

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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BULLETIN DEADLINE

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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 18, 2016

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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)



The virgin shall be with child.

Mt 1:23

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Next weekend's Readings:

(Christmas Eve 6 pm, 8 pm Spanish, Midnight Mass)

(Christmas Day 9 am and 11 am)

Is 9:1-6, Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Lousie Aust, Elizabeth Ball, Suri Barahona, Tim Barnes, Ronald Bashian, Francis Bilgera, Precious Bowens, April Brasard, 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, Coleman Kane, 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 17-23

5:30 pm - for Joe Sirna (D) by the Gregos Family

8:00 am - for Cecilia & Alexander Kostka (D) by their Children

9:30 am - for Bette Mehalko (D) by Gail & Bob Meighan

11:15 am - for Bishop Joseph Imesch (D) by Delores Leckey

1 pm - for Susan Smith (D) by Rafael & Teresa Rivas

6:00 pm - for Maria Hernandez (D) by the Hernandez Family

Mon. 12:00 noon - for Melvin Herrell (D) by Rita Parrilli

Tue. 12:00 noon - for David Tishman (D) by the Havill Family

Wed. 12:00 noon - for Timothy O'Brien (D) by Ann O'Brien

Thu. 12:00 noon - for Eleanor Ryan (D) by Chuck & Carol Moran

Fri. 12:00 noon - for Claudia Zapata' Health (L) by Family & Friends

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday Collection: \$11,948

Catholic Charities Christmas Collection: \$6,995

Faith Direct November *weekly average*: \$8,430

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

JUST\$ - Christmas best wishes to all parishioners. Remember to use Just\$ Giant, Safeway or Shoppers cards for your grocery shopping throughout the year, which enables OLQP to assist the more than 150 families who use the Food Pantry each week, and vulnerable children in Mweiga, Kenya who have been affected by HIV/AIDS. For your planning purposes, the sale of Just\$ cards will be suspended on Christmas (12/24-25) and New Year's (12/31 and 1/1) weekends.

PEACE ASPIRATIONS... To Love another Person is to see the face of God. – Victor Hugo

TEEN NIGHTS - Come and participate in our Teen Nights that happen Sunday nights after the 6:00 pm mass. We play games, do service work, share our stories, pray, eat, watch movies, and support one another. This is a safe place to be yourself and come as you are. Throughout the year, we also join together for meals, retreats, and special events. Volunteers are needed to help with hospitality, particularly in greeting and interacting with the teens, helping teen leaders facilitate the evening of activities, small groups, and reflections. E-mail Mike Mothes at mmothes@olqpva.org for more info. and to get yourself on the e-mail distribution list to receive bi-monthly calendars and updates. Ministry Center Sunday Nights 7:15-8:30 pm.

YOUNG ADULT OPEN HOUSE - Are you between the ages of 18 and 35? On Sunday, January 29th from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm we will have a young adult "chili cook-off" open house in the Founders Room welcoming all young adults in the parish to stop by and get to know each other, as well as consider how they are participating/want to participate in our young adult community. There will be great food, great people, and great relationships to be built. Some of the young adult ministries that will be represented at the open house are: The 6pm Mass, Young Adult Retreats, Social Activities, Faith Sharing Groups, Social Justice, and Praise and Worship. E-mail Mike Mothes at mmothes@olqpva.org for more info. and to get yourself on the e-mail distribution list. Founders Room, Sunday January 29th 3:00-6:00 pm.

THEOLOGY ON TAP will not meet in December. Back at Lost Dog Café on Jan 9, 2017.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ST. JOSEPH PARISH IN MEDOR HAS A CHRISTMAS FOR THE POOR PROGRAM?

At the end of December, the very poor of the parish are invited to a special Mass followed by a meal. Each adult is given some money and food and each child is given a toy. Last Christmas, 125 people were invited, but 250 people arrived at the celebration. Since Pere Luckson was not able to duplicate the miracle of the loaves and the fishes, each person was given a bit less than planned, but everyone went home with a gift from the parish: truly the poor giving to those who are even poorer.

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

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

GABRIEL PROJECT - We help any pregnant woman in need. If you know someone struggling with a pregnancy for any reason, please contact us. Currently, because of your generosity, we are able to assist women who come to the parish food pantry on Wednesday mornings. Please consider donating diapers, baby wipes, and/or shampoo to help us. A successful creative idea we have seen is if you are hosting a holiday party or a family special occasion, ask your guests to donate these items. Many people are glad to do it. Thank you for caring for moms and babies. Contact: shari.zamarra@gmail.com, 703-323-9367.

