



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
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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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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.



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 intention 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 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. Open Gym will be held on **Apr. 7**. Emmaus will not meet on **Apr. 14**.

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. Parents are needed to assist with activities. If you can lend a hand, please contact the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or email s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

Summer Program with Queen of Apostles/Stella

Maris Parish families are needed to host guests from Spain in July. If interested in learning about the program and serving has a host family, please send a message to a.reid@queenofapostlesschool.org.

Religious Education 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.

Students are encourage to go to Confession throughout the week: M-F at 7 am; Wed. at 6:30 pm; Thurs. at 7:30 pm; Sat. at 4 pm and 6 pm.

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, too.

RCIA 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**.

The Third Scrutiny and Presentation of the Our Father is scheduled during Masses on **Apr. 1, 2**. RCIA-Spanish 7 pm on **Apr. 1** and RE/school students and RCIA-English 10:30 am on **Apr. 2**.

The Elect, formerly known as catechumens (unbaptized), and their godparents, are invited to participate.

Second Collection Today's Second Collection is for Catholic Relief Services. Next Week's Second Collection will be for Easter Flowers.

Thank You for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend's collection will go toward the **Poor Sisters of St. Joseph**. Next weekend's collection will go toward the **Parish Charity**.

Bulletin Deadlines The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Apr. 2** bulletin and **Apr. 9** (Palm Sunday) bulletin is Monday, **Mar. 27** by 9 am. Please email announcements to m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.



Pastor's Letter

I am the Light of the World

Leading us to the renewal of our Baptism vows on Easter, the Church reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the World (Jn 9:5) and "now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light" (Eph 5:8).

On Saturday (March 25) we celebrated the Solemnity of the Incarnation of the Lord, a mayor mystery in our faith. This solemnity contemplates how the Son of God was incarnate by the Holy Spirit in the womb of Mary, enlightening the whole humanity: "through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race" (Jn 1:4).

The Incarnation and the Redemption are two sides of the same coin, Jesus' mystery which reveals the love of God the Father. Let me bring for your consideration a powerful text of St. John Paul II on the Incarnation:

In Jesus Christ God not only speaks to man but also seeks him out. The Incarnation of the Son of God attests that God goes in search of man. Jesus speaks of this search as the finding of a lost sheep. It is a search which begins in the heart of God and culminates in the Incarnation of the Word. If God goes in search of man, created in his own image and likeness, he does so because he loves him eternally in the Word, and wishes to raise him in Christ to the dignity of an adoptive son. God therefore goes in search of man who is his special possession in a way unlike any other creature. Man is God's possession by virtue of a choice made in love: God seeks man out, moved by his fatherly heart.

Why does God seek man out? Because man has turned away from him, hiding himself as Adam did among the trees of the Garden of Eden. Man allowed himself to be led astray by the enemy of God [...] Going in search of man through his Son, God wishes to persuade man to abandon the paths of evil which lead him farther and farther afield. "Making him abandon" those paths means making man understand that he is taking the wrong path; it means overcoming the evil which is everywhere found in human history. Overcoming evil: this is the meaning of the Redemption. This is brought about in the sacrifice of Christ, by which man redeems the debt of sin and is reconciled to God. The Son of God became man, taking a body and soul in the womb of the Virgin, precisely for this reason: to become the perfect redeeming sacrifice. The religion of the Incarnation is the religion of the world's Redemption through the sacrifice of Christ, wherein lies victory over evil, over sin and over death itself. Accepting death on the Cross, Christ at the same time reveals and gives life, because he rises again and death no longer has power over him.

The religion which originates in the mystery of the Redemptive Incarnation, is the religion of "dwelling in the heart of God", of sharing in God's very life (Tertio Millennio Adveniente, 7-8).



*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.
- ❖ **Step 4:** Bring family/invite others to the Parish Stations of the Cross.

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday - March 26:

Hanan 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

Monday, March 27:

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 28:

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 29:

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

Thursday, March 30:

Hannan Hall	7:00-8:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
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 31:

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
Church	7:00-8:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 1:

Vestibule/Hannan Hall	Fatima/Rome Pilgrimage Bake Sale
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

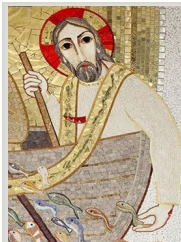
Fifth Sunday of Lent - April 2:

Toward a Family Fully Alive

Vestibule/Hannan Hall	Fatima/Rome Pilgrimage Bake Sale
Vestibule	ACCA Food Collection
Hannan Hall	7:30 am-1:30 pm Sunday Social
School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

Summer Theology Courses at Christendom Graduate School

Enrich your life and learn more about the Faith by taking a summer course at the Christendom Graduate School! Online courses run from **May 15-Aug. 22**. At our convenient Alexandria campus (on Queen of Apostles Parish grounds) we are offering The Synoptic Gospels on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The six-week session for on-campus courses runs from **Jun. 27-Aug. 5**. Earn your MA in theology or take a course for personal enrichment! Our special discounted rate makes it easy for catechists, seniors, and religious to audit courses. We also have pre-recorded online courses, several of them in the Scriptures. For more information, please go to <http://graduate.christendom.edu/>, email us at graduate.school@christendom.edu, or call (703) 658-4304.



Vocations

"The Lord looks on the heart." Are you being called to do the deeds of Christ as a priest or in the consecrated life, proclaiming the reign of the loving mercy of God our Father? 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 like the man born blind, we will allow Jesus to open our eyes and hearts to His will and bring more men and women to respond to His call to serve Him and His Church as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

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.

All Saints Car Raffle Thank you to everyone who has bought and sold raffle tickets. With just under a month to go remember that you can place your sold ticket stubs and corresponding money in the collection basket at Mass as well as drop by the parish office. Questions? Contact Ann Croft at annmcroft@hotmail.com.

40 days for Life Join fellow prayer volunteers for one hour during 40 Days for Life prayer vigil that continues through Palm Sunday, **Apr. 9**, held at the US Supreme Court, 1 First St. NE, Washington, DC. Questions? Please email Larry Cirignano at larryvote@gmail.com or go to www.40DaysforLife.com.



Urgent Need for a Scheduled Adorer for Tuesday morning, 4:00-5:00 am

Please prayerfully consider offering this special hour to Our Lord in thanksgiving for His many blessings, in memory of His Passion and Death on the Cross for our sins, and in honor of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. For additional information or to sign-up please contact Alexa Urban at: moleski47@gmail.com or (703) 241-1096.

"My Lord Jesus Christ, who, for the love You bear to mankind, do remain night and day in this Sacrament, full of pity and love, awaiting, calling, and receiving all who come to visit You; I believe that You are present in the Sacrament of the Altar; I adore You from the depths of my own nothingness; I thank You for the many graces You have given me, and especially for having given me Yourself in this Sacrament."

St. Alphonsus Ligouri

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 this Wednesday, **Mar. 29**, for our next Lenten Soup Supper. More information and an RSVP form can be found at www.queenofapostles.org/soup-supper 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.



New Moms Club A new club is starting for moms with babies/toddlers and young school age children. With play dates around the local area, it is a great opportunity to get out and meet other moms (while tiring out our tots for some good nap times!). Interested moms can email Shannon at QoAmoms@gmail.com. Looking forward to meeting you and your little ones!



Towards a Family Fully Alive

Blessing of the Month

Blessed are you, God our Father, for you have given to fathers a sharing in your creation and procreation.

Bestow happiness upon all father for loving and caring for children and for guiding and forming children in the ways that only a man can.

Strengthen fathers with a commitment to always be present to their families.

Bring peace to those men who have lost a child.

Allow grandfathers the time and good health to relish and enjoy their children's children.

Fill all fathers with your grace, so they may radiate your love to their families.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fathers March 2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday Masses this Week

Monday, March 27:

6:30 am +Joy Labez
9:00 am +George Grossmann

Tuesday, March 28:

6:30 am +Eni Hunkin
9:00 am (L) Juanita and David Denison

Wednesday, March 29:

6:30 am +Claire Mode
9:00 am +Richard Wilkinson

Thursday, March 30:

6:30 am +Gertrudes Rances Samantela
9:00 am +Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Thach

Friday, March 31:

6:30 am +Margaret Ann Nicholson
9:00 am +Grace Okemo

Saturday, April 1:

8:00 am +Fr. Keith Ramsey and Deceased Pastors of QofA
5:00 pm +Florencio León-Duarte
7:00 pm +Ramon Velez

Fifth Sunday of Lent - April 2:

7:30 am +Paulina Edwards
9:00 am +Dolores Perez
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Annemarie Lang

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45



Into the Woods The O'Connell Players at Bishop O'Connell High School present their spring musical production, "Into the Woods," **Apr. 7-9**. Show times are Friday and Saturday at 7 pm and Sunday at 2 pm. General admissions tickets are \$10; students and seniors are \$5. Questions? Please visit www.bishopoconnell.org/QCPlayers or call (703) 237-1448.



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, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith