QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Iglesia Católica Reina de los Apóstoles

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Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:00pm, 7:00pm (en Español); Sunday 9:15am & 11:15am; 1st Saturday of each month 9:00am Weekday Mass Schedule: Monday, Thursday & Friday 9:00am; Wednesday 5:30pm Reconciliation: Sunday 8:15-8:45am; Monday 8:00-8:30am; Friday 7:30-8:30am; Saturday 3:30-4:30pm Adoration: Thursday 5:30-6:30pm

'It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches...

- Mark 4:31-32

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 16, 2024

MISSION STATEMENT

With the Blessed Virgin Mary, the first disciple of Jesus Christ, as our example and patron, the mission of Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church is to live and proclaim the Gospel entrusted to us. We strive in our rich diversity to be a community of welcome and hospitality: one with the Risen Christ, each other, and the whole Church. Through the Word of God and the life of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we are empowered to engage in a variety of ministries of service to the parish family and the communities where we live.

Pastoral Staff Liturgies This Week: Saturday, June 15, 2024 PASTOR 3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Nelson Herrera + Father Paul Buchanan officeofthepastor@queenoftheapostles.org 7:00pm Misa en Español Emergency #: 704-825-9907 Sunday, June 16, 2024 8:15-8:45am Reconciliation 9:15am Austin Satoskar+ HISPANIC MINISTRY COORDINATOR Padre José Juya 11:15am For the People Monday, June 17, 2024 8:00-8:30am No Reconciliation jjajuya@yahoo.com 704-860-3826 9:00am Anthony Lee + 7:00pm Recitation of the Rosary in English Tuesday, June 18, 2024 No Mass **DEACONS** Rev. Mr. William "Chip" Wilson deaconchip@queenoftheapostles.org Wednesday, June 19, 2024 5:30pm Karen Aiken Thursday, June 20, 2024 704-488-5822 Rev. Mr. John "Zeke" Panzica 9:00am Veronica Rooks + deaconzeke@gueenoftheapostles.org 5:30-6:30pm No Adoration Friday, June 21, 2024 631-637-2692 7:30am-8:30am No Reconciliation DIRECTOR OF PARISH OPERATIONS 9:00am Tommy Bosso + **Chrissy Glisson** parishops@queenoftheapostles.org DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS **Debbie Seeger** Liturgical Ministers: communications@queenoftheapostles.org Saturday, June 22, 2024-5:00pm Altar Servers: Janette Blandford, Valentina Gomez **BUSINESS MANAGER** EMCs: Al Hess, Jennifer Church Susan Colone Readers: Sandra Conrad, Joe Bruno Hospitality: Todd Morgan, Elizabeth Atterberry finance@queenoftheapostles.org Sunday, June 23, 2024—9:15am DIRECTOR OF FAMILY & YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP Altar Servers: Daniel Sanchez, Corinne St. Romain, Garrison MacAlester, Lucy Anthony Beauregard Wruble familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org EMCs: Adriana Echeverri, Lisa Owens Readers: Caitrin MacAlester, Theresa Wilson PARISH SECRETARY Hospitality: Rick Hooper, Joe Shirley Lisa Owens secretary@queenoftheapostles.org Sunday, June 23, 2024—11:15am Altar Servers: Austin Berrong, Adam D'Souza, Gabrielle Miller, Carter Robinson PASTORAL ASSOCIATE **EMCs:** Lorraine Long, Bethsy SanMillan Jeanne LaFrancis **Readers:** Alberto Gonzalez, Thomas Sims **Hospitality:** Neil Kauer, Yvonne Zarza pastoralassoc@queenoftheapostles.org MUSIC COORDINATOR Andrew Paluszak Donut Ministry: and rew music@queen of the apostles.org Sunday, June 23, 2024 Deborah Eagon, Alicia Hamilton, Jon Hamilton, Carolina Lopez CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA) Please call the church office DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE

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PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

<u>PARISH OFFICE:</u> Monday—Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm *Closed on Fridays.*

Collections U. S. Palueh Co., Inc.

