



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Grant we pray, almighty God,
that by Saint Joseph's intercession your Church
may constantly watch over the unfolding of the
mysteries of human salvation, whose beginnings
you entrusted to his faithful care.
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. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
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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

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Alexandria, VA 22312
Mrs. Jodi Reagan, Principal
Mrs. Maria Fox, Secretary
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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.

Altar Servers Schedule for Lent, Easter Altar servers are asked to sign-up to serve Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7 pm and for Holy Week and Easter liturgies. Please see the **Mar. 8** email for more information. Thank you for your service to the parish! Saints John Berchmans and Tarcisius, pray for us.

Vocations Crucifix Parish families are invited to host the Vocations Crucifix for one week during the school year. The Vocations Crucifix is a daily reminder to talk about religious vocations and the importance of these vocations to serve the Lord and others. Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544aca928a0fe3-queen> or contact Susan Gray at (703) 354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

*O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and
Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.*

Emmaus High school and 8th grade students are invited to join Emmaus on Saturday evenings, 8:15-10 pm at Christendom Graduate School (CGS) located at 4407 Sano Street for fellowship, activities, faith discussions, and prayer. For more information email s.calvino@queenofapostles.org, or text QofA to 84576 to join our contact list and receive information about upcoming events.

Nazareth Girls & boys in grades 4-8 are invited to attend the bi-weekly Monday meetings in Hannan Hall. Doors open at 3:45 pm with activities beginning at 4 pm. Parent sign-out is at 5:30 pm. Students from QofA School, public school, and homeschoolers are welcome to join Nazareth to grow in the Catholic faith, learn about the sacramental life of the church, and make friends.

Young Adults Please join us in Hannan Hall on Monday evenings from 7-9 pm for fellowship and our study of the DVD Program: *Priest, Prophet, and King*. For more information on this and other young adult activities, text QofA to 84576 to join our contact list.

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Mar. 24** bulletin is Monday, **Mar. 18** by 9 am. Please email announcements to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

Religious Education Each Sunday, students are to bring their textbook and a pencil/pen to class along with completed homework. Students may be asked to bring a bible and rosary. Class begins promptly at 9 am with doors opening at 8:30 am.

RE families are invited to a potluck breakfast next Sunday, **Mar. 24** after classes in All Saints Hall. Please bring food/drink to share.

Sacraments of Initiation students: Congratulations to the 9 student catechumens, now called The Elect, who attended the Rite of Election and are proceeding to Baptism and Holy Eucharist during Easter. The Elect and their godparents are to attend the Scrutinies on **Mar. 24, 31,** and **Apr. 7** during the 7 pm vigil (Spanish) or 10:30 am (English) Masses at QofA.

Penance/First Holy Communion students: Parents of grade 2-high school Religious Education students who desire First Holy Communion have a meeting with the priest on Sunday, **Mar. 31** at 9 am in All Saints Hall.

RCIA Congratulations to our 5 adults, now known as The Elect, as they continue to study the Catholic faith and prepare to enter the Church at Easter. Please support them in prayer. The Elect, along with their godparents/sponsors, are to attend Scrutinies on **Mar. 24, 31,** and **Apr. 7** during the 7 pm vigil (Spanish) or 10:30 am (English) Masses at QofA.

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

Olivewood Handmade Carvings from the Holy Land Next weekend, there will be a display of beautiful olivewood handmade carvings from the Holy Land. These carvings are made by the Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their source of income. You can support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after Mass.

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.

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**.



Pastor's Letter

Transformed by the Light of His Face

"While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white" (Lk 9:29). Today the Church invites us to contemplate the glory of Christ in his transfiguration.

Let's remember that the Lenten sequence of the Sunday readings is a catechesis about Baptism, the new birth from water and the Spirit which the Catechumens will receive. We, already Baptized, accompany them remembering and renewing our Baptismal Vows to live them more intently.

On his part, St. Paul reminds us that "Our citizenship is in heaven" (Phil 3:20). We have been baptized. We are God's children. We have been transformed by God's glory. "All of us, gazing with unveiled face on the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory" (2 Cor 3:18).

Now, how does a heavenly citizen look like? The response is given to Peter, James and John when Jesus' glory was revealed them on Mount Tabor. And it happened in an atmosphere of prayer.

Pope Benedict notes about prayer, specifically Jesus' prayer: "In his intimate dialogue with the Father... Christ enters more deeply into this mission, adhering with all his being to the Father's will; he shows us that true prayer consists precisely in uniting our will with that of God" (Angelus March 4, 2007).

And he goes on, "For a Christian, therefore, to pray is not to evade reality and the responsibilities it brings but rather, to fully assume them, trusting in the faithful and inexhaustible love of the Lord".

Naturally we are more inclined to do things than to devote time to prayer. Noise and hectic activity is easier than silence and recollection. Nonetheless, we do need silence and prayer time, it doesn't matter how difficult they seem to be.

Our citizenship is in heaven. We are in a different league, and prayer is the key for that transformation God wants to accomplish in our lives. In prayer we see the holiness we are called to, and what we imagine moves us to change life accordingly.

As Pope Benedict puts it, "Dear brothers and sisters, prayer is not an accessory or "optional", but a question of life or death. In fact, only those who pray, in other words, who entrust themselves to God with filial love, can enter eternal life, which is God himself. During this Season of Lent, let us ask Mary, Mother of the Incarnate Word and Teacher of the spiritual life, to teach us to pray as her Son did so that our life may be transformed by the light of his presence" (Angelus March 4, 2007).

March 23 Morning of Recollection: Journey to Easter

All are invited to join us for our Morning of Recollection on Saturday, March 23 in the church and in the School Library.



Morning of Recollection Schedule

- 8:00 am Holy Mass in the Church
- 8:45 am Rosary in the church
- Move to QofA School Library*
- 9:15 am Breakfast - Coffee, Tea, and Pastries
- 9:45 am First Talk
- 10:45 am Break
- Move to Church*
- 11:10 am Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- 12:00 pm Blessing and Reposition
- Move to QofA School Library*
- 12:20 pm Lunch
- 1:15 pm Conversation after Lunch (Practices of Lent)
- 2:00 pm Conclude Recollection

This Week In Our Parish

Second Sunday of Lent, March 17:

School 9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Parish Office 9:00-11:00 am Stephen Ministry
Notre Dame Graduate School 9:00-11:00 am
Hogares de Santa Maria
Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

Monday, March 18:

Hannan Hall 3:45-5:30 pm Nazareth
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study
Cupertino Room 6:30-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in English

Tuesday, March 19:

Hannan Hall 10:00-11:30 am Bible Study
Parish Office 5:45-7:15 pm Bible Study
Hannan Hall 5:30-6:30 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, March 20:

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group
Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

Thursday, March 21:

Hannan Hall 3:00-4:30 pm Children's Choir Practice
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
School 9:00-10:30 pm St. Joseph Men's Group

Friday, March 22:

Adoration Chapel 11:00-11:30 am Children's
Adoration Hour
Church 1:15-2:15 pm School Stations of the Cross
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Church 7:00-8:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Hannan Hall 7:00 pm-12:00 am GCC Prayer Mtg.

Saturday, March 23:

Parish Morning of Reflection See Page 3
Parish Vestibule Bethlehem Olivewood Carving Display
Hannan Hall 10:00 am-1:00 pm GCC Lenten Retreat
Parish Office 1:00-6:00 pm Stephen Ministry
School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir
Notre Dame Graduate School 8:30-10:00 pm Emmaus



April Pro-Life Events Join us Wednesday, **Apr. 3** on a bus to Richmond for the First Annual Virginia March for Life. 8 am Pro-Life Mass at QofA

Church with Bishop Burbidge on Saturday, **Apr. 6**, followed by a pro-life Rosary after Mass at the Landmark Towers with Christendom students and parishioners.

Do You Want to Become a Citizen? Come to a Citizenship Application Workshop hosted by Catholic Charities Hogar Immigrant Services on **Mar. 22**, from 10 am-12 pm at Hogar Immigrant Services (6301 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria) Cost is \$110, cash or credit. You must pre-register by phone at (703) 534-9805, ext. 252, or online at ccda.net. *You must have been a legal permanent resident for 5 years to qualify for citizenship.



Vocations

“This is my beloved Son, hear him.” Is our Lord asking you to follow him in tending His flock as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact Fr. Leopoldo Vives DCJM at general@queenofapostles.org, or Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

Second Sunday of Lent That our priests, who bring us to the mountain of Christ at every Mass and feed us with His transforming love in the Holy Eucharist, will be strengthened in their life and vocation, we pray to the Lord.



Poor Sisters of Saint Joseph

All Parishioners are cordially invited to celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Temporary Religious Vows of Sister Eneyda Martinez with the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph on Tuesday, **Mar. 19** at QofA Church at 6:30 pm.

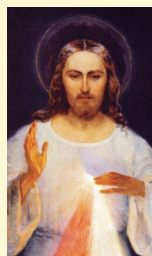
You are also welcome to join the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph for Holy Hour with Vespers Saturday, **Mar. 16** through Monday, **Mar. 18** at 6:30 pm in their chapel.

Stations of the Cross

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

Novena for Life: March 17-25 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. Copies of the novena are available in the back of the church.

Please join us on Monday, **Mar. 25** at 7 pm for a special **Mass for Life** here at Queen of Apostles. Sir Knight and Fr. Leopoldo Vives will be the celebrant.



Divine Mercy

“Write this for the benefit of distressed souls; when a soul sees and realizes the gravity of its sins, when the whole abyss of the misery into which it immersed itself is displayed before its eyes, let it not despair, but with trust let it throw itself into the arms of My mercy, as a child into the arms of its beloved mother. These souls have a right of priority to My compassionate Heart, they have first access to My mercy. Tell them that no soul that has called upon My mercy has been disappointed or brought to shame. I delight particularly in a soul which has placed its trust in My goodness.”

(Diary of St. Faustina, 1541)

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3: 1-8A, 13-15 Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11
1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12 Lk 13: 1-9

2019 Bishop's Lenten Appeal, Together in the Light of Christ

The Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) is critical to our diocesan needs 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 furthers the Gospel mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese. Let us join together to do the Lord's work - work that touches the lives and souls of thousands of people. Thank you!

Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us.

Bible Study Begin the journey from sin to sanctity with Bishop Robert Barron's study program: *Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues*.

Sin separates us from God, but the cultivation of virtue can restore right relationship with him. Pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, avarice, and lust are all patterns of dysfunction within us that lead to unhappiness. Bishop Barron explains the nature of these sins and offers a corresponding virtue for each one, giving practical advice on how to instill the virtue in your own life.

Classes are held **Mar. 19-Apr. 9**. Attend Morning Classes (10-11:30 am) in Hannan Hall, or Evening Classes (5:45-7:15 pm) in the Parish Office. Workbook: \$12, payable to Queen of Apostles. Register at the first class or contact the Parish Office at (703) 354-8711, general@queenofapostles.org.

*From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, hear him.*

Diocesan Mass and Anointing of the Sick The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, will celebrate a special **Mass** and **Anointing of the Sick** of the Diocese next Saturday, **Mar. 23** at 11 am at St. Ambrose Catholic Church (3901 Woodburn Rd., Annandale). Lunch will follow for all attendees, provided by the Knights and Dames of the Order of Malta. There will be no charge for the lunch. Please RSVP (call or text) to Kevin Fischer at (703) 475-2906, or email to moonfish3@verizon.net with name, number of people attending, phone number, or email address.

Legion of Mary invites all Spiritual Directors, Pastors, and Active and Auxiliary Members to their yearly ACIES celebration next Saturday, **Mar. 23** from 11 am to 2 pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More (3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington). The Acies is an annual renewal of Consecration of Legionaries to our Blessed Mother, which consists of recitation of Legion prayers, the holy rosary, followed by Holy Mass. A reception will follow in the parish hall. For more information, please call Jim Bailey at (703) 354-1831.

Second Sunday of Lent Masses this Week

Second Sunday of Lent - March 17:

7:30 am +Michael Krescanko
9:00 am +Romeo and Milagros Layson
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Marcel Dupuy

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem - Monday, March 18:

6:30 am +Mary Tuat Thi Nguyen
9:00 am +Carmen Ramos

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, March 19:

6:30 am (L) Fr. John M. O'Donohue
9:00 am +Thomas Reilly
6:30 pm (L) Poor Sisters of St. Joseph

Wednesday, March 20:

6:30 am +Gerald F. Ursittu
9:00 am +William Carpenter

Thursday, March 21:

6:30 am +Eileen Ernst Twynham
9:00 am +Alex R. Samantela

Friday, March 22:

6:30 am +Edith Brannen
9:00 am +Graham Stilwell

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo - Saturday, March 23:

8:00 am +Dominador Catain
5:00 pm (L) Betty Jane Davis and +George Davis
7:00 pm +Encarnación Yola Padilla Vargas

Third Sunday of Lent - March 24:

7:30 am +Conor Jerome Gardner
9:00 am +Matthias Lang
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Jaime Garcia, Sr.

Saint Joseph, pray for us.



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Marilyn Cole, Betty Jane Davis, Kevin Bonko, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Daisy Atiyeh, Anna Anderson, Leo Monterroso, Daniel O'Donohue, Etelvina León-Duarte, Michelle Jacobeen, Pedro Baiza, Jean McDermott, Maria Reyes, 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, Dick Owens, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Kristi Burns, 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