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.

Marriage Preparation:

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

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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 wellbeing 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

JANUARY 8, 2017

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was."

Mt 2:9

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3A,5-6; Mt 2:1-12 Next weekend's Readings: (The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time) Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; In 1:29-34 <u>PEACE ASPIRATIONS</u>... If you haven't forgiven yourself something, how can you forgive others? – Dolores Huerta

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 Claure, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Adrienne DiCerbo, Ernest Donatto, Mike Dorsey, Marye Embrey, Irene Fitzpatrick, Judie Francia, 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, 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 JANUARY 7-13

5:30 pm– for Vicente Alberto C. Francia (D) by Judy, Wally Joseph & Luis Francia Families 8 am– for Tony Fargo (D) by Debbie & Steve Hand 9:30 am– for Fr. Jim Healy (D) by Frank Finamore 12:00 noon– for George Bonneau (D) by Patricia & Family 6 pm– for Vincente Alberto C. Francia (D) by Emma Francia & Family

Mon. 12:00 noon - for James Wall Crowe (D) by Mark A. Crowe Tue. 12:00 noon - for Fr. Jim Healy, 20th Anniversary Eternal Life (D) by Frank Finamore

Wed. 12:00 noon - for James Wall Crowe (D) by Mark A. Crowe Thu. 12:00 noon - for James Wall Crowe (D) by Mark A. Crowe Fri. 12:00 noon - for Veronica Stacks (D)

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday Collection: \$14,105
Faith Direct December *weekly average:* \$8,514

JUST\$ - Happy New Year. When you use Just\$ Giant, Safeway or Shoppers cards for your grocery shopping throughout the year, OLQP is able to assist more than 150 families who use the Food Pantry each week, and vulnerable children in Mweiga, Kenya who have been affected by HIV/AIDS. OLQP purchases these cards at a discount, makes them available to you at face value, and you redeem them at face value; thus funds for the needy are generated at no cost to you.

MESSAGE FROM PERE LUCKSON, pastor of St. Joseph parish

<u>in Medor</u>: The parish of St. Joseph of Medor wishes all the faithful of Our Lady Queen of Peace a Good and Holy Year under the eyes of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the Lord bless and keep each and every one of you! Let His face shine upon you and bring you peace and mercy!

May this New Year invite our two parishes to strengthen our bonds of fraternity and allow us to grow in humanity following our Lord Jesus Christ!

Love, P. Luckson Chery

Check out Dr. Sue's blog on Medor: marysusancarlson.tumblr.com

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

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION ON DR. KING AND NON-VIOLENCE? Minkisi ministry will hold its monthly small group meditation session on Mon., Jan. 9 (instead of Jan 2), 7:15 pm, in the Parish Discussion Room/Parish Office. Cecilia Braveboy will lead the prayer and reflection based on 1 Peter 2:9-10. For more information, contact Cecilia, jisaac3@verizon.net or 703-979-5389.



All Are Welcome to Join Our Prayer Service Commemorating the Life and Vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Peace, Tolerance and Unity for a New Generation"

January 16, 11:00 am
Reception Immediately Following
Bring a Non-Perishable Food Donation for the
Food Pantry

SONG • WORD • PRAYER

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO...

The word epiphany comes from the Greek; meaning to "appear"...or to be "revealed". In some cultures the feast of Epiphany is referred to as "Little Christmas" or "the Feast of the Three Kings", and is the day of exchanging gifts with friends and loved ones. Regardless of what we call it, it is a day on which we tell the story of the arrival of the magi, or the three kings, who have come from afar to see the newborn king and to offer gifts. Epiphany is a time of celebrating the acknowledgement of "a new beginning"...a time to celebrate the Reign of God bursting forth in the midst of creation! For sure we dwell for a while on the visit of the magi and the wonder of their journey...led by only a star that shown brightly in the deepest of the night sky. It is a time of wonder and awe...a time to allow ourselves to enter into the story and reflect on our own journey...our spiritual journey. For the magi the signs were in the heavens...a star that led them to Bethlehem, to a shabby little stable...where our God came among us as one of us. Perhaps the magi's real wisdom was that they knew that they didn't know everything... they valued learning, they looked for signs, they paid attention to dreams...they expected God to talk to them... they believed that they encountered God in their daily lives. Ultimately the story of the magi is a story of encounter, an encounter of the greatest kind...an encounter with God. Am I open to "following a star"...to paying attention to the signs of God's presence in my life? Where do I encounter God in the ordinary routine of my daily life? The magi came bearing gifts...what gift of self might I offer to God? I pray you all a most happy and blessed New Year! Fr. Tim

MERRY CHRISTMAS from your parish family — Josephite calendars are available at the back of church. Please take one for your family's use.

MARCH FOR LIFE - JANUARY 27TH

Please join and support the Right to Life Committee for the annual March for Life being held this year on Friday, January 27th. Festivities begin at 11:45 am on the grounds of the Washington Monument. The Committee will be outside the weekends of January 15th and 22nd after the 5:30 pm (Sat), 9:30 am, 11:15 am (Sun) masses if you are interested in signing up to attend the March with a group from OLQP. Otherwise, please contact Julie Hanlon Bolton for information. Please also see http://marchforlife.org/mfl-2017/rally-march-info/

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 jm7coneil@aol.com and Monday evenings from 7:30-8:30 pm, contact Susan Thompson at susanstarrsthompson@juno.com. Beginners and those who would simply like to visit a group are welcome.

Eco Tip: Check your furnace air filter regularly and replace when dirty or at least every three months. Clean filters can prevent dust buildup and expensive maintenance.

CARPENTERS SHELTER, THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

We can welcome in the new year with a holiday meal of fried chicken, potato salad, and collard greens, and ready-to-decorate cookies that can be taken home, decorated by you and returned as a special dessert! Please add your name on the sign-up board in the back of church. Questions: mary.resnick@gmail.com.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS BAGS

Plastic grocery bags are needed for the food pantry, NOT newspaper bags. Please leave them in the food donation bin. Thank you!

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- **1.** The monthly mobile market will be on Thursday January 19. Your help to package and distribute produce is needed from 8 am to noon
- **2.** Our busy clothing bazaar, Matt 25, is always in need of new volunteers to work in the store or to sort donations. There are daytime and weekend options. Please contact Michelle Knight, mknight@olqpva.org.

OLQP IMMIGRATION TEAM: Are you concerned about the state of immigration policy? Join our parish team to educate our community and to advocate for keeping families together and for fair and just immigration policies. We will have two meetings to begin our efforts in the new year. Choose the one that works best for you: Sunday, January 8 at 1:15 pm (following 12:00 Mass) in the Founders Room and Monday, January 9 at 7:00 pm, also in the Founders Room. Please contact Greg Staff at gregstaff@gmail.com or Michelle Knight, 703-979-5580.

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

VIRGINIA ADVOCACY IN RICHMOND Wednesday, January 25 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. More information at www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org. Please contact Michelle Knight, mknight@olqpva.org if you are considering attending and we can plan carpools.

CELEBRATING a CULTURE of ENCOUNTER

National Migration Week 2017

January 8-14, 2017

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme for National Migration Week 2017 draws attention to Pope Francis' call to create a culture of encounter, and in doing so to look beyond our own needs and wants to those of others around us. In the homily given at his first Pentecost as pope, he emphasized the importance of encounter in the Christian faith: "For me this word is very important. Encounter with others. Why? Because faith is an encounter with Jesus, and we must do what Jesus does: encounter others."

With respect to migrants, too often in our contemporary culture we fail to encounter them as persons, and instead look at them as others or render them invisible. During this National Migration Week, let us all take the opportunity to engage migrants as community members and neighbors – all of whom are worthy of our attention and support.

Two more actions you can take:

- Go on-line to <u>www.justiceforimmigrants.org</u> and send an electronic postcard to your members of Congress. Below is what you will find on-line. You can send your own email or letter using this template, if you prefer.
- 2. Join our newly re-forming immigration team. See the notice for a meeting, either Sunday after the Noon Mass or Monday evening. If you cannot attend and are interested in getting involved, please contact Greg Staff, gstaff@gmail.com or Michelle Knight, mknight@olqpva.org

Dear Senator/Representative:

As a Catholic, I believe in the human dignity of all immigrants and refugees. With more than 65 million people displaced from their homes, we are currently witnessing the worst refugee crisis since World War Two. During National Migration Week, I celebrate the contributions of refugees and immigrants in our churches, communities and in our country. I ask that you, as an elected official:

- o support humane reforms that affirms the dignity of all migrants; and
- o recognize the contributions of immigrants and refugees in your community.

Sincerely,

All information was provided by the Justice for Immigrants campaign of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops.