



St. Joseph the Worker, pray for us.

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

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Masses on Saturday: 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (in Spanish)
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,
12 Noon, 2:00 pm (Ghana Community)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 6:30 am and 9:00 am
No 6:30 am Mass on Federal Holidays
Saturday: 8:00 am

HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE

Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 7:00-7:30 am
Wednesday: 6:30 pm until last penitent
Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm during Holy Hour
Saturday: 4:00-5:00 pm and 6:00-7:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30-9:00 am and 10:00-10:30 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 7 am through Saturday 7:45 am

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Mrs. Jodi Reagan, Principal
Mrs. 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.

Way of St. James, Pilgrimage to Spain In June, young men will travel with Fr. Juan and Mr. Ketchmark to Madrid to visit the DCJM House of Formation and walk/hike ~140 miles of the Camino de Santiago. As you pray for Billy, Christopher, Daniel, Deion, Erki, Matthew, Nicholas, and Vincent during this journey of faith, they will be praying for you and your intentions. Please place only prayer intentions in the green box located in the church vestibule. Please join the pilgrims for a delicious homemade pancake breakfast on Sunday, **May 6** starting at 8:30 am.

Financial contributions, brought to the parish office, may be made by cash or check, payable to Queen of Apostles with "Spain Pilgrimage" on the memo line. You may donate by credit card through Faith Direct and making a one-time donation at: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/VA324>.

Nazareth Girls and boys in grades 5-8 are invited to join Nazareth, a Queen of Apostles middle school program. Generally, Nazareth is held on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month: **May 4, May 18, and Jun. 1**. Sign-in begins at 3:45 pm in Hannan Hall with activities beginning at 4 pm. Parent sign-out/pick-up is at 5:30 pm.

Emmaus Emmaus, for high school and young college students, meets with Fr. Juan on Saturday evenings, 8:30-10 pm at Christendom College/Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street) for fellowship, activities, faith discussion, and prayer.

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **May 6** bulletin is Monday, **Apr. 30** by 9 am. Please email announcements to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

Host Families for Students from Spain Queen of Apostles seeks host families to house students from Spain in the summer. This is the fourth year of the Summer Program with the Stella Maris School. We are grateful for all the families who have hosted in the past. If interested in hosting this year, please contact the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or email general@queenofapostles.org.

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

Religious Education Registration for the **2018-2019** Religious Education school year is open to students in kindergarten (age 5) through high school. Classes meet on Sundays, 9:00-10:15 am in the School, **Sep-Jun**.

Because each year builds on the next year of faith formation, students must attend at least 2 consecutive years of Religious Education before a Sacrament is administered and have no more than three absences in the school year. A student is to show evidence of desire and preparation for a Sacrament. Generally, First Penance/First Holy Communion is received in grade 2 and higher. Confirmation is received in grade 8 and higher. Parish and returning families are given priority in Religious Education enrollment.

Registration forms are available on Sunday mornings or from the parish office. New students need to provide birth and baptismal certificates. Tuition may be paid by check or cash. Thank you for considering the Religious Education Program at Queen of Apostles.

Families with unbaptized children who are under the age of 7 years old should contact the parish office to make arrangements for baptism.

Sacrament of Holy Communion:

On Monday, **May 7** at 6:30 pm, there is a mandatory practice in the church for School and Religious Education students and parents attending the **May 12** First Holy Communion Mass in English. On Friday, **May 11** at 6:30 pm, there is a mandatory practice in the church for Religious Education students and parents attending the **May 12** Mass in Spanish.

RCIA Classes in English and Spanish For adults enrolled in the current RCIA school year, the last days of class are **Jun. 4** (English) and **Jun. 6** (Spanish).

The Profession of Faith for our RCIA-registered baptized Christians is **May 6** during the 9 am Mass at Queen of Apostles.

Adult Confirmation for our RCIA-registered baptized Catholics is **May 20** at 2:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, or **Jun. 10** at 2:30 pm at St. Andrew in Clifton.

