# QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 13, 2021



#### **CLERGY**

Fr. Alexander Díaz, Pastor Fr. Joseph Rampino, Parochial Vicar Deacon Richard C. Caporiccio Deacon Vincent Kapral

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 8:00 am, 5:00 & 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm 1:30 pm (Spanish) 3:00 pm (Ghana Community Mass)

Monday-Friday: 6:30 & 9:00 am

#### **CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

Wednesday: 8:30-9:00 am Thursday: 7:00 pm until last penitent Friday: 6:30 pm until last penitent Saturday: 3:30 pm until last penitent

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Wednesday 8:30 am-8pm Thursday: 7:00-8:00 pm

#### **OFFICE & GIFT SHOP HOURS**

Mon-Fri, 9:30 am-12 pm; 12:30 pm to 5 pm



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#### **SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:**

Mon – Thurs, 8:00 am – 3:15 pm Friday, 8:00 am – 2:15 pm

#### **STAFF**

Anne Arias, Principal Maria Fox, Secretary Fr. Joseph Rampino, Chaplain

Phone: (703) 354-0714



With Mary, "the first disciple of her son" (Redemptoris Mater, 20), Queen of Apostles Catholic School is rooted in faith, excellence, and joy. We flourish by embracing our call to holiness, advancing in virtue and academics, and cultivating the many talents God has given us.

#### **PASTOR'S LETTER**

Greetings dear brothers and sisters,

We are now in Ordinary Time and during this time, we meditate on the ministry of the public life of Jesus. The Master instructs us and shows us the beauty and simplicity of the Kingdom of God. Today, this Sunday precisely, presents us with two images of great spiritual intensity: the parable of the growth of the seed and the parable of the mustard seed, with these He seeks to extend the kingdom of God among us, and if we meditate carefully we will discover that these parables continue to resonate in our modern minds because behind the sowing of the seed, watering and reaping, we intuit what Jesus is telling us: God has planted something divine in our hearts; God wants to live and grow within us. Let us seek God's wisdom and obey His inner indications; if we do, then our life will acquire strength and an intensity difficulty to imagine, and we will be able to grow in wisdom, grace, and holiness.

This summer, I want to inform you that we will have the joy and privilege of having a seminarian from our diocese in our parish. His name is Alfredo Tuesta. Alfredo has finished his second year of Pre-Theology at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Pennsylvania. He will begin his stay in our parish Monday, June 7. I hope we welcome him and make him feel like family. I thank Bishop and the Office of Vocations for their trust in our parish. Alfredo will dedicate his time to give some formation sessions to our liturgical ministries during his stay with us, and I invite you to participate. In the coming days, we will provide you with more information about these formation sessions.

Friday, June 11, is the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Saint John Paul II said that "this feast recalls the mystery of the Love that God harbors for men of all times," therefore, it is a special day to meditate on how much love God has for each one of us. Also, on this day, the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priest is celebrated. Through our priests, God guides us and accompanies us and especially feeds us with the Eucharist and comforts and heals us with the sacraments given to us through them. I ask you to offer a prayer for the sanctification of the priests of our diocese and those of the whole world. Let us ask Jesus to give us healthy, wise, and holy Priests to continue showing His love to the world.

Finally, I thank all of you who supported the parish during the time of the pandemic through your weekly donations; without your help, the parish would not have been able to move forward. Thanks to your generous heart, many changes and reparations have been made in our sanctuary and other parish building areas. I also thank all those who continue to send their donations for the Capital Campaign. God bless you; there is still a lot to do! I hope next year to finish the projects with which this initiative began. I also invite those who have not yet made a promise to do so. We needed to complete these work projects.

I wish you all a blessed week, and I ask the heart of Jesus to show his love and mercy to all.

Fr. Alex



Mike McAleer from LPi will be in our office the week of June 21, working on securing new ads for the advertisement section of our bulletin. We need your help! Please consider purchasing an ad for a business, family, charity, or in Memory of a Loved One.

If you would like to run an ad or would like more information, please call Mike before his visit at (412) 855-8013 or via e-mail to mmcaleer@4lpi.com.

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#### **FAITH FORMATION**



#### **Religious Education Information**

We wish our Religious Education families a restful and blessed summer. Classes will resume on **September 12**, **2021**.

Pictures from the May 22 First Holy Communion Masses are ready for viewing in the parish office. Also, certificates are available for pickup. Please come by the parish office during the week, Mon-Fri, 9:30am - 12 Noon, 12:30-4:30pm to view/order photos and to obtain your child's First Holy Communion certificate.

Registration for the 2021-2022 Religious Education school year is open! Current Religious Education families are asked to register for the next school year by August 1. Stop by the parish office (4329 Sano St), M-F, 9:30am-5pm. or complete the registration form: https://queenofapostles.org/religiouseducation/. The Religious Education Program at Oueen of Apostles is available to parish youth in grades kindergarten (age 5) - high school. In-person classes will be held on Sunday mornings, 10:30-11:45am beginning on September 12. 2021. Queen of Apostles parishioners and returning students are given priority for Religious Education enrollment. Class size is limited as we balance safety protocols with student learning and faith formation. Non-parishioners will be placed on a wait list until Aug 1, 2021. The registration form and tuition are to be submitted together. Birth and baptismal certificates for new students are to be provided at the time of registration. Because each year builds on the next year of faith formation, students must attend at least two consecutive years of Religious Education before a grade/ age-appropriate Sacrament is administered, have no more than three absences during the school year, and score at least 70% on tests. Generally, baptized children receive First Penance/ First Holy Communion in grade 2 and higher and Confirmation is received in grade 8 and higher. A student is to show evidence of desire and preparation for a Sacrament. Families with unbaptized children under the age of 7 years old are to contact the parish office, 703-354-8711 or general@queenofapostles.org. Thank you for considering our program. In concert with parents, Religious Education is an opportunity for your child to live the Catholic faith by learning to pray, knowing the Bible, learning Scripture, and preparing for and living the Sacraments.

#### **RCIA**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults join or complete his/her initiation into the Roman Catholic Church. If interested in attending RCIA for the next school year, **Sept 2021-June 2022**, please contact Susan Gray or talk with a priest.

#### **Altar Servers**

The June altar server schedule has been sent. If your son (grade 4 and above) is willing to serve at Holy Mass, please contact Susan Gray or Fr. Rampino. Generally, boys serve every other weekend. Boys who are serving Mass are asked to arrive no less than 15 min before Mass, wear dress shoes, use the upper sacristy, wear a facemask if preferred, and wait for the priest. Thank you for your service.

#### Catechist, Aides, and Volunteers for RE

For the 2021-2022 RE school year, we seek practicing Catholics who love the Catholic faith and want to help develop the faith in our youth. As sowers of the Gospel, catechists ,aides, substitutes, and volunteers are needed on Sunday mornings for in-person classes. Class time is 75 mins and planning time is about 1-2 hours/week. All are welcome to apply to serve this ministry. We provide you with materials, support, and opportunities to attend Diocesan and parish workshops and obtain certification. Attendance at a Virtus seminar and completion of Virginia Background Check paperwork are required. On **Aug 28**, Fr. Rampino will lead a workshop for catechists that will review the Pope's recent "motu proprio" and the establishment of the lay ministry of catechist. If interested, please contact Susan Gray.

#### **Summer Faith Adventure**

Although QofA will not be hosting a Vacation Bible School (VBS) this summer, your children might enjoy this FREE VBS available through Holy Heroes, an engaging and excellent resource for Catholic kids. SUMMER FAITH ADVENTURE is a FREE weeklong program of daily emails that include videos, games, activities, coloring pages, and fun recipes! Scan here to sign up today!



#### 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 or on our website <u>queenofapostles.org</u>. Parish registration forms are available in the Church vestibule and at the Parish Office, located at 4329 Sano Street.

Please notify the Parish Office of any family status changes or if you have moved outside the parish by contacting (703) 354-8711 ext. 10, or <a href="mailto:general@queenofapostles.org">general@queenofapostles.org</a>

### PARISH LIFE

#### Masses This Week

#### Sunday, June 13:

8:00 am +Betty and Arlene Quinn

Living and Deceased Parishioners 10:00 am

12:00 pm (L) Fr. Joseph Rampino

+Gonzalo Chinchon and Constantina 1:30 pm

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Monday, June 14:

6:30 am +Heriberto Morales 9:00 am +Buenaventura Sian

Tuesday, June 15:

+James and Peter Holdsworth 6:30 am 9:00 am +Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rebovitch

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Wednesday, June 16:

6:30 am (L) Tommy Mendez 9:00 am +Imelda Agtarap

Thursday, June 17:

(L) Adeluwoye Family 6:30 am +Walter Benson 9:00 am

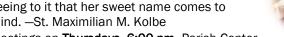
Friday, June 18:

+Joseph B. Adeluwoye 6:30 am 9:00 am +Peter Tao Nguyen

Saturday, June 19:

