



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord, we pray, shed its light upon our hearts, that we may pass through the shadows of this world and reach the brightness of our eternal home. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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CLERGY

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

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Masses on Saturday: 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)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 6:30 am and 9:00 am
No 6:30 am Mass on Federal Holidays
Saturday: 8:00 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 7:00 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. 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 Classes resume on **Jan 5, 2020** with doors opening at **8:30 am**.

Students in grade 8-high school who desire the Sacrament of Confirmation have these upcoming deadlines. Please do not delay! **Jan 19, 2020:** Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility signed and sealed by the priest; **Feb 2:** Service hours and typed report; **Feb 22:** Retreat. For Queen of Apostles parishioners who are serving as Confirmation sponsors, please call the parish office this week to schedule a meeting with the priest.

Parents and godparents of unbaptized students have a meeting with the priest on Sunday, **Jan 19, 2020** at **9am**. The registration form and fee are due **Jan 19**. The Rite of Minor Exorcism, Anointing, and Blessing is **Jan 26, 2020** during the **10:30 am** Mass. Unbaptized students and godparents are to attend.

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.

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

The Rite of Minor Exorcism, Anointing, and Blessing is **Jan 25, 2020** during the **7pm (Spanish)** or **Jan 26, 2020** during the **10:30 am** Mass (English). Unbaptized adults/catechumens and his/her godparent/s are to attend.

**For couples not married in the church, our priests are willing to help you prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony, an important step to receiving the other Sacraments and living the Catholic faith. Please contact the parish office at 703-354-8711 and set an appointment to meet with a priest.

Lectors Needed! Our parish had a successful Ministry Fair in September — however, we're still in need of volunteers to serve as Lectors/Readers at the **7:30am** Sunday Masses. If you're interested, please see the Lector after Mass, or please contact the parish office.

Altar Servers A new schedule for **Jan-May 2020** has been sent to families. Thank you to our altar servers for serving the Lord, the priest, and parishioners during the busy Advent and Christmas seasons. St. Tarcisus, pray for us!

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO
CONFESSIONS SUNDAY, JANUARY 5!**

To Progress in Love: Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in Spanish Join us for a weekend of Spiritual Exercises led by Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM 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, 2020**. Registration is now open. Please consider signing up early as spots fill up quickly by calling the Parish office at 703-354-8711 *10.



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**.

Bulletin Deadlines The deadline for the **Jan. 12** bulletin is **Jan. 6**. Please email general@queenofapostles.org with any announcements.

Sunday Social Please join us in Hannan Hall after all Sunday Masses this weekend for our monthly Sunday Social. Coffee and Donuts will be served. We hope to see you there!

Adult Bible Study Join us for "Genesis to Jesus", part of the St. Paul Center's "Journey Through Scripture" Bible study series. The presenters are Scott Hahn and Matthew Leonard, and it is based on Scott Hahn's book "A Father Who Keeps His Promises". The dates for the study 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 at the first class.

Women's Group Meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 8th** at **10:00am** in Hannan Hall. There is no planned speaker yet but please come so that we can welcome in the new year together. We hope to see you there!

*As you drink the cup of the Lord Jesus (how glorious it is!), give thanks to the Lord, the giver of all blessings.
~St. Raymond of Peñafort*

Pastor's Letter

“Where is the newborn King?”

The three wise men set out on a long search, which became the most important journey of their lives. Surely, many of the days were wonderful in such great company. However, there were also many difficult days. Who knows?! Perhaps at different points they wanted to turn back, to return to their “normal” lives. Perhaps they had to encourage each other to keep going when their hopes waned. As we hear the story, we recognize that the desire of the wise men to meet and give the child homage was indeed great. It was this great desire that motivated them, this great desire that ordered the rest of the affections and needs of their hearts.



The everlasting desire of our own heart is also the encounter with this King. As St. Augustine said, “Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee.” Our search is not meant to be easier than it was for the wise men. We must leave the comfort of our routine. Throughout our long search we must stop and ask for counsel and direction, asking “Where is the newborn King? To whom will I turn?” Surely, we may get it wrong along the way, thinking that we will find this King in a successful career or in popularity, in being desired by others. We must keep searching for this King, as he is the only one who can fill our hearts with lasting peace and joy. In Him our hearts will find rest.

We must look no further than the Eucharist. Let us prostrate ourselves before him. Open your heart to him and offer him all the treasures within it as well as its wounds and its other desires. He will order your desires. Let us be attentive to one another so that none of us are left behind on this journey. Let us search together for the King.

They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of

Following the example of the wise men, we, at Queen of Apostles, have also offered generously of the treasures we have received from Him. As of the last report, we have reached 96% of our Capital Campaign goal of \$2.5 million dollars. Thank you for helping us get closer to our goal!

Many of the gifts made since my arrival have been gifts of time and talent. I am overwhelmed by the generosity of our parishioners. To address many needs of our campus, including the Church, the parish office, the school, and the building used by Christendom, our volunteers have dedicated 272 professional hours! They have worked on 23 different projects, which range from painting school classrooms, part of the parish family center, and the Church vestibule bathrooms, to patching the school roof, to replacing an AC unit, to landscaping. To carry out all of these projects, the parish has had to pay only \$460 to offer meals from time to time and to purchase some materials. In general, the volunteers have paid for materials, or we have received meal donations.

With gratitude,
Fr. Juan Espino



Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts (for the year 2020)



Know, dear brethren (brothers and sisters), that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the **twenty-sixth** day of **February** will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the **twelfth** day of **April** you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[In those places where the Ascension is observed on Thursday:

On the **twenty-first** day of **May** will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.]

[In those places where the Ascension is transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter:

On the **twenty-fourth** day of **May** will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.]

On the **thirty-first** day of **May**, the feast of Pentecost.

On the **fourteenth** day of **June**, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the **twenty-ninth** day of **November**, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This Week In Our Parish

Epiphany of the Lord– January 5:

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

Monday, January 6:

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

Tuesday, January 7:

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, January 8:

Hannan Hall 10:00am-2pm Women Group Meeting
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00pm Ghana Prayer Group
Parish Center 7:30-8:45 English Baptism Class

Thursday, January 9:

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

Friday, January 10:

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

Saturday, January 11:

Hannan Hall 8:30am-3:00pm Retreat for Convalidated Marriages
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

Save the Date! On **Sunday, January 19th, 2020**, there will be a Thanksgiving Celebration for the 10th Anniversary of the Adoration Chapel at the 12 noon Mass. All are invited, especially current and former adorers. More details to come.

Music Ministry Needs - Help tune our piano!

We have a piano in need of serious repair and tuning (or replacement!). Is there a piano technician in the parish willing to donate their time and talents, or a parishioner who would like to make a donation to help? If you are able to help in any way, please call the parish office: (703) 354-8711. Thank you in advance!



Text and Email Scams Please be vigilant about fraudulent solicitation texts and emails appearing to come from our priests and staff. Authentic requests for donations from the parish will always direct parishioners to FaithDirect, PayPal, or other legitimate websites with secure online forms. Never will the parish ask for gift cards or for money to be transferred directly to an account. If you have received a fraudulent text or email, it is important that you report the email to the local police by calling the non-emergency



Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Baptism of the Lord

IS 42: 1-4, 6-7
ACTS 10: 34-38

PS 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
MT 3: 13-17



Vocations

“Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts.” Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Call Father Michael Isenberg (703) 841-2514, or write: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

Epiphany of the Lord That, just as the Magi were inspired by the Holy Spirit, young men and women will be inspired to follow in the footsteps of the Lord as priests, deacons and consecrated religious, we pray to the Lord.