Vacation Bible School This summer we will focus on God the Father, and celebrate a "Circus of Stars" **Jul. 9-13** from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Registration information coming soon. Volunteers are needed. Contact vbs@queenofapostles.org.



Pastor's Letter

In the Light Of the Master

As we move forward in the Eastertide we continue reading St. John's Gospel. Today is the allegory of the vine and the branches, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit [...] I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing..." (Jn 15:1-8).

How can we remain in Christ? It is again St. John: "Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them" (1 Jn 3:24). To remain in Christ is more than love God above all. It is also to love neighbor. "Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth" (1 Jn 3:18).

This Sunday's readings introduce us in Pope Francis' third chapter of *Gaudete et Exultate* (Rejoice and Be Glad). Entitled "In the Light Of the Master", the pope explains how to love in deed and truth: the beatitudes and the works of mercy.

In the words of St. John Paul the Great, "The Beatitudes are not specifically concerned with certain particular rules of behavior. Rather, they speak of basic attitudes and dispositions in life... their originality and profundity they are a sort of self-portrait of Christ, and for this very reason are invitations to discipleship and to communion of life with Christ" (Veritatis Splendor 16).

Pope Francis will offer a brief comment on the eight beatitudes, reminding us that "they clearly run counter to the way things are usually done in our world. Even if we find Jesus' message attractive, the world pushes us towards another way of living" (GE 65). If we follow Jesus, we go "against the flow" (GE 65).

After discussing the beatitudes he goes to the final judgement (Mt 25:35-36): "If we seek the holiness pleasing to God's eyes, this text offers us one clear criterion on which we will be judged. 'I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink...'" (GE 95).

He finishes the chapter reminding us of the risk of the media alienating us from others and the saint's testimony: "When we allow ourselves to be caught up in superficial information, instant communication and virtual reality, we can waste precious time and become indifferent to the suffering flesh of our brothers and sisters [...] The powerful witness of the saints is revealed in their lives, shaped by the Beatitudes and the criterion of the final judgement. Jesus' words are few and straightforward, yet practical and valid for everyone, for Christianity is meant above all to be put into practice" (GE 108-109).

Rule of Life: Sanctifying Ordinary Work

Sanctifying one's work is no fantastic dream, but the mission of every Christian – yours and mine. –That is what that lathe-worker had discovered, when he said: "I am overwhelmed with happiness when I think how true it is that while I am working at the lathe and singing – singing all the time, on the outside and on the inside – I can become a saint. How good God is!" (St. Josemaría Escrivá, Furrow #517).

Practices to Sanctifying your ordinary work:

- † **Include intentionally your work in your morning offering and in your bedtime prayer.** In the morning, to offer it up to God and to ask for his blessing so you do a good work. In the night, to give thanks for the fruit of your work and to ask forgiveness for your shortcomings.
- † **"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy"** (Ex 20:8). On Sunday, give thanks for the work of the week and the good you've done, as you rest and celebrate it.
- † **Weekly, set aside for God your first work hour's income.** Give it to offer a Mass, Charities, offertory...
- † **When you arrive home after work, give thanks to God** for one thing you have achieved and share it with your family while saying grace over dinner or family night prayer.

This Week In Our Parish

Fifth Sunday of Easter - April 29:

School 9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Notre Dame Graduate School 9:00-11:00 am
Hogares de Santa Maria
Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group
Parish Office 6:00-7:30 pm Financial Peace University

Monday, April 30:

Cupertino Room 7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
Hannan Hall 7:00-8:30 pm Heads of Ministries Mtg.
Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in English

Tuesday, May 1:

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 2:

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

Thursday, May 3:

Parish Office 6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Hannan Hall 6:30-9:00 pm Caminantes de Emaus
Church 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour
School 9:00-10:30 pm St. Joseph Men's Group

Friday, May 4:

Adoration Chapel 11:00 am-12 noon Children's
Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall 3:00-6:00 pm Nazareth
Hannan Hall 5:30-8:30 pm Homeschoolers Group
School 6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym

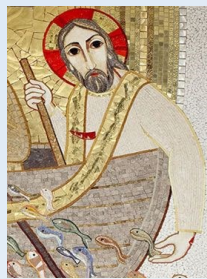
Saturday, May 5:

School 10 am-2:30 pm International Festival
School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir
Notre Dame Graduate School 8:30-10:00 pm Emmaus

Domestic Church Day Join fellow Catholic couples and families for a Domestic Church Day on Saturday, **May 5**, 1-6 pm at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. This half-day family retreat features a talk by Catholic psychologist Dr. Lisa Klewicki, on "Parenting in the Modern World: Balancing Bonding and Boundaries." The retreat includes fun catechesis for children and teens, a Sunday Vigil Mass, and Cinco-de-Mayo themed family games and food (a substantial snack, but not a full meal). Cost is \$20 per family and \$10 per couple. Free parking. Visit www.domesticchurchday.eventbrite.com to register.

Announcing Coach Jeff's Blacktop Basketball Camp at QofA School Gym, June 25-29, 9 am - 4 pm daily Cost \$150 per camper. For children ages 8-15 & all skill levels. Coach Jeff's camp emphasizes teamwork, conditioning and player development. To enroll your child or for more info., please email Kim Battaglia, levineka@hotmail.com. Email should include: 1) Your first & last name; 2) Your best phone number; 3) Child's first & last name; 4) Child's Age; and 5) Child's t-shirt size. Checks should be made payable to Blacktop Sports Club and should be mailed to Kim Battaglia at 4608 Brookside Dr., Alexandria, VA 22312.

Vocations



"Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action."

Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Love demands truth and action. Contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at jjaffe@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Fifth Sunday of Easter For a deeper faith, hope and love among all Christians in Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life, and among those He is calling to His works as a priest, deacon or consecrated religious, we pray to the Lord.

New Moms Club Spring is finally here, and with it, awesome weather! Join other moms from the parish with babies, pre-schoolers, and beyond at local parks to get those kiddos out of the house and meet some new friends! Email Shannon at qoamoms@gmail.com to learn more!

Women's Group The Women's Group will be holding their monthly meeting on **May 9** at 10 am in Hannan Hall. The speakers for the meeting will be announced at a later date.

ACCA (Annandale Christian Community for Action) Thank You to the parishioners who responded to the request for volunteers to help with the Refugee Family that ACCA is planning to sponsor. Additional volunteers are needed. Please call Karen Barnoski at (703) 256-4088. Anyone wishing to volunteer with ACCA or to learn more about the organization can check the website at accacares@verizon.org.

ACCA Rebuilding Together A special Thank You to all who assisted with the Rebuilding Project by providing lunch for the volunteers or helping with work at the house.

ACCA Solemn Vespers and Conferral of Papal Honors Please join Bishop Burbidge and his brother priests for Solemn Vespers and the Conferral of Papal Honors upon Rev. Msgr. Robert Avella, Rev. Msgr. John Cregan and Rev. Msgr. Stanley Krempa on Sunday, **May 6** at 7 pm at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More in Arlington. Each of these priests will receive the honor of being named "Chaplain to His Holiness" and be presented with the title of Monsignor as decreed by Pope Francis. A reception will follow in Burke Hall.



QofA School's International Festival

Queen of Apostles School invites you to its 2018 International Festival, a musical and culinary tour of the many cultures that make up our community. This year's festival is **May 5**, from 10 am to 2:30 pm. Join us for food, singing, games, cultural activities, and more! Parishioners are invited to donate food from the country of their choice or volunteer; sign up for food at bit.ly/IFESTFood. Food and event tickets sold at the door.

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8



Adorers Needed Adorers are needed (on a weekly basis) on Monday, 11 am to 12 noon. If you are able to be a scheduled Adorer on a regular basis, contact Nenita De Guzman at (703) 354-8711 or n.deguzman@queenofapostles.org.

Adorers are needed (on a weekly basis) on Thursday 2 pm-3 pm, and Friday 3 pm-4 pm. If you are able to be a scheduled Adorer on a regular basis, contact Rosalie Mainey at (703) 256-5765 or rosalieam@msn.com.

Women's Group Day of Prayer Join the Women's Group on a day of prayer at the Washington Retreat House. The topic of the day will be: "Rejoice and Be Glad-Mary, Pope Francis and our call to holiness." All are welcome. The cost is \$60 per person and includes transportation, snack, and lunch. Last day to sign up is **May 7**. For more information, contact Estela Prieto at (703) 354-4767, estelaprieto45@gmail.com or Debbie Fornaciari at (703) 914-5417, dfornaciariwand@aol.com.

Knights of Columbus Weekend at QofA A busy weekend for the parish family and the Knights of Columbus family. All current Knights and their families are invited and encouraged to participate in Pope John Paul II Council 4522's Corporate Communion to be held in conjunction with the Noon Mass this Sunday. Current Knights, and those wishing to become Knights will be seated together with their families during Mass, and receive Holy Communion together. Immediately following the conclusion of the Noon Mass, the Knights, led by Sir Knight, Fr. Leopoldo, will pray the Rosary. All parish members are invited to remain after Mass and participate in this prayerful event.

The Knights will also be out in force throughout the vestibule and side exits extending an invitation to any Catholic gentlemen to join their Order. Please strongly consider joining their Order of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. And an excellent example of that Charity will be on display, as the Knights will be collecting your generous donations for KOVAR, a local charity that provides for intellectually challenged individuals right here in Virginia—all in exchange for those famous "Tootsie Rolls!"

Serra Club of Arlington - Trip to Rome Join Fr. Robert Rippy, Chaplain of the Arlington Serra Club on a pilgrimage to Rome **Sep. 24-Oct. 4, 2018**. Non-stop flights from Washington, Dulles to Rome. 9 nights at the Guillo Cesare Hotel, including daily breakfast. Two lunches and two dinners included. Daily Mass, Papal Audience and Ordination, transportation throughout. Guided tours of Rome, as well as Assisi, Tivoli, Pompei, Castel Gondolfo, and Albano. Tour cost (based on 30 participants) \$3709 double-occupancy. Deposit by **May 1**; final payment by **Jun. 22**. Contact Maureen Cook, Liberty Travel to confirm your trip: (215) 972-0200, cookm@libertytravel.com.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Masses this Week

Fifth Sunday of Easter - April 29:

7:30 am (L) Fr. John O'Donohue
9:00 am +Lydia Ramsden
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm (L) Pizagno and Pisano Families

St. Pius V - Monday, April 30:

6:30 am (L) Fr. Steven Walker
9:00 am +Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thach, Sr.

St. Joseph the Worker - Tuesday, May 1:

6:30 am (L) Jim Bailey
9:00 am +Marcus Canavan

St. Athanasius - Wednesday, May 2:

6:30 am +Sandra Million
9:00 am +John Hetsko

Sts. Philip and James - Thursday, May 3:

6:30 am +Fidel and Irene Mercado
9:00 am +George Davis and (L) Betty Jane Davis

Friday, May 4:

6:30 am +Souls in Purgatory
9:00 am (L) Ludovica Cook

Saturday, May 5:

8:00 am (L) Carmen Dupuy
5:00 pm Living and Deceased Members
of the Davis Family
7:00 pm +Peter Au

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 6:

7:30 am +Carmen Solis
9:00 am +Dolores Perez
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Carmen Solis

*Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.*



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Kevin Bonko, Bernardo Bustamante, Virginia Shea, Frank A. Marciniak, Margaret Cihak, Marion Jacobeen, Joseph Lipari, Paul Cook, Rosa María Santos, Carmelita Mate, Leonor Cabrestane, Roger Trozado, Michael McSherry, Daniel O'Donohue, Jeanie Miller, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks Ruth Foreman and Baby, Charles Ferris, John Harchick, Jr., Dominic Blansett, Daisy Atiyeh, Dick Owens, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Etelvina and Patricia León-Duarte, Catherine Hanniff, Kristi Burns, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith