



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

4409 Sano Street,
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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 Thank you for your spiritual and financial support of the Pilgrimage to Spain in **June**. Eight young men will travel with Fr. Juan and Mr. Ketchmark to Madrid to visit the DCJM House of Formation. Then the pilgrims will 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. Prayer intentions may be placed in the green prayer intentions box in the church vestibule and at the fundraisers. The last fundraiser is a Latin-flavor dinner on Saturday, **May 26**, 6-9 pm in Hannan Hall. Homemade Latin and other foods will be available for dine-in or carry-out. You may also purchase raffle tickets for themed gift baskets.

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 make 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 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 20** bulletin is Monday, **May 14** by 9 am. Please email announcements to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

Host Families for Students from Spain Queen of Apostles seeks 1-2 more host families to house students from Spain in **July**. Thank you to the families who have expressed interest in hosting. This is the fourth year of the Summer Program with the Stella Maris School. Please contact the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or email general@queenofapostles.org.

Religious Education The last day of Religious Education is **Jun. 3**.

We invite students who made sacraments this year to attend the 12 noon Mass followed by the Corpus Christi Procession on **Jun. 3**. Students should wear their white Baptismal/Confirmation garment or First Holy Communion attire.

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.

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

Sacrament of Holy Communion:

Congratulations to our 43 First Communicants! Students from Queen of Apostles School and Religious Education Program received the Lord in the Eucharist for the first time on May 12. May the love of Jesus, in His body, blood, soul, and divinity, forever remain close to them always.

RCIA Classes in English and Spanish If you are missing Sacraments or thinking about becoming Catholic, please join our English or Spanish adult faith formation class, The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Please stop by the parish office to register for the **Sep.-Jun.** classes. For adults enrolled in the current RCIA school year, the last days of class are **Jun. 4** (English) and **Jun. 6** (Spanish).

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

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.

Pastor's Letter

The Ascension of the Lord

This Sunday we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "After forty days [...] Christ ascended into heaven and was seated at the right hand of the Father. He is the Lord who now in his humanity reigns in the everlasting glory of the Son of God and constantly intercedes for us before the Father. He sends us his Spirit and he gives us the hope of one day reaching the place he has prepared for us" (#132).

We also celebrate Our Lady of Fatima. Our blessed Mother helps us to follow Jesus and to be his disciples. This feast reminds us of the beautiful devotion of the Rosary which brings many blessings on the families and societies who pray it daily to Mary.

During the last weeks we have been presenting Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation "Rejoice and Be Glad" on the call to holiness in today's world. Today we present the fifth and last chapter about the "Spiritual Combat".

"The Christian life is a constant battle. We need strength and courage to withstand the temptations of the devil and to proclaim the Gospel. This battle is sweet, for it allows us to rejoice each time the Lord triumphs in our lives" (GE 158). This combat is "is also a constant struggle against the devil, the prince of evil" (GE 159). Pope Francis repeats that it is about a personal being, not an impersonal force.

For this spiritual combat, we can count on the powerful weapons that the Lord has given us: faith-filled prayer, meditation on the word of God, the celebration of Mass, Eucharistic adoration, sacramental Reconciliation, works of charity, community life, missionary outreach" (GE 162). The alternative to this struggle is "failure or mediocrity" (GE 162).

Then he begins to speak about discernment, which "is a means of spiritual combat for helping us to follow the Lord more faithfully" (GE 169). There are three essential conditions for discernment: 1. "Prayerful discernment must be born of a readiness to listen" (GE 172). 2. Patience: "An essential condition for progress in discernment is a growing understanding of God's patience and his timetable, which are never our own" (GE 174). 3. Generosity: "Discernment is not about discovering what more we can get out of this life, but about recognizing how we can better accomplish the mission entrusted to us at our baptism" (GE 174).

Pope Francis ends saying "It is my hope that these pages will prove helpful by enabling the whole Church to devote herself anew to promoting the desire for holiness. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us a fervent longing to be saints for God's greater glory, and let us encourage one another in this effort" (GE 177). Hopefully these articles helped you in your desire for holiness.

Saturday, May 19: Parish Marian Pilgrimage to the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Emmitsburg, MD

Come and join your parish family for a pilgrimage, to deepen our faith and experience spiritual enrichment through reflections, a day of inspiring recollection and Holy Mass celebration, to be led by Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM in the beautiful shrine and garden of the National Shrine Grotto in honor of our Lady of Lourdes.

Address: 16330 Grotto Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727

Cost: \$25/person

Recollection Schedule:

7:00 am: Depart from Queen of Apostles Church

Assembly Location: In front of the church

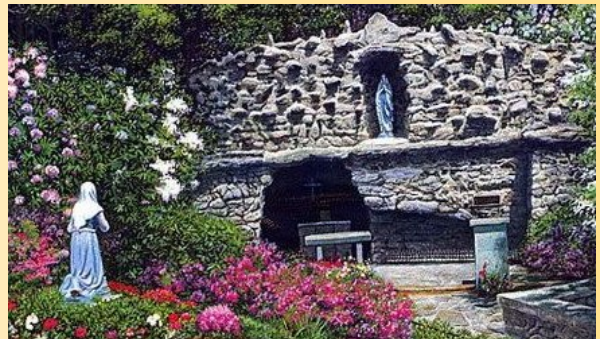
9:00 am–11:30 am: Spiritual Talk

11:30 am–12:30 pm: Holy Mass

12:30–1:30 pm: Lunch

1:30–2:30 pm: Self-Guided Tour

2:30 pm: Departure from the Shrine



Contact the Parish Office at (703) 354-8711 with questions.

Registration and payment are due at the Parish Office by Wednesday, **May 16**.

This Week In Our Parish

The Ascension of the Lord - May 13:

Happy Mother's Day!

Vestibule	Pro-Life Baby Bottles
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
Adoration Chapel	6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

Monday, May 14:

Cupertino Room	7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in English

Tuesday, May 15:

Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
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Wednesday, May 16:

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

Thursday, May 17:

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 18:

Adoration Chapel	11:00-11:30 am Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall	3:00-6:00 pm Nazareth

Saturday, May 19:

<i>Parish Marian Pilgrimage - See page 3 for information</i>	
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

Parish Special Needs Collection Our second collection this weekend for parish special needs will go towards installing a push-button door opener to one of the exterior doors of the vestibule. There are other projects that will be funded by this collection. Thank you for your generosity.

Pro-life Rosary on May 19 Please join us every third Saturday after the 8 am Mass to pray the Rosary in front of the abortion clinic at 101 S. Whiting Street. We pray for all unborn children in danger of being aborted and for parents contemplating abortion, that they may say yes to the gift and sanctity of life.

Pro-Life Baby Bottles This weekend the Pro-Life committee is distributing baby bottles for Mother's Day. The bottles are for collecting spare change to help us fund pro-life activities in the parish: 40 Days for Life, Baby showers, the pink and blue flag display, March for Life, assisting pregnant moms, Project Gabriel for pregnancy assistance and Project Rachel for post-abortive healing. Please return the bottles with the change or make checks payable to Queen of Apostles and put Baby Bottle in the memo section. Thank you for your generosity. Please return all bottles, empty or full by Father's Day, Sunday, **Jun. 17.**



Vocations

"And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them." If you are discerning a vocation to proclaim the Gospel as a priest or consecrated religious, contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

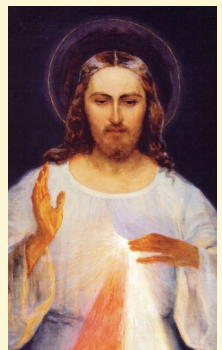
The Ascension of the Lord That, seated at the right hand of His Father in heaven, the Lord will share His wisdom with those discerning their vocation and open their eyes and hearts in faithfulness, we pray to the Lord.

Dogfish Head Alehouse Fundraiser (7 Corners Location) to Support the Youth Mission to Bánica, Dominican Republic Join us Tuesday, **May 22** (11:30 am-10:00 pm) for lunch, dinner or pick up some take out and learn more about the mission while supporting a great cause. Dogfish Head Alehouse will donate 15% of their proceeds that day to the Mission. There will be a raffle for a large assortment of beautiful gift baskets for all! For more information please contact Mother Maria at (703) 354-0395. Thank you for your generous support!

Mary, Mother of God and Our Mother, pray for us.

Vacation Bible School "Circus of Stars" will be held from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, **Jul. 9-13**. Registration information will be posted on the parish website soon. Adult and High School volunteers are needed. Planning and preparation meetings will be held on the afternoons of **Jun. 16, 30,** and **Jul. 7**. Please email ybs@queenofapostles.org to volunteer or for additional information.

All Saints Car Raffle Is Here! Car raffle tickets have been mailed to each family. The raffle drawing this year will take place on **Jun. 22**. Prizes include five 2018 vehicles from Koons of Manassas (Honda Civic, Buick Encore, GMC Sierra Truck, Honda CRV Sport Utility and Honda Odyssey Van). One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all five vehicles plus \$20,000 in cash prizes. Additional tickets can be purchased at the parish office.



Divine Mercy

"At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world. I will allow you to enter into My mortal sorrow. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion..."
(Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary, 1320)

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



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.

New Moms Club 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!

Saint Matthias, pray for us.

24th Annual Military Services Memorial Mass The Archdiocese for the Military Services will hold its 24th Annual Memorial Mass on Sunday, **May 20** at 4:30 pm honoring the men and women of the Armed Forces. The liturgy will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The principal celebrant and homilist will be the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services. Parking is limited and car pooling is advised. Military personnel are encouraged to be in uniform. Dress: Civilian, business attire; Military, service dress please. To request seating or to obtain additional information, visit: <https://www.milarch.org/memorial-mass/laity-registration/>.

Confidential Help After Abortion Mother's Day can be difficult for women who have lost children to abortion. Share the good news of God's merciful love and encourage those who may be suffering to begin their journey to find healing and freedom. There is help. There is hope. For additional information, please contact Project Rachel at (888) 456-HOPE (4673) or info@helpafterabortion.org.

Retreat for Persons Facing a Serious Illness A Retreat for Persons Facing a Serious Illness will be held at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post, Virginia **Jun. 1-3** (Friday at 1:30 pm through Sunday at 2:30 pm). Fr. Tuck Grinnell and Fr. Bill Korpi will serve as Spiritual Directors along with a retreat team of doctors, nurses and helpers. The retreat theme is "The King of Love my Shepherd Is". The retreat has been held in the Diocese of Arlington for the past forty years and now is a ministry of Catholic Charities. The retreat is free. To register and for more information, call Catholic Charities at (703) 841-3830 or email retreat@ccda.net.

The Ascension of the Lord

Masses this Week

The Ascension of the Lord - May 13:

7:30 am Mother's Day Novena
9:00 am +Katherine Krescanko
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm (L) Fr. Paul Berghout

Saint Matthias - Monday, May 14:

6:30 am +Maria Rafaela Barrios
9:00 am Mother's Day Novena

Saint Isidore - Tuesday, May 15:

6:30 am Mother's Day Novena
9:00 am (L) Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM

Wednesday, May 16:

6:30 am (L) Fr. Daniel Mode
9:00 am Mother's Day Novena

Thursday, May 17:

6:30 am Mother's Day Novena
9:00 am (L) The Kelly Family

Saint John I - Friday, May 18:

6:30 am +Germain Grisez
9:00 am Mother's Day Novena

Saturday, May 19:

8:00 am Mother's Day Novena
5:00 pm +Mary Hetsko
7:00 pm (L) Yolanda and Marco Quino

Pentecost Sunday- May 20:

7:30 am Mother's Day Novena
9:00 am (L) Nico Frankino
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Gadi Mgamezulu

"In trial or difficulty I have recourse to Mother Mary, whose glance alone is enough to dissipate every fear."

Saint Therese of Lisieux



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Maria Reyes, Tesfa Haile, 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, 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