Visit the Adoration Chapel during our

hours of need! Our Chapel is open 24 hours a day, Monday 7 am through Saturday 8 am (midnight hours require a passcode for entry). Greatest hours of need include:

- **Tues., 4-5am, Wed. 12 midnight-1 am, 7-8 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; Fri 2-3 pm** *Critical need for a permanent adorer
Contact Rosalie Mainey at (703) 256-5765 or rosalieam@msn.com for these hours of need



Thank You!

to our parish families who volunteered to decorate the church and vestibule for Christmas. On **Monday, Jan 13** after the 9am Mass, volunteers are needed to take -down and store decorations. After 5pm on **Jan 12**, parishioners are invited to take poinsettias home.



Please contact the parish office at 703-354-8711 or general@queenofapostles.org if you are available to help.



Thank you for bringing joy to 100 children by donating winter clothes, books, and educational games as part of the parish's Advent Angel Tree!

“For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man.”

— St John Chrysostom

Local Musicians Lead Praise and Worship Join us for prayer, praise and worship on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at St. Leo Catholic Church in Fairfax from 7:30-8:30 p.m. The Holy Hour on **Tuesday, January 14** will feature Valerie and Rocco Repetski. Our special intention will be for the conversion and healing in families. Confession will be available. All are welcome, please bring a friend. To learn more, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion/ or email info@helpafterabortion.org.

Morning of Reflection for Vocations All are invited to join the St. Thérèse Vocation Society for their annual Morning of Reflection on Saturday, **February 1** from 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at St. Veronica Catholic Church in Chantilly. The day will include continental breakfast, spiritual conference, Mass and Holy Hour. There is no cost but please RSVP with the Office of Vocations by **January 27** at (703) 841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

FIAT Day of Recollection for High School Girls Finding your place in God's plan requires building solid relationships with God, yourself and others. The Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus are coming from Steubenville, OH, to put on this day, which will include Mass, talks, workshops, prayer and fun. **Sun, February 9** from 9:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish in Gainesville. Registration and payment due **Jan 31**. Learn more and register: www.arlingtondiocese.org/FIAT; email vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or call 703-841-2514.

Sign Up For the Diocesan E-Newsletter! Receive special video messages from our bishop and learn about unique opportunities to get involved Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/CDAsignup>

Queen of Apostles Catholic School



Please take time to visit our school! If you are interested in having your child shadow a student, or if you would like a tour of the school, please contact the school office at 703-354-0714 or visit queenofapostlesschool.org for more information.

Looking for Ways to Support our School? It is as simple as shopping on Amazon or buying your groceries at Harris Teeter!

Harris Teeter: Ask a clerk to link your VIC card to code 4260 for Queen of Apostles School or sign up at bit.ly/QATeeter

Amazon: Shop through **AmazonSmile** (bit.ly/QAamazon) and choose Queen of Apostles School as your charity.

Epiphany of the Lord Masses this Week

Epiphany of the Lord- January 5:

7:30 am +Constantina Perez
9:00 am +Joseph Barnoski
10:30 am +Jace William Olbes Laskowski
12:00 pm + Ana Emilia Quintana

St. Andre Bessette- Monday, January 6:

6:30 am +Joseph Barnoski
9:00 am +Carmen Solis

St. Raymond of Penafort- Tuesday, January 7:

6:30 am (L) Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM
9:00 am (L) Dorothy Mohn

Wednesday, January 8:

6:30 am (L) Maria Pochopien
9:00 am +Loren Beach

Thursday, January 9:

6:30 am (L) Chris Shaka
9:00 am +Michael Del Bene

Friday, January 10:

6:30 am +Anelle Thach
9:00 am +Greta Wolf

Saturday, January 11:

8:00 am (L) James "Jim" Bailey
5:00 pm +Margherita Mercato
7:00 pm +Felicidad Mendez

Baptism of the Lord - Sunday, January 12:

7:30 am +Jennie Perez
9:00 am +Rose Ferry
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm Living and Deceased Eucharistic Adorers

I am nothing. Only a tool in the hands of providence; a lowly instrument at the service of St. Joseph. ~St. Andre Bessette



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Jin C. Navarro, Leo Monterroso, Etelvina León-Duarte, George and 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 Sprah, 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