8:00 am +Pauline Morton 5:00 pm Father's Day Novena +Rigoberto Contrerras 7:00 pm

**Legion of Mary** Praises of Mary: When we go before the Blessed Sacrament, never fail to remember Mary's presence, calling on her and associating ourselves with her, at least seeing to it that her sweet name comes to mind. -St. Maximilian M. Kolbe



Meetings on Thursdays, 6:00 pm, Parish Center

#### **Young Adult Series** with Fr. Rampino

Fr. Rampino is offering a series of talks for the young adults this

June on the great commandment to love. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and all your strength. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mk 12:30-31). Talks will be in Hannan Hall at 7:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided. Bring your friends!

June 15 - "Love of Neighbor: How do we truly love others?"

June 22 - "Love of Self: What is a proper love of self?"

Contact Bridget Mullen with any questions at bmullen007@gmail.com

Have you signed up for Parish electronic giving through Faith **Direct?** To join Faith Direct, start by simply focusing your phone camera on this OR code! You can also visit faithdirect.net and enroll

online using our Parish code: VA234

Thank you for your support!





#### **IMPORTANT** announcement regarding

Baptism classes Pre-Baptismal Classes used to be held on two Wednesdays during the month at 7:30 pm in Hannan Hall. They will now take place on the first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the Parish Office Conference Room. You must register in order to attend the class. Once registered, we will give you a confirmation ticket email that you must show the instructor prior to entry. Families who are not baptizing their children here must pay a \$10 fee.

NEW Dates for 2021 Classes in English: July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7.

**Adoration Chapel** After over a year, we can finally slowly reopen our beautifully renovated Adoration Chapel! However, in order to keep it open, we need parishioners to commit to at least an hour on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday beginning July 1. Please contact the Parish Office ASAP.

Weekly Emails Want to receive Parish updates and announcements directly to your email inbox? Sign up for our weekly emails sent every Friday by contacting the Parish Office or visiting our website queenofapostles.org today!

# The Abbate Agency presents

# Benefits Available for Catholics



Join us for an informative live presentation by Bob Abbate, the general agent for The Abbate Agency. The Abbate Agency is consistently a top 10 agency in the Knights of Columbus. Bob has earned many designations over his career, including Fraternal Insurance Counselor (FIC), Certified Senior Advisor (CSA), and Life Underwriting Training Council Fellow (LUTCF). He is also a lifetime member of the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT), an international organization that recognizes the top one percent of financial professionals.

All are invited to this informative seminar to better their understanding of benefits available to Catholics through the Knights of Columbus. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone in the community to learn more. It is open to the entire community.

Bob will be speaking about many of the features and benefits inherent in Knights of Columbus membership including: Knights of Columbus Founding Principles and facts - Fraternal Benefits - Life Insurance - Retirement Annuities - Long Term Care Insurance - Disability Income Insurance - and more.

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus: The Abbate Agency

Date: June 16, 2021 Time: 7:00 pm

Where: Online via zoom

Registration link: june16.abbatekofc.com





### Gospel Commentary for 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Growing at the Lord's Pace

By Fr. Joseph Rampino

If we were to come up with a list of the defining marks of American culture, I am fairly well convinced that a demand for and expectation of efficiency might make the top five. We often, even unconsciously, value ourselves and others according to productivity and ability to complete our to-do lists, our ability to accomplish and achieve in the outside world, or to order and care for in our home lives. We believe that effort should correspond directly to results. We expect things to happen according to our schedules, for the fulfillment all our desires to be available to us at whatever moment we chose, and when our drive for efficiency is blocked, by our own humanity, by others in our homes, by people at work, or by the outside world, how quickly frustration sets in! Has that not been one of the major difficulties of the pandemic, once any initial enjoyment of a slower life had faded away?

Yet, when Christ tells us parables about the Kingdom of Heaven, about the life of grace, our life with the Lord in His Church, He uses a set of images that run counter to our desire for clear and timely results. He says to us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like seed that grows of its own accord. The farmer may tend the fields, but he cannot make the seed grow or ripen. The seed grows as God wills, according to the almost imperceptible pace of the natural world. Only at the very end is the long-awaited result clear. He tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven begins as small as the mustard seed, easily missed or overlooked, and only after years of silent growth, again accomplished by God and not any other person, does it become large and strong enough to bear the weight of the birds.

