

Pentecost at Queen of Apostles



Today we celebrate Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the Apostles giving birth to the Church. For our Queen of Apostles family this is a very special day, because this title of Mary points to the mystery of Pentecost which our sanctuary represents so beautifully.

The Disciples, the religious priests serving QofA family, also have a special connection with Pentecost. On this very same day when the Church was born we were established in the Church as a Religious Institute of Diocesan

right. It is so meaningful for the Disciples to serve at Queen of Apostles!

Our parish mission statement expresses how the Disciples understand our service to the parish family: "Under the protection of our Blessed Mother and guided by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to form disciples of Christ by: Equipping parishioners with spiritual resources that will lead to deep spiritual growth; Inspiring families to embrace joyfully their vocation to holiness; Encouraging the faithful to use their time, talent and treasure to the glory of God; and Introducing people outside the Church to the joy and beauty of the Gospel".

The Disciples strive to advance the awareness of being a family. The Church itself is the family and the home Jesus prepared for us. "The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God" (Rom 8:16). In our ministry at QofA, with this focus on family life, we work to equip parishioners with spiritual resources for their spiritual growth. Through preaching, celebration of the sacraments, teaching, leading or supporting ministries we invite you to open wide your hearts to the guidance of the Holy Spirit: "For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God" (Rom 8:14).

To educate the heart is an essential part of our mission, because "The heart is the seat of moral personality" (Catechism Catholic Church 2517), it is the very core of human relationships where we make the most fundamental decisions: "The spiritual tradition of the Church also emphasizes the heart, in the biblical sense of the depths of one's being, where the person decides for or against God" (CCC 368). The Disciples want to be your "heart-smith", the skilled silversmiths making more beautiful the jewels of divine gifts you have received.

Learning from Jesus and Mary's hearts we want to partner with the Holy Spirit in that divine transformation that he works in your hearts: to make you children of God; to teach you to cry "Abba, Father" (Rom 8:15), to live not in the flesh but in the spirit (Rom 8:9).

Nourishing Our Souls with Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Prv 8:22-31 Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15



Pentecost Sunday

Masses this Week

Monday, May 16:

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

Tuesday, May 17:

6:30 am +Margaret Martin
9:00 am +Harold Baker

Wednesday, May 18:

6:30 am (L) Pat Hoban Moore
9:00 am +Roger Laffly

Thursday, May 19:

6:30 am +Roy T. Jenkinson
9:00 am +Peter Murtha

Friday, May 20:

6:30 am +Meskerem Girma
9:00 am +Roy T. Jenkinson

Saturday, May 21:

8:00 am +Margaret Juntwait
5:00 pm +David Trask
7:00 pm +Guillermo Amaya

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - Sunday, May 22:

7:30 am +Francis Lynch
9:00 am +Mr. and Mrs. George and Anna Hatala
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Joseph E. Mazur



DCJM Appeal This weekend, the parish will conduct an appeal through the second collection for the DCJM. Your generosity in giving to this appeal is an opportunity to support the Disciples and to benefit the formation of future Disciple Priests.

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

"The Spirit gave them ability." Is the Holy Spirit preparing you to share the Lord's mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org, or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or jjaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

Pentecost Sunday - May 15, 2016 That one with the Blessed Virgin Mary, in whose company the Apostles received the Holy Spirit, those now discerning their vocations will grow in their ability to recognize the Lord's call and respond with generous hearts, 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

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

Monday, May 16:

Parish Office 7:00-8:00 pm RCIA

Tuesday, May 17:

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 18:

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group
Parish Office 7:30-8:45 pm Baptism Class in Spanish

Thursday, May 19:

Hannan Hall 9:00 am-12:00 noon Craft Group
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 20:

Adoration Chapel 11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall 3:30-5:30 pm Nazareth Group
Cupertino Room 7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

Saturday, May 21:

School 8:00 am-2:00 pm 5k and IFEST
Parish Office 1:00-3:30 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting
School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir Rehearsal
Hannan Hall 7:30-9:30 pm High School Apostolic Project

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - Sunday, May 22:

School 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group
Adoration Chapel 6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group
Church 7:30-8:30 pm Annual Diocesan Holy Hour

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.

The annual International Festival will follow the run and include great food, international booths and rides.

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.



Corpus Christi Mass and Procession May 29 after 12 noon Mass

Students and families are invited and encouraged 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.

"O God-Man present in this sacrament for me — what a comfort, what a privilege to know I kneel before God! And to think that this God loves me!... Mary, my mother, help me to love him in return."

St. Alphonsus Liguori

QUEEN OF APOSTLES 2016 SUMMER EXCHANGE PROGRAM STELLA MARIS

More parish families are needed to host students from Spain! Please consider opening your home to a student from Spain who will be participating in the Summer Exchange Program, July 2-30, 2016 at Queen of Apostles. If your family cannot host a student for 4 weeks, hosting a student for 2 weeks is an option. Families hosting a student must complete a background check and attend a VIRTUS seminar. For more information contact s.gray@queenofapostles.org or call (703) 354-8711.

May 15 is the last day of Religious Education classes. Thank you for your commitment to your child's Catholic faith formation. 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.

Nazareth, open to students in grades 4-8, meets on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 3:45 to 5:30 pm in Hannan Hall. Nazareth is an opportunity for youth to grow in faith, meet other students and have fun. The next Nazareth meeting is on **May 20**.

Vacation Bible School We will be "Surfin' with the Holy Spirit"! Save the dates: **Jun. 27 - Jul. 1** from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. (If you will be 18 on Jun. 18, you will need to be VIRTUS Compliant. Please contact the rectory for paperwork and information on training.) For current fifth graders through adults interested in participating, there will be two preparation meetings: Saturday, **Jun. 18** from 1 to 4 pm starting in the school library, and Saturday, **Jun. 25** from 1 to 8 pm. Please contact vbs@queenofapostles.org for more information.

Seeking Storage Space If you have a garage or a storage space where furniture and household goods can be stored until fall when items will be donated to Monsignor Beiting's Appalachia Mission, please call Karen at (703) 671-0089. Thank you!

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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 Saint Joseph**.