



# 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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## 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** 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.

A bake sale on **Apr. 1-2** is being planned.

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

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

Fr. Juan will meet with pilgrims on Mar. 6 and 20 at 6 pm in the parish office.

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. The next Open Gym is on **Mar. 3**. The next Emmaus meeting at Notre Dame is on **Mar. 10**.

**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 meetings are **Mar 3, 17**.

Parents are needed to help with snacks and activities. Please contact [s.gray@queenofapostles.org](mailto: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](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org). Thanks to our parish families who have hosted students/teachers over the last two years.

**Religious Education Sacraments of Initiation** students and RCIA adults, and their godparents/sponsors, are to meet with Fr. Juan on Saturday, **Mar. 11** at 2 pm (noted change of time) inside the church for "Learn the Liturgy". In order to familiarize the students and adults with the Liturgy, Fr. Juan will explain the parts of the Mass and review responses. Parents are welcome to attend, too.

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.

Congratulations to the Religious Education and schools students on making First Confession! May these young people continue to come to know the greatness of God's love and regularly seek His forgiveness in the Sacrament.

**RCIA** Our On the First Sunday of Lent, our adults and students who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation/coming into full communion with the Catholic church, godparents/sponsors, are attending the Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion on Sunday, **Mar. 5** at 2:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More.

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**.

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

**Second Collection** Today's Second Collection is for the Black and Indian Missions.

## Pastor's Letter

### The Journey of Lent

Last Wednesday, with ashes on our foreheads, we began the 40 days journey of Lent leading us to the celebration of the Paschal Mystery: the Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lent is, since the Ancient Church, the time for the Catechumens to prepare for Baptism and for us already baptized to renew the gift of Baptism and to grow in holiness.

Baptism is the sacrament that makes us children of God, submerging us into the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. As Jesus died and was buried, the Catechumen is immersed into the water. And as Jesus rose from death the Catechumen is born from the water and the Holy Spirit to a new life.

Thus in Baptism begins for us the journey of discipleship following Jesus. A journey in which we encounter Jesus through prayer, through the reading of the Bible and in a unique way through the Eucharist and the other sacraments. It is a shared journey with our faith family, the Church.

Lent is a season in which we are invited to recollect the gift of Baptism and to live it out more intently: A time to give up distractions, seeking God first. A time to create silence in the heart to listen to the whispering in which God talked to the prophet Elijah (1 Kgs 19:12).

Ash Wednesday's Gospel set the tone: fasting, almsgiving and prayer. The Sunday's Gospels will lead us through a catechesis on Baptism inviting us to live more deeply our participation in God's life and love which we received in Baptism. In doing so we will be ready to renew our baptismal vows on Easter Sunday.

Let us begin this journey with a sincere heart, in silent prayer, renewing the awe before the mercy of God who made us his children and wants us to be holy. As St. John Paul II invited us at the beginning of this millennium, "since Baptism is a true entry into the holiness of God through incorporation into Christ and the indwelling of his Spirit, it would be a contradiction to settle for a life of mediocrity, marked by a minimalist ethic and a shallow religiosity. To ask catechumens: 'Do you wish to receive Baptism?' means at the same time to ask them: 'Do you wish to become holy?' It means to set before them the radical nature of the Sermon on the Mount: 'Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect' (Mt 5:48)" (Novo Millennio Ineunte, 30).

I wish you a fruitful and holy journey of Lent.



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

## March 18 Morning of Recollection

**All are invited to join us for our Morning of Recollection  
in the church and in Hannan Hall.**

### Rule of Life Devotion for the Month of March

Stations of the Cross

#### Morning of Recollection Schedule

8:00 am	Holy Mass
8:45 am	Rosary at 101 S. Whiting St.
9:30 am	Talk 1
10:15 am	Break - Coffee and Pastries
10:30 am	Talk 2
11:00 am	Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
11:50 am	Blessing and Reposition

## This Week In Our Parish

### First Sunday of Lent - March 5:

#### *Rule of Life Program*

Vestibule	ACCA Food Collection
Hannan Hall	8:30 am-1:30 pm Sunday Social
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 6:

Parish Office	6:00-7:00 pm Fatima/Rome Pilgrimage Meeting
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 7:

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 8:

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 9:

Parish Office	6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Church	7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

### Friday, March 10:

Adoration Chapel	11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Church	2:00-3:15 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
Hannan Hall	6:00-8:00 pm KofC Fish Fry
Church	7:00-8:00 pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 11:

Vestibule	Knights of Columbus Membership Drive
Hannan Hall	10:00 am-1:00 pm GCC Council Meeting
Parish Office	1:00-3:30 pm Stephen Ministry
Hannan Hall	1:30-5:30 pm Couples for Christ
School	4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir
Hannan Hall	8:30-10:30 pm Reunión de Familias

### Second Sunday of Lent - March 12:

#### *Towards a Family Fully Alive Program*

Vestibule	Knights of Columbus Membership Drive
Hannan Hall	8:30 am-2:00 pm School PTO Pancake Breakfast
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

**All Saints Car Raffle** We have started to count up the ticket sales and have raised over \$4,000 so far. Money raised from the raffle helps support our parish school, Banica Mission, and Fatima/Rome Pilgrimage. Finished selling the 20 tickets sent home? Come by the parish office to pick up some more! For questions please contact Ann Croft at [annmcroft@hotmail.com](mailto:annmcroft@hotmail.com).



## Vocations

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation 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.

**First Sunday of Lent** That prayer, penance and almsgiving will dispose more men and women to follow the Holy Spirit as He leads them to discover their vocations in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

### *Walking Toward Eternity: Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart - An Eight-Part Bible Study Featuring*

**Jeff and Emily Cavins** *Walking Toward Eternity* is an inspiring series designed to help participants live their faith more fully. *Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart*, is a challenging study that can open our eyes to obstacles in our Christian walk such as greed, envy, fear and shame. Through prayer, reflection, guidance, and the aid of the Holy Spirit, we begin to engage these difficulties in a positive way as we continue toward our goal of union with Christ. Give up your Struggles for Lent. Classes begin **Mar. 7**. Visit [QofAbibles.tudy.com](http://QofAbibles.tudy.com) for registration information or pick up a flyer in the vestibule and register in person.

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### **March 25 Denim & Diamonds School Auction & Cocktail Party**

Tickets are now available for the Denim & Diamonds Auction & Cocktail Party to benefit Queen of Apostles Catholic School. We have a fabulous menu planned and have been blessed by the generosity of our school and church families and the local business community. Last week, Wyndham Resorts donated a 7 night stay at any Wyndham or Wyndham-owned resort worldwide! We have hundreds of dollars in gift cards to some of the best dining in Alexandria and Fairfax. You may win a beautiful piece of jewelry, summer pool membership or another fantastic item. We hope you will attend the Auction & Cocktail Party and make it a truly memorable evening.

Ways to help:

1. Purchase a ticket and attend the auction.
2. Donate an item of value for the auction. All donations, small or big, are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible.
3. Advertise your business and place an ad in the Auction Program as a Business Sponsor.
4. Become an Auction Sponsor for tickets to the auction, raffle tickets and place a personal message in the Auction Program.
5. Purchase an auction raffle ticket
6. Sponsor the auction with a cash donation ([queenofapostlesschool.org/payments/](http://queenofapostlesschool.org/payments/)).

For all auction information - schedule, ticket sales, auction items - please go to <https://queenofapostlesschool.org/denim-diamonds/>. Contact [QueenofApostlesAuction@gmail.com](mailto:QueenofApostlesAuction@gmail.com) for additional information and to donate an item to the auction.

## 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. Thank you!

**Women's Group** Fr. O'Connor will conduct a "mini retreat" on Wednesday, **Mar. 8**, in Hannan Hall, after the 9 am Mass for members of the Women's Group. Members are encouraged to invite their spouse, a friend, or neighbor to share in this opportunity to focus our efforts on making this Lent more meaningful. Fr. O'Connor will guide us in our efforts to focus on and find the true meaning of Lent, with Lenten resolutions, and good confessions.

**Soup Suppers Begin March 8** Our Lenten Soup Supper Series begins this Wednesday, **Mar. 8**. Join us in Hannan Hall from 5:30 to 7:00 pm for a home cooked meal of butternut squash soup, sauteed green beans, and french bread. Beginning at 6:15 pm we will host the first 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.

**KofC Fish Fry** Join us for some delicious fish fry in Hannan Hall, from 6-8 pm, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on **Mar. 10** and **24**.

**Grupo de Matrimonios** La Familia cristiana se enfrenta al reto de florecer y hacerse fuerte en medio de un mundo secularizado que no favorece las profundas y sólidas relaciones personales. ¿Cómo responder a este reto? Con el libro "Salvar la semilla" intentamos responder a ello y formar matrimonios líderes en la pastoral familiar.

Día y Hora: Sábado, **11** de marzo, de 8:30 pm a 10:30 pm  
Lugar: Hannan Hall  
Sacerdote que acompañará: P. Javier, DCJM  
Pueden traer bebidas y aperitivos para compartir.

## 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.

## First Sunday of Lent

### Masses this Week

#### Monday, March 6:

6:30 am +Maria Gonzalez  
9:00 am +Michael Del Bene

#### Saints Perpetual and Felicity - Tuesday, March 7:

6:30 am (L) Lim Bu Dan (Celina)  
9:00 am +Mary L. Del Bene

#### Saint John of God - Wednesday, March 8:

6:30 am (L) Carolina León-Duarte  
9:00 am +Loren Beach

#### Saint Frances of Rome - Thursday, March 9:

6:30 am +Christina Lynem  
9:00 am +Christina Lynem

#### Friday, March 10:

6:30 am +Thomas A.V. Saunders, USMC  
9:00 am +Sister Margaret Spotti

#### Saturday, March 11:

8:00 am +Poy Arambulo  
5:00 pm +Donald Lee Allen  
7:00 pm +Katerina Paduganan

#### Second Sunday of Lent - March 12:

7:30 am +Michael Krescanko  
9:00 am (L) Katherine Barnoski  
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 noon +Cosme Lamug

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

**Bulletin Deadline** The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Mar. 12** bulletin is Monday, **Mar. 6** by 9 am. Email announcements to [m.saunders@queenofapostles.org](mailto:m.saunders@queenofapostles.org).

## Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

### Readings for Next Week:

#### Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4A Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22  
2 Tm 1:8B-10 Mt 17:1-9



### 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