

Ascension of the Lord



This weekend we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. With the apostles we contemplate Jesus being lifted up while a cloud takes him from their sight (Acts 1:9). With Jesus, our humanity is introduced into the glory of the Father. Our true and definitive home is revealed to us: we have been chosen "to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ" (Eph 1:4-5).

And after seeing Jesus ascending into heaven, the apostles "returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God" (Lk 24:53). With them we return to our daily life with great joy to be holy and live as God's adopted children.

The mystery of the Ascension which we celebrate today strengthens the Church in her mission, encourages each of us and in particular inspires the Disciples in our ministry at Queen of Apostles, especially to families.

As we contemplate Jesus entering into heaven, we look intently at the sky. That is the first step in our growth: remember that every gift and fruit comes from heaven, from God. The adventure of life is more about embracing gratefully God's gifts than being "self-made" men. Only God's gift opens up for us a greater horizon beyond our human limitations. And that's great news for family life. Parents are not on their own to love each other, to educate their children, to build up their family as a "domestic Church".

Thus, family life is first a gift and then a task to perform. The Disciples of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary announce this gift to the families so that they can remember their call to be holy. This holiness happens precisely in family life; it is not something strange or exterior to their daily life. Accompanying families we invite them to open their lives to God's gifts, to embrace them and to put them into action. That is the goal of our ministries and programs for the family: Towards a Family Friendly Parish, Cana ministry for couples, Tobias for newlywed couples, Emmaus for high schoolers, Nazareth for children, marriage preparation...

Next weekend we will have the annual DCJM appeal in which we will ask once more for your prayers and financial support for the Disciples in formation. In supporting the formation of new Disciples you help us to equip them with the best tools for a fruitful ministry to the Church and especially families. Thank you so much for your overwhelming generosity in past years and for the sacrifices you make to continue supporting us.

Nourishing Our Souls with Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week: Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
1 Cor 12:3B-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23



Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Masses this Week

Monday, May 9:

6:30 am +Donald Caldwell
9:00 am Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 10:

6:30 am Mother's Day Novena
9:00 am +Gregorio Pereira

Wednesday, May 11:

6:30 am +Kathy Rosini
9:00 am Mother's Day Novena

Thursday, May 12:

6:30 am Mother's Day Novena
9:00 am +Mary Hetsko

Our Lady of Fatima - Friday, May 13:

6:30 am +Roy T. Jenkinson
9:00 am Mother's Day Novena

Saint Matthias, Apostle - Saturday, May 14:

8:00 am Mother's Day Novena
5:00 pm +Demetria and Gavino Monzon
7:00 pm +Maria Rafaela Barrios

Pentecost Sunday, May 15:

7:30 am Mother's Day Novena
9:00 am +Dolores Perez
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Lucia and Jose Antonio Venero

Toward a Family Friendly Parish (TFFP)

Theme for May: **Work**

Mark your calendar for May's TFFP activities in Hannan Hall:

Talk: *Balancing Work and Family Life*

by Jessica Tappel, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington

Friday, **May 13** - 6:30 pm, doors open at 6 pm

Movie: *Monsters, Inc.*

Saturday, **May 14** - 6:00 pm



"You will be My witnesses to the ends of the earth." If you think the Lord may be inviting you to carry on His mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, call Fr. Juan at general @queenofapostles.org, or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

Ascension of the Lord - May 8, 2016 That Catholic mothers will make a home for the Lord in their hearts and in their families, welcoming His call to their children, especially should He honor them with vocations to the priesthood or the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Richard Biava, Kristin Burns, Francis Walter, Eduardo Vega, Teddy Schwab, Patricia León-Duarte, Deborah DuBrul, Kathleen Donohoe, Clarissa Trono De Guzman, Lyda Tanco, Mark Bush, Joseph Covas, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Irma Mori, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Teresa Sabina Piecyk, Bridgetta Jenkins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Teresa Subalusky, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith.