Collection from 06-09-2024: \$16,833.35. *Thank you for your support of the parish!*

Our Weekly Tithes:

The tithe from 06-09-2024 for *B.R.E.A.D.* was \$841.00. The tithe for this week will be for *Phoenix Counseling & Crisis Centers* which is a haven for homeless in Gaston County and also provides day shelter, laundry and connections to other community resources and services.

10th Ordination Anniversary of REV. PAUL BUCHANAN

In gratitude to God for the gift of Priesthood, Queen of the Apostles Parish Community will gather to celebrate Father Paul's 10th Ordination Anniversary!

We have been blessed to have Father Paul as our Pastor since 2020! When Father Paul joined us, it was a time in which gatherings were restricted due to the pandemic so a welcome reception could not be planned. It is now with great excitement that we would like to celebrate Father Paul as our Pastor and to celebrate his 10th Ordination Anniversary!

Please join us for a reception celebrating Father Paul's 10th Ordination Anniversary on Sunday, June 30 following the 11:15am Mass!

Id Multos Annos!

~ For many more years! ~



Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church has partnered with Project St. Anne since 2008. Our support helps to feed hundreds in and around Camp Perrin and Haiti. The Feast of St. Anne will be on July 26 and we will at that time, continue our support. While the citizens of Camp Perrin are not experiencing the terror of gang violence, the impact is still felt with the population from those fleeing the dangers of Port-au-Prince

THE HELPING HANDS OF PROJECT STANNE, EST. 2008 limited access to goods and services, and an increase in population from those fleeing the dangers of Port-au-Prince.

A representative from Project St. Anne will be here at all our Masses, the weekend of June 22/23. Before that weekend, you can contribute through the Queen of the Apostles' online giving which can be found on our website. Two different accounts have been established for contributions; one is for donations to the Feast of St. Anne; and the other is for education sponsorship for the children attending school in Camp Perrin. Support for education sponsorship is still needed.

As Catholic Christians, *we are called to walk by faith, not by sight. (2 Corinthians 5:7)*. Our continued support of the Feast of St. Anne is a sign of our faith, and hope to our neighbors in Camp Perrin. Thank you for your ongoing financial and spiritual support.

Mammography & Breast Cancer Screening

Location: Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church **Time:** 8:30am – 3:30pm **When:** June 17, 2024

Please contact CaroMont Breast Surgical Specialists at 704.671.7390 to schedule your appointment. Walk in appointments available.

*Grant funding for this event is provided by the CaroMont Foundation and is available for uninsured Gaston County females that are over age 40 and meet income requirements.





We had the pleasure to welcome Father Alan Bower last weekend to celebrate Mass with us. He is thankful to all who listened and responded to the work of CCO. He enjoyed his weekend being at our parish.

If you would like to contribute to CCO you can visit their website at www.CrossCatholic.org/Ourteach or text **474747** and type **Blessings** as the message, then send. Both options substitute for the brochure which can be found in the Gathering Space of church.

Saints & Special **Observances**

Sunday: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Saint Emily de Vialar **Tuesday:** Saint Gregory Barbarigo Wednesday: Saint Romuald Thursday: Saint Anthony of Padua Friday: Saint Aloysius Gónzaga Saturday: Saint Paulinus of Nola, Saints John Fisher and Thomas More

Online Prayer Ministry

Prayer requests can be sent to prayforme@queenoftheapostles.org or phoned in to the church office at 704-825-9600. If you would like to be part of our prayer line ministry and join us in praying for the needs of others, please call the church office or send an email to

prayforme@queenoftheapostles.org.

Weekly Rosary

On Mondays at 7:00pm the rosary will be recited weekly in-person as well as LiveStream. The rosary will be recited on June 17 in English and June 24 in Spanish.