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO... This is the time of year when it seems that everyone sings of peace on earth and good will toward all! Pope Paul VI proclaimed that **if we want peace we need to work for justice**. In this season of dreams of peace and good will...we are called to work for justice! Advent is a strange season...a season of hopes and dreams...a season of promises fulfilled and of promises yet to be fulfilled...a season of the Reign of God, that which is bursting forth and at the same time not yet fully here. Advent is counter cultural on so many levels...in a season when it seems the whole world begins to spin ever faster we are called to slow down...to spend time in prayer and reflection...to spend time thinking about the deeper realities of our lives. Part of this season's story is about a young girl living in a male dominated world where women were treated as property, but she breaks free from the bonds of obscurity and insignificance and becomes the heroine. A young girl named Mary said "yes" to an impossible proposition..."yes" to what must have seemed totally absurd. Imagine yourself in Mary's place...a heavenly visitor telling you that God her/himself, The Creator of all things...visible and invisible...was "asking" her to be the mother of the long awaited Messiah. The whole idea that God would choose to become human, one like us, and enter into our world as a vulnerable and innocent child is almost too much to comprehend. And yet she said "yes"...and her yes changed the world forever! To this very day...right now...her yes is still changing the world because the Risen Christ is in our midst! Because of her yes we can profess "we are the Body of Christ!" What is God calling me to say yes to as a member of the Body of Christ? Am I willing to risk, like Mary, and say "yes" to God not knowing where it will lead me...just trusting that God will walk with me on the journey? As I say yes to God, who am I being called to journey with?

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".

RCIA COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY - We have seven participants in the RCIA process as catechumens, candidates and adult confirmandi. Companions on the Journey (who are members of OLQP) have been praying for these participants, as well as for our sponsors and team members, as a group since September. In November, each of the Companions was assigned an individual participant for whom they are praying daily and sending periodic messages of encouragement on behalf of the wider OLQP community. We send a special thank you to our Companions for their generosity and loving support: Irene Ayinda, Natalie Brunson, Pat Chapla, Keren Charles, Susanne DeSantis, Sally Diaz-Wells, Bob Fallon, Ginny Franco, Jack Haeberle, Mike Humphreys, Sharon Kane, Joe Martocci, Barb McKeough, Betty Mills, Namaste, Fr. Joe Nangle, Steven Novotny, Cecilia Oetgen, Claire Randall, Ann Roman, Amy Stewart, Mary Strimel, Kathleen Waugh, Brett Wilhelm, Bob Wilson, Ann Young, Mal Young.

Eco Tip: Look for sales on LED lights to use next year. They are 90% more efficient than traditional lights, release less heat (reducing risk of fire), and can last 200,000 hrs.

DAY FOR ALL PEOPLE - Save the date! Wednesday, January 25, 2017 is the annual advocacy day for the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy. Plan to join us for a day of workshops on legislative issues before the Virginia General Assembly and meet with your legislators and/or their staff. For more information please visit www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org or contact Michelle Knight, mknight@olqpva.org

THE HOLIDAY PERIOD CAN BE VERY DIFFICULT for those who face the reality or memory of lost loved ones or who are enduring painful transitions. An OLQP Stephen Minister might be just what you need to support your experience with Christian care, support and prayer. Contact Joan Brown (703-971-2975) to find out how to arrange a Stephen Minister for any kind of loss or suffering.

DONATE YOUR CAR TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES - Thinking of replacing or getting rid of your old car? Please consider donating it to Catholic Charities. We take used vehicles and transfer them directly to qualifying families in desperate need of transportation. We also accept non-working cars, which helps to fund our volunteer ministries. Donating is EASY! We handle all the paperwork; you receive an IRS donation receipt. Avoid the hassle of selling your car, simplify your life, or reclaim that space in your garage. To donate, please email cars@ccda.net or call 703-841-3898.