This Week in Our Parish

Ascension of the Lord - Sunday, May 8:

School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Prayer Group
Adoration Chapel	6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

Monday, May 9:

Parish Office	7:00-8:00 pm RCIA
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Tuesday, May 10:

Hannan Hall	10:00 am-12:00 noon Bible Study
Cupertino Room	7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish
Hannan Hall	7:30-9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 11:

Hannan Hall	9:30 am-12:30 pm Women's Group
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group
Parish Office	7:00-9:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday, May 12:

Hannan Hall	6:30-8:00 pm High School Bible Study
Parish Office	6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Church	7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

Friday, May 13:

Adoration Chapel	11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall	6:00-7:30 pm TFFP Speaker - Jessie Tappel
Cupertino Room	7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

Saturday, May 14:

Outside	10:00 am-2:00 pm Knights of Columbus Car Wash
Hannan Hall	1:00-5:00 pm Couples for Christ Meeting
Parish Office	1:00-3:30 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting
School	4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
Hannan Hall	6:00-9:00 pm TFFP Movie Night
School	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir Rehearsal

Pentecost Sunday, May 15:

School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall	9:00 am-7:30 pm Ghana Prayer Group
Church	1:00-1:30 pm Baptisms in English

DCJM Appeal Please note the correct date for the DCJM appeal is **May 15, Pentecost Sunday, not May 22** (as noted on the offertory envelopes).

Car Raffle Winners The winner from our parish for the Car Raffle is Martin Bagley. For the complete list of winners/prizes please go to: bitly.com/AllSaintsRaffle2016

Mark your calendars, May 21st is the 5th year of the Queen of Apostles 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run Please register following the link below:

[https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/](https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/AlexandriaQueenofApostlesEagleRunSoarLikeanEagle)

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You can also join us every Saturday in the school parking lot at 9:00 am for training runs. Contact Maria Marvich, Race Director at mbmarvich@yahoo.com for more information or if you have an interest in sponsoring or showcasing your business.

Congratulations to David and Alexia, students at Queen of Apostles School for winning the Try Prayer! It Works! contest sponsored by the Holy Cross Family Ministries. This ministry promotes and nurtures the spiritual well-being of the family by encouraging family prayer, especially the Rosary. Each year, the contest is conducted in 14 countries. David was the 1st place winner for the 2nd grade category. He received a certificate and a \$100 check. Alexia won 3rd place for the 5th grade category and received a certificate and a set of DVDs. Holy Cross Family Ministries also gave \$100 to our school.

KOVAR Tootsie Roll Drive On May 21 and 22, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations after Masses for its annual KOVAR tootsie roll drive. All money raised is used for grants that help finance and furnish group homes, purchase vehicles, support training, sponsor Special Olympics, and support other efforts to aid God's special people. KOVAR is a 100% volunteer run charity and has been certified "Best in America" by Independent Charities of America. Additional information on KOVAR can be found at www.kovarva.net.

Peregrinación Radio Maria esta organizando una Peregrinación a La Medalla Milagrosa en Philadelphia, Pennsylvania el día **14 de Mayo 2016**. Salimos a las 6 am y estaremos de regreso a las 10 pm. Sale un bus de Seven Corners y otro de Manassas Mall. Para más información y para registrarse llamar al (703) 379-0252. Valor del boleto: \$40.00. Por favor traigan su propio refrigerio.

Group Evening with Bishop Loverde for Victims/Survivors of Sexual Abuse Bishop Paul Loverde cordially invites victims/survivors of sexual abuse and their spouse or support person to a Support group evening on **May 17** at St. Ann Catholic Church in Arlington. The evening begins at 5:45 pm and consists of a light meal, group discussion, followed by a prayer service. Due to the nature and sensitivity of the subject, this event is for victims/survivors and a spouse/support person only. Please RSVP by **May 13** to the Office of Victim Assistance at (703) 841-2530.

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



Congratulations to the 51 students who received First Holy Communion on Saturday. May they continue to draw closer to the Lord in regular reception of His Body and Blood. Thank you to the teachers, parents and volunteers who have been instrumental in the faith formation of these young people.

Corpus Christi Mass and Procession, May 29, 12 noon All students and families are invited to participate in the Corpus Christi Mass and Procession on Sunday, **May 29**. Students and adults, especially those who received Sacraments this year, are asked to wear the robe or dress clothes. The Procession that follows the 12 noon Mass, is a parish witness to the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for the 2016-2017 Religious Education (RE) Program is open

Queen of Apostles offers RE classes from kindergarten (age 5 by Sept.) through high school. Classes taught in English, are held on Sundays from 9-10:15 am in QoA School, **Sept. 11, 2016 - June 4, 2017**. Parish families and returning students are given first opportunity to register. Tuition is: \$70 for 1 child; \$120 for 2 children; \$150 for 3+ children in the same family. To register, stop by the Parish Office (4329 Sano Street) Monday - Friday, or on Sundays during RE class.