What does this all mean for us? It means that we must accept that growth in our spiritual lives, in the life of the parish or the Church, will grow at God's pace, and that we may not be able to hurry it along by simply working harder. Sometimes the Lord will permit quick growth, easily seen, like the grain finally appearing in the ear. Most of the time, He works in silence, purifying, humbling, and strengthening us, like stalks of young wheat that have to endure the wind and rain while the roots dig deep enough to support the full weight of the mature plant. Our job is not to force spiritual growth anywhere, in ourselves or in others. It is to tend the ground of our soul so that God Himself can give the growth when He pleases.

This regular maintenance of our souls, undertaken through Sunday and daily Mass, our daily prayers, scripture reading, the Rosary, regular confession, spiritual reading, and discipline, is not usually exciting. A calm and regular parish life does not carry all of the promise of immediate catharsis or progress that a big retreat weekend or flashy pastoral activities might, as good as those things certainly can be in moderation. But it is the regular quiet work that we do, simply tending to the souls we have been given day in and day out, that makes the greatest fruits possible. We of course must ask for the grace to persevere through dry periods, through trials and crises, through the quietest moments, when we might wonder what it's all worth, but if we reach out for that help, the Lord who is faithful we give us what we need to continue. Then we will indeed see the beautiful harvest He has prepared in us for the sake of all, and we will rejoice in having remained with Him as it grew in quiet.



## Have you committed to our Capital Campaign?

There is much to be done to maintain our Parish facilities, and you could help make

it all possible. Please prayerfully consider either making a pledge or a one-time gift if you have not already done so. Those who registered in the year 2020 at Queen of Apostles who have not yet pledged will be receiving phone calls from our Continuation Committee to provide more information on how their contributions will help with essential renovations and safety upgrades in our beautiful Church. Installments can be made through Faith Direct, PayPal, and other forms of electronic giving as well as by check. We sincerely thank you for your generosity.



### Please Pray for All of The Sick Members of Our Parish:

Jin C. Navarro, Leo Monterroso, Etelvina León-Duarte, Ginny Cook, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Maria Reyes, Anna Anderson, Jean McDermott, Virginia Shea, Joseph Lipari, Rosa María Santos, Carmelita Mate, Le-

onor Cabrestane, Roger Trozado, Jeanie Miller, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks, Charles Ferris, Dominic Blansett, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Spraht, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Russ and Jill Amerling, Richard Esterlund, Margaret Fiore, Michael Robertson, Jocelyn Reyes, Wilma Robles, Maryann McNutt, Yolanda Arzadon, Ian Roddick



#### CARTA DEL PÁRROCO

Saludos a todos queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Estamos viviendo el tiempo ordinario, y durante este tiempo meditamos el ministerio de la vida pública de Jesús. El Maestro nos instruye y nos muestra la belleza y sencillez del Reino de Dios; y hoy este domingo precisamente nos presenta dos imágenes de gran intensidad espiritual: la parábola del crecimiento de la semilla y la parábola del grano de mostaza, con estas busca que extendamos el reino de Dios entre nosotros, y si lo meditamos detenidamente descubriremos que estas parábolas siguen resonando en nuestras mentes modernas, porque detrás del sembrar la semilla, del regar y cosechar, intuimos lo que Jesús nos está diciendo: Dios ha plantado algo divino en nuestros corazones; Dios quiere vivir y crecer en nuestro interior. Busquemos la sabiduría de Dios y obedezcamos sus insinuaciones interiores; si lo hacemos, entonces nuestra vida adquirirá una fuerza e intensidad difíciles de imaginar y podremos crecer en sabiduría, en gracia y santidad.

Quiero informarles que este verano tendremos la alegría y el privilegio de tener un seminarista de nuestra diócesis en nuestra parroquia, su nombre es Alfredo Tuesta, ha terminado su segundo año de pre-teología en el Seminario San Carlos Borromeo en Pensilvania; iniciara su estancia en nuestra parroquia el lunes 7 de junio, espero le den la bienvenida y le hagan sentir en familia. Agradezco al Obispo y a la Oficina de Vocaciones por la confianza a nuestra parroquia. Durante su estancia entre nosotros Alfredo dedicara su tiempo a impartir algunas sesiones de formación a nuestros ministerios litúrgicos, desde ya les invito a que participen. En las próximas semanas les daremos más información sobre estas sesiones de formación.

El viernes 11 de junio es la fiesta del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, San Juan Pablo II decía que "esta fiesta recuerda el misterio del Amor que Dios alberga por los hombres de todos los tiempos", por tanto es un día especial para meditar en cuanto amor Dios tiene por cada uno de nosotros. También en este día se celebra la Jornada Mundial de Oración por la Santificación de los Sacerdotes (World Day of Prayer for the Sanctificacion of Priest). A través de nuestros sacerdotes Dios nos guía y nos acompaña y especialmente nos alimenta con la eucaristía y nos conforta y sana con los sacramentos que a través de ellos se nos dan, les pido que ofrezcamos una oración por la santificación de los sacerdotes de nuestra diócesis y los del mundo entero, pidamos a Jesús que nos de Sacerdotes sanos, sabios y santos para continuar mostrando su amor al mundo.

Finalmente, agradezco a todos ustedes que durante el tiempo de pandemia apoyaron la parroquia a través de sus donaciones semanales, sin su ayuda la parroquia no hubiera podido salir adelante, gracias a su corazón generoso se han podido realizar muchos cambios y reparaciones en nuestro templo y en otras áreas del edificio parroquial. También agradezco a todos aquellos que siguen enviando sus donaciones para la "Campaña Capital", Dios les bendiga, aún falta mucho por hacer. Espero este próximo año terminar con los proyectos con los que se inició esta iniciativa, también invito a aquellos que aún no han hecho una promesa a que se animen a hacerlo. Verdaderamente la necesitamos para concluir con estas obras.

Les deseo a todos una semana bendecida y pido al corazón de Jesús que muestre su amor y misericordia a todos.

Padre Alex



#### Misas de Esta Semana

#### Domingo 6 de junio:

8:00 am +Betty and Arlene Quinn

10:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

12:00 pm (L) Fr. Joseph Rampino

1:30 pm +Gonzalo Chinchon and Constantina

Rondon

Lunes 7 de junio:

6:30 am +Heriberto Morales 9:00 am +Buenaventura Sian

Martes 8 de junio:

6:30 am +James and Peter Holdsworth 9:00 am +Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rebovitch

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Miércoles 9 de junio:

6:30 am (L) Tommy Mendez 9:00 am +Imelda Agtarap

Jueves 10 de junio:

6:30 am (L) Adeluwoye Family 9:00 am +Walter Benson

Viernes 11 de junio:

6:30 am +Joseph B. Adeluwoye 9:00 am +Peter Tao Nguyen

Sabado 12 de junio:

8:00 am +Pauline Morton 5:00 pm Father's Day Novena 7:00 pm +Rigoberto Contrerras



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#### Importante anuncio con respecto a las

clases de bautismo Las clases pre-bautismales solían celebrarse dos miércoles durante el mes a las 7:30 pm en Hannan Hall. Ahora tendrán lugar el primer y tercer martes a las 7:30 pm en la Sala de Conferencias de la Oficina Parroquial a partir del 1 de junio de 2021. Debe registrarse para asistir a la clase. Una vez registrado, le daremos un ticket de confirmación ya sea en persona o por correo electrónico que debe mostrar al instructor antes de la entrada. Las familias que no están bautizando a sus hijos en Queen of Apostles deben pagar una cuota de \$10.

<u>Nuevas fechas para las clases de español de 2021</u>: 15 de junio, 20 de julio, 17 de Agosto, 14 de septiembre, 19 de octubre, 16 de noviembre, y 14 de diciembre.

Capilla de adoración ¡Estamos reabriendo lentamente nuestra capilla de adoración bellamente renovada! Sin embargo, para mantenerlo abierto, necesitamos que los feligreses se comprometan a al menos una hora el jueves, viernes o sábado a partir del 1 de julio. Por favor, póngase en contacto con la Oficina Parroquial lo antes posible.

#### Serie para Adultos Jóvenes con el P.

Rampino El P. Rampino está ofreciendo una serie de charlas para los jóvenes adultos este mes de junio sobre el gran mandamiento de amar. "Amarás al Señor tu Dios con todo tu corazón, toda tu alma, toda tu mente y todas tus fuerzas. Y amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo". (Mc 12:30-31). Las charlas serán en Hannan Hall a las 7:00 p.m. Se proporcionarán refrigerios. ¡Trae a tus amigos!

**15 de junio -** ""Amor al prójimo: ¿Cómo amamos verdaderamente a los demás?"

Póngase en contacto con Bridget Mullen con cualquier pregunta en <a href="mailto:bmullen007@gmail.com">bmullen007@gmail.com</a>

Correos Electrónicos Semanales ¿Quiere recibir actualizaciones y anuncios de la Parroquia directamente a su correo electrónico? Regístrese para recibir nuestros correos electrónicos semanales, enviados todos los viernes. Contacte la Oficina Parroquial para mas información.