



# 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

## 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

4409 Sano Street,  
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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](mailto: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!** Homemade goods and Mystic Monk Coffee will be available for purchase in the church vestibule and Hannan Hall before and after Masses.

Prayer intentions cards are available in the parish office, church vestibule, 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. Also, we are grateful for contributions from individuals and families.

Donations by cash, through Faith Direct, or by check, payable to Queen of Apostles, are greatly appreciated. If donating by Faith Direct, <https://www.faithdirect.net>, Queen of Apostles Church code is VA324. Choose the one-time donation option. In the memo line, designate your donation as Fatima/Rome Pilgrimage.

Questions? Please contact [s.gray@queenofapostles.org](mailto: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 on the last Friday of the month. Emmaus meets **Mar. 24**.

**Nazareth** 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.

## Summer Program with Queen of Apostles/Stella

**Maris** Parish families are needed to host guests from Spain in July. An information meeting with prospective host families is scheduled for Wednesday, **Mar. 22**, 7 pm in the School's Music Room. If interested in learning about the program and serving as a host family, please send a message to [a.reid@queenofapostlesschool.org](mailto:a.reid@queenofapostlesschool.org).

**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** 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**.

The Second Scrutiny is scheduled during Masses on **Mar. 25, 26**. RCIA-Spanish 7 pm on **Mar. 25**; RE students and RCIA-English 10:30 am Mass on **Mar. 26**.

**Second Collection** Today's Second Collection is for the School Fund. Next Week's Second Collection will be for Catholic Relief Services.

**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**.

**Bulletin Deadline** The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Mar. 26** bulletin is Monday, **Mar. 20** by 9 am. Please email announcements to [m.saunders@queenofapostles.org](mailto:m.saunders@queenofapostles.org).



## Pastor's Letter

### Saint Joseph

Everybody loves St. Patrick's feast day. Green clothing, corned beef, leprechauns... and I like it. It is part of our American culture and honors the Irish legacy of our Country.

Today, Catholics celebrate St. Joseph with a title of "solemnity". It is not a holy day of obligation but is part of our Catholic culture and honors the value of the Catholic faith in our lives.

St. Joseph's passing through the Gospel is discrete and almost unnoticed. However he has a central role in the life and mystery of our Lord Jesus Christ connecting him to King David's dynasty and being Jesus' stepfather.

In our Towards a Family Fully Alive program we highlight this month the role of the father. St. Joseph is the patron saint of fathers and their great model. Let's pick some teachings from his life to inspire us.

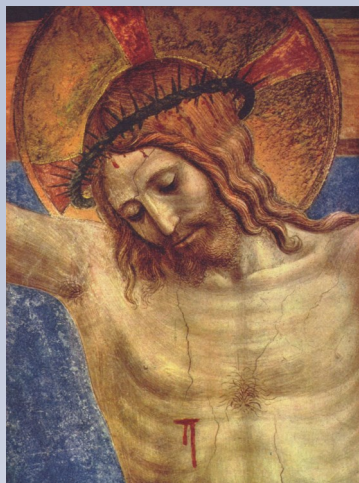
St Joseph's fatherhood always respected and honored that Jesus is the Son of God. Caring for Jesus as a loving father, guiding him by example, praying with him, St. Joseph introduced Jesus into his relationship with God the Father. St.

Joseph faithfully served Jesus' mission and vocation. Likewise, fathers are called to introduce their children into their relationship with God, their father, and to serve God's call to their children.

St. Joseph is also the model of workers, finding the balance between prayer, family life, work and service. May he inspire parents to be excellent in their work while they serve their families and keep God first.

Finally, St. Joseph protected and cared for Jesus and Mary. May he also protect Jesus and Mary's presence in the heart of our children. May he guide fathers as they grow their children's devotion to Jesus, Mary, the Eucharist, the guardian angels, and a tender love full of trust in God the Father. There is no higher mission for a father than to grow Jesus in their children's hearts.

Through St. Joseph's inspiration and intercession, may God bless fathers so they will be a blessing for their wives and children.



*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).
- ❖ **Step 3:** Spend time daily reflecting on the Stations during Lent.

**Other Resources:** Monsignor James P. Shea, *Glimpses Along the Way of the Cross*, available at [FORMED.org](http://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

### 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

### Monday, March 20:

Parish Office	6:00-7:00 pm Fatima/Rome Pilgrimage Meeting
Cupertino Room	7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
Hannan Hall	8:00-9:00 pm Reception for the Solemnity of St. Joseph
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in English

### Tuesday, March 21:

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

### Wednesday, March 22:

Hannan Hall	5:30-7:00 pm Soup Supper and Talk
Parish Office	6:30-7:30 pm Sustainability Committee Meeting
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

### Thursday, March 23:

Hannan Hall	8:00 am-10 pm Auction Prep.
Parish Office	6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Church	7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

### Friday, March 24:

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

### Saturday, March 25:

Parish Office	1:00-3:30 pm Stephen Ministry
School	4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
Hannan Hall	6:00-9:30 pm QofA School Auction
School	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir

### Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) - March 26:

Hannan Hall	8:00 am-1:00 pm Auction Clean-up
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



### **Legion of Mary "Acies" Celebration, this Saturday, March 25**

Active and Auxiliary Legionaries, Spiritual Directors and Priests are encouraged to gather at the annual great union and re-consecration to Mary, Queen of the Legion. The Ceremony, Holy Mass and reception following begin at 9:30 am-2:00 pm at St. Michael's Parish (7401 St. Michael's Lane, Annandale, VA 22003). Bishop Michael Burbidge will preside. Bring your Tesserat and rosary. For information please call Jim Bailey (703) 354-1832.

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## Vocations



**"But whoever drinks the water I give, will never be thirsty."** Are you thirsting for an understanding of your vocation? If you think Jesus may be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Fr. Juan at [general@queenofapostles.org](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org) or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at [j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-2514.

**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.

**Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Virgin Statue** The Cathedral of St. Thomas More is hosting the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The statue will arrive Monday **Mar. 20** at 5:30 pm and will leave on Tuesday, **Mar. 21** at 10:00 am, in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions. Check the Cathedral of St. Thomas More Website for more information.

**Cardinal Burke at St. Raymond's** Raymond Cardinal Burke will be speaking at St. Raymond of Peñafort Catholic Church, Springfield, Virginia at 7pm on **Mar. 24**. The topic of his talk is "Saint Raymond of Peñafort: The Inseparable Bond between Doctrine and Discipline." All are invited; no RSVP or cost. Questions? Contact (703) 440-0535 or [straychrch@aol.com](mailto:straychrch@aol.com).

**Vacation Bible School - June 26-30, 2017** Active Volunteers, adults, and high school students (current 8th grade and above) are invited to join our summer camp staff. Exciting times are ahead as we lead our campers in the K4J program, "Summertime Blast: Jesus in the Eucharist". We need activity station leaders, guides and support staff. VBS will be held in our parish school, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. All persons, 18 years and up will need to become VIRTUS compliant. Please contact co-directors Mrs. Ann Souser at (571) 334-2439 or Mr. Joseph Manson at (703) 536-5460, or email us at [vbs@queenofapostles.org](mailto:vbs@queenofapostles.org).

**All Saints Car Raffle** Thank you to all who have been selling tickets for the 5 car raffle. Buying just one \$5 ticket gives you the chance to win all five 2017 vehicles from Koons of Manassas. You could be the new owner of a Honda Civic, a Buick Verano, a GMC Sierra Truck, a Honda CRV or a Honda Odyssey Van. You could also win \$20,000 in cash prizes! Stop by the parish office to pick up tickets to purchase or sell. Questions? Contact Ann Croft at [annmccroft@hotmail.com](mailto:annmccroft@hotmail.com).

### **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/>

## 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.

## Olivewood Handmade Carvings from the Holy

**Land** There is 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.

## 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 third 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](http://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.

## 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.

## 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!

## Third Sunday of Lent

### Masses this Week

#### Solemnity of St. Joseph,

#### Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Monday, March 20:

6:30 am (L) Rosalie A. Mainey  
9:00 am +Mary Grimsley  
7:00 pm +Joseph James Harchick

#### Tuesday, March 21:

6:30 am +Margarita Denison  
9:00 am +Anne Williams

#### Wednesday, March 22:

6:30 am +Deceased Members of the Matava Family  
9:00 am +Bishop John R. Keating

#### Thursday, March 23:

6:30 am +Ming Sasaki  
9:00 am +Margie Denison

#### Friday, March 24:

6:30 am +Claire Ward  
9:00 am +Krist and Adeline Milin

#### Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

#### Saturday, March 25:

8:00 am (L) James and Miguel Saunders  
5:00 pm (L) DCJM Priests  
7:00 pm +Epifania Olea Cerón

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) - March 26:

7:30 am +Roy Kasenge  
9:00 am +Felicidad Lamug  
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 noon +Jaime Garcia, Sr.

## Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

### Readings for Next Week:

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A Ps 23: 1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6  
Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41



**KofC Fish Fry** Join us for some delicious fish fry in Hannan Hall, from 6-8 pm, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on Friday, **Mar. 24**. Great food at \$5 per person, \$20 per family.



### 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