

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Presentation of the Lord - February 2, 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 Students in grade 8-high school who desire the Sacrament of Confirmation have these upcoming deadlines. **Feb 2:** Service hours and 2 page typed report; **Feb 22:** Retreat (snow makeup date is **Mar 21**).

Asked to serve as a Baptismal godparent/Confirmation sponsor? Please see the Parish website or visit the Parish office for a detailed list and explanation of requirements according to the Code of Canon law

For QofA parishioners who have been asked to serve as a godparent/sponsor, please call the parish office to schedule a meeting with the priest to obtain signed and sealed Certificate of Eligibility.

All Religious Education students in grade 8 and high school, no matter the sacramental status, are to attend the **Feb 22**, retreat (snow makeup date is Mar 21) at QoA.

Religious Education follows Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) for closings due to snow. If FCPS activities are cancelled at any time during the course of the day, our RE classes will be cancelled as well. Announcements may be heard on television and radio stations, and listed on www.fcps.edu.

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

Annual Car Raffle All Saints Church has invited our parishioners to participate in their 5-car raffle. Prizes include five 2020 vehicles from Koons of Manassas. One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all five vehicles plus \$20,000 in cash prizes. You will be receiving tickets in the mail within the next week or so.

Vacation Bible School at Queen of Apostles Mark your calendars for the **July 13-17, 2020** Vacation Bible School!

Bulletin Deadlines The deadline for the **Feb. 9** bulletin is **Feb. 3**. Please email general@queenofapostles.org with any announcements.

Weather delays and Closures Please note: QoA School follows Fairfax County Public Schools for delays and closures. The Parish Office follows the federal government.

RCIA Please ensure your baptismal certificate (dated in the last 6 months) and marriage certificate (if applicable) have been turned into the parish office.

RCIA students are asked to call the Parish office to set up an appointment with Fr. Javier.

For couples not married in the church, our priests are willing to help you prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Please contact the Parish office to set an appointment to meet with a priest.

Adult Bible Study Join us to learn the basic Catholic principles for reading Scripture and to survey the broad outlines of the books of the Bible and their place in the story of salvation. The presenters of *Genesis to Jesus* are Scott Hahn and Matthew Leonard. Dates are Tuesdays, **Jan 7- Mar 24, 2020**. The morning session is 10-11:30am in Hannan Hall and the evening session is 5:45-7:15pm at the Parish Family Center (4329 Sano Street). Register on-site.

Altar Servers 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.

Holy Hour with Married and Engaged Couples In celebration of National Marriage Week, Feb 7-14, 2020, Queen of Apostles' Holy Hour on **Feb 13** will be a moment of thanksgiving before the Blessed Sacrament for the beauty and the sanctity of the gift of Marriage.

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

Women's Group Please join The Women's Group on **Wednesday, Feb. 12th** to watch a documentary titled *The Face Of Mercy*. You will see the face of mercy in our modern world. It is an excellent film! Join us at 10:00 in Hannan Hall. All parishioners are invited. See you there!

Pastor's Letter

Queen of Apostles Catholic School was very pleased to welcome Bishop Burbidge this past week. This was certainly a highlight of our Catholic Schools Week. His visit began with a Mass with the school children. He remarked on how well our students read and on the incredible school choir. Indeed, the children, many of whom are young fourth-graders, sang a beautiful arrangement of Mozart's Ave Verum.

The Bishop began the homily by asking the students to fill in the blank: "I have heard that your school has great ____." Immediately, one of our students answered: "faith". To this, the bishop let the student know that he had made his day. Queen of Apostles Catholic School has great faith and also a great faculty, as another student pointed out. Bishop Burbidge continued his homily, sharing with the students that if they wanted to love Christ and enjoy his peace, they had to remember three words: obey, one, and others. Against a culture where to obey appears to be something negative, obedience makes us free. It creates order and generates peace. Jesus says, "if you love me, obey my commands." Bishop Burbidge reminded students that they are one family, members of a greater family of many more Catholic schools in the diocese, and ultimately, they are members of the Catholic Church. Lastly, if you want to love God, you are called to serve others. He insisted that we are called to put others first. These are concrete ways we manifest our love for God and gain peace.

Following the Mass, Bishop Burbidge visited with our students, which were grouped by several grade levels. The children were very engaged, as they were able to ask one question of the bishop. The Bishop agreed to answer questions but with the condition that he would ask a question also of the student who asked. It was not easy to move the Bishop from one classroom to another because the questions kept coming. Amidst the laughter and the joy, Bishop Burbidge was able to share the personal story of his vocation and of the time he received the phone call informing him that he had been named a Bishop. The visit ended with an incredible lunch with the teachers, to whom he expressed great gratitude for their vocation to form the hearts of the children at Queen of Apostles. Bishop Burbidge will return in a few months for Confirmations. You can't miss it!

As you know, we also hosted a group from North Carolina who came to the March for Life. They came in two buses, almost 120. They joined us for our Holy Hour last Thursday, and they asked that I convey to the parish their gratitude for our warm welcome. We are happy to be able to help in this way. That same Thursday our youth went to a great rally at George Mason, Life is VERY good. The place was packed with youth, where they were able to listen to speakers, have a time of worship and adoration, and go to confession. We continue to pray for the fruits of the March for Life.

If you missed the School's Open House this past Wednesday, schedule a visit to get to know our school. Please pass the word along. After his visit, the Bishop commented on the joy of our students, their sense of self-confidence and their feeling of safety to be able to speak so freely. He also acknowledged the benefits of smaller size classes and the excellence of our readers at Mass. Most of all, he was impressed by the rich diversity in our school. Come experience it for yourself and invite others to do the same. It would be my honor to give you the tour myself.

Thank you for your continued prayers.

~ Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM

For the Spanish Speaking...

Queridos hermanos:

Tuvimos la gran dicha esta semana de dar la bienvenida a nuestro Obispo Michael Burbidge. Vino expresamente a visitar nuestra escuela con motivo de la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas (Catholic Schools Week). Fue una cosa increíble para todos. Al final del día, escuche a uno de los niños decir a sus padres: "I met Bishop Burbidge. I like him." (Conocimos al obispo. Me gusta). Es una cosa fantástica que un niño pueda decir eso de su obispo. Pero no es para menos, el obispo estuvo muy cercano, respondiendo preguntas, haciendo preguntas a los alumnos, todo con un espíritu de gran alegría. Era casi imposible hacer que los alumnos dejaran de hacer preguntas. Durante el intercambio tan personal, respondiendo a las preguntas de los alumnos, el obispo les habló sobre su propia vocación y sobre el momento en que le llamaron por teléfono para informarle que había sido nombrado obispo!

Durante la misa, animo a los alumnos a amar a Cristo y a experimentar su paz, obedeciendo a los mandatos de Dios, permaneciendo en la gran familia de la Iglesia, y sirviendo a los demás. Contrario lo que pide la cultura actual, estas son las claves para amar a Dios. La visita del obispo concluyó con un almuerzo con los profesores donde a ellos les agradeció su gran entrega y su vocación a formar los corazones de los jóvenes.

Damos gracias al obispo por esta amable y memorable visita.

P. Juan



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Excerpt from a Student Testimonial

"My name is Samantha Battaglia. I'm an eighth grade student here at Queen of Apostles, and today I have the privilege of being able to share with you the three main reasons to attend Queen of Apostles School. First is our school's academics. If you want the most out of your education, QofA might very well be the best place for you. Our teachers challenge our students to be at a higher level of thinking to prepare us for the next level: high school. Another thing completely unique to Queen of Apostles is our community. Sure, we may have only 180 students, but because we have such a small school, the teachers, staff, and students all know each other. Our teachers will work with each student to ensure that they are learning. Our students all know each other and all support each other. Like a family. Last, but obviously not least is our Faith. As expected of any Catholic school, we have a strong foundation of religion as well as religious instruction, and from our beliefs come the values we hold the highest at Queen of Apostles. But here at QofA, religion is not simply a subject taught in a classroom. Our Faith is in all that we do here at QofA. For these three reasons: outstanding academics, outstanding community and outstanding faith, please visit our school today. I guarantee you won't be disappointed; no, I guarantee that if you attend Queen of Apostles, you will have as great of an experience as I do."



This Week In Our Parish

The Presentation of the Lord– February 2:

Hannan Hall 8:30am-1:30pm Sunday Social
Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30pm Ghana Group

Monday, February 3:

Parish Center/Notre Dame 7:30-9:00pm RCIA
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00pm Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, February 4:

Hannan Hall 10:00-11:30am Adult Bible Study
Hannan Hall 3:00-5:00pm Children's Choir Practice
Parish Center 5:45-7:15pm Adult Bible Study
Hannan Hall 6:00-10:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, February 5:

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

Thursday, February 6:

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

Friday, February 7:

Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall 6:00pm-10:00pm Couples for Christ
Church 9:00pm-8:00am First Friday Adoration Vigil

Saturday, February 8:

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

IS 58:7-10 PS 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)
1 COR 2:1-5 MT 5:13-16

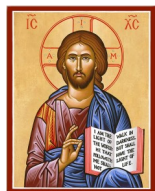
To Progress in Love: Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in Spanish

Join us for a weekend of Spiritual Exercises led by Fr. Javier O'Connor that seeks to foster spiritual growth and an intimate encounter with God through reflections and contemplation in the silence of prayer. It is a 3 day retreat held in Spanish at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center from **Feb 14 - Feb 16**. Register by calling the Parish office.

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

Are you ready for “a living encounter with the Lord in his people?” Are you being called by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Michael Isenberg (703) 841-2514, or write:

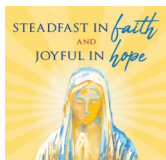
michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org

The Presentation of the Lord -World Day of

Prayer for Consecrated Life For those called to service for the Lord as priests, sisters and brothers, that they will be encouraged to follow the Lord and faithful to His choice of them, we pray to the Lord.

2020 Bishop Lenten's Appeal Begins!

In January, the mailing for the 2020 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) was sent to all registered diocesan households. The theme for the 2020 BLA is “Steadfast in Faith and Joyful in Hope.” After reflecting upon the blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serves thousands of people in our diocese. Together, through the BLA, let us renew our personal commitment to furthering the Lord's work in our diocese.



Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Candle Blessing

To celebrate the Feast of the Presentation in the Temple (also known as Candlemas), forty days after the birth of Jesus, a blessing of candles will take place at the 7pm Mass on **Feb 1** and at 10:30am Mass on **Feb 2**. Candles may be purchased from ushers before each Mass. Proceeds from candle purchases benefit liturgical needs.

Memorial of St Blaise A Blessing of Throats will take place on **Mon, Feb 3** after the 6:30 and 9am Masses. *Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

Mass for World Marriage Sunday Celebrate World Marriage Sunday with Mass and Dinner on Saturday, **February 8**, at 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More. The Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge will serve as celebrant and homilist. All married couples are invited to attend. Dinner is free but you must RSVP at arlingtondiocese.org/wms20 as space is limited.

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.



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Masses this Week

The Presentation of the Lord- February 2:

7:30 am +Dolores Perez
9:00 am +Arturo Rovero
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Joseph Barnoski

St. Blaise- Monday, February 3:

6:30 am +Rene Pizarroso
9:00 am +Salaheddin Mahallati

Tuesday, February 4:

6:30 am (L) Fr. Jaime de Cendra, DCJM
9:00 am +Joseph Barnoski

St. Agatha- Wednesday, February 5:

6:30 am +Chris Maimone
9:00 am +Kevin Bonko

St. Paul Miki and Companions- Thursday, February 6:

6:30 am +Michelle Pittman
9:00 am +Carmen Solis

Friday, February 7:

6:30 am +Ghislaine Rivers
9:00 am +Joseph Barnoski

St. Josephine Bakhita- Saturday, February 8:

8:00 am +Paul Kiniry
5:00 pm +Dr. Golomb
7:00 pm +Jose and Celia Alvarez Placencia

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 9:

7:30 am +Napoleon Sierra
9:00 am +Mrs. Roberta Gail Herman
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Matthias Lang

I want to say to you all once again: Ask Christ to help you to become happy. I obey Christ. -St. Paul Miki



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