

## Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!

### Contact Information:

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### Pastor:

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### Deacon:

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### Daily Mass Schedule:

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.

### Marriage Preparation:

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

### Reconciliation:

Saturdays — 4:45-5:15 pm and by appointment

### Religious Education Director:

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### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Wednesday—9 AM, office@olqpva.org

### 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 25, 2016

## CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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)



An angel appeared before the shepherds, saying,  
“Do not be afraid;  
I bring you good news.”

*Lk 2:9-10*

## **CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY**

(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*

Next weekend's Readings:

(Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

*Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21*

## **OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Lousie Aust, Elizabeth Ball, Suri Barahona, Tim Barnes, 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, 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 24-30**

Christmas Eve 4 pm, 4:15 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm Spanish, 12 Midnight for the Parish

Christmas Day 9am - for Jonathan James Hargrove (D) by his Family

11 am - for David Sheehy (D) by his Family

Wed. 12:00 noon - In Thanksgiving for Aryan Khetarpaul (L) by Juderica Dias

Thu. 12:00 noon - for Jonathan James Hargrove (D) by Emma Grayeb

Fri. 12:00 noon - for Philip Joseph Vahovich (D) by his Father Steve & his Sister Heather

## **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

Sunday Collection: \$14,649

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\$** - The sale of Just\$ cards will be suspended this weekend, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and also New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

**PEACE ASPIRATIONS...** Blessed are the peacemakers. - Jesus Christ

**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.

## **CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM PERE LUCKSON:**

*On behalf of the parish of St Joseph of Medor, I wish to express our best wishes of Merry Christmas to all the parishioners of OLQP.*

*The church, our Mother, arranged for us to have four weeks for the time of ADVENT, a time which invites us to prepare our HEARTS, for the coming of our Lord JESUS CHRIST. Advent is also a time of conversation, a time to encounter the OTHER. Advent invites us to enter the mystery of the Incarnation: A CHILD IS BORN! A SON IS GIVEN! Jesus Christ becomes man in order to elevate us to the divine dimension. The child of Bethlehem invites us to practice the virtue of Humility and to meet the OTHER for what he/she is.*

*Thank you OLQP for choosing us to be your fellow travelers! May the feast of Christmas strengthen our friendship in Christ for the glory of God and for the salvation of the world!*

*Pere Luckson,*

*Parish of St. Joseph of Medor*

**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.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP** - Come, listen, and find God in the silence. Groups meet on Friday mornings from 10:30-11:45 am, contact Janet O'Neil at jm7cneil@aol.com and Monday evenings from 7:30-8:30 pm, contact Susan Thompson at susan-starrstompson@juno.com. Beginners and those who would simply like to visit a group are welcome.

### JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO... Merry Christmas!

Certain images inspire wonder. They are powerful beyond the simple contents of the scene.

In the nativity scene we have such an image: a serene new mother, a concerned father, and a vulnerable newborn child. Beleaguered travelers, forced to take refuge in a stable, and a child laid in a manger. The rude surroundings leave the new family barely protected from the elements, open to any and all who come their way. And yet this scene inspires wonder and awe! It is meant to open our hearts, to help us to see that there is more to life than we have come to expect. It tells us that Divinity courses through human life and that our God is not distant from us, but Emmanuel...God with us! The manger scene is both an invitation and a promise. An invitation to leave our pursuit of worldly things behind and instead to enter into the Mystery that lays before us...to be as vulnerable as this child and these parents...to be as open as the shepherds and as generous of heart as the magi. To praise God like the angels and pay attention like the townspeople. The resulting promise is that we meet God. We discover not only that Jesus is God, but that we too share in God's life—not only in the afterlife, but right here and right now. And so in the days to come let us open our hearts to the wonder of this Christmas moment. Let us all say a prayer of gratitude for the gift of love that God gives to each and every one of us. Let us not waste this moment of wonder on the commercialism of the season, nor lose it in the turmoil of times but let us ponder for a moment the mystery of the Incarnation of our God, allowing it to change our hearts, to fill us with hope and to give direction to our actions. I pray you have a "wonder-filled" Christmas and come to know how deeply and passionately you are loved by God...just as you are!

Merry Christmas,

Fr. Tim

### BISHOP MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE invites the people of the

Diocese to join him for Mass and a reception during the month of January. Dates and locations of the Masses (in our general area) are as follows:

Jan. 10, 2017 – Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Arlington

Jan. 11, 2017 – All Saints, Manassas

Jan. 18, 2017 – Our Lady of Good Counsel, Vienna

Jan. 23, 2017 – St. Bernadette, Springfield

Masses will begin at 7 p.m., with the receptions following. All are most welcome.

### NATIONAL CATHOLIC REPORTER'S PERSON OF THE YEAR:

MARIE DENNIS! "For the leadership role she plays in guiding the church to think about just peace and for her personal witness of Christian nonviolence, we name Marie Dennis NCR's person of the year for 2016."

Congratulations Marie (OLQP's very own!) – so incredibly proud of you and your work to "re-examine how the church thinks about war and peace, violence and nonviolence". The full NCR editorial will be published in their December 30, 2016-January 12, 2017 edition.

**Eco Tip:** Save your used Christmas wrapping paper and ribbon to reuse next year. Greeting cards make great gift tags.

CONCERNED ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE? Join our newly forming parish team to educate and advocate around preventing gun violence. The first meeting will be sometime in mid- to late January. Please contact Gerry Laporte, g.laporte@verizon.net or Michelle Knight, 703-979-5580.

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](http://www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org) or contact Michelle Knight, [mknight@olqpva.org](mailto:mknight@olqpva.org)

BUILD BRIDGES & DISMANTLE WALLS: Faith Communities Joining Together to Promote Inclusion, Compassion & Justice. Join Virginia Interfaith Center Executive Director Kim Bobo for a workshop about the Center's work to achieve social justice in VA, with a special focus on wage theft. Sunday Jan 8, 2:30 – 4:30 at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4444 Arlington Blvd. Registration recommended: <https://buildbridges.eventbrite.com>

SEEKING NURSE to Provide Nursing Care and Expertise to L'Arche Greater Washington DC - Nurse Case Manager will provide health care oversight to one or more of our homes in the greater DC area, serving 16 adults with intellectual disabilities. Successful candidate will demonstrate experience and interest in both case management and teaching, with a preference for experience with people with disabilities. Approx. 20 hours/week our nurse has many opportunities to heal, listen, and to impact excellent and ongoing care giving. D.C. RN license required. Visit [www.larche-gwdc.org](http://www.larche-gwdc.org) for more information and full job description. To apply send resume to Caitlin Smith, recruitment coordinator, [atjoin@larche-gwdc.org](mailto:atjoin@larche-gwdc.org).

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.

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.

### 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, 2016. 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).



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Christmas 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is a great privilege for me to greet you on this first Christmas as your bishop. I am so very grateful for the gracious welcome you have extended to me and for the assurance of your continued prayers.

At Christmas, we sing "Joy to the World." However, this is more than a seasonal carol. It is the hope and prayer that we hold deep within our hearts. Genuine and lasting joy is found only in an intimate relationship with Jesus, the Son of God, the Son of Mary, the Savior of the World.

As we celebrate the great feast of Christmas, may we be renewed in our commitments to stay close to the Lord by faithfully attending Mass, by frequently celebrating God's mercy in the Sacrament of Penance, by praying daily and by imitating the Lord's humble and sacrificial service especially in our compassionate care of those in most need. When we live in such a way, we will know genuine joy and will be instruments in bringing that precious gift to all the world.

It is my hope and prayer that through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, our Lord Jesus will abundantly bless you with His peace and joy throughout the Christmas season and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington