

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pentecost Sunday - May 23, 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

EUCCHARISTIC 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



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FAITH, EXCELLENCE, JOY

4409 Sano Street
Alexandria, VA 22312
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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.

Est. 1966

PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Today we celebrate in the whole universal church the great solemnity of Pentecost. With this solemnity, the church's universality begins concretely, and from this day on, it will be the force that will guide and inspire it forever. That day, the apostles and Mary were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they courageously began to preach; those frightened men had been transformed into brave preachers who did not fear prison, torture, or martyrdom. It is not strange; the power of the Spirit was in them and will continue to work permanently to this day. As Christians, we must be clear that "The Holy Spirit," The Third Person of the Holy Trinity, is the soul of my soul, the life of my life, the being of my being; He is my sanctifier, the guest of my deepest interior. In order to reach maturity in the life of faith, the relationship with Him must be more and more conscious, more personal. In this celebration of Pentecost, let us open the doors of our interior to welcome it.

Thanks to the work of the Holy Spirit, I officially announce that since last Wednesday our school has hired a new principal, who will start on July 1 of this year. Her name is Kristie Meyers. You can find the official letter of this announcement in a separate special space within the bulletin. I invite you to officially welcome Mrs. Meyers to our Queen of Apostles parish family and keep her present in your prayers.

This week, many have asked me about the guidelines changes on mask-wearing, related to the announcement that the Governor made on May 13. I ask you to be patient; the diocese has asked us to wait for the state to clarify the executive measures they have published fully; this week, we will continue with the protocols that the diocese has ordered us to follow. In particular, I ask for your patience and responsibility, and I know that many of us have already received the vaccines and therefore feel that everything is over. The Pandemic is not over yet, and we must continue to take care of ourselves; I know of many who, even with the vaccine, have been infected and have had a bad experience. As Saint Teresa says, "Patience reaches everything ..." Let us be patient and cautious as this situation changes.

Finally, I continue to invite parents to encourage their children to become Servants of the Altar, and I invite children who are already altar boys to return to help at Masses; we have very few for now, especially in the Spanish masses. Altar boys are little apostles who serve directly at the Sacrifice table; I am concerned that many have not returned to help at Masses, I keep them in my prayers, and hopefully, we can see them again soon.

I hope you have a blessed week and that with the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can continue to gain spiritual and material fruits in our parish.

God bless you all.

Fr. Alex





Religious Education Information

Congratulations to our 30 Religious Education students who received Holy Communion for the first time on **May 22!** May the love of Jesus, in His body, blood, soul, and divinity, forever remain close to these young people. May these children inspire us to always receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament with joyful anticipation and with humble hearts that are open to receive His graces.

The last day of RE is Sunday, May 30. Baptism and Confirmation certificates will be distributed during class time.

Registration for the 2021-2022 Religious Education school year is open! Current RE families may register on Sunday mornings during RE classes, or, families may stop by the parish office (4329 Sano St), M-F, 9:30am-5pm. The Religious Education Program at Queen 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 Sept 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 August 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.

Are you Catholic

Adult but not Confirmed? Interested in becoming Catholic? Are you in a Sacramental Marriage?

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 at 703-354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org, or talk with a priest.

Sts. Charles Borromeo and Robert Bellarmine, pray for us.

Altar Servers

If your son (grade 4 and above) is willing to serve at Holy Mass on Sundays at 8am, 10am, 12noon in English, Mass in Spanish at 7pm on Saturdays or 1:30pm on Sundays, and other Masses, please email Susan Gray (s.gray@queenofapostles.org) or speak to Fr. Rampino. Generally, boys serve every other weekend. The summer schedule will be sent soon. Boys who are serving Mass are asked to arrive no less than 15 min before Mass, wear dress shoes, bring a face mask, use the upper sacristy, and wait for the priest. Thank you for participating in this ministry.

Called to be a Catechist, Aide, or Volunteer?

Last week, Pope Francis, with a new Apostolic Letter issued "motu proprio," establishes the lay ministry of catechist, "intended to respond to an urgent need for the evangelization of the modern world, and undertaken in a "secular" manner, avoiding clericalization".

Are you called to serve? For the 2021-2022 Religious Education 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 (teachers), aides (assist the catechists), substitutes, and volunteers (assist with registration, setup, etc) are needed on Sunday mornings for in-person classes for the **Sept 12, 2021-May 29, 2022** program. Younger, older, single, married, male and female are welcome to apply to serve this ministry. Prayerfully consider if you are called to respond to Jesus, be His witness and example, and serve as a disciple by helping teach and pass along the faith. 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. If interested and to learn about this ministry, please contact Susan Gray



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 queenofapostles.org. 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 general@queenofapostles.org

✝ PARISH LIFE ✝

Masses This Week

Pentecost Sunday - Sunday, May 23:

8:00 am (L) Lou Wack
 10:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
 12:00 pm +Miguel Antonio Leite
 1:30 pm +Emma Orellana de Lopez

Blessed Virgin Mary - Monday, May 24:

6:30 am +Mr. Marquez and Mrs. Maria Marquez de Reyes
 9:00 am +Felisberta Belzarena

St. Bede - Tuesday, May 25:

6:30 am +Ademar Toro
 9:00 am +John Bartholme

St. Philip Neri - Wednesday, May 26:

6:30 am (L) Gracie Jeppsen
 9:00 am +Christina Lynem

St. Augustine of Canterbury - Thursday, May 27:

6:30 am (L) Rowan Gagliardi
 9:00 am +Marie Benson

Friday, May 28:

6:30 am (L) Donna Ethelbert
 9:00 am +Souls in Purgatory most in need

St. Paul VI - Saturday, May 29:

8:00 am +Ronald Lehaney
 5:00 pm +John Battaglia
 7:00 pm (L) Jazlynn Blanco Galeas

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!

Baptisms Infant Baptisms are held twice a month on Saturdays at 10:30 am: *First Saturday in English*, and the *Third Saturday in Spanish*. The classes are held on the *Third Wednesday at 7:30 pm in English* and the *First Wednesday at 7:30 pm in Spanish*. On **Wednesday, June 2** we will have the English class in Hannan Hall. The next Baptism will be on **Saturday, June 19**. Please turn in all the necessary documents by *Monday, June 14*.



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Legion of Mary *Praises of Mary:*

Divine love so penetrated and filled the soul of Mary that no part of her was left untouched. She loved with her whole heart, with her whole soul, with her whole strength, and was full of grace.

— St. Bernard



Meetings on **Thursdays, 6:00 pm**, Parish Center

Memorial Day The Parish Office and Gift Shop will be closed on **Monday, May 31** in observance of Memorial Day. There will also be only one Mass celebrated at 9 am. We thank and pray for all of those who have sacrificed their lives for our country. Enjoy the time with family!



New Website Our new website is live! We have tried to make it more dynamic and more accessible for parishioners, with both English and Spanish options, livestreaming directly from the website, and much more! Visit queenofapostles.org today!

QUEEN OF APOSTLES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 13, 2021

Dear Parents and Students of Queen of Apostles School,

We are grateful for the fifteen years of service and leadership of our beloved principal Anne Arias. I am delighted to share with you the news that we have chosen a new principal in the person of Kristie Meyers!

Kristie Meyers is the current principal of Saint Isidore of Seville Catholic Virtual School. Mrs. Meyers has a rich foundation in Catholic education. With a Master's Degree in Instructional Design and Curriculum from Indiana Wesleyan University, Education Specialist (Ed.S.) in Educational Leadership – K-12 School Leadership from Regent University, and is a Ph.D. Candidate in K-12 School Leadership from Regent University. She has the necessary qualifications and skills to be an effective leader of our school and to help form our children in the ways of faith.

I have every confidence in Mrs. Meyers and know that she will lead our school forward in the years to come with continued commitment to excellence in education and fidelity in forming our children in their Catholic faith.

Special thanks to our wonderful Principal Search Committee members: our chair, Dave Cook, Margaret Walker, our school vice principal, Martin Gororo, Anne Kapral, Audrey Kasenge, Larry Mercado, Clarissa Sacra, and Dr. Joseph Vorbach, Superintendent of Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Arlington. They spent a significant amount of time interviewing and assessing possible candidates, and I am so grateful for their counsel and commitment to this important work.

Congratulations, Mrs. Meyers, and welcome to Queen of Apostles School as our new principal! We assure you of our prayers and support as we continue the mission of the Lord to spread the Good News to all the world!

I am grateful to all of our parents and students for being a part of our wonderful parish school and ask God to bless and hold you in His care!

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rev. Alexander Díaz", with a horizontal line drawn underneath.

Rev. Alexander Díaz
Pastor

Gospel Commentary for Pentecost Sunday

By Fr. Joseph Rampino

This Sunday brings us to the great and crowning moment of glory that closes the Easter season. The resurrection of Christ has shown us that our Jesus has conquered sin and death forever, and that the darkness of this world cannot any longer hold us away from the light and peace of heaven. His Ascension brings our human nature into that glory at the right hand of the Father, and carries our hearts, even now, into the eternal kingdom, above the angels. Today, we receive the great gift of the third person of the blessed Trinity, the Holy Spirit, who brings about the effects of that heavenly exchange in a staggering diversity among us Christians, spreading divine fire through the whole world until the day that our union with Christ and with the Father is completed forever.

But what is it that the Holy Spirit really does when He acts in the world, when He takes hold of a Christian soul? So often, the work of the Spirit is simply equated with enthusiasm and high emotion. When we see people experiencing joy, inspiration, or catharsis in a prayerful setting, we often say “the Spirit is acting in them.” Wherever we find parishes or Church settings full of different programs, activities, and charities, all well-attended, we say, “this parish is on fire with the Holy Spirit.” Often, we look at the more exotic supernatural gifts, speaking in other languages, giving or interpreting prophecy, healing and so on, and reserve our identification of the Holy Spirit to these. While none of the above is wrong—certainly the Spirit of the Lord moves souls to great moments of conversion or consolation in prayer, inspires good actions among the faithful, and works miracles outside of natural possibility—focusing only on these can lead us to miss the quiet and constant ways the Spirit is working all around us at every moment.

Saint Basil the Great tells us that the Holy Spirit is often compared to a gentle rain or to “dewfall,” as we hear in one of the Eucharistic prayers, because just like water, which always remains itself wherever it falls, yet brings about different kinds of effects when it falls upon the earth, upon plants, and upon animals, so also the Holy Spirit, while always remaining Himself, brings about different effects in each soul. While water may erode rocks, bring forth flowers, fruits, and trees, and give drink to all the varieties of animals, the Spirit brings about life, desire for and union with God, in different ways in each heart. In the heart of one person, the Spirit brings about the thought, “maybe it’s time for me to go to confession.” In another person, He inspires fasting and penance, the desire to make physical offerings for the salvation of others. In another, He fills their heart with the gift of patience and gentleness in caring for their family and bearing with hardship. To another person he gives the gift of teaching, to another a spirit of hospitality and joy, to another deep sympathy with the suffering, to another the drive to fight for the dignity of the poor and the right to life, to another the ability to call souls into union with the Lord’s Body, the Church. All of these gifts are beyond commonplace, yet all are extraordinary in their divine origin. Wherever Christian souls are moved towards God in His Church, and moved towards true love of neighbor, the Holy Spirit is doing His work. The ordinary actions and movements of our lives as Catholics are not as ordinary as we might think!

This Pentecost, we should look in our own lives and recognize where the Holy Spirit has already acted, and is acting right now, pulling us towards God and towards one another in charity. We should beg Him to act more deeply, to remove any obstacles to His movement, to warm our hearts when they are cold, and to cool our souls when they are worn out by the heat of our labors in the world. In the end, if we allow Him, He will fill us with the love comes from Love Himself, and guide us into all truth, into the fullness of the life of heaven. Come Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful! Enkindle in them the fire of your love!



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, Anne Kemble, Virginia Shea, Joseph Lipari, Rosa María Santos, Carmelita Mate, Leonor Cabrestane, Roger Trozardo, 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 Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, 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, and those who have been affected by the coronavirus.

CARTA DEL PÁRROCO

Queridos Hermanos en Cristo Jesús:

Hoy celebramos en toda la iglesia universal la gran solemnidad de Pentecostés. Con esta solemnidad da inicio de manera concreta la universalidad de la iglesia, y desde ese día será la fuerza que la guiará y la inspirará por siempre. Aquel día, los apóstoles junto con María quedaron llenos del Espíritu Santo, y se pusieron a predicar valientemente. Aquellos hombres atemorizados habían sido transformados en valientes predicadores que no temían la cárcel, ni la tortura, ni el martirio. No es extraño; la fuerza del Espíritu estaba en ellos y seguirá hasta el día de hoy obrando de manera permanente. Como Cristianos debemos de tener claro que “El Espíritu Santo”, Tercera Persona de la Santísima Trinidad, es el alma de mi alma, la vida de mi vida, el ser de mi ser; es mi santificador, el huésped de mi interior más profundo. Para llegar a la madurez en la vida de fe es preciso que la relación con Él sea cada vez más consciente, más personal. En esta celebración de Pentecostés abramos las puertas de nuestro interior de par en par.

Gracias a la obra del Espíritu Santo, les anuncio oficialmente que desde el miércoles pasado nuestra escuela ha contratado una nueva principal, que iniciara el 1 de Julio de este año, su nombre es Kristie Meyers, pueden encontrar la carta oficial de su anuncio en un espacio especial separado dentro del boletín. Les invito a que le demos oficialmente la bienvenida a la Señora Meyers a nuestra familia parroquial de Reina de los Apóstoles, y a que le tengamos presente en nuestras oraciones.

Esta semana muchos me han preguntado sobre los cambios en las medidas de protección, relacionadas con el anuncio que el Gobernador hizo el pasado 13 de mayo. Les pido que tengan paciencia, la diócesis nos ha pedido que esperemos a que el estado aclare bien las medidas ejecutivas que han publicado, esta semana aun seguiremos con los protocolos que la diócesis nos ha mandado seguir. En lo particular les pido paciencia y responsabilidad, sé que muchos ya hemos recibido las vacunas y por ello sentimos que ya todo termina; la Pandemia no ha terminado aún, y de manera personal debemos de seguirnos cuidando; se de muchos que aun con la vacuna han sido infectados y han pasado una mala experiencia, como dice Santa Teresa, “La paciencia todo lo alcanza...” seamos pacientes y prudentes ante los cambios que vienen.

Finalmente, sigo invitando a los padres de familia a que animen a sus hijos a convertirse en Servidores del Altar, e invito a los niños que ya son monaguillos a que regresen a ayudar en las misas, tenemos muy pocos por ahora, especialmente en las Misas en español. Los monaguillos son pequeños apóstoles que sirven directamente a la mesa del Sacrificio, me preocupa que muchos no han regresado a ayudar en las misas, les tengo en mis oraciones y ojala pronto podamos verles nuevamente.

Espero que tengan una semana bendecida y que con la gracia y guía del Espíritu Santo podamos seguir cosechando frutos espirituales y materiales en nuestra parroquia.

Dios les bendiga a todos.

P. Alex



Misas de Esta Semana

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Día de los Caídos La Oficina Parroquial y la Tienda de Regalos permanecerán cerradas el lunes 31 de mayo con el día de los caídos. También habrá una sola misa celebrada a las 9 de la mañana.



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Bautizos Los bautismos en español se celebran el **primer sábado del mes** a las 10:30 am. La próxima fecha es el **5 de junio**. Por favor entregue toda la documentación necesaria antes del lunes, 31 de mayo. Las clases de bautismo en español se celebran el **tercer miércoles del mes** a las 7:30 pm. La próxima fecha es el **16 de junio**.

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.



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 HECHOS 16.31
Todos los Sábados
5:00pm
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VÍCTOR POSADA (703) 585 3876
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