

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 the parish office 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

FEBRUARY 19, 2017

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Love your enemies,
and pray for those
who persecute you.**

Mt 5:44

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Next weekend's Readings:

(The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Is 49:14-15; 1 Cor 4: 1-5; Mt 6:24-34

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Lousie Aust, Elizabeth Ball, Suri Barahona, Tim Barnes, Ronald Bashian, Francis Bilgera, Debra Billings, Precious Bowens, April Brassard, Lynne Burgh, 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, Gerri Noble-Martocci, Patrick Ogden, 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, Marilyn Webster, Dottie Williams, Mary Woods, John Zamarra, Claudia Zapata.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 18-24

5:30 pm— for Ellsworth & Lorine Newman (D)

by Tyra & Karen Newman

8 am— for Peter Howley (D) by Debbie & Steve Hand

9:30 am— for Wayne O. Harris (D) by Susan Harris

11:15 am— for Carol Brake (D) by Dee Dee Tostanoski

1 pm— for Pedro Antonio Alfaro (D) by Julia Alfaro

6 pm— for Patrice Jasper (D) by Kristine Gregos

Mon. 12:00 noon - for Gerri Noble-Martocci (L)

by Your Brothers & Sisters from the Noon Mass

Tue. 12:00 noon - for Carmela Vancore (D) by Michael Safina

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday Collection: \$11,963

Faith Direct January *weekly average*: \$7,943

JUST\$ - By using Just\$ Giant, Safeway and Shoppers grocery cards for your weekly shopping, you are helping orphaned and vulnerable children in Mweiga, Kenya. These are children who are more exposed to risks than their peers, such as children who are likely to fall through the cracks of regular programs or who experience negative outcomes, such as the loss of their education, morbidity, and malnutrition, at higher rates than do their peers.

PEACE ASPIRATIONS... Establishing lasting peace is the work of education; all politics can do is keep us out of war. - Maria Montessori

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

A colorful mailbox sits at the far left corner of the church. The box is an invitation to the entire OLQP community to remember someone who is ill and unable to be with us.

Community Challenge: Take 5 minutes from your week to write a thoughtful note or make a card for someone in need. Drop it in the box. It will make a difference!

4TH SUNDAY YOUNG ADULT POTLUCK

- Join us next Sunday after the 6 pm Mass in the Founders Room (Feb 26, 7:15 pm) for this month's young adult potluck. Our theme: "Mardi Gras". Feel free to bring your favorite Mardi Gras food or drink! All young adults welcome. The Founders Room will be open and available before Mass if anybody needs to keep their items refrigerated, heated, or plugged in before the potluck.

FOUR MEDOR SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADUATES

study at the University of Fondwa (UNIF). There is a general consensus that attending UNIF is a dream come true for each of them. Vannia, an agronomy student, described how privileged she feels to be attending UNIF and to be given the opportunity to make a contribution to her home community. Odel, who is studying business, spoke of the high profile learning he is receiving at UNIF. He plans to use his education to do good deeds in Medor. The other two, Roland is studying agronomy and Nathan is a first year veterinary medicine student. Pere Luckson feels that with this program, Medor will begin to move toward sustainable development and the people of Medor will learn how to increase wealth for their community. **Check out Dr. Sue's blog** on Medor: marysusancarolson.tumblr.com

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

LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER, Saturday, March 4,—

Escape to San Damiano in White Post, VA and make this a more fruitful Lent. Fr. John Cregan will lead the Day. Please pre-register by calling San Damiano at 540-868-9220 or h.esparza@arlingtondiocese.org. Check-in begins at 9 am and the day concludes after Mass - about 3 pm. The cost for the day is \$30 and includes lunch.

2017 MARKS THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA APPARITIONS

- In honor of the Centennial celebration Our Lady Queen of Peace is offering a wonderful travel opportunity lead by Fr. Brandon: **A Pilgrimage to FATIMA & LOURDES with BARCELONA** from November 12 – 21, 2017. If you are interested and want to learn more about cost and logistics, please contact: Fr. Brandon: bnguyen@olqpva.org

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO... “You have heard that it was said, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, offer no resistance to the one who is evil.” Jesus is not calling the disciples to become “door mats” but rather he is using common 1st century Middle Eastern hyperbole attempting to make a key paradigm shift from violence to nonviolence. He is challenging his followers to be willing to go beyond the letter of the law and embrace something much more difficult, to embrace the other! He calls us to be holy as God is holy, to love our enemies, to give to whoever asks of us. How is all of this humanly possible! It seems too much! God’s goodness is so great, how can any human act as good as God? Some theologians say that God’s goodness comes down to “generosity”, a generosity so grand that it created all known reality, that even the incarnation is as self-giving as was Jesus’ death as was his resurrection and as is our salvation. So then this “generosity”, this “out pouring” of God’s self into the world empowers us, fills us, emboldens us and ultimately changes us to become more generous, less violent, less bent on getting even and more moved to be kind. So we begin to work for ways in which our society makes room for the immigrant and the refugee rather than ways to keep them out. This spirit of generosity calls us to let go of racist and bigoted attitudes towards others and to work for justice and peace in our nation and in our world. Perhaps though this generosity of spirit grows from first finding our own gratitude for being loved so deeply and passionately by God, just as we are. And from that gratitude grows our ability to be generous towards “the other”. For what am I grateful for today? To whom will I be generous towards today...how will I show that generosity of heart?

Blessings,
Fr Tim

2017 BISHOP’S LENTEN APPEAL

OFFERING HANDS TO SERVE AND HEARTS TO LOVE

Next weekend, every family in our parish will be asked to complete a Bishop’s Lenten Appeal (BLA) pledge form at Mass. If you have already donated through the mail or online or are not able to participate, there will be a place to note that on the form. Please read the BLA newsletter inserted in today’s bulletin with information about how the BLA funds are distributed throughout our diocese to help thousands of people each year. Then, prayerfully consider joining in support by making a pledge. Through your support of this important appeal, you become the hands and heart of our Lord Jesus!

ECO TIP: Reduce consumption of plastic: use reusable shopping bags, give up bottled water, and buy in bulk.

STONE SOUP SUPPER -- Save the dates!

Every Friday in Lent we will, once again, have a special evening. We will begin with Mass in the Church at 6 pm, move to the Ministry Center and at 6:45 enjoy a soup supper prepared by a different parish ministry each week. At 7:15, there will be a presentation or a film showing followed by table discussion. Our theme this year is “Building Bridges”. We will be learning more about, as Fr. Tim says, to “say yes to...the other”, including Muslims, refugees and immigrants. Plan to join us.

HAVE A FEW SPARE HOURS AND A CAR?

OLQP is a partner agency to The Shepherd’s Center in Mclean and they are in need of people to drive seniors (in Arlington and Mclean) to their medical appointments. New clients continue to be added and the volunteer pool is not keeping pace. Please call 703-506-2199 or e-mail info@scmaf.org.

SISTERHOOD OF PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANS - Join progressive Christian women from around the DMV as we share and grow our faith, deepen service to our community, and discern political involvement. We hope you'll join us at our next monthly meeting, Tuesday, March 7, from 7 pm - 9 pm at St. George’s Episcopal Church (915 N Oakland St, Arlington). Email spcsisterhoodchronicles@gmail.com with questions, and learn more on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sisterhoodprogressivechristians>

MARCH 5TH CONCUSSION MOVIE SCREENING & LABOR AND FOOTBALL SAFETY/ CORPORATE GREED TALK

- Join us for a screening of the movie *Concussion* starring Will Smith, followed by an intergenerational discussion of labor protections, corporate greed, our moral responsibilities as football fans, and how we can protect our young people who play football. Rev. Thomas, of the AFT will moderate the discussion. The event will be Sunday, March 5th in the Founders Room: 2:30 pm - movie & pizza; 4:30-5:45pm, discussion. It is co-sponsored by the Labor Team & Parish Teens & Young Adults. Parishioners of ALL ages (13+) urged to come! For questions, please email Laura at htlaura1@gmail.com.

OLQP's LGBT ministry, GLFF (Gay, Lesbian, Friends & Family)

, will meet at 4:30 pm on Sunday, February 26th in classroom 1 & 2 on the 2nd floor of the Ministry Center. We will have a potluck and discuss the remainder of the year of GLFF events and activities. Please contact Vicky Strimel, va.strimel@gmail.com for more information. All are welcome!

The Price of Sports Scholarships for Black Males - Athletics vs. Education

By: Natasha Ofosu

One important issue that is often overlooked when discussing the “Crisis in Black Education”, is the plight of the Black male athlete. When going to college the expectation is that you will get a degree that leads to success in your post college career. Your degree is usually in a major that you are interested in or one that you feel can create a successful future. Unfortunately, this is not happening for many student-athletes in college, especially Black student-athletes. These athletes are placed in majors that will not set them up for success. This disparity is even greater in Division I Power 5 Conference basketball and football, where the athletes are disproportionately Black. These athletes most often major in general or interdepartmental studies—typically not degrees to fall back on if basketball or football doesn’t work out; and, getting into the NBA or the NFL is like winning the lottery. (1)

Even before college, many Black kids from poor socioeconomic backgrounds use sports to move ahead, because many of them are socialized to value sports over academics at a young age. They dream of playing sports professionally so they work hard to excel in sports. To the detriment of the student, teachers then push “star” athletes (of all colors) through the education system, passing them on to the next grade when they should not have been. Then colleges recruit these athletes who are physically and athletically gifted, but are clearly not prepared to handle college work. (1)

Once in college they are at a disadvantage academically, and ill prepared for success. Their focus is often not on education but their eligibility. To remain eligible athletes must be in good academic standing. To achieve this the



school may employ what is called “clustering.” This is when large numbers of athletes take particular majors at much higher rates than the general student body. Usually these majors are less demanding and will help athletes remain eligible. It was determined that this is very common at Division I Power 5 Conference schools. (2)

Many Black athletes, even in general majors, are still so ill prepared that they can’t even finish school. In looking at Division I football, a 2013 report found that athletes, in general, graduated at rates 18% percentage less than non-athletes and Black players lagged by 24%. In 2016, a University of Pennsylvania study reported that the six-year graduation rate for Black male college athletes in major Division I conferences was 53.6 %, compared to 68.5% for all student-athletes, and 55.5% for Black male students and 75.4% for undergraduate students overall. Disproportionately, Black males are not graduating. (3)

In 2014- 2015 in Division I Power 5 Conference schools, Black men represented only 2.5% of the undergraduate students but 60.8% of the basketball

team and 56.3% were football players making them the largest racial group in both sports. Meanwhile, according to the U.S. Census, Blacks only made up 12.3 percent of the nation's total population. In other words, Blacks aren't just overrepresented in big-time college sports; they're wildly overrepresented in sports where ultimately only about 1.2% will be drafted by the NBA and about 1.6% will reach the NFL. The ones that do graduate are left with a major that will probably not get them a good job, which could inhibit their well-being after graduating (3).

There is no clear answer or resolution to this issue. Division I Power 5 Conference schools make billions of dollars on their basketball and football programs, so they are unlikely to change and put education before sports any time soon. But there is actually one Division I Power 5 Conference school that is doing just that. At Northwestern University the graduation rate for Black male student-athletes is 94%. This is also the only school where Black male student-athletes graduate at a rate higher than or equal to the undergraduate students overall. Other schools should research what Northwestern is doing and try to emulate it. But the students and the parents need to do their part in holding these schools accountable for actually doing the job of educating their students. (3) It is paramount that this also include the foundation-- the elementary and secondary schools that are responsible for preparing these students for college.

1. <http://www.sbnation.com/college-football/2014/7/9/5885433/ncaa-trial-student-athletes-education>
2. https://sports.vice.com/en_us/article/four-years-a-student-athlete-the-racial-injustice-of-big-time-college-sports
3. Harper, Shaun R. Ph.D. (2016) Black Male Student-Athletes and Racial Inequities in NCAA Division I College Sports, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania, Center for the Study of Race and Equity in Education.