Our Lady of Peace Church
Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz

AUGUST 14, 2016

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The obligation for the Feast of the Assumption is lifted for Monday, August 15.

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!"

Lk 12:50

This weekend we welcome Fr. Gary Weisman who will preach at all Masses on behalf of the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica

For this weekend’s Missionary Cooperative Second Collection
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53
Next Sunday’s Readings: (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US
Please pray for: Louise Aust Elizabeth Ball, Suri Barahona, Ronald Bashian, Francis Bilgера, Precious Bowens, April Brassard, Lynne Burgh, Kathy Burns, Brody Carroll, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claire, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Adrienne DiCerbo, Ernest Donatto, Mike Dorsey, Marye Embrey, Irene Fitzpatrick, Yevette Francois, Allison Fratus, Karen Gammache, Trishann Ganley, Carmen Gonzalez, Karen Greene, the Harris Family, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Ida Hernandez, Dee Hickey, Margaret Hodges, Beatriz Uribe Jaramillo, Raymond Jay, Pat Johnson, Carmen Andrea Lara, Patrick Lawrey, Maria Linares, Lidia Montero Lopez, Mary Helen Madden, Wil McBride, Stefan McGuigan, Olga McKenzie, Martha Gladys Medina, Bette Melhalko, Roberto Mendez, Mary Miller, Yvonne Mockler, Carmen Montijo, Dorothy Moran, Bob Morschels, Chelsea Murray, Nicholas, Patrick Ogden, Delfima Pacheco-Cheque, Catherine Parr, Mary Pasquarella, Patrick, Catherine Peake, Paul Ramirez, Kate Ring, Maritza Roldan, Carolyn Santos, Susan Savage, Jane Shepard, Mary Shookhoff, Jeffrey Smith, Mary E. Smith, Eva Souza, Paul Steinmetz, Phillip Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Rose Trujillo, Stephen Utley, Claudia Waller, Dottie Williams, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 13-19
5:30 pm - for Wayne Harris (D)
   by Susan, Patricia, & Christine Harris
8:00 am - for Richard Passentino (D)
   by Bonnie and Jim Keightley
9:30 am - for Leeroy Fields (D) by John Roy
11:15 am - for Sis. Aurora Zambrano, ICM (D)
   by Judy Francia and Wally Reyes
1:00 pm - for Tomasa Pineda (D) by Glenda Pineda
6:00 pm - for David Tishman (D) by the Roos Family
Mon. 12:00 noon - for Gerald E. Keightley (D)
   by Mark A. Crowe
Tue. 12:00 noon - for Martin Phee (D) by Mark A. Crowe
Wed. 12:00 noon - for Martin Phee (D) by Mark A. Crowe
Thu. 12:00 noon - for Betsy R. Francia (D)
   by Judy and Wally Reyes
Fri. 12:00 noon - for Martin Phee (D) by Mark A. Crowe

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS
Sunday Collection: $11,244
Faith Direct July weekly average: $6,651

IN MEMORIAM: WILLIAM TUNNEY, JR.
It is with great sadness that we share the news of Fr. Tom’s brother’s passing. He died Friday after a long illness. Please keep Fr. Tom and his family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of grieving. Funeral arrangement will take place out in St. Louis and Pittsburgh.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH
This week we welcome 2 new Christians:
   Dylan Galvez
   Isaac Alejandro Martin
   Baptized Saturday morning

PEACE ASPIRATIONS... St. Ignatius de Loyola
“Teach us to give and not count the cost.”

FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION
Monday, October 3rd at 7:00pm

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION
Monday, October 17th at 7:00pm
Because we anticipate very large classes this year and have limited parish resources, participation is only open to families actively worshipping at OLQP, and enrolled in our Religious Education program. For more information contact Katie: Kremedios@olqpva.org

WHEN DR. SUE WAS IN MEDOR...
It was mid-morning on a school day and she saw a young girl in a school uniform walking around the river bed. She asked her why she was not in school. Her answer: She did not have any socks. Later that day Dr. Sue asked Pere Luckson about this and he told her that there is a rule in Haiti that in order to attend school each child must wear socks. Socks are such a precious commodity in Medor that it is a treasured Christmas gift for many children.

Check out Dr. Sue’s blog on Medor:
marysusancarlson.tumblr.com
Please continue to pray for our sisters and brothers in Haiti!

JUST$ -- Did you know that as much as 40 percent of the American food supply goes in the trash? On Food Collection Sunday, one way of limiting this waste is to donate what you won’t use. Never going to eat that can of beans? Donate it to the OLQP Food Pantry before it expires so it can be consumed by someone who needs it. For more ideas on how to reduce wasted food, check out the following: http://greatist.com/health/how-to-ways-reduce-food-waste. You can also purchase and donate a Just$ grocery card for use by the Food Pantry in meeting the needs of about 150 families each week.

PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION HELP NEEDED
We are rejoining the Capital Area Food Bank Mobile Market program this Thursday August 18 in the Founders Room. Can you spare an hour or three to help us bag produce and serve our neighbors in need? We begin at 9 AM and are finished by 12:30. Come to help whenever you can, but please email Michelle and let her know you will be there:
mknight@olqpva.org

INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH?
Our parish’s Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and considering joining the Church. Sessions include scripture reflection, presentations on various topics involving Catholic beliefs and practices, and one-on-one companion journeying. A new group is now forming and will begin meeting in September. For more information, contact Alice and Kevin Curtin: acurtin947@aol.com or 703-461-3082

August 13-14, 2016 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO...

The readings this weekend are filled with challenge and excitement at the same time. It seems like we are revisiting the question of “the cost of discipleship” once again! In the first reading we have “the reluctant prophet” Jerimiah who when God calls him to speak a prophetic word to the people, responds with “truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy”. Jerimiah eventually finds his voice but it almost costs him his life when his prophecy leads to his being thrown into a cistern to die. Then in the second reading St. Paul reminds us that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses but there is a race that lies ahead of us and that running that race may cost us our lives. And in the Gospel Jesus recognizes that not everyone who has heard his word or seen his miracles will believe in him. He also recognizes that faith in him will be the source of division on all levels, both communal and familial. And yet his zeal and excitement for preaching the Reign of God is like a blazing fire already setting the world afire! Jesus knows that discipleship comes with a cost and he wants his disciples to understand just what they may have to pay for their discipleship. Putting our discipleship into action and standing against unjust political policies that hurt the immigrant, the poor or the marginalized may get us labeled unpatriotic. Questioning the ethics behind a particular practice at our work place may get us labeled difficult or insubordinate. Standing up to a bully at school on behalf of another may get us labeled all kinds of nasty things meant to shun us. Living our discipleship is no easier for us than it was for Jerimiah or for Paul. We need to remember that we do not run the race alone but that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses and filled with the very presence of the Risen Christ...thus we are able to set the world ablaze by manifesting the Reign of God by what we say and do! What is the cost of my discipleship? How will I show forth my discipleship this week?

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC – Coming Soon!

Traditionally, OLQP has held the annual picnic on the Sunday following Labor Day. This year the picnic falls on September 11th – a day of remembrance and tribute to the victims, survivors and those who rose up in service in response to the horrific attacks of that day. For this reason, the picnic has been postponed. Also impacting decisions is our limited space due to renovation closings. So we are looking into some alternative ideas for October at an area picnic shelter. Please watch this space for more details as they develop and plan to join us for the annual parish picnic in October!

FAITH DIRECT – e-Giving Program

Thank you for being a part of the parish family. As you prepare for the end of summer and the start of a busy fall, consider enrolling in e-Giving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our Church code: VA271 Thank you for your continued support of our parish community!

PICTURE DIRECTORIES ARE IN!!

If you had your picture taken by a LifeTouch photographer last year for the new picture directory you are entitled to receive a free directory. We will be distributing the free directories this weekend and next (Aug 13-14 and 20-21) after each of the weekend Masses. Follow the signs around the east side of the church to the parish office. For those who did not have their picture taken, we expect to have a limited number of directories for sale ($5). More information to come in September.

CARPENTERS SHELTER SUPPER - AUGUST 18

This month’s meal is sub sandwiches, pasta salad, veggie, fruit and brownies. Signup sheets are in the back of church. Please bring your food before 4:45 on Thursday, August 18, to the Ministry Center Founders Room; place in refrigerator. Questions? Please contact Mary at mary.resnick@gmail.com.

DO YOU CARE FOR CREATION?

Please join our Integrity of Creation Team meeting on Wednesday August 31 at 7:00 in the Ministry Center. We will be making plans for the fall, including participating in a “Season of Creation”. Contact Michelle Knight: mknight@olqpva.org.

JustFAITH INFORMATION SESSION

Do you find that your life is rapidly moving from one year to the next and you have little time to reflect on what it truly means to be a Catholic? Consider joining a JustFaith group to explore this question through reflection, study, prayer, and community. Come to an information session to learn more on Thursday, August 25, 7:30 in the Ministry Center. More information, contact Michelle Knight: mknight@olqpva.org, 703-979-5580

LABOR TEAM POTLUCK – Saturday, August 20

Please join the Labor Team for a potluck meeting on Saturday August 20th at noon in the Founders Room. We will be enjoying each other’s company and planning our events for the next 6 months. Email Laura Bandini at htlaura1@gmail.com for more information or to join the Labor Team.

LOOKING FOR BALANCE in your life? Want time for prayer as well as work and home life? Since the 6th Century, everyday people have found the Rule of St. Benedict a practical tool for a way of life rich in spiritual nourishment and balance. Benedictine oblates (lay people) live in the world but enjoy a spiritual connection with a Benedictine Monastery near them. Want to know more? Please join us for the next meeting Saturday September 10, at St. Benedict Monastery, 9535 Linton Hall Rd., Bristow. Or contact Sister Charlotte Lee, Benedictine Sisters of Virginia: 703-361-0106, oblates@osbva.org.

ECO-TIPS: Teach your children about reducing, reusing and recycling... to value what they have, be creative about ways to reuse, and to recycle what cannot be reused.
Francis’ Right-Hand Woman

By Rachel Malinowski

Editor’s Note: The feast day of St. Clare of Assisi is celebrated on Aug. 11 in the Roman Catholic Church.

Until my confirmation, I had never heard of Clare of Assisi, Francis’ right-hand woman. But looking back at the faith of my teenage years, it makes perfect sense that I chose her to be my confirmation saint.

As a teenager, my Catholic faith was shaped almost exclusively by women, including my laywomen religion teachers and the women religious who founded and worked at my small, all-girls’ Catholic high school. My high school was founded by the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth [6], and while only one Sister of Charity still taught there when I was a student, I was lucky to know several of the sisters who were on our board of directors, and to be steeped in their charism of service to those living in poverty, especially women, worldwide. These women, in addition to our principal, who was a sister of the Congregation of St. Joseph [7], had an enormous impact on my faith.

It will come as no surprise to anyone who has known Catholic women religious that the sisters were some of the sharpest women I had ever met. They managed ministries that ranged from an all-girls’ high school in suburban Massachusetts to a school for orphaned girls in India. They were businesswomen, administrators, teachers, and deeply spiritual women. These women gave me my first glimpse into the incredible work that Catholic women religious have done — and continue to do — throughout the world.

But these women also taught me another very important lesson: that being a woman who faithfully serves God is not incompatible with being a strong leader or with being good at what you do.

This was an incredible epiphany for me, as a young woman who at the time had dreams of becoming a lawyer. Until I became acquainted with the sisters at my high school, I had a very narrow idea of what a faithful woman looked like — she looked like Mary as a quiet, shrinking violet, who said yes to God without hesitation or questioning. The sisters who shaped my faith in high school helped me begin to see that my notion of faithful womanhood — and of Mary — was too narrow.

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It was in this context that I also came to know another amazing sister and saint: Clare of Assisi. When I set out to choose my confirmation name, there was no obvious candidate for me — I never had devotions to any particular saint. Though my teachers and catechists had always insisted that the saints were supposed to be like “friends” who we could lean on for support, they always felt like distant, unattainable models of holiness. But when I started reading about Clare, I saw something in her that I recognized: the tenacity and strength of the sisters I had come to know and love.

Clare was born into a wealthy family [8] at the end of the 12th century. Upon hearing St. Francis’ preaching, Clare became inspired to renounce her comfortable life and take up his charism of total poverty. She sought out Francis, and he promised to help her live under his rule. On Palm Sunday of 1212, Clare snuck out of her father’s house and met Francis and his brothers at the Porziuncola chapel, where she cut her hair off, exchanged her fine clothes for sackcloth, and took a vow of total poverty.

For a time, Clare went to live with Benedictine sisters before founding her own order, the Poor Clares [9]. Her order was based on the Rule of St. Francis and was characterized by the vow of total poverty that was characteristic of Franciscans. After living under the rule for a few years, Pope Gregory IX approved a revised rule that did not allow for the Poor Clares to take vows of total poverty, as he believed such a vow was unsuitable for an order of women. Clare contested this revision and successfully defended the Clares’ vow of total poverty not only to Gregory but also later, to Pope Innocent IV, who approved the Rule of the Poor Clares once and for all.

Clare’s deep commitment to the Franciscan vow of total poverty and her bold defense of a rule that allowed for such a vow — a rule that she likely had a hand in writing — is remarkable. It is important to emphasize, though, that her admiration for Francis and his spirituality was not one-sided. Francis respected Clare and leaned on her in his own times of spiritual doubt or struggle. Clare did not simply carve out a space for women in Francis’ mission. She became a spiritual leader in her own right, inspiring Francis in his faith and ministry.

St. Clare and the women religious who formed my faith taught me that there are as many ways to be a faithful woman as there are women on the earth. They taught me that you can serve God while being strong, outspoken, and good at what you do. Even more significantly, they taught me the importance of sharing stories about the many and varied ways that women serve God and their fellow humans.

It’s wrong that it took me until I was a teenager to realize that women didn’t need to be meek in order to serve God. Why hadn’t anyone ever told me about Clare when I was growing up? Why did we only talk about Francis?

I look around me at the many women of faith I know and they are each so different — in their gifts, in their vocations, and in what about their faith gives them energy. This variety is what makes the Body of Christ so rich, and it’s important that girls grow up knowing that. We must share stories of women of faith in all their varieties, both in our personal lives and in our faith communities, so that girls grow up hearing just as much about Clare as they do about Francis.

St. Clare of Assisi, pray for us.

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