

## Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!

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Monday-Friday — 12 Noon

### Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturdays — 5:30 pm Vigil

Sundays — 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am,

1:00 pm (Spanish), and 6:00 pm (Young Adult Mass)

### Baptism:

Please call or email the office to make arrangements.

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Please contact Fr. Tim, Fr. Brandon, or Deacon Tony at least six months before wedding date to complete requirements.

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### OLQP MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church is dedicated to witnessing the teachings of Jesus Christ, especially the Gospel of Saint Matthew, Chapter 25:31-46. Our mission is to nurture the spirit and to encourage the potential of those we serve through liturgical celebration, educational endeavors and social ministries. The parish will continue to identify with its origin as a Black parish. As a multi-ethnic congregation we will seek to promote racial harmony and social justice. While our primary focus is within the immediate community, we will also work to provide for the well-being of the downtrodden everywhere. In this we strive for our parish community to be a caring, sharing, and loving family.

## Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

## Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz

### DECEMBER 4, 2016

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Immaculate Conception – Thursday, Dec 8

Masses: 8 am, 12 noon and 7 pm (Bilingual)

Reconciliation Service – Monday, Dec 12

Service: 7 pm

Christmas Eve – Saturday, Dec 24

Children's Masses: 4 pm, 4:15 pm (Hall)

Christmas Eve Masses: 6 pm, 8 pm (Spanish)

Midnight Mass begins w/Lessons & Carols at 11:30 pm

Christmas Day – Sunday, Dec 25

Masses: 9 am and 11 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God -- New Year's Eve/Day

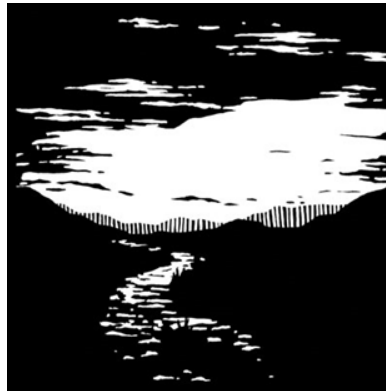
5 pm Vigil Mass, Dec 31 – *Please note time change*

Sunday: 8 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am, 1 pm (Spanish), 6 pm

Epiphany of the Lord – Weekend of Jan 7-8

*Special Mass Schedule:* 5:30 pm Vigil Saturday

Sunday 8 am, 9:30 am, 12 noon Bilingual & 6 pm (no 11:15 or 1 pm)



It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: "A voice of one crying out in the desert, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

*Mt 3:3*

### NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Help people in need with a gift to Catholic Charities Annual Christmas Collection! Catholic Charities' mission is vital to the work of the diocese in serving the poor with love and compassion – and your support makes this possible. Please support their mission to help struggling families. All gifts stay in the diocese. Please consider visiting [www.ccca.net](http://www.ccca.net) to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Next Sunday's Readings: (The Third Sunday of Advent)

Is 35:1-6A, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

## OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Lousie Aust, Elizabeth Ball, Suri Barahona, Ronald Bashian, Francis Bilgera, 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, Judie Francia, Yvette 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, Jamie Kors, Carmen Andrea Lara, Patrick Lawrey, Maria Linares, Lidia Montero Lopez, Mary Helen Madden, Wil McBride, Stefan McGuigan, Olga McKenzie, Martha Gladys Medina, Roberto Méndez, Mary Miller, Yvonne Mockler, Carmen Montijo, Dorothy Moran, Bob Morsches, Chelsea Murray, Nicholas, Patrick Ogden, Michelle O'Keefe, Delfima Pacheco-Choque, Roy Paco, 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, Nancy Urquizo, Stephen Utley, Claudia Waller, Dottie Williams, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 3-9

5:30 pm - for William Mahoney (D) by Joann Ann Mahoney

8:00 am - for Stanley Poremba (D) by Beverly Hennessey

9:30 am - for George Mehalko (D) by the Mehalko Family

11:15 am - for Joseph Surat (D) by Mr. & Mrs. Freeman

1 pm - for Carlos Flores (D) by the Ramallo Family

6:00 pm - for the Parish

Wed. 12:00 noon - for Mr. & Mrs. Agatona (D) by Judy & Wally Reyes

Thu. 12:00 noon - for the Immaculate Conception by the Parish

Fri. 12:00 noon - for Henry Hunt (D) by Judy & Wally Reyes

## IN MEMORIAM: JONATHAN JAMES HARGROVE

### Died in the Lord November 22, 2016

With great sadness we share the news of Jonathan James Hargrove's passing. He was the son of parish member Emma Grayeb, well known to many at OLQP through her involvement with the 1 pm community and as member of the Parish Advisory Board. Please keep Emma and her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at OLQP on Friday, December 2. A note of condolence may be sent to the family at: 12261 Laurel Glade Court, Apt 103, Reston, VA 20191.

## SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday Collection: \$12,396

Faith Direct October *weekly average*: \$7,414

**E-Giving through FAITH DIRECT** - consider supporting OLQP by signing up with Faith Direct, a secure online giving option for parishes (ACH checking account withdrawal and use of all major credit cards available). OLQP's Church Code: VA271

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

This week we welcome new Christian:

**Caroline Rosario** - Baptized 1 pm Sunday.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

**Anna Crisologo and Andrew Curtin**

Who were married December 3.

## PEACE ASPIRATIONS...

Peace, like every other rare and precious thing, doesn't come to you. You have to go and get it. – Faith Forsythe

## OLQP CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

### — When is my child old enough to attend?

Children 4-10 years of age are invited to listen to a simplified reading of the Gospel and discuss its meaning during the 9:30, 11:15, and 1:00 pm Sunday Masses. The program is in session the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. The Presider will call the children forth to receive a community blessing before they journey to the Children's Chapel, located in the parish basement.

### Program Readiness Assessment:

- Can your child sit attentively for 20 minutes?
- Can your child actively engage in conversation? (ask and answer questions)

Parents of children under 4, who believe their child is ready for the program, are welcome to attend if they personally accompany the child to the Chapel and remain with them for the duration of the service. Please contact [Kremedios@olqpva.org](mailto:Kremedios@olqpva.org) with questions.

## MEDOR, HAITI ALTERNATIVE GIFT CHRISTMAS FUND RAISER

OLQP provided funds and also found grant funding to build the primary and secondary schools. We continue to support a good portion of the expenses of the schools, as well as clean water, sanitation, health and reforestation activities. The main thrust is helping the people of Medor raise their own economic standard of living as we work to deepen the relationship between the people of both communities. A key goal of all our joint projects is sustainability. The Haitians contribute their time, labor and whatever funds they can. They identify priorities, manage programs, and do the all the work in the community.

**Haiti Christmas cards** and note cards are available after each weekend Mass through Christmas. Please consider giving a Haiti card in lieu of a traditional gift to your loved ones this year.

**Check out Dr. Sue's blog** on Medor at [marysusancarolson.tumblr.com](http://marysusancarolson.tumblr.com)

Please continue to pray for our sisters and brothers in Haiti!

## LECTORS, just a gentle reminder...

The Lector Workbooks will be distributed before and after all masses this weekend. Please pick up your book from your Lector Contact.

**ADVENT REFLECTION MATERIALS** - look for the free materials in the baskets at the back of church.

**SHOEBOX PROJECT UPDATE** - Filled shoeboxes, or fillings (socks, gloves, shampoo, tooth brush, tooth paste, soap, comb, nail clippers, razors, candy, bars, etc.) for shoeboxes are due either in Church or the Ministry Center by Sunday, December 11 when the parish focus shifts to wrapping gifts for as many as 350 brothers and sisters. Hands-On Wrapping Station is open as a service but also as an opportunity for many people to Prepare Ye the Gifts! In order to be efficient, we ask that you **sign up for at least an hour of wrapping time between 11:15 am and 8:15 pm on December 11**. Later shifts might be asked to help haul the gifts to storage room in the basement to await distribution. Wrapping paper, scissors, tape and gift cards will be provided...just willing hands will be needed. There are some jobs for little ones, but mostly lots of work for handy folks of all ages. Contact Melissa Crawford to reserve a time slot at the Founders Room tables on Sunday, December 11: [melissa.a.crawford@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.a.crawford@gmail.com)  
**If package is wrapped**, please indicate whether the recipient should be a woman or a man. And due to space considerations this year, please wait to bring gifts until Dec 10-11.

**JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO...** REPENT! Prepare the way of the Lord! These words of John the Baptist echo down through the centuries...and are as pertinent to us as they were to those who first heard them. John came from the desert crying out to the people, calling them to a moment of “metanoia”...literally “a turning around”. The Voice of John the Baptist cries out to us in the midst of the rush and chaos of the Advent season, calling us to a conversion of heart. He announces the breaking forth of the Reign of God in our very midst. But can we hear him amid the cacophony and the clamor of our busy and overscheduled lives. I think not...not unless we are willing to step back, to sit down and to spend a moment reflecting on our lives and our relationships. We need to ask ourselves if we are “living” our discipleship? The Scriptures for this Sunday speak of a new time for the people of Israel, a time of great hope...a new reign that is breaking forth. In this new world, mercy and justice will flourish and the wicked and unjust ones will be banished forever. But as we look around it seems as if we are a long way off from the “peaceable kingdom”. Wars rage and political unrest swirl around us like the biting winds of a cold December night. Millions of our sisters and brothers desperately seek refuge, with no home in sight. Terrorists strike the innocent and fill us with fear...it all seems so bleak. Where is the Reign of God bursting forth? It is waiting to burst forth from within each one of us! The Reign of God burst forth every time we respond to a person or a situation in a Christ-like manner. Are we brave enough to “turn around” to answer the call of John the Baptist...to allow the love of God to soften our hearts and enlighten our minds? As Christians are we willing to really “live” the Reign of God through our daily actions? What would that look like... what would I have to change in my life **for me to be a living sign** to others of the bursting forth of the Reign of God in the midst of a fearful world?

Advent Blessings, Fr Tim

**DURING THIS ADVENT SEASON**, while we are preparing for celebrating the holidays with friends and family, it’s a wonderful time to stop and reflect on the many blessings that God has given us, as individuals and as a faith community. It is also a time to be mindful that not everyone is as fortunate. While shopping for gifts and planning gatherings with loved ones, please consider setting aside an extra part of your budget to support the ongoing operations of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish with a yearend “general donation”.

#### **QUEEN OF PEACE ARLINGTON FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**

**Credit Union Schedule Christmas and New Year Holidays:** The Credit Union will be OPEN regular Saturday hours (4:30 – 5:25 pm) on Saturday, December 24. We will be CLOSED Christmas Day, Sunday December 25. We will be OPEN regular hours on Saturday, December 31 (4:30 – 5:25 pm) and Sunday, January 1, 2017 (10:45 am – 1:00 pm).

**V.O.I.C.E. NEWS** - Securing full funding of Arlington’s new Affordable Housing Master Plan is a key ingredient of the 4-year organizing agenda, which was lifted up at the 1100 person Action last month. An initial result is already in progress. There is \$7 million leftover from fiscal year 2016 which will now go into the 2018 budget for the Affordable Housing Investment Fund. Thank you to the large group of parishioners who attended the Action and to those who have continued advocating on this issue.

**ONE TUESDAY PER MONTH HELP NEEDED** - Our Food Pantry benefits from many partnerships. One is with Bread for our Brothers, a non-profit that gleans bread. We are one of the pantries that distributes the bread. However, we need drivers to pick up bread in Alexandria. Currently, we have an opening for the 4<sup>th</sup> Tues. of each month (not December). Pick up time is between 10:30 am and 7 pm.

#### **CARPENTER’S SHELTER SUPPER, Thursday, December 15**

This month’s meal is meatloaf, mashed potatoes, veggie, salad and holiday cookies. Sign-up sheets are in the back of church. Please bring your food before 4:45 on Thursday 12/15 to the Ministry Center Founders Room and place in refrigerator or freezer. Contact mary.resnick@gmail.com with questions.

**FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND** is December 10, 11 to stock our Food Pantry. Please pick up a grocery bag and/or a list to fill and return next weekend. Consider bringing any of the following: Instant Yellow Corn Tortilla flour (preferred brand: Maseca), 24 oz. Canola or Corn Oil, Cereal, Canned Tuna, Canned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Pasta, Canned Vegetables, Rice, Dried Beans, and Macaroni and Cheese. Thank you for your donations!

**THANK YOU!** **280 families** received a turkey, potatoes, canned goods, a pie and a grocery store gift card last Monday Nov. 21. All of this was provided by you, our generous parishioners! A special thank you to all the families, family circles and individuals who put smiles on the participant’s faces by baking pies! And a very special thank you to all of you who donated your time for all of the many aspects of our annual Thanksgiving Basket distribution!! We were challenged without access to Fr. Ray Hall, but we rose to the challenge!

**THE GIVING TREE – Support SEEC Day Laborers!** We invite you to support the parish in providing lunch to the Shirlington Day Laborers through the Brown Bag Lunch Program. Please take a ‘brown bag angel’ ornament from the basket under the giving tree, place your donation inside the ornament and hang it on the tree. The tree will be in the sanctuary throughout the Christmas season. This program began Christmas 2009 in response to the many requests to help people in our immediate community. Through your generosity, we are able to provide lunch once a week to 50 laborers. Thank you for your support and generosity! For information on Shirlington Day Laborers please visit: [www.seecjobs.org](http://www.seecjobs.org).

**OLQP's LGBT ministry, GLFF** (Gay, Lesbian, Friends & Family), will meet at 4:30 pm on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, in classroom 1 & 2 on the 2nd floor of the Ministry Center. Please contact Vicky Strimel at [va.strimel@gmail.com](mailto:va.strimel@gmail.com) for more information. All are welcome!

#### **INSTALLATION MASS - Bishop Michael F. Burbidge**

**Tuesday, December 6, 2 pm**

Your participation is possible even though the installation mass is not open to the public (attendance is by invitation-only due to limited seating). You can participate in this historic event in these ways:

*Download* the Mass program at [arlingtondiocese.org](http://arlingtondiocese.org);  
*Stream* it live: [arlingtondiocese.org](http://arlingtondiocese.org) or [youtube.com/arlingtondiocese](https://www.youtube.com/arlingtondiocese)  
*Listen* on the radio live: WMET 1160 AM; *Follow* it live on Twitter @arlingtonchurch; *Watch* the Mass in its entirety on EWTN at 3 pm

#### **CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS**

We invite you to remember a deceased loved one with a Christmas Flower Memorial. Memorials will be published in the Sunday bulletin on the weekend of December 24-25. Please complete this form, make your donation payable to Our Lady Queen of Peace Church (donation amount is at your discretion) and send to the parish office (attention Christina) or drop in the collection basket by Sunday, December 18th. *Please be sure to meet the deadline of 12/18!*

Christmas Flower Memorial

Honoring: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# The 'Madness' of Mercy

## What's at the Center of Francis's Papacy

# Commonweal

### The Editors

When Hannah Arendt reviewed Pope John XXIII's journals just over fifty years ago, she shared a question posed to her by a Roman chambermaid not long after he had died. "Madam," the woman said, "this pope was a real Christian. How could that be? And how could it happen that a true Christian would sit on St. Peter's chair?" Arendt took the comments to underscore the tension between the radical simplicity of Jesus' call to "follow me" and the demands of the institutional church. After all, as the future pope scribbled in his notebook when he was only eighteen years old, taking that call seriously put one at risk of being "treated as a madman."

Pope Francis, who declared John XXIII a saint and whose own pontificate draws frequent comparisons with that earlier pope, surely understands the truth of that observation. Francis has been described in similarly unfavorable terms by his critics; .... And even a few of his admirers, especially in the mainstream press, sometimes seem disturbed by his words and deeds, surprised by a pope who seems not only to believe but to act as though the meek really will inherit the earth. Depending on the newspaper or magazine one reads, Francis is either too reckless [2] or too conservative [3], a possible heretic or a false hope. His off-the-cuff pronouncements reliably stir controversy; his openness to reform generates theological sparring [4] and debate. Meanwhile, the usual swirl of Vatican gossip and intrigue continues apace.

In the midst of all this, one could be forgiven for not remembering that Francis himself has told us what is at the center of his papacy, the thread that holds it all together: mercy. He took as his episcopal motto *miserando atque eligendo*—"by having mercy and choosing." His apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii gaudium*, urges us never to stop seeking God's forgiveness, never to despair of being beyond the reach of God's mercy. And last year, Francis called an extraordinary jubilee—the Year of Mercy—which has just come to a close. The

message could not be less subtle. It is worth stopping to reflect on what Francis has described as "the very foundation of the church's life," now, while the Year of Mercy remains fresh in our minds and Christmas is upon us.

We shouldn't be surprised that such an emphasis on mercy has been misunderstood, willfully or otherwise, and left more than one of the church's factions dissatisfied. Against a stringent conservatism, dwelling on mercy appears as a kind of antinomianism: a breakdown of rules and order in favor of freewheeling forgiveness, a weakening of morals and a soft-peddling of ethical demands. Against the more thinned-out versions of religious liberalism, it can seem too "existential," too focused on the darker currents of our lives—the "wounds" we suffer from, which need to be healed. And while mercy should be joined to hope, it is neither naïvely optimistic nor ideologically progressive. It is costly love in the midst of pain and grief, not false cheer.

Mercy for Francis is never simply a matter for individuals, a kind of privatized consolation or a form of cheap grace. He wants nothing less than to build a "culture of mercy." This can be seen vividly in the way Francis has asked us to understand *Laudato si'*: not as an encyclical that merely endorsed the scientific consensus on climate change, but as a call to conversion in how we relate to the resources we all share. "The object of mercy is human life itself and everything it embraces," the pope reminds us. That includes our stewardship of cre-

ation, leading Francis to suggest "a complement" to the traditional sets of seven corporal and seven spiritual works of mercy. "May the works of mercy also include care for our common home," he said in September, going on to demand that we "break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness" that afflicts our political and economic life and make mercy itself "felt in every action that seeks to build a better world."

As the church struggles with its own divisions, and as the United States and the world enter dark political times, Francis's message of mercy should be a light to our path. He has staked his papacy on that message, offering it as the only answer to our deepest questions and longings. In a world that "leaves so many men and women behind as it races on, breathlessly and aimlessly," he recently said, "we need the oxygen of this gratuitous and life-giving love. We thirst for mercy and no technology can quench that thirst. We seek a love that endures beyond momentary pleasures, a safe harbor where we can end our restless wanderings, an infinite embrace that forgives and reconciles."

The jubilee may be over now, but the need for mercy never ends. Neither does God's offer of it. That should be at the heart of our attempts to understand this pope—and the source of our hope in the difficult days that may lie ahead.

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