PROJECT SHOEBOX: There is no way to know how many households contributed to the stacks of wrapped shoeboxes and puffy bags of hand knitted scarves that line the walls of Classroom 5. The 468 boxes contain a small store's worth of graciously donated health and comfort items. A multi-generational crew of nearly 35 swarmed the Founders Room from 11 am -8:30 pm to fill and wrap the empty shoeboxes. Storing the gifts in the basement involved 90 trips up and down the stairs, a feat accomplished by the Youth Group at the end of Wrapping Day. In another corner of Arlington, the Scarf Ministry group gathered to package 438 handmade scarves in colorful gift bags. Before next Wednesday, A-SPAN, SEEC and our Food Pantry Families will receive the hopeful gifts of health and warmth that come from the heart of the OLQP community...all wrapped in recycled materials, btw. The parish conveys the message of God's deep and passionate love for all, one shoebox and scarf at time.

COME JOIN THE ADVOCATE TEAM! OLQP's newsletter is seeking a new layout and page design volunteer. Applicants must be proficient with L&D in MS Word or other publishing program. The Advocate is published three times a year -- spring, fall and winter. Please contact Editor, Paula Cruickshank, 703-216-3045.

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: \$ _____

Editorial: Get behind common-sense agenda on guns

The Second Amendment is not in jeopardy. It is not going to be revoked or altered. The right to bear arms,.....will not be abridged. No one is going to take away anyone's guns.

With that stipulation in place.....is it possible to take stock of the handgun killings in the United States and at least agree that, if for no other reason than that the number is by far greater than it is anywhere else in the developed world, we should be looking for ways to reduce the killing.

Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence, a coalition of more than 50 national faith groups and organizations, is on the right track in its attempt to wrest the discussion of gun violence from the..... National Rifle Association. Not only does it have a good argument, it has good evidence showing the decrease in violent crimes in jurisdictions that have put sane gun control laws in place and an increase in violence in those places that have reversed such sane measures as background checks.

The national conversation about gun violence for too long has been fixed at two disparate points: outrage and helplessness. The outrage is evident most often after mass killings.....

The pattern, however, is that after the rage, numbness sets in. Even the horrific slaughter of schoolchildren in Newtown, Conn., in December 2012 was unable to move federal legislators to enact what the public widely perceived as reasonable mandatory background checks.

While mass shootings grab headlines, they account for only 1 percent of gun-related violence in the United States. The vast majority of deaths -- more than 11,000 in 2011 alone -- are individuals killed by handguns.

In a ...*Washington Post* column, Fareed Zakaria draws a telling comparison.[between 9/11 and 8/14/15] 74 people have been killed in the United States by terrorists while the country, during that time, has invaded two countries, conducted military operations in many others, and spent more than \$800 billion on homeland security. Over the same years, more than 150,000 Americans, the equivalent of "almost three Vietnams," have been killed in gun homicides.

Franciscan Sr. Marie Lucey of the Franciscan Action Network puts her finger on it. Background checks and handgun licensing are not threats to constitutional rights. They would, instead, balance out the individual right to own a gun with the equally important rights of the larger community to be safe from the random and increasingly frequent deadly force plaguing our cities.

Perhaps the problem had to reach epidemic proportions. Perhaps some of our streets had to begin to resemble the war zones on news feeds from what we would describe as lawless countries in some other part of the world, before the national conversation could move forward. The harsh reality is that sections of our cities are becoming lawless and deadly places for too many.

It is time to take action and get behind Faiths United's common-sense agenda. Write or call your federal legislator and insist that Congress enact laws that:

- Require every gun buyer to pass a criminal background check;
- Take military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines off the streets;

Make gun trafficking a federal crime.

Being the world's leader in the number of deaths by handguns reflects badly on the vaunted "freedom" that enables such carnage. It's time to change the conversation and the law.

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Join thousands of members of congregations across the country in
Congressional Call – In Day!
Tell Congress to
#HonorWithAction to #EndGunViolence

On Monday, December 19, 2016, please call both of our Virginia Senators and your member of Congress – Rep. Beyer represents most in this parish, but some are represented by Rep. Connolly.

Please share this message with your members of Congress:

"400,000 Americans have been killed or injured by guns since the Sandy Hook shooting, please #HonorWithAction to #EndGunViolence!"

Senator Kaine: 202-224-4024

Senator Warner: 202-224-2023

Rep. Beyer: 202-225-4376

Rep. Connolly: 202-225-1492

After you make your call, consider joining our newly forming Gun Violence Prevention Team. Contact Gerry LaPorte, g.laporte@verizon.net