

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Third Sunday in Lent - March 15, 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



With Mary, "the first disciple of her son" (Redemptoris Mater, 20), Queen of Apostles Catholic School is rooted in faith, excellence, and joy. We flourish by embracing our call to holiness, advancing in virtue and academics, and cultivating the many talents God has given us.

Est. 1966



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 Unbaptized students (The Elect) and his/her godparents/sponsors are to attend the Scrutinies on **Mar 15, 22, 29** during the 10:30am Mass. Please note that the Scrutinies will be held only during the 10:30am Mass.

The rehearsal for the Sacrament of Confirmation is **Mon, Apr 27** at 6:30pm in the church. Desiring and prepared students in grade 8/high school and his/her sponsor are to attend this mandatory rehearsal. Students and sponsors are asked to go to Confession before Confirmation.

Religious Education classes will not meet **Apr 5** (Palm Sunday) and **Apr 12** (Easter Sunday).

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**.

The Light Is On has become a tradition in our Diocese for parishes to offer the Sacrament of Penance on Wednesday evenings during Lent, **Mar 18, 25**, and **April 1**, 6:30-8pm. Queen of Apostles offers Confession every Wednesday at 6:30pm and will extend our hours as part of the The Light is On for You program.



Lenten Fish Fry The Knights of Columbus, Pope John Paul II Council 4522 will hold their first of two Lenten Fish Fries next Friday evening, **March 20**, in Hannan Hall. The first dinner sitting will be at 6:00 PM before Stations of the Cross. There will also be a second dinner service AFTER Stations of the Cross. Cost is \$7 per person or \$25 per family, per serving. Dinner includes fried or broiled fish, sides, dessert and refreshments. It's the best deal you can find on a Friday night!

Stations of the Cross Pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent, **Feb 28 - Apr 3, 2020**, 7-8pm in the church.

VIRTUS Seminar A Spanish VIRTUS Seminar will be held at Queen of Apostles on Saturday, **April 18**, from 9am-1 pm in Hannan Hall. Please visit virtusonline.org to register and for more information.

RCIA Scrutinies for The Elect (unbaptized) are **Mar 15, 22, 29** during the 10:30am Mass (English) or 7pm Mass (Spanish). The Elect and godparents are to attend and sit in the first pew by the Presider's Chair.

What are scrutinies? Scrutinies are held on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent for the unbaptized children and adults who are preparing to receive the three Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter season. 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)

Prepared and desiring adults (candidates) who are attending RCIA classes will be Confirmed at the Cathedral of St. Thomas on **May 31, 2020**. All paperwork is due **Mar 30** to the parish office.

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.

Bulletin Deadlines The deadline for the **Mar. 22** bulletin is **Mar. 16**. Please email general@queenofapostles.org with any announcements.

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.



I Came to Bring Fire: Meditations on the Gospel **Fr. Armando Marsal, DCJM**

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." (Jn 4:5-39 abridged)

A woman who is not of the people of Israel, a Samaritan, is going to have the encounter of her life. Jesus comes to her—looks for her—wanting to offer her the living water.

She is not a holy woman; in fact, the contrary is more accurate. She has had five husbands and the man with whom she is living is not her husband. But her disordered desires, her desire to be loved, doesn't impede Jesus from offering her the only love that can fulfill her desires forever so that she may cease to thirst. Jesus offers her the love of God, the Holy Spirit. God has come to offer the living water so that we might never thirst: "The water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

There are two conditions for receiving this water: to know what the gift of God is and who the One asking us for a drink is.

The gift of God is such that it exceeds what we can imagine, ask for, or desire. God wants to give himself to us. He has come to quench our thirst for love; he thirsts to satisfy our thirst. No one can calm our thirst except him; he created our thirst for love so that he can satiate it.

The second condition is to know who is asking us to come to him and quench his thirst. It is God himself: the Creator, the Source of Love, Life and Wisdom, the Fountain of Beauty and Truth is thirsting for you, longing to pour his gifts—the Gift that contains all other gifts—over you. He thirsts to fill you with his Holy Spirit.

Ask Him and you will receive (cf. Lk 11:13).



Solemnity of St. Joseph - March 19, 2020

Procession at 6:30 pm and Mass at 7 pm, followed by a reception
Renewal of Vows by Sr. Eneyda Martinez of the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph

This Week In Our Parish

Third Sunday of Lent— March 15:

Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30pm Ghana Group
Adoration Chapel 6:00-8:00pm Prayer Group

Monday, March 16:

Hannan Hall 3:30-6:00pm Nazareth
Notre Dame/Parish Center 7:30-9:00pm RCIA

Tuesday, March 17:

Parish Center 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, March 18:

Church 6:30-7:30pm Confessions
Parish Center 7:30-8:45pm Baptism Class (Spanish)
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00pm Ghana Prayer Group

Thursday, March 19:

Hannan Hall 8:00-9:00pm St. Joseph Mass Reception
Parish Center 6:30-8:00pm Legion of Mary

Friday, March 20:

Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall 6:00-9:00pm KoC Fish Fry
Church 7:00-8:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 21:

Hannan Hall 8:30am-12 noon Morning of Recollection/Diocesan Serra Club
School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir Practice
Parish Center 8:00-10:00pm Emmaus

Altar Servers Thank you to our altar boys and families for serving in this ministry. Holy Week and Easter requests will be sent out soon.

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.

Have you signed up for Parish giving through Faith Direct? Here are some reasons to sign up today:

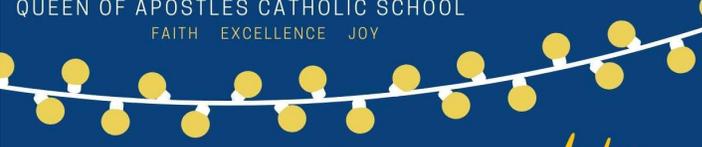
Simplicity: No more writing the checks! We also save the time not having to count up and deposit the money.

Cost and time effective: Faith Direct is more cost-effective than printing and mailing out envelopes, and the money we save can help us further expand our ministries.

To join Faith Direct, you can visit www.faithdirect.net and enroll online using our Parish code: **VA234**



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FAITH EXCELLENCE JOY



Teacher Spotlight



Mrs. Anne Arias
Principal

Favorite book and reason: "I would have to distinguish different categories, but regarding fiction, I think Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* insightfully depicts the rewards of virtue and the miseries of vice."

Life goal: "To grow in friendship with Jesus and to love others as St. Paul described in 1 Corinthians, chapter 13."

Favorite pastime: "Spending time and traveling with my husband, visiting historic and beautiful churches, and photography."

Favorite painting: "Annunciation by Fra Angelico, because it reminds me of Mary's humility and trust in God's holy will."

Pro-Life Group Queen of Apostles will have our Rosary at 5999 Stevenson Ave on **Sat., March 21**, immediately after 8 AM Mass at 9 AM. This is the DaVita building across the street from the old Landmark Towers location. Sign up for an hour at www.40DaysforLife.com/Alexandria

Vacation Bible School at Queen of Apostles Mark your calendars for **July 13-17, 2020!** Campers are ages 4 through grade 5. Captains are in grades 6-8 and staff are grades 9-adult. Stay tuned for registration details. Questions? Send a message to vbs@queenofapostles.org

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., 1-2 am, Wed., 7-8 am, Thurs., 1-2 am, 2-3 am, 3-4 am, 4-5am** *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

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 SM 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
EPH 5:8-14

PS 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
JN 9:1-41



Vocations

“But whoever drinks the water I give, will never be thirsty.” Are you thirsting for an understanding of your vocation? Call Father Michael Isenberg (703) 841-2514, or write: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org

Third Sunday of Lent For all those thirsting to know their vocations in Christ, that they will be open to the waters of prayer and drink fully of the Holy Spirit who leads them, we pray to the Lord.

Legion of Mary Arlington Regia, invites All Active and Auxiliary Members of our Lady of Hope Praesidium, at Queen of Apostles Parish, to their annual great central Acies Ceremony. The Acies is a yealy renewal of Consecration in the spirit of the Legionaries dedication and allegiance to Our Blessed Mother. It consists of individual and group consecration, the recitation of the Legion prayers, the Holy Rosary, followed by Holy Mass. Officiated by Fr. Francis Peffley, Spiritual Director, Arlington Regia. The ceremony takes place on **Saturday, March 28, 2020, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm**, at St. James in Falls Church. A reception takes place afterward in Msr. Heller Hall, Room 13. For more information contact Sr. Seggie Acosta 571-238-9926 or Jim Bailey 703-354-1832

Annual Mass and Anointing of the Sick On Saturday, **March 28** at 11 a.m. at Saint Ambrose Catholic Church, The Order of Malta will host a special Mass and Anointing of the Sick for the faithful of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. Faithful are encouraged to arrive by 10:30 a.m. to secure parking and seating for the Mass. Bishop Burbidge will serve as the principal celebrant for the Mass. Transportation arrangements may be made to assist those with extraordinary needs. A free luncheon for all attendees will be hosted by the Order at the conclusion of the Mass. For more information or to RSVP for Mass, please contact Kevin Fisher, KM at 703-475-2906 or at KevinFischer32@gmail.com

Novena for Life - Mar 17th - 25th The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate and bolster this important cause, Pope John Paul II Council 4522 is promoting a novena, nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes and wider community. Please pick up copies of the Novena in the vestibule.

Third Sunday of Lent

Masses this Week

Third Sunday of Lent– March 15:

7:30 am +Michael Krescanko
9:00 am +Rita T. Cortez
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +John and Mary O'Mara

Monday, March 16:

6:30 am +Ivar Nordskog
9:00 am (L) Michael Nolan

St. Patrick - Tuesday, March 17:

6:30 am +Thomas Carroll
9:00 am +Marcel Dupuy

St. Cyril - Wednesday, March 18:

6:30 am +Rita Sweeney
9:00 am +Clarissa T. De Guzman

St. Joseph - Thursday, March 19:

6:30 am +Orlando Tomas Mayorga Mercado
9:00 am +Thomas Riley
7:00 pm (L) The Jacobeen Family

Friday, March 20:

6:30 am +George Cook
9:00 am (L) Samuel Nolan

Saturday, March 21:

8:00 am (L) Ginny and +George Cook
5:00 pm (L) Karen Barnoski
7:00 pm + Mercedes Henning

Fourth Sunday of Lent- March 22:

7:30 am +Monica Stabile
9:00 am (L) Norene Beach
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Jaime Garcia, Sr.

Indeed the mystery of Christ runs the risk of being disbelieved precisely because it is so incredibly wonderful.—St. Cyril of Jerusalem



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Jin C. Navarro, Leo Monteroso, 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, 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, Richard Esterlund, Margaret Fiore, Michael Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Cervantes