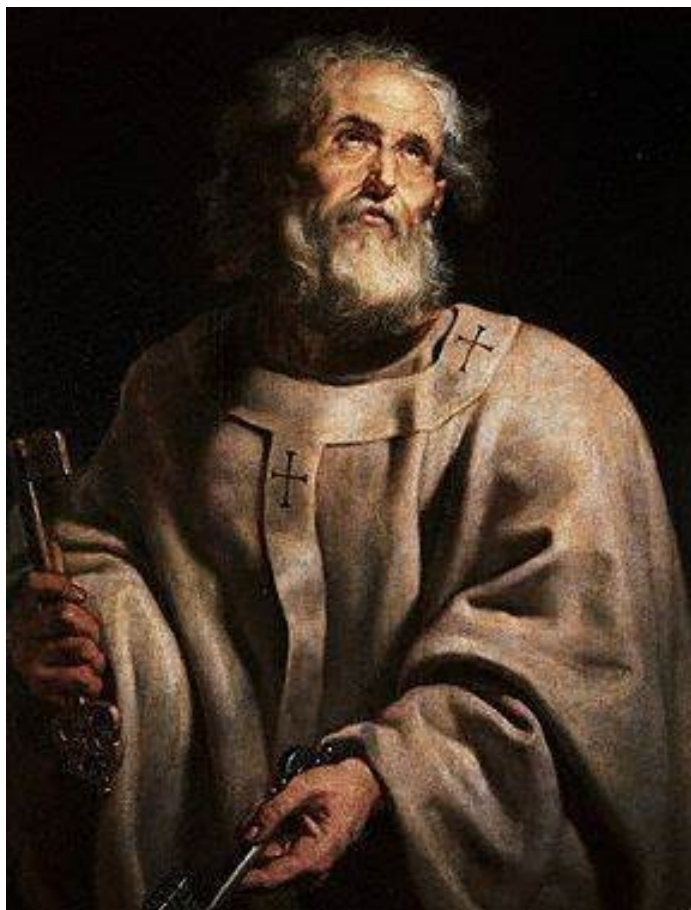


QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

4401 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA 22312 (703) 354-8711 www.queenofapostles.org

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 16, 2020



CLERGY

Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM, Pastor
Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Jaime de Cendra, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Ignacio de Ribera, DCJM, In Residence
Deacon Richard C. Caporiccio

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 am; Vigil: 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (*in Spanish*)
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,
12 Noon, 2:00 pm (*Ghana Community*)
Monday-Friday: 6:30 am (*except Federal Holidays*),
9:00 am

HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE

Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 7:00-7:30 am
Wednesday: 6:30 pm until last penitent
Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm during Holy Hour
Saturday: 4:00-5:00 pm and 6:00-7:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30-9:00 am and 10:00-10:30 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 7 am through Saturday 7:45 am



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FAITH, EXCELLENCE, JOY

4409 Sano Street
Alexandria, VA 22312
www.queenofapostlesschool.org
School Office Hours:
Mon-Thurs, 8:00 am – 3:15 pm
Friday, 8:00 am – 2:15 pm

STAFF

Anne Arias, Principal
Maria Fox, Secretary
Fr. Jaime de Cendra, DCJM,
School Chaplain
Phone: (703) 354-0714



Please take time to visit our school! If you would like to request a tour, please contact the school office or visit our website for more information.

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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. Parish registration forms are available in the Church vestibule and at the Parish Office, located at 4329 Sano Street (next 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-mailing general@queenofapostles.org

Mary, Queen of Apostles, Pray for us!

Religious Education All Religious Education students in grade 8 and high school, no matter the sacramental status, are to attend the **Feb 22** retreat, 8:30am-3:30pm at in Hannan Hall. Snow makeup date is **Mar 21**. RE Students have class on **Feb. 23**.

School, Ghana, and homeschool students in grade 8 and above who desire the Sacrament of Confirmation are to attend the **Feb 22**, 8:30am-3:30pm retreat. Meet in Hannan Hall. Doors open at 8:15am. Parent drop off and pick-up is at the Hannan Hall parking lot by the flag.

The priest will meet with RE parents of Confirmation students on Sunday, **Feb 23** at 9am (English) and 9:30am (Spanish) at the school.

Baptized students in grade 2 and above, who have attended 2+ years of Religious Ed, and desire the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist, have First Confession on Saturday, **Feb 29** starting at 9:30am in the church. Parents, godparents, and grandparents are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with their child. Families of school students should check with the teacher or front office to confirm the time and date of First Confession.

Unbaptized students and sponsors are to attend the Rite of Election on Sunday, **Mar 1** at 2:30pm at the St. Thomas More Cathedral.

Religious Education classes will not be held on **Feb 17** in observance of Presidents' Day. Classes resume Feb. 23.

Banica Bake Sale Feb. 15/16 after all Masses: Enjoy freshly made baked goods while helping to support our parish youth mission to Bánica, Dominican in June. Free will donations are gratefully accepted! Please stop by the table in the vestibule for delicious treats and to learn more about this year's mission. Thank you for your prayerful support.

Bulletin Deadlines The deadline for the **Feb. 23** bulletin is **Feb. 17**. Please email general@queenofapostles.org with any announcements.

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**.

RCIA All RCIA students are asked to call the parish office at 703-354-8711 and schedule a meeting with Fr. Javier. RCIA will not meet on **Feb 17**.

All RCIA students, catechumens (unbaptized) and candidates (baptized), and sponsors are to attend the Rite of Election and the Rite of Continuing Conversion on Sunday, **Mar 1** at 2:30pm at St. Thomas More Cathedral. Please meet at the Cathedral by 1:45pm. QofA will have assigned seating. This is not a Mass so please attend Mass earlier in the day.

Annual Car Raffle Be on the look out for your All Saints 5-car Raffle Tickets. One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all five vehicles plus \$20,000 in cash prizes. The raffle continues to benefit our parish and many other charitable causes throughout the diocese, as it has in the past. We hope that you will support our efforts by buying or selling your tickets. Please return any unused tickets to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Women's Group The Women' Group will hold a Book Sale on **Sunday, March 1st** after all of the Masses. Stop by for the Sunday Social and help support The Women's Group!

NO Confessions on Sunday, **February 16**. Thank you for understanding.

Pizza with the Pastor and Altar Servers, Feb 18

All servers, seasoned and new, are invited to a liturgy refresher training with Mr. Kirby followed by pizza on **Tues, Feb 18**, 6-8pm. First, meet in the church for a liturgy refresher then enjoy some pizza! If attending, please contact s.gray@queenofapostles.org or call 703-354-8711 by **Feb 14**.

Have you ever considered putting Queen of Apostles in your will or estate? Please contact Flora Wack (f.wack@queenofapostles.org or 703-354-8711) at the Parish Office for more information.



Pastor's Letter

Our parish family finds life and nourishment in the sacraments. Moreover, as the Catechism says, the Eucharist is the source and summit of our life. Last week and this coming week are both perfect examples of this.

As you may recall, last Tuesday we celebrated Our Lady of Lourdes, which coincides with the World Day of the Sick. Pope John Paul II, upon instituting this feast, reflected:

Outside of faith...how can we discover in the moment of trial the constructive contribution of pain? How can we give meaning and value to the anguish, unease, and physical and psychic ills accompanying our mortal condition?...Yes, only in Christ, the incarnate Word, Redeemer of mankind and victor over death, is it possible to find satisfactory answers to such fundamental questions.

We announced that we would offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during the Mass. We had an incredible turnout! While we did not count, I estimated about 45 people who came seeking this powerful sacrament. We plan to do this twice a year: on February 11 (Our Lady of Lourdes) and on September 15 (Our Lady of Sorrows).

On Thursday, we held a Holy Hour dedicated to Married and Engaged Couples. It took place during our normal Holy Hour time slot, from 7:30PM to 8:30PM. (You are welcome to join us each week! We offer confessions during that time.) This week was National Marriage Week, so what better way to celebrate marriage than with Jesus, who instituted it as a sacrament. There was an opportunity for praise and worship. The highlight was the moment when our married couples were able to renew their vows in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We had a short reflection and we also came together to offer our prayers for those preparing for marriage and for those marriages that are struggling. The Holy Hour was followed by a beautiful reception in the vestibule. Thanks to all those who helped make this special moment possible.

This week again we will gather around the Blessed Sacrament. I would like to invite our parishioners to make Thursday, February 20, a very special day to come together as a parish family to present our petitions to the Lord. I'm asking that we (or those who can) fast on bread and water for that day and attend the Holy Hour at 7:30 PM. During the Holy Hour we will pray the holy rosary together for three very concrete intentions: 1) the holiness of our priests and in reparation for their sins; 2) the sanctity of marriage and family; 3) the end of violence. I do hope that many of our parishioners will join us. Even if you cannot physically be present, please pray for these intentions. What power in a family that prays together! Remember what we have always heard: a family that prays together, stays together. I hope to see you there.

Update on the Adoration Chapel

Have you had an opportunity to make a quick visit to the Adoration Chapel? We continue to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the gift of our Adoration Chapel. Thanks to a generous benefactor, we were able to replace the carpet last weekend. And thanks to our volunteers who removed the pews and put them back (not as easy as it may seem!), we have also repainted the Chapel. Without the pews, it was evident that the walls needed a fresh coat of paint, so they volunteered to take care of it the next day. It is very moving to see how the Lord in the Eucharist brings us together as a family and moves us to want to serve him and our parish family.

~ Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM



Mardi Gras

At Queen of Apostles

Eat, Drink, and be Merry, for tomorrow you shall fast!

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 in Hannan Hall, 6:00-8:00 pm

Volunteers needed! Please see the Parish Website for details and registration information, or visit the table in the vestibule after all Masses the weekend of February 22-23. Please also bring last year's palms for us to burn for Ash Wednesday

Carta del Pastor

El Señor nutre a nuestra familia parroquial con los sacramentos, y especialmente con la Eucaristía. Esta realidad la hemos vivido especialmente en estos días.

Este martes pasado, celebrando la Fiesta de la Virgen de Lourdes y el Día Mundial del Enfermo, durante la Santa Misa se ofreció el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos. Fue una sorpresa muy grata ver a tantas personas. Aunque no las conté, no hay duda que había en torno a 45 personas, desde jóvenes hasta gente mayor. Esperamos poder ofrecer este sacramento durante la misa dos veces al año – el 11 de febrero (Fiesta de la Virgen de Lourdes) y el 15 de septiembre (Fiesta de la Virgen de los Dolores). Seguimos rezando por nuestros enfermos y seguimos también encomendándonos a sus oraciones, pues ellos viven una especial unión con Cristo.

El jueves pasado tuvimos también durante la Hora Santa una oportunidad de reunir a los matrimonios y a las parejas comprometidas para casarse en torno a Jesús Sacramentado. Siendo la semana nacional del matrimonio, que mejor que reunirnos a dar gracias a quien instituyó este sacramento para renovar las promesas matrimoniales y para rezar por los que se preparan para el sacramento o los que atraviesan dificultades. La Hora Santa fue seguida por una recepción en el vestíbulo. Que regalo.

El próximo jueves invitamos a toda la familia parroquial a que se una para la Hora Santa de 7:30 a 8:30 pm. Como familia, querremos unirnos en oración, pidiendo al Señor tres cosas: 1) la santidad de nuestros sacerdotes y reparación por sus pecados; 2) la santidad y dignidad del matrimonio y la familia; 3) el fin de la violencia. Se invita a todo el que pueda a ayunar con agua y pan. Durante la Hora Santa, rezaremos el Santo Rosario. Recuerden, la familia que reza unida, permanece unida! Los esperamos!

Capilla de la Adoración

Seguimos celebrando los 10 años de la Capilla de la Adoración. Cuando visiten la próxima vez, podrán ver que gracias a la generosidad de un bienhechor de la parroquia tenemos ahora una alfombra nueva. Gracias a la labor de los voluntarios también se aprovecho para pintar. ¡Que don mas grande para nuestra familia, que Dios quiera habitar entre nosotros! No olvides visitarlo durante la semana o quizá a comprometerte para acompañarle una hora cada semana.

This Week In Our Parish

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time– February 16:

Vestibule After All Masses: Banica Bake Sale
Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30pm Ghana Group

Monday, February 17:

President's Day—No RCIA Classes
Parish Office and Adoration Chapel Closed

Tuesday, February 18:

Hannan Hall 10:00-11:30am Adult Bible Study
Hannan Hall 3:00-5:00pm Children's Choir Practice
Church, Hannan Hall 6:00-8:00pm Altar Server Training
Hannan Hall 6:00-10:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, February 19:

Parish Center 7:30-8:45pm Baptism Class (Spanish)
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00pm Ghana Prayer Group

Thursday, February 20:

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

Friday, February 21:

Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, February 22:

Church 9am-3:30pm 8th Grade/High School
Retreat
School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir Practice
Notre Dame 8:00-10:00 pm Emmaus

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

LV 19:1-2, 17-18 PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13
1 COR 3:16-23 MT 5:38-48

In a Sacramental Marriage? For couples not married in the church, our priests are willing to help you prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Please call the parish office and set an appointment to meet with a priest.

Presidents' Day The Parish Office and Adoration Chapel will be closed, this **Monday, Feb. 17**, in observance of Presidents' Day. There will be only one Mass celebrated at 9 am.

Visit the Adoration Chapel during our hours

of need! Our Chapel is open Mon. 7am -Sat. 8 am (midnight hours require a passcode for entry). Greatest hours of need include:



- * **Tues., 12-1 am, 1-2 am, Thurs., 12-1 am, 1-2 am, 2-3 am, 3-4 am** *Critical need for permanent adorers*
Contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096
or moleski47@gmail.com for these hours of need
- * **Tues 3-4 pm; Wed 1-5 pm; Thurs 3-4 pm;**
Contact Rosalie Mainey at (703) 256-5765 or
rosalieam@msn.com for these hours of need

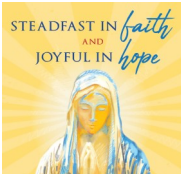


Vocations

"It is loyalty to do His will." Are you considering following the will of God in the consecrated life or priesthood? Call Father Michael Isenberg (703) 841-2514, or write: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time That all those called to follow Jesus in the priesthood or consecrated life will allow the Holy Spirit to strengthen them daily in their vocation, we pray to the Lord.

BLA Commitment Weekend The 2020 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Commitment weekend is next weekend! Once a year we are asked to make a commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries which provide services that no single parish could provide on its own. This important effort is a means by which we work together by sharing the gifts God has bestowed upon us. Our parish goal is 100 % participation. Through the BLA, may we seek to imitate the steadfast faith of the Blessed Virgin Mary and joyfully reveal our gratitude for our many blessings!



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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Excerpt from a Student Testimonial

"My name is John Agtarap. I have been to Queen of Apostles since the sixth grade and graduated last year. I am currently a freshman at Bishop O'Connell High School. For my three years at Queen of Apostles, I encountered many helpful people, teachers, and friends along the way as I grew physically, mentally, and spiritually.

The faculty and staff here at Queen of Apostles are very loving and caring towards the students. They encourage them to grow in intelligence as well as grow in their faith. The students are friendly towards their peers and enjoy being a part of this community. I enjoyed my time at Queen of Apostles because every day I was able to see these people who became influential in my life.

Queen of Apostles is great for your child to grow in faith, excellence, and joy. I encourage new families to come visit the school and talk to the faculty who work there. They will surely grow in Faith, Excellence, and Joy."



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time- February 16:

7:30 am +Monica Stabile
9:00 am +Maria Hoi Ha and Peter Tao Nguyen
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Christina Lynem

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order- Monday, February 17:

No 6:30 am Mass
9:00 am +Marcel Dupuy

Our Lady of Lourdes - Tuesday, February 18:

6:30 am (L) Doreen Anakuelo Family
9:00 am +Joseph Barnoski

Wednesday, February 19:

6:30 am (L) Kalaheo Chu Family
9:00 am +Joseph Barnoski

Thursday, February 20:

6:30 am (L) Lorna Daniels Family
9:00 am Special Intention

St. Peter Damian- Friday, February 21:

6:30 am (L) Flora Wack
9:00 am (L) John and Margaret Pfeiffer

Chair of St. Peter the Apostle - Saturday, February 22:

8:00 am (L) Tom Aubin Family
5:00 pm +Francis Joseph Hoyer
7:00 pm +Mercedes Henning

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 23:

7:30 am +Ann G. Hoyer
9:00 am (L) Juliana Rubino
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm (L) Betty Kan Family

The Lord is kind and merciful!



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Jin C. Navarro, Leo Monterroso, Etelvina León-Duarte, Ginny Cook, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Maria Reyes, Anna Anderson, Michelle Jacobeen, Jean McDermott, Anne Kemble, Tesfa Haile, Virginia Shea, Joseph Lipari, Rosa María Santos, Carmelita Mate, Leonor Cabrestane, Roger Trozado, Jeanie Miller, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks, Charles Ferris, Dominic Blansett, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Spracht, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Russ and Jill Amerling, Dorothy Norpel, Kathy Ippolito, Dean Richardson, Margaret Fiore, Michael Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Cervantes