

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19, 2019



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Lord our God,
you chose the Mother of your beloved Son
to be the Mother and help of Christians;
grant that we may live under her protection
and that your Church may enjoy unbroken peace.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
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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. 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. 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.

Faith: the Next Generation – Pass It On as a Catechist, Aide, Volunteer!

Over 170 children and young people, kindergarten through grade 12, attend QofA's Religious Education Program to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. Boldly go and help develop the Catholic faith of our youth by becoming a catechist, aide, or volunteer on Sunday mornings for the **Sep. 2019-Jun. 2020** school year! As you nurture the faith, you will learn and grow as well! We provide you with materials, support, and opportunities to attend Diocesan workshops. Attendance at a Virtus seminar and completion of Virginia Background Check paperwork are required. If interested, please contact Susan Gray at (703) 354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

*I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:
love one another as I have loved you.*

Altar Servers Thank you for committing to this ministry and serving the parish and our Lord in the Eucharist. The server schedule for **May 4-Sep. 8** has been sent.

Emmaus High school and 8th grade students are invited to join Emmaus on Saturday evenings, 8:15-10 pm at Christendom Graduate School (CGS) located at 4407 Sano Street for fellowship, activities, faith discussions, and prayer. For more information email s.calvino@queenofapostles.org, or text QofA to 84576 to join our contact list and receive information about upcoming events.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

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 St. Joseph**.

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **May 26** and **Jun. 2** bulletins is Monday, **May 20** by 9 am. (Note early bulletin deadline for **Jun. 2** due to Memorial Day.) Please email announcements to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

Religious Education The Religious Education registration for public school and homeschool students in kindergarten (age 5) - high school is now open! Parents of current students can pick up the registration form on-site during RE class time. Tuition for parish members is \$70 for 1 child; \$120 for 2 children and \$150 for 3 children in the same family. The tuition payment by cash or check is expected at the time of registration.

Religious Education classes are on Sundays, 9-10:15 am. The first day of class is **Sep. 8**.

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 during the school year. 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 show evidence of desire and preparation for a Sacrament.

New students need to provide birth and baptismal certificates to register. Parents of unbaptized children under the age of 5 are asked to contact the parish office.

Attention Class of 2019 This summer, the Associates of St. John Bosco will be hosting four College Nights throughout the Arlington Diocese for graduated high-schoolers headed to college in the fall. The dates and locations are as follows. All events are from 7-9 pm.

Jun. 19: St. Mark's in Vienna

Jul. 1: All Saints in Manassas

Jul. 17: Basilica of St. Mary in Alexandria

Jul. 24: St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Fredericksburg.

The purpose of these free events is to help students keep their faith while transitioning into college. Catholic college students from George Mason, Mary Washington, UVA, Virginia Tech, William & Mary and others will be in attendance to meet students and share their experiences of being a Catholic college student. It's a wonderful chance to meet fellow peers going to your school before even stepping foot onto campus! Free dinner with registration and the chance to win door prizes! Student registration can be found by visiting this link: www.asib.org. Registration is limited to 50 students per night.

Pastor's Letter

The Commandment of Love

In the Passion's portico, after washing the disciples' feet, Jesus invites them to imitate him in his service and his sacrificial love. In this context Jesus gives the apostles the supreme law of the New Covenant: "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (Jn 13:34).

God is love (1 Jn 4:8.16). As the Father loved Jesus, he also loved us (Jn 15:9). And we, as disciples, are commanded to love one another as Jesus loved us. The sexual revolution and our culture have exalted love as a supreme value. But it is clear that we mean very different things when we talk about love. What is love? Is there a truth about love? Benedict XVI devoted his first encyclical *God is Love* to explore this question. This letter has a humbler scope but you can always profit from reading Benedict XVI. So, what is love?

There is a first response: love, in this first definition, is the exercise of sexual intimacy, and there is some truth about it. Man and woman give themselves to each other in marriage out of love. That conjugal love is expressed and put into action in their intimacy. Yes, this is love, and a sacramental and holy love.

Now, let's note that conjugal love is very different from pornography, self-gratification, prostitution or free sex. These expressions of the male and female sexuality are not real love, even if our culture exalts them as means of self-actualization. They are everywhere around us and we know how difficult it is to stay far from them. But they are lies which destroy the ability to understand love and to live it.

There is a second response, and also true: love is to sacrifice for the one you love: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:13). However, as Pope Benedict teaches, love is not only sacrificial, oblation love. True love is the unity of *eros* and *agape* because the gift of love is aimed at communion. If there is no communion of persons, love has not achieved its perfection.

Finally, God is love. This is the supreme truth of love, the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit. And when Jesus commands us to love as he loved us, he is introducing us into the divine love which we call Charity.

Love is a gift we receive. And because we are loved we can love. This is a basic experience in human life: we are loved by our parents and family, and therefore we learn to love them back. This happens in a supreme way in our baptism. We are loved by God and given the Holy Spirit to live in communion with him.

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. This is the truth of love. May the Holy Spirit we receive in this Easter time teach us how to love like Jesus, in full truth, with divine love.



May 25 Morning of Recollection Preparing for the Coming of the Holy Spirit with the Blessed Virgin Mary

All are invited to join us for our Morning of Recollection
on Saturday, May 25 in the church and in Hannan Hall.

Morning of Recollection Schedule

- 8:00 am Holy Mass
- 8:45 am Rosary in the church
- 9:30 am Talk 1
- 10:15 am Break - Coffee and Pastries
- 10:30 am Talk 2
- 11:00 am Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- 11:50 am Blessing and Reposition

This Week In Our Parish

Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 19:

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

Monday, May 20:

Hannan Hall 3:45-5:30 pm Nazareth
Church 6:00-7:00 pm Emmaus Graduation Mass
Hannan Hall 7:00-8:00 pm Emmaus Reception
Cupertino Room 6:30-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in English

Tuesday, May 21:

Hannan Hall 6:00-10:00 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, May 22:

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

Thursday, May 23:

Hannan Hall 3:00-4:30 pm Children's Choir Practice
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 24:

Adoration Chapel 11:00-11:30 am Children's
Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall 7:00 pm-12:00 am GCC Prayer Mtg

Saturday, May 25:

Parish Morning of Recollection See Page 3
Hannan Hall 12:00-3:00 pm Homebound Ministry
Parish Office 1:00-6:00 pm Stephen Ministry
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

Donate Your Used Car to Catholic Charities and Help a Family Become Self-Reliant

Please consider donating your old car to Catholic Charities. We take used vehicles and give them directly to families in desperate need of transportation. We accept nonworking cars to fund our volunteer programs. We handle all the paperwork. You receive an IRS donation receipt. To donate, please email Cars@ccda.net or call (703) 841-3898.

Dogfish Head Alehouse Fundraiser to Support the Youth Parish Mission to Bánica, Dominican Republic

Join us this Tuesday, **May 21**, from 11 am-10 pm, and have lunch or 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 huge Gift Basket Raffle with items for all! For more information call Mother Maria at (703) 354-0395. Thank you for your generous support!

Vocations



“Love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples.”

How will you manifest your discipleship? Consider living the Lord's new commandment of love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Contact Fr. Leopoldo Vives DCJM at general@queenofapostles.org, or Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

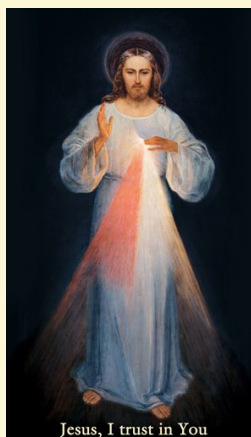
Fifth Sunday of Easter That the coming of the new heaven and new earth will be hastened through the holy lives and faithful witness of all those called to serve the Lord as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

Ordination Events The ordination of men to the priesthood and diaconate are beautiful and inspiring events for our entire diocese, and all are welcome to witness them. The Mass of Ordination to the transitional diaconate for seminarians Peter McShurley, Joe Moschetto and Charles Pavlick is Saturday, **Jun. 1**. The Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood for Deacons Nicholas Blank, Edouard Guilloux, Sean Koehr and Will Nyce is Saturday, **Jun. 8**. Both events are at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More starting at 11 am. There is also a Holy Hour Vigil with Bishop Burbidge and the seminarians on Friday **Jun. 7** at 7:30 pm at the Cathedral, followed by a light reception.

Weekend Discernment Retreat for Women Could Christ be calling you to the religious life? Take a step to find out. Attend the weekend discernment retreat for women (ages 18-50) **Jun. 14-16**. This is a great opportunity for prayer and discernment and talking with religious sisters and other women discerners. Cost is \$60 and includes overnights and all meals (financial assistance is available if needed). Retreat starts Friday at 6:30 pm. and concludes Sunday after lunch. For more information or to register, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Space is limited; deadline to register is Friday, **Jun. 1**.

*I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

Divine Mercy



“I remind you, My daughter, that as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment mercy was opened wide for every soul. In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world — mercy triumphed over justice.”

(Jesus to Saint Faustina, Diary 1572)

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8
Rev 21:10-14, 22-23 Jn 14:23-29

Diocesan Retired Priests' Second Collection Today's second collection is for our diocesan retired priests. This collection aids in caring for our retired priests who have served our diocese so faithfully over the years. Currently there are 22 retired priests and an additional 23 diocesan priests who will retire in the next ten years. Please consider donating to this important collection. Thank you for your kind support.

Vacation Bible School We are looking for volunteers and participants - Is God calling you to the adventure of sharing your faith?

VBS will be held Monday, **Jun. 24** through Friday, **Jun. 28** from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm each day. Registration and information is on the parish website: queenofapostles.org/vbs. The registration deadline is Monday, **Jun. 3**. Preparation meetings for current 5th graders through adult volunteers will be held on the afternoons of Saturday, **Jun. 1, 15** and **22**. To volunteer or for more information, email vbs@queenofapostles.org.

Eucharistic Adoration

Is God calling you to a weekly Hour with Him?

Queen of Apostles is blessed to offer Perpetual Adoration 24 hours a day every week, from Monday 7 am through Saturday 8 am. Please prayerfully consider serving our current needs:

- Tuesday, 1-2 am; Friday, 4-5 am; Saturday, 2-3 am
Contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096 or moleski47@gmail.com for these hours of need
- Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, 11 pm to 12 am
Contact Nenita De Guzman at (703) 354-8711 or n.deguzmanja@queenofapostles.org for these hours of need
- Monday, 3-4 pm
Contact Rosalie Mainey at (703) 256-57665 or [rosalieam\[at\]msn.com](mailto:rosalieam[at]msn.com) for this hours of need

Baby Bottles All donations for the annual baby bottle boomerang collection will go to help stop abortion and help Moms and their babies. Please take a bottle home and fill it with your spare change. Coins, currency or your generous checks are gratefully accepted and should be made out to *Queen of Apostles* with a note in the memo section for *Baby Bottles*. Empty or full please return the baby bottle by Father's Day, **Jun. 16**.

#LoveOurMothers Campaign In the month of May, during which we honor our Blessed Mother, as well as all mothers, the Diocese of Arlington will launch #LoveOurMothers, a month-long social media and website campaign celebrating all mothers in the Diocese. We will share the stories of four mothers who the Church serves through its various ministries. Watch videos of these remarkable mothers, and share who you love your own mother by using the #LoveOurMothers hashtag. Check out the special webpage: www.arlingtondiocese.org/loveourmothers.

Fifth Sunday of Easter Masses this Week

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7:30 am Mother's Day Novena
9:00 am +Maria Hatin Hoi and Peter Nguyen
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Arturo Tanod

Saint Bernadine of Siena - Monday, May 20:

6:30 am (L) Fr. Seán Patrick Hurley, FPO
9:00 am +Frank Subalusky

Saint Christopher Magallanes and Companions

Tuesday, May 21:

6:30 am +Lourdes Sian
9:00 am +Ronald Leheney

Saint Rita of Cascia - Wednesday, May 22:

6:30 am (L) Louis Wack
9:00 am +Mr. and Mrs. George Hatala

Thursday, May 23:

6:30 am +Byrne Family
9:00 am +David Aoanan

Mary, Help of Christians - Friday, May 24:

6:30 am +John Isabel Saunders
9:00 am +Anne Maria Sen Thi Hoang

Saint Bede the Venerable - Saturday, May 25:

8:00 am +John Bartholme
5:00 pm +Una Davis
8:00 pm +Guido Andia

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 26:

7:30 am +Frank Subalusky
9:00 am In Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Berta Molina

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Claire Reilly, Daniel O'Donohue, George Cook, Kevin Bonko, Leo Monterroso, Betty Jane Davis, Etelvina León-Duarte, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Maria Reyes, Anna Anderson, Michelle Jacobeen, Pedro Baiza, Jean McDermott, Anne Kemble, Tesfa Haile, Virginia Shea, Joseph Lipari, Rosa María Santos, Carmelita Mate, Leonor 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, 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