Sick and Homebound

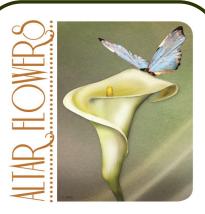
Please keep all of our sick and homebound in your prayers especially those who have asked to be remembered: Mary 'Mickey' Estridge, Patrick Bragg, Raphael Winters and Eddie McKnight

Deployed Military

Please keep our deployed parish members in your prayers as they serve our country.

Online Giving You have the option to give online through our parish website or click the QR code provided here in the bulletin. Whether you are making a repeat contribution or one-time gift, you can feel good knowing that your donation is made efficiently, accurately and on time.





With our larger worship space, we now have the opportunity for two flower arrangements at the weekend Masses. Flowers can be dedicated in loving memory of or in honor of loved ones. Please call the church office or visit the sign up in the Gathering Space.

Flowers at the Altar this weekend were donated by Kathy & Thomas Śims in loving memory of Patrick Campbell and in honor of Robert Sims

CMGConnect



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Instructions for Complying with New Safe Environment Program Virtus has changed to CMG Connect

Go to https://Charlotte.CMGConnect.org to comply.

Ouestions? Please contact the Church office at 704.825.9600 during office hours, Monday through Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm. You may also contact the Diocese Safe Environment Office at safeenvironment@rcdoc.org.

OOA LANDSCAPING MINISTRY

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our purpose is to obey God's command to be good stewards of the earth and all natural elements of it through beautification and maintenance of the church grounds. The Landscape Ministry will provide the labor necessary to maintain our gardening and greenspace improvements on a guarterly basis and as needed for specific projects.

We typically gather guarterly and work together on the Parish Campus. Work will include weeding, pruning, mulching, digging, mowing, feeding, seeding, watering, fertilizing and cleaning of the plants and greenspace on the church grounds.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Scott at sphillips3006@outlook.com.





June Monthly Food Collection—Collection will be June 29/30

BCO is our recipient for the June collection. They are in need of grits, oatmeal, canned meats, pop-tarts, rice, and instant mashed potatoes. Please bring your donations to the altar and place them in the baskets provided the weekend of **June 29/30**. Thank you for your generosity.

School of Community — <u>Sunday, June 16, 2pm</u>

The School of Community is a moment of dialogue organized by the local chapter of the Fraternity of Communion and Liberation. Its goal is to help us become aware of what the Lord is doing in our lives so that we might be surprised and changed by it. The next gathering is on **Sunday, June 16** at 2:00pm in Drexel Hall. All are welcome. **No RSVP is necessary**. For more information, please contact Alessandro Rovati at <u>ale.rova@gmail.com</u>.

Prayer Shawl Ministry- Will not meet in July, next meeting is August 6, 10:30-12:30pm

A group of over thirty women share their gift of crocheting and knitting God's love, care and warmth into shawls for those in need of comfort in our parish. The group meets on the first Tuesday morning of each month from 10:30am-12:30pm. Can't make the meeting time? That's okay! You can crochet or knit at home! Contact Elizabeth O'Connor at 704-964-2626 or ejoconnor81@gmail.com. The next meeting is on **Tuesday, August 6** in the Conference Room.

Widows: Side by Side- Will not meet in July, next meeting is August 12, 1:00pm

Side by Side Widow's Group meets next at 1:00pm on **Monday, August 12** in the Conference Room. Contact Jeanne LaFrancis at pastoralassoc@queenoftheapostles.org with any questions.

4th Annual Bottles for Babies

The Knights of Columbus are holding the **4th Annual Bottles for Babies** fundraiser for MiraVia to provide life-skills classes and material goods distribution at Mira Via's Outreach Center. Plastic baby bottles are being collected this weekend. If you would like to write a check, make it payable to "Knights of Columbus Council #11076". Thank you for your support of this important fundraiser.



faithformation

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Information will soon be available with some new programming in religious education and youth programs. **Be on the lookout for a Faith Formation mailer of the new programs and information to register**. For any questions, please contact Anthony at familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org or call the church office.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Let's continue the fun with *Summer Sunday Fun-days!* Youth ages are rising 6th— 12th. Some dates are listed on this page. Connect to our Flocknote group for invites, messages and updates: text **QOAYOUTH23** -24 to the number **84576**. For any questions, please contact Anthony at familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org.



June 30th - Game night (At 5 pm in the MAK)

July 7th - Movie Night (At 5 pm in the MAK)

July 20th - Laser Tag

August 11 - Back to School Bash

August 18th - Charlotte Knights game

Vacation Bible School June 23-27, 5-8pm

Campers—register now! VBS starts next week!

Adult Volunteers still needed!

Please contact Anthony at familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org if you can help with decorating or with the program!

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Reflexión

QUE BUENO ES DARTE GRACIAS SEÑOR. LA SEMILLA ES LA PALABRA DE DIOS

El Reino de Dios se parece a lo que sucede cuando un hombre siembra la semilla. Todo tiene de fondo una intención: el Reino de Dios inaugura en el hombre una nueva vitalidad, y las imágenes que lo representan deben reflejar la vida y el proceso vital. La semilla es esparcida sobre la tierra. El sujeto que ha realizado la siembre no es alguien determinado, puede ser un hombre cualquiera. La semilla es lanzada sobre la tierra. Esto quiere decir que el mensaje está destinado a toda la comunidad. La parábola de esta semilla que crece escondida y silenciosa bajo tierra es un relato exclusivo del Evangelio de Marcos. Esta parábola es la primera que Jesús narra para comparar el Reino de Dios. Esta metáfora de la semilla puede ser calificada también como parábola del agricultor paciente.

Es un signo de admiración, de fe y de confianza en el Espíritu Santo en nuestro trabajo evangelizador; a veces nos desesperamos mucho cuando no vemos los resultados de nuestra acción evangelizadora, queremos resultados rápidos, pero en el plan de Dios está otra visión diferente; lo importante es regar la semilla con entusiasmo, con amor y con esperanzana y Dios hace el resto. Por eso Jesús nos dice: donde se reúnen dos o más en mi nombre, allí estoy Yo en medio de ellos. El no dice, donde hay miles, sino donde está el amor, la perseverancia, la constancia y la presencia del Espíritu Santo y ahí notamos que esa semillita regada con amor, muy pronto dará sus frutos, porque el que la hace crecer el mismo Dios-. Nuestro compromiso es seguir regando la semilla de la Palabra de Dios con mucho amor y sobre todo con nuestro testimonio de vida y siempre haciendo las cosas no por cuenta propia, sino por cumplir la voluntad de Dios. A veces queremos hacer cosas muy grandes, sin embargo, lo que Dios quiere no son los triunfos grandes, sino ver en las cosas más pequeñas los resultados de la presencia de Dios, gracias a esa semillita que yo he sembrado con mucha humildad y amor. Pidámosles al Señor y a la Virgen María que nos ayude a ser humildes y sencillos y siempre sembremos la Palabra de Dios con mucho respeto y mucha fe y que los resultados sólo serán del Señor.

Bendiciones:

P. José Antonio Juya V.

¿Necesita información o asistencia?

¿Necesita información o ayuda para registrarse en español para educación religiosa y/o programas sacramentales? Si es así, puede programar una cita para recibir ayuda. Comuníquese con Reina Chicas al 704-825-9600 ext. 1007.

Bautismo: Este importante signo de iniciación se celebra los sábados por la mañana. Los padres deben completar el programa de preparación. Comuníquese con la oficina de la iglesia al menos dos meses antes de su fecha anticipada para el bautismo.

Matrimonio: Este sacramento proporciona una oportunidad para que una pareja se mantenga como un signo del amor de Dios en la comunidad. Con este fin, un período de preparación es importante y necesario. Comuníquese con la oficina de la iglesia al menos seis meses antes de la fecha de su matrimonio propuesto para comenzar este proceso.

KidZone

KidZone está abierto durante las misas de 9:15 am y 11:15 am para los miembros más jóvenes de nuestra iglesia de 6 meses a 3 años de edad. Se encuentra fuera del Espacio de Reunión al entrar en la iglesia.

