to serve **Apr.-Jun.** has been sent. 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 **Apr. - Jun.** Please sign up here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544aca928a0fe3-vocations>. Thank you for serving in this ministry.

Congratulations to altar server Stephen Artner for being named a finalist in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program!

Fatima/Rome Pilgrimage Thank you to our parish family for supporting the Fatima/Rome Pilgrimage, **Apr. 7-17**. The pilgrims are taking your prayer intentions to the holy sites.

Emmaus - High School/Young College Students Emmaus will not meet on **Apr. 14**. 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.

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.

Religious Education Religious Education **will not** meet on April 9 (Palm Sunday) and **Apr. 16** (Easter Sunday). Classes resume on **Apr. 23**.

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

Rehearsal for Sacraments of Initiation Students and Adults, April 15 Students and adults who are receiving the three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) on Easter Vigil have a mandatory rehearsal with their godparent/sponsor on Saturday, **Apr. 15**. Students, adults, and their godparent/sponsor are required to attend. Please meet inside the church by 10:50 am for the 11 am meeting and rehearsal.

Easter Vigil Mass begins promptly at 8:30 pm. Students, adults, and their sponsors are to meet inside the church by 7:45 pm. **Please note the change in Mass time.**

Thank You for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend's collection will go toward **ACCA** and the **Missionaries of Charity**. Next weekend's collection will go toward **Christ House**.

All Saints Car Raffle Have you returned your raffle tickets yet? If so, thank you! If not, there is still one week left to sell your tickets and even pick up a few more at the parish office. Tickets are \$5 each and offer the purchaser a chance to win any five vehicles (Honda Civic, Buick Verano, GMC Sierra Truck, Honda CRV and Honda Odyssey Van) plus \$20,000 in cash prizes. Questions? Contact Ann Croft at annmcraft@hotmail.com.

Vacation Bible School - June 26-30, 2017 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.



Pastor's Letter

Entering the Holy Week

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, those holy days par excellence. We know, however, that we need to be intentional and even counter-cultural if we want to connect with the Liturgy of the Church and celebrate as a family during these holy days.

In light of this challenge, we can be inspired by today's celebration. Jesus enters Jerusalem and there are many around him. His apostles. They sincerely follow and love him. However, they will abandon him when put under the test. We have the crowds. They welcomed Jesus crying out "blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" On Friday, the crowds will shout "Crucify him!" Many priests and Sanhedrin members are plotting to find a way to put him to death. The Roman soldiers are on high alert because of the crowd's excitement. In a few days they will have the opportunity to throw upon Jesus their hatred and violence. Only Mary and some women will remain faithful standing beside the cross.

Which group will I join?

The answer to this question does not come in a moment of feeling spiritually well and courageous like Peter during the Last Supper. The answer comes in a concrete way in my plans for Holy Week. How have I planned my week? Will I participate in these days' solemn liturgies? Will I choose intentionally to plan this week around the Easter Triduum? If I have young children, how will I introduce them into the celebration of these holy days? A seder meal on Holy Thursday is one idea.

Today Jesus enters Jerusalem. How do I set my mind to welcome Jesus? We know that Jesus was hosted in Bethany during these days at Lazarus' home. In the evenings there was an intense conversation with Jesus debriefing the events and the growing menaces against Jesus. Let's have Jesus at home these days, let's have our family conversation about the things that are taking place in Jerusalem and prepare for the glory of Jesus' resurrection.

Let's also invite Mary our Mother. She will take care that we will be close to Jesus both in his cross and resurrection.

Living Stations of the Cross All are welcome to the Living Stations of the Cross with QofA School on Tuesday, **Apr. 11** at 2:00 pm.

Holy Hour and Eucharistic Exposition on Holy Thursday night On this solemn Holy Thursday night we invite you to meditate on the Passion of Our Lord and spend some time with Him in prayer. There will be a Holy Hour at 10 pm and Eucharistic Exposition throughout the night. It will conclude at 3 pm on Good Friday. A sign-up sheet is provided by the door of the Chapel.

Fast and Abstinence Everyone over 14 years of age is bound to observe abstinence (no meat) on all Fridays during Lent and Ash Wednesday. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, everyone between the ages of 18 and 60 years of age is bound to observe the law of fast. On these two days only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs; but together they should not equal another full meal.

Bulletin Deadlines The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Apr. 16** (Easter Sunday) bulletin was Tuesday, **Apr. 4** by 9 am. The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Apr. 23** (Divine Mercy Sunday) bulletin is Thursday, **Apr. 13** by 9 am. Please email announcements to m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

Parish Office Closed The Parish Office will be closed on **Apr. 14** in observance of Good Friday.

This Week In Our Parish

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - April 9:

Towards a Family Fully Alive

No Religious Education Today

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

Monday of Holy Week - April 10:

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

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

Tuesday of Holy Week - April 11:

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

Church 2:00-3:00 pm Living Stations of the Cross with QofA School

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

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

Wednesday of Holy Week - April 12:

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

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

Holy Thursday - April 13:

Church 10:00pm-11:00 pm Holy Hour

Vestibule 11:00 pm-12:00 am Eucharistic Exposition

Good Friday - April 14:

Parish Office closed

Vestibule 12:00 am-3:00 pm Eucharistic Exposition

Church 12:00-1:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday - April 15:

Church 10:50 am-12:30 pm Meeting and Rehearsal for Sacraments of Initiation

Church 1:00 pm Blessing of Easter Food

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

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

No Religious Education Today

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

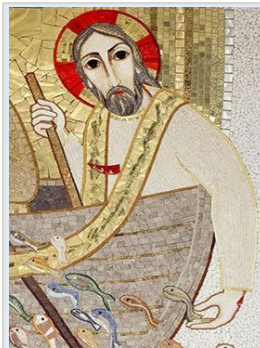
Catholic Charities Counseling Queen of Apostles has partnered with Catholic Charities to have a counselor come to the parish to provide counseling services. Carly Rouston, our new Catholic Charities counselor, has a Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of St Mary's in San Antonio. She works with children, adults, and couples – providing therapy in both English and Spanish. Carly will be available for appointments at the parish office on Thursdays between 2 pm and 8 pm. Catholic Charities is able to offer sessions on a sliding scale fee, in order to provide services to all those seeking assistance. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please call our intake coordinator Hannah Navarro at (703) 224-1630.

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34A, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Col3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9



Vocations

“Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord!”

Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? If you think this may be so Contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at jjaffe@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord For the faithful response of all men and women called to follow Christ and His passion more closely through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Gifts for the Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF)

Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance, and books; which total almost \$40,000 per seminarian. Please give generously! To donate, make checks to: Foundation for the CDA –SEEF. Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203.

Bishop Burbidge's Homilies Online Want to hear relevant, pastoral inspiration from our Shepherd? He records homilies posted weekly on our YouTube page. Go and take a look at youtube.com/arlingtondiocese.



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.

"What does Jesus Christ do in the Eucharist?

It is God who, as our Savior, offers Himself each day for us to His Father's justice. If you are in difficulties and sorrows, He will comfort and relieve you. If you are sick, He will either cure you or give you strength to suffer so as to merit Heaven.

If the devil, the world, and the flesh are making war upon you, He will give you the weapons with which to fight, to resist, and to win victory. If you are poor, He will enrich you with all sorts of riches for time and eternity. Let us open the door of His sacred and adorable Heart, and be wrapped about for an instant by the flames of His love, and we shall see what a God who loves us can do.

O my God, who shall be able to comprehend?"

St. John Vianney

O Sorrowful Heart of Mary, pray for us.

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. Looking forward to meeting you and your little ones!



QofA Women's Group The highlight of the next Women's Group meeting on Wednesday, **Apr. 12** will be the election of new officers to serve for the next two years. The complete slate will be officially sworn in at the June meeting. The group will also finalize details of the May trip to Emmitsburg, MD. Finally, the program will close with opening scenes from a movie highlighting St. Peter's interior struggles as head of the new Church. Do join us!

"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 larryv-ote@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.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Masses this Week

Monday of Holy Week - April 10:

6:30 am +Georgianna Yahner
9:00 am +Niceta Salontoy

Tuesday of Holy Week - April 11:

6:30 am +Jocelyn Walter Graham
9:00 am +Anne Sweeney

Wednesday of Holy Week - April 12:

6:30 am +Constancia Monillas
9:00 am +Leroy Gregg

Holy Thursday - April 13:

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday - April 14:

3:00 pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (English)
7:00 pm Celebración de la Pasión del Señor (Español)

Holy Saturday - April 15:

8:30 pm Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 16:

7:30 am (L) Disciples of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary
9:00 am +Anna Barnoski
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Lauren Sutton

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.

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

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 Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith