



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*“May the Mother of Jesus and our Mother,
always smile on your spirit, obtaining for it,
from her Most Holy Son, every heavenly blessing.”*

St. Padre Pio

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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. Maria Fox, Secretary
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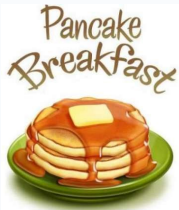
Queen of Apostles Vision Statement

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

Please join the pilgrims for a delicious homemade pancake breakfast on Sunday, **May 6** from 8:30 am - 1:30 pm in Hannan Hall. Thank you for supporting the pilgrims who will be hiking ~140 miles of the Camino de Santiago in **June**.

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 13** bulletin is Monday, **May 7** by 9 am. Please email announcements to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

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 vbs@queenofapostles.org to volunteer or for additional information.

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.

Registration for the **2018-2019** Queen of Apostles Religious Education school year is open to students in kindergarten (age 5) through high school. Classes, taught in English, meet on Sundays, 9-10:15am in the School, Sept-June. Parish and returning families are given priority in Religious Education enrollment. New students need to provide birth and baptismal certificates. Tuition may be paid by check or cash.

Generally, First Penance/First Holy Communion is received in grade 2 and higher and Confirmation is received in grade 8 and higher.

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:

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 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.

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, 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 **Christ House**. Next weekend's collection will go toward the **Poor Sisters of St. Joseph**.

Pastor's Letter

Signs of Holiness in Today's World

The Sunday readings in this season of Easter introduce us deeper and deeper into the mystery of our Baptism. To be baptized means to share God's very life and love, and to "dwell" or remain there. "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love" (Jn 15:9).

Sharing God's life will never be the outcome of our efforts. On our own we cannot "be like gods, who know good and evil" (Gen 3:5). But we can be like God because he himself invites us to share in his life and gives it to us: "In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins" (1 Jn 4:10).

The awareness that holiness is always God's gift helps us to remain humble. This divine initiative is a recurrent theme in Pope Francis' Exhortation which we are discussing. Today is the fourth chapter, "Signs of Holiness in Today's World."

This chapter is a good example of the Pope's approach: "My modest goal is to repropose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities. For the Lord has chosen each one of us 'to be holy and blameless before him in love' (Eph 1:4)" (GE 2).

In this fourth chapter, "The signs I wish to highlight are not the sum total of a model of holiness, but they are five great expressions of love for God and neighbour that I consider of particular importance in the light of certain dangers and limitations present in today's culture" (GE 111).

This signs are: 1. Perseverance, patience and meekness [112-121]; 2. Joy and a sense of humor [122-128]; Boldness and passion [129-139]; In community [140-146]; In constant prayer [147-157].

Upon considering these signs the Pope invites to a more courageous trust in God and to be audacious to leave our comfort zone to reach out to neighbor: "God is eternal newness. He impels us constantly to set out anew, to pass beyond what is familiar, to the fringes and beyond" (GE 135).

He also exhorts us not to neglect "the means of sanctification already known to us: the various methods of prayer, the inestimable sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation, the offering of personal sacrifices, different forms of devotion, spiritual direction, and many others as well" (GE 110).

To end, I would like to quote him about the need of being "in constant prayer." "We should remember that holiness consists in a habitual openness to the transcendent, expressed in prayer and adoration. The saints are distinguished by a spirit of prayer and a need for communion with God [...] I do not believe in holiness without prayer, even though that prayer need not be lengthy or involve intense emotions."

Are these signs present in our lives? At least let's try this: "the saints are joyful and full of good humor" (GE 122).



Consecration to Mary

O Mary, Virgin most powerful and Mother of mercy, Queen of Heaven and Refuge of sinners, we consecrate ourselves to thine Immaculate Heart.

We consecrate to thee our very being and our whole life; all that we have, all that we love, all that we are. To thee we give our bodies, our hearts and our souls; to thee we give our homes, our families, our country.

We desire that all that is in us and around us may belong to thee, and may share in the benefits of thy motherly benediction. And that this act of consecration may be truly efficacious and lasting, we renew this day at thy feet the promises of our Baptism and our first Holy Communion.

We pledge ourselves to profess courageously and at all times the truths of our holy Faith, and to live as befits Catholics who are duly submissive to all the directions of the Pope and the Bishops in communion with him.

We pledge ourselves to keep the commandments of God and His Church, in particular to keep holy the Lord's Day.

We likewise pledge ourselves to make the consoling practices of the Christian religion, and above all, Holy Communion, an integral part of our lives, in so far as we shall be able so to do.

Finally, we promise thee, O glorious Mother of God and loving Mother of men, to devote ourselves whole-heartedly to the service of thy blessed cult, in order to hasten and assure, through the sovereignty of thine Immaculate Heart, the coming of the kingdom of the Sacred Heart of thine adorable Son, in our own hearts and in those of all men, in our country and in all the world, as in heaven, so on earth. Amen.

This Week In Our Parish

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 6:

Toward a Missionary Family

Vestibule	ACCA Food Collection
Vestibule	Pro-Life Baby Bottles
Hannan Hall	8:30 am-1:30 pm Way of St. James Pilgrimage Pancake Breakfast
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, May 7:

Church	6:30-8:00 pm First Holy Communion Practice
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 8:

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

Hannan Hall	10:00 am-1:00 pm Women's Group
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

Thursday, May 10:

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

Friday, May 11:

Parish Office closes at 2 pm

Adoration Chapel	11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Church	6:30-8:00 pm First Holy Communion Practice

Saturday, May 12:

Church	10:00-11:00 am First Holy Communion Mass (En)
Church	12:30-1:30 pm First Holy Communion Mass (Sp)
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

A Presentation on Adoption Learn more about the laws, considerations, benefits and barriers to adoption in our diocese. Join us for a discussion on the adoption option on **May 9, 10-11:30 am** at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Gainesville. RSVP by contacting adoptinfo@ccda.net or (703) 425-010.

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



“God sent His only Son into the world so that we might live through Him.” Are you open to the call to be sent into the world as a priest or consecrated religious, that others might live in Christ? If you think God may be offering you this grace, contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or

Fr. J.D. Jaffe at j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Sixth Sunday of Easter That men and women accept Jesus' call to “love one another” by accepting vocations to the priesthood or religious life, we pray to the Lord.

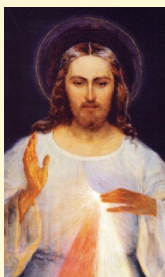
New Moms Club Spring is finally here, and with it, awesome weather! Join other moms from the parish with babies, pre-schoolers, and beyond at local parks to get those kiddos out of the house and meet some new friends! Email Shannon at goamoms@gmail.com to learn more!

All Saints Car Raffle Is Here! Car raffle tickets will soon be 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.

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.

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 this 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.



Spend an Evening with the Merciful Jesus

Tuesday, **May 8**, from 7:30-9:00 pm at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Fairfax. Join Michael Corsini, national Catholic recording artist and worship leader, as he guides us in a powerful meditation using his own testimony to pray for those who have been wounded by abortion and for the healing of our culture. For more information call (703) 841-2550. Sponsored by the Office for Marriage, Family and Respect Life.

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Eph 1:17-23 Mk 16:15-20



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 on **May 10**. 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**. Questions? Contact Estela Prieto at (703) 354-4767, estelaprieto45@gmail.com or Debbie Fornaciari at (703) 914-5417, dfornaciariwand@aol.com.

Women's Group The Women's Group will be holding their monthly meeting on **May 9** at 10 am in Hannan Hall. Fr. Leopoldo will be our guest speaker.

Parish Special Needs Collection May 13 The second collection next 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.

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/>.

You're invited on an Irish Adventure Join Father Steven Walker and St. Philip's Catholic Church **Aug. 3-14** on an extraordinary motor-coach adventure through Ireland this August! There are only thirty spaces available. Father will celebrate daily Mass for us throughout the course of the trip. All for \$3595.00, including airfare! Interested? Contact the tour director Joe Long at jlong@prorome.com or (570) 309-1346 to sign up or for more information.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Masses this Week

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

Monday, May 7:

6:30 am +Nancy Carolyn Behrends Zirkle
9:00 am (L) Annie Pereira

Tuesday, May 8:

6:30 am +Fr. Julius J. Cilinski
9:00 am +Sister Margaret Spotti

Wednesday, May 9:

6:30 am +Lewis MacQuarrie
9:00 am +Gregorio Pereira

St. Damien de Veuster - Thursday, May 10:

6:30 am (L) Carolina León-Duarte
9:00 am +Struan Pinto

Friday, May 11:

6:30 am +Arlene O'Connor
9:00 am +Grace Okemo

Saturday, May 12:

8:00 am +Patricia McCormick
5:00 pm (L) Victoria Pereira
7:00 pm +Ines Molina

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

*"Let us live as the Blessed Virgin lived:
loving God only, desiring God only, trying to please
God only in all that we do." - St. John Vianney*



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Maria Reyes, 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