



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
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 am through Saturday 7:45 am

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

4409 Sano Street,
Alexandria, VA 22312
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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. 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.

Sacraments of Initiation - RCIA (adults) and Religious Education (students)

On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, special Rites call Scrutinies take place during Mass. Students and adults, accompanied by their godparents/sponsors, who desire the Sacraments of Initiation are to attend.

The scrutinies are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, 141)

The Elect, formerly known as catechumens, and their godparents, are expected to participate. Adult candidates and their sponsors are encouraged to attend. The Second Scrutiny is scheduled during the 7 pm and 10:30 am Masses on **Mar. 10, 11**. The Third Scrutiny and Presentation of the Our Father is scheduled during the 7 pm and 10:30 am Masses on **Mar. 17, 18**.

Nazareth Girls and boys in grades 5-8 are invited to join Nazareth. Generally, Nazareth is held on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month. Nazareth will be held on **Mar. 16**. Sign-in begins at 3:45 pm in Hannan Hall with activities beginning at 4 pm. Parent sign-out/pick-up is at 5:30 pm. Parents/adults are invited to help with Nazareth activities and to bring snacks.

Emmaus Emmaus, for high school and young college students, meets with Fr. Juan on Saturday evenings, 8:30-10 pm at Christendom College/Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street) for fellowship, activities, faith discussion, and prayer.

Abstinence During Lent Everyone over 14 years of age is bound to observe abstinence (no meat). Abstinence is to be observed on all Fridays during Lent and Ash Wednesday.

Religious Education Families are reminded that Religious Education classes begin promptly at 9 am on Sundays at the School. Doors open at 8:30 am and please allow extra time to travel when there is inclement weather.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

On **Mar. 18** beginning at 9 am in the School, Fr. Juan will host a mandatory meeting with RE parents of First Holy Communion students who have fulfilled the requirements. Meeting in English 9-9:30 am; meeting in Spanish 9:30-10 am. Parents are asked to bring their student to Confession several times before First Holy Communion on **May 12**.

Altar Servers The serving schedule for **March-May** was emailed to families. If you cannot serve, please find a substitute by sending a message to the altar server email group. The schedule for Holy Week and Easter will be sent once assignments are confirmed.

Please remember to sign-in at least 15 minutes before Mass and before the 7 pm Stations of the Cross on Fridays.

Way of St. James, Pilgrimage to Spain Thank you for your spiritual and financial support of the Pilgrimage to Spain. In **June**, nine young men will travel with Fr. Juan to Madrid to visit the DCJM House of Formation. Then the pilgrims will walk/hike ~140 miles of the Camino de Santiago. As you pray for Andres, Billy, Christopher, Daniel, Deion, Erki, Matthew, Nicholas, and Vincent, during this journey of faith, they will be praying for you and your intentions. Prayer intentions may be placed in the green prayer intentions box in the church vestibule/at fundraisers.

You can help defray the costs of the pilgrimage by attending the Spanish-inspired dinner on **Mar. 24** in Hannan Hall. Also, you may purchase raffle tickets for themed gift baskets during the Friday dinners in Hannan Hall.

Donations by cash or check, payable to Queen of Apostles, are greatly appreciated. You may donate by credit card through Faith Direct and making a one time donation: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/VA324>

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**.

Pastor's Letter

A Gift for our Growing Family

Since the arrival of the Disciples of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary to Queen of Apostles we have experienced with joy the growth of our Parish Family. The Lord is blessing our Parish with new parishioners, new families, new ministries... more events. Our agenda is getting packed. The posters with "this month at QofA" give witness to this growth.

As a prudent father, I am asked in light of this growth to look to the future and plan for how to meet the needs of the growing family. First, maintaining in good shape what we have, what works have been completed. Second, providing for new needs.

Today I can share with the parish family that Queen of Apostles has purchased a property contiguous to the parish land. It is the house at 6322 Applegarth Court, which borders the School Gym and the Christendom Graduate School along the south-eastern part of campus. The price was \$693,000 which we paid half from parish savings and half with a loan from the Diocese.

This new parish building will make available a space of around 4,000 square feet for office and meeting space in the current Rectory building, by moving the priests' residence to this house. The conversation about moving the priests' residence to a nearby house began over a year ago. We were planning ahead of time, thinking that we would pursue it around the year 2020.

However, this opportunity came up. We learned that this house was going to the market. It fitted well with all our plans. After consideration and deliberation with the parish Finance Council, Pastoral Council, and the Diocese during the last 3 months, we then presented this project during a meeting with some parishioners to get their feedback. The positive response led me to make the final decision and go for it. I didn't plan to do it at this time, but it was a unique opportunity.

Now, the Parish has a new building. We will need to do some work to meet the needs and requirements of a Diocesan priests' residence. We approached this project also as an investment. It is money which should increase in value with time, in addition to the 0.3 acres added to our parish campus.

This big investment will not stop other projects like the sanctuary lighting. We are refining our financial planning to be ready to afford this need and others which can eventually rise up.

I think this house at this time has been a gift from the Lord, who blesses our parish family in so many ways. Many providential circumstances assured me of God's will. Even the concerns some parishioners expressed. It is a big decision. But it is a blessing and an asset which opens new possibilities for our parish family. When the family grows, it's a blessing to have the opportunity to stretch out the home.

Thank you, Lord, for your blessings. Thank you, parish family, for your generosity and support.

Open Houses for Parishioners to Visit the Newly Purchased Home (New Rectory)

Thursday, **Mar. 15**, 5 to 7 pm
Wednesday, **Mar. 21**, 5 to 7 pm
Tuesday, **Mar. 27**, 5 to 7 pm

Please be mindful of our new neighbors and do not park on Applegarth Court.
Please park in the parish parking lot or on Sano Street and walk to the home.

Thank you for supporting the Bishop's Lenten Appeal Thanks to your generosity, our parish giving to the 2018 BLA has increased more than 20% from last year, but we have still not met our goal. It is not too late to give. Please help us meet our goal and support the needs of our Bishop and Diocese.

| | After 3rd Sunday of Lent | | Goal |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2018 |
| Pledges | \$126,820 | \$155,328 | \$180,000 |
| Participation Rate | 23% | 22% | 40% |

This Week In Our Parish

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 11:

School 9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Notre Dame Graduate School 9:00-11:00 am
Hogares de Santa Maria

Hannan Hall 3:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group
Adoration Chapel 6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

Monday, March 12:

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

Tuesday, March 13:

Hannan Hall 10:00-11:30 am Bible Study
Hannan Hall 5:45-7:15 pm Bible Study
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 14:

Hannan Hall 10:00 am-1:00 pm Women's Group
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group
Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

Thursday, March 15:

Applegarth Property 5:00-7:00 pm Open House
Parish Office 6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Hannan Hall 6:30-9:00 pm Caminantes de Emaus
Church 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

Friday, March 16:

Adoration Chapel 11:00 am-12 noon Children's
Adoration Hour
Church 2:00-3:00 pm School Stations of the Cross
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall 3:00-6:00 pm Nazareth
Hannan Hall 6:00-8:00 pm KofC Fish Fry
Church 7:00-8:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 17:

Hannan Hall 10:00 am-1:00 pm GCC Council Mtg.
Church 1:00-2:00 pm GCC Lenten Retreat Mass
School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
Hannan Hall 5:00-9:00 pm Banica Mission Dinner
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir
Notre Dame Graduate School 8:30-10:00 pm Emmaus

Early Bulletin Deadlines Please note the early bulletin deadlines for **March** and **April**:

The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Mar. 18** (Fifth Sunday of Lent) and **Mar. 25** (Palm Sunday) bulletins is Monday, **Mar. 12** by 9 am.

The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Apr. 1** (Easter Sunday) bulletin is Monday, **Mar. 19** by 9 am.

The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Apr. 8** (Divine Mercy Sunday) bulletin is Monday, **Mar. 26** by 9 am.

Please email bulletin announcements to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

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.

Vocations



“God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.” Are you being invited to share the mission of Jesus as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr.

Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Fourth Sunday of Lent That we may have faithful priests and consecrated religious to guide us just as Jesus was the light that came into the world, we pray to the Lord.

Sorrowful Heart of Mary, pray for us.



Adorers Needed Urgent need for permanent Adorer (on a weekly basis) on Thursday morning, 1 am- 2 am. If you are interested in supporting the Adoration Ministry during this hour, please contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096 or moleski47@gmail.com.

Adorers are needed (on a weekly basis) on Monday 1 pm-2 pm, and Friday 3 pm-4 pm. If you are able to be a scheduled Adorer on a regular basis, please contact Rosalie Mainey at (703) 256-5765 or rosalieam@msn.com.

Entering Into Holy Week - Family Day of Retreat

On Saturday, **Mar. 24**, there will be a day of retreat for families. The day will begin with Mass at 8 am and finish at 1 pm. Adults and any nursing infants will spend the day with Father Leopoldo. There will be catechesis, games, and crafts for the children. To register your family, please go to the parish website. The registration deadline is Tuesday, **Mar. 13**. To volunteer to assist with the children's programs, please email anne.souser@gmail.com.



KofC Lenten Fish Fry All The Knights of Columbus, Pope John Paul II Council 4522 will hold their second Lenten Fish Fry Friday evening, **Mar. 16** in Hannan Hall. Dinner is served from 6:00-8:00 PM. Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family and includes all the fried fish and sides you can eat, refreshments and dessert.

*“I arise today through God’s strength to pilot me;
God’s might to uphold me, God’s wisdom to guide me,
God’s ear to hear me, God’s word to speak for me,
God’s hand to guard me, God’s way to lie before me,
God’s shield to protect me afar and near,
alone or in a multitude.”*

St. Patrick



Queen of Apostles Catholic School

Please join us every Friday at 9 am for the School Mass.

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15
Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33



Join the Women's Group in a Day of Recollection at the Washington Retreat House in Washington, D.C.

Theme of the day: "Blessed Mary, Prepare Us for Holy Week and Seeing the Face of your Son"

Date: **Mar. 21**, 9 am to 3:30 pm. Last day to sign up is **Mar. 13**.

Cost: \$60/per person. Transportation, lunch and snacks are included. If interested, please contact:

Estela Prieto: (703) 354-4767, estelaprieto45@gmail.com

Debbie Fornaciari (703) 914-5417, dfornaciariwand@aol.com

Women's Group The Women's Group will be holding their monthly meeting on **Mar. 14** at 10 am in Hannan Hall. The speakers for the meeting will be Bob Carlin and Paul Nasto from My Home Companion, a faith base home care organization. All are welcome to attend.

Mass and Anointing of the Sick The Order of Malta, Northern Virginia Region cordially invites individuals and their companions with illness or physical/mental challenges to a Mass and Anointing of the Sick with Bishop Michael Burbidge on Saturday, **Mar. 17** at 11 am at St. Ambrose Catholic Church. Lunch will be served to all attendees after Mass by the Knights and Dames of Malta. RSVP to Laura Mead, DM (703) 280-1122 or RSVPAnointingMass@gmail.com. with your name, phone number and email, and number of attendees.

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

Pray the Rosary to end Abortion Please join us every third Saturday after the 8 am Mass to pray the Rosary in front of the abortion clinic at 101 S. Whiting Street. We pray for all unborn children in danger of being aborted and for all parents contemplating abortion, that they may say yes to the gift and sanctity of life.

Pro-Life Sidewalk Counseling Training Mar. 15 from 7-9 pm at Queen of Apostles' school library. Have you ever wondered what to say to persuade the abortion bound to life-saving options? Learn how to turn mothers away from abortion from the sidewalk (public right-of-way) by understanding the nature of the abortion-minded mother, dos and don'ts of what to say, and the principles of being an effective counselor. Questions? call Ruby Nicdao at (703)795-2216.

Pro-life Committee Please join us in welcoming our miracle baby Judah Patterson who is finally home. Born at 28 weeks and weighing 3 lbs., he has grown to 8 lbs. Was an ectopic pregnancy and is truly a medical miracle. Baby Show-er pot luck in Hanna Hall, 6:00-9:00 pm on Thursday, **Mar. 22**. Contact Larry Cirignano at (202) 306-6863.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Masses this Week

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 11:

7:30 am +John Usaitis
9:00 am +Jean and Gene Seitz
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Grace Okemo

Monday, March 12:

6:30 am +Claire Mode
9:00 am +Rose T. Caporiccio

Tuesday, March 13:

6:30 am +Barbara Wilson
9:00 am +Matthew James Quinn

Wednesday, March 14:

6:30 am +Marcel Dupuy
9:00 am (L) Mary H. Yoo

Thursday, March 15:

6:30 am +Carmen and Manuel Santaella
9:00 am +Mary Tuat Thi Nguyen

Friday, March 16:

6:30 am (L) Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM
9:00 am +Antholy J. Pizagno

Saint Patrick - Saturday, March 17:

8:00 am +Pablo Mendez
5:00 pm +Francisco Navas
7:00 pm +Alvaro Molina

Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 18:

7:30 am +Michael Krescanco
9:00 am +Rosa Cardenaz
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Mary Pizagno

Stations of the Cross

Join us for
Stations of the Cross
every Friday during Lent
at 7:00 pm in the church.



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Kevin Bonko, Rosa María Santos, Carmelita Mate, Melba Padilla, Leonor Cabrestane, Roger Trozado, Michael McSherry, Daniel O'Donohue, Jeanie Miller, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks Ruth Foreman and Baby, Charles Ferris, John Har-chick, Jr., Dominic Blansett, Daisy Atiyeh, Dick Owens, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Etelvina and Patricia León-Duarte, Catherine Hanniff, Kristi Burns, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, Joseph Covas, 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, Donna Smith