



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
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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

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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.

Fatima/Rome Pilgrimage Mark your calendars for the next fundraiser at Queen of Apostles -a bake sale on **Apr. 1-2!**

Seven young men will be traveling with Fr. Juan and Mr. Ketchmark to Fatima, Portugal and Rome, Italy during Holy Week 2017. As you pray for Andrew, Deion, Eduardo, Glen, Jason, Miguel, and Vincent during this journey of faith, they will be praying for you and your intentions. Prayer intentions cards are available in the parish office and at fundraisers.

Thank you for helping defray the costs of the pilgrimage by purchasing delicious Mystic Monk Coffee (beans are roasted by the Carmelite Monks in Cody, WY) and car raffle tickets.

Donations by cash or check, payable to *Queen of Apostles*, are greatly appreciated.

Questions? Please contact s.gray@queenofapostles.org or call (703) 354-8711.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us. Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us.

Emmaus - High School/Young College Students

Emmaus meets on Fridays, 6-8 pm at Queen of Apostles. On the first Friday of the month, Open Gym is held at the School Gym. On other Fridays, meet Fr. Juan at Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street) for a faith discussion, adoration, prayer, and other activities. Please note that Emmaus does not meet on the last Friday of the month. Emmaus meets **Mar. 17, 24**.

Nazareth is open to students in grades 4-8, and meets on the first and third Fridays of the month. Meet Fr. Juan and other Nazareth leaders in Hannan Hall. Sign-in begins at 3:45 pm with activities beginning at 4:00 pm. Parent sign-out is at 5:30 pm. The next Nazareth meeting is on **Mar 17**.

Parents are needed to help with snacks and activities. Please contact s.gray@queenofapostles.org if you can help.

Spring/Summer Exchanges with QofA/Stella Maris

Plans are underway to welcome students/teachers from the Stella Maris School for spring/summer. If interested in learning about hosting, please send a message to general@queenofapostles.org. Thanks to our parish families who have hosted students/teachers over the last two years.

Religious Education On Sunday, **Mar. 19** at 9 am in the School's Multipurpose Room, Fr. Juan will meet with parents of students who desire and are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

On Sunday, **Apr. 2** at 9 am in the School's Multipurpose Room, Fr. Juan will meet with parents of students who desire and are preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

As a reminder, we ask Religious Education parents to ensure their child/ren arrive on-time to class with RE homework complete. The child/ren are to bring a pencil/pen and book to class.

RCIA On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, special Rites call Scrutinies take place during Mass. *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 First Scrutiny and Presentation of the Creed is scheduled during Masses on **Mar. 18-19**. The Elect, formerly known as catechumens, and their godparents, are invited to participate. RCIA-Spanish 7:00 pm on **Mar. 18**; RE students and RCIA-English 10:30 am on **Mar. 19**.

Second Collection Today's Second Collection is for the Capital Improvement Fund. Next week's Second Collection is for the School Fund.

Capital Improvement Second Collection This week's second collection is for parish capital improvements. Your contribution to this collection helps with such things as landscaping, snow plowing, and other operating costs that preserve and improve our parish campus. Where there is savings over and above these expenses, your contribution helps to support major capital projects that draw in part or in whole from parish savings. Thank you for your support of this collection. As always, you may contribute through the collection basket or through a one-time electronic gift via Faith Direct, using parish code VA324 at www.faithdirect.net.

Pastor's Letter

The Transfiguration of Christ

From Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, *Angelus* Sunday, 4 March 2012

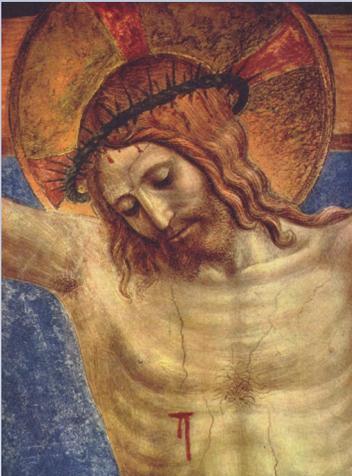
This Sunday, the Second Sunday of Lent, is known as the Transfiguration of Christ. Indeed in the Lenten itinerary, having invited us to follow Jesus into the wilderness to face and overcome the temptations with him, the Liturgy now proposes that we climb the “mountain” of prayer with him to contemplate God’s glorious radiance on his human face. [...] Jesus leads the disciples Peter, James and John up a high mountain and there “he was transfigured before them” (Mk 9:2) and his face and his garments shone with dazzling light while Moses and Elijah appeared beside him; the second, a cloud overshadowed the mountain peak and from it came a voice saying: “This is my beloved Son; listen to him” (Mk 9:7) [...].

The mystery of the Transfiguration must not be separated from the context of the path Jesus is following. He is now decisively oriented to fulfilling his mission, knowing all too well that to arrive at the Resurrection he must pass through the Passion and death on the Cross. He had spoken openly of this to his disciples; but they did not understand, on the contrary they rejected this prospect because they were not reasoning in accordance with God, but in accordance with men (cf. Mt 16:23).

It is for this reason that Jesus takes three of them with him up the mountain and reveals his divine glory, the splendor of Truth and of Love. Jesus wants this light to illuminate their hearts when they pass through the thick darkness of his Passion and death, when the folly of the Cross becomes unbearable to them. God is light, and Jesus wishes to give his closest friends the experience of this light which dwells within him.

After this event, therefore, he will be an inner light within them that can protect them from any assault of darkness. Even on the darkest of nights, Jesus is the lamp that never goes out. St Augustine sums up this mystery in beautiful words, he says: “what this sun is to the eyes of the flesh, that is [Christ] to the eyes of the heart” (Sermon 78).

Dear brothers and sisters, we all need inner light to overcome the trials of life. This light comes from God and it is Christ who gives it to us, the One in whom the fullness of deity dwells (cf. Col 2:9). Let us climb with Jesus the mountain of prayer and, contemplating his face full of love and truth, let us allow ourselves to be filled with his light. Let us ask the Virgin Mary, our guide on the journey of faith, to help us to live out this experience in the season of Lent, finding every day a few moments for silent prayer and for listening to the Word of God.



*We adore You, O Christ,
and we praise You.
Because, by Your holy Cross,
You have redeemed the world.*

Rule of Life for the Month of March Stations of the Cross

(MARCH) The Stations of the Cross is a traditional Lenten devotion offering witness to Jesus’ Passion and Death. At each station we use our senses and imagination to accompany Jesus along the Way of the Cross and use the images to reflect upon His redemptive love for us.

❖ **Step 1:** Pray the Stations on Fridays.

❖ **Step 2:** Attend the Parish Stations of the Cross (Fridays 7 pm during Lent).

Morning of Recollection: Saturday, **Mar. 18**, 8 am - 12 noon, beginning with Mass in the Church.

Other Resources: Monsignor James P. Shea, *Glimpses Along the Way of the Cross*, available at FORMED.org. (Use parish code Z37RTW)

“Christians must lean on the Cross of Christ just as travelers lean on a staff when they begin a long journey. They must have the Passion of Christ deeply embedded in their minds and hearts, because only from it can they derive peace, grace, and truth.”
St. Anthony of Padua

This Week In Our Parish

Second Sunday of Lent - March 12:

Towards a Family Fully Alive Program

Vestibule	Knights of Columbus Membership Drive
School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group
Adoration Chapel	6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

Monday, March 13:

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 14:

Hannan Hall	10:00-11:30 am Bible Study
Hannan Hall	6:00-7:15 pm Bible Study
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 15:

Hannan Hall	5:30-7:00 pm Soup Supper and Talk
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

Thursday, March 16:

Hannan Hall	9:00 am-12 noon Craft Group
Hannan Hall	6:00-10:00 pm Hogar Immigrant Services
Parish Office	6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Church	7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour
School	9:00-10:30 pm St. Joseph's Men Group

Friday, March 17:

Adoration Chapel	11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Church	2:20-3:15 pm Stations of the Cross (school)
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall	3:30-5:30 pm Nazareth
Notre Dame Graduate School	6:00-8:00 pm Emmaus
School	6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym
Church	7:00-8:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 18:

Vestibule	Bethlehem Carving Company
Parish Morning of Recollection;	see page 3 for details
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

Third Sunday of Lent - March 19:

Vestibule	Bethlehem Carving Company
School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

St. Patrick's Day Dispensation Having taken into consideration both past practice and present circumstances, and having judged that it would serve the spiritual good of the faithful, Bishop Burbidge has granted to the faithful of the Diocese of Arlington, as well as to any visitors or travelers who may be physically present within the territory of this diocese, a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence from meat on the Feast of St. Patrick's Day, Friday, **March 17, 2017**. Those taking advantage of the dispensation, however, are exhorted to undertake a work of charity, an exercise of piety, or an act of comparable penance on some other occasion during the Second Week of Lent.



Vocations

"God has called us with a holy calling...according to His own purpose and grace." If you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Second Sunday of Lent For all our priests, who bring us to the mountain of Christ at every Mass and feed us with His transforming love in the sacraments, we pray to the Lord.



Catholic Charities Hogar Immigrant Services

Know Your Rights - Train the Trainer

What: Presentation for Trainers on Giving Know Your Rights presentations in your community

When: Thursday, **Mar. 16**, 7-9 pm

Where: Hannan Hall

RSVP: hogar@ccda.net

Call: For questions call Catholic Charities at (703) 534-9805

All Saints Car Raffle This week, volunteers will be counting raffle ticket stubs and money that has come in so far. Stop by the parish office to hand in your sold ticket stubs and money and pick up some more tickets to sell! Questions? Contact Ann Croft at annmcraft@hotmail.com.

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March 25 Denim & Diamonds School Auction & Cocktail Party

Purchase your tickets to the Denim & Diamonds Auction and Cocktail Party! Tickets for Adults are \$25 each and include fabulous food, 1 drink ticket, 1 raffle ticket, music, dancing and a fun-filled evening with your Queen of Apostles family. Childcare is available for \$10 for one child or \$20 for more than one child. Purchase your tickets at the rectory, school office or online at <https://queenofapostlesschool.org/online-tickets/>.

Place a business card, quarter-page, half-page or full-page ad in the Auction Program to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, achievement or milestone in your family. Program Sponsors will be recognized online and the message will be featured in the School's weekly Eagle Flyer. Complete the form online and send your message and photographs to QueenofApostlesAuction@gmail.com.

We appreciate a donation to the auction. We need many items to make this event a success, and no item is too big or too small. Pick up a form at the rectory, school office or complete the fillable donation form at <https://queenofapostlesschool.org/denim-diamonds/>. Print the form or save the completed form as a new pdf with your last name and email it to QueenofApostlesAuction@gmail.com. For general information about the auction, and how to donate or sponsor the auction, please go to <https://queenofapostlesschool.org/denim-diamonds/>.

2017 Bishop's Lenten Appeal *Offering hands to*

serve and hearts to love The Bishop's Lenten Appeal is in full swing and we are asking every household in our parish to support this appeal to the extent that they are able. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and further Jesus' Mission in our diocese. Let us join together to do the Lord's work – works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people in our diocese.

Lenten Soup Suppers Join us in Hannan Hall from 5:30 to 7:00 pm for a home cooked meal of butternut squash soup, sautéed green beans, and french bread. Beginning at 6:15 pm we will host the second of a three-part series of talks on "Family Ministry after Amoris Laetitia" presented by our pastor Fr. Leopoldo and moderated by Joe Arias of the Christendom Graduate School. More information and an RSVP form can be found at www.queenofapostles.org/soup-suppers or by calling the parish office at (703) 354-8711.

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

Everyone is also welcome to attend the Stations of Cross on Fridays during Lent at 2:20 pm in the church lead by QofA students.

Olivewood Handmade Carvings from the Holy

Land On **Mar. 18/19**, there will be a display of olivewood handmade carvings from the Holy Land made by the Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their source of income. Our Christian brothers and sisters are enduring hardships at this moment because of the volatile situation in their home country. Christians in the Holy Land used to be more than 37% of the population. Now, less than 1% remain. Please support them by purchasing some beautiful carvings after Mass in the vestibule.

Solemnity of St. Joseph, March 20 and the PSSJ

Join the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph (PSSJ) for a procession and Mass on Monday, **Mar. 20**. The procession leaves the Sister's Chapel (4319 Sano Street) at 6:30 pm and proceeds to QofA Church for a 7 pm bilingual Mass. Litanies, antiphons, and prayers will be prayed during the procession. A reception in Hannan Hall follows Mass. Please join the PSSJ on the Feast of St. Joseph to celebrate their main patron which inspires their spirituality that takes on the characteristics of the "clean, beautiful and perfect poverty of Nazareth" as lived so beautifully by the Holy Family. Their mission in the Church of God is to be proclaimers of the Good News of salvation. There will be a Triduum at the Sister's Chapel, **Mar. 17-19** at 6:30 pm with holy hour and a sermon.

Tuesday, March 21 (11 am-11 pm): Dogfish Head Alehouse Fundraiser to Support the Youth Parish Mission to Banica, Dominican Republic

Come and join us for lunch, dinner or pick up some take out and learn more about the mission while supporting a great cause. Dogfish Head Alehouse (in Leesburg Pike in Falls Church) will donate 15% of their proceeds that day to the Mission. There will be a raffle and silent auction. For more information, please call Mother Maria at (703) 354-0395. Thank you!

Second Sunday of Lent

Masses this Week

Monday, March 13:

6:30 am +Rosemary Byrne Greenbaum
9:00 am +Catalina Alger

Tuesday, March 14:

6:30 am +Mary H. Yoo
9:00 am +Linda Cajulis

Wednesday, March 15:

6:30 am +Antonio Occialini
9:00 am +Erna Thurau

Thursday, March 16:

6:30 am +Robert J. Matava
9:00 am (L) Hubert and Viviane Lidji

Saint Patrick - Friday, March 17:

6:30 am (L) Fr. John O'Donohue, Birthday
9:00 am + Taras Bilyk and Bohdan Bilyk

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem - Saturday, March 18:

8:00 am +Clarissa Trono De Guzman
5:00 pm +Larina G. Zialcita
7:00 pm +Herminia Fernandez De Torrez and
Silvia and Jenny Torrez

Third Sunday of Lent - March 19:

7:30 am +Lucia and José Antonio Venero
9:00 am +Thomas Reilly
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Clarissa Trono De Guzman

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42



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**.



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

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, Eduardo Vega, 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, Teresa Subalusky, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith