

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!

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Monday-Thursday — 12 Noon

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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

March 12, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Christ's face became
As dazzling as the sun,
His clothes as radiant
As light.

Matthew 17:2

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

LENTEN RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

The Sacrament of Penance is offered each Wednesday

Evening during Lent from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

At the same time, Reconciliation Services
or Sung Stations of the Cross will be offered:

Reconciliation Services

7 pm – March 22, Bilingual

6:30 pm – April 5, Family Service (open to all)

Sung Stations of the Cross

7 pm – March 15, March 29 and April 12

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

Next weekend's Readings: (The Third Sunday of Lent)

Ex 17:3-7, ROM 5:1-2, 5,8, JN 4:5-42 or JN 4:5-15, 19B-26, 39A, 40-42

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, Mary Brown, Lynne Burgh, Brody Carroll, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claire, Ginny Cox, 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, Karen Krahn, Rebecca Krahn, 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, 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, John Zamarra, Claudia Zapata.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAR. 11 - MAR. 17

5:30 pm - for Giny Franco 70th Birthday (Living)

by Christine Young & Family

8:00 am - for Fr. Brandon Nguyen (Living) by Secret Prayer Pal

9:30 am - for John Edlefsen (D) by Ann Johnson

11:15 am - for Ismail K. Bassa (D) by Susan Francia

1:00 pm - for Juana Laguna (D) by The Family

6:00 pm - for Owen Wagner (D) by Simkovsky-Brown Family

Thu. 12:00 noon - for Fiona Power (Living) by Pat Carty

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday Collection: \$ 13,226

Black & Indian Missions: \$ 5,717

HAITI EASTER APPEAL

Think about a typical evening in your home. Perhaps you eat dinner with your family, watch TV, play on the Internet, read before bed. Such ordinary activities here, which so many of us often take for granted, are far from routine in Medor, Haiti. Many do not eat three meals a day; dinner is a luxury—not a given. Electricity is also uncommon—and so is a home with a television, a computer, a gaming system. Through our twinning program, we provide lunch for each child who attends school. For many students, this is their only meal of the day. We also help support solar power for the secondary school's computer lab, so the students and teachers have access to computer learning. This week, consider eating a simple meal in solidarity with the parishioners at St. Joseph's. Turn off lights and electronics not in use. Donate the funds you would have spent on a meal out or powering a device to the Haiti Easter Drive. Spend a bit of time praying for our brothers and sisters in Medor, instead of watching TV or playing a video game.

WALK THROUGH LENT WITH POPE FRANCIS: A GUIDE FOR LAUDATO SI'

(The full guide is printed on green paper and available at the back of the church.)

WEEK 2: Chapter 2 of *Laudato Si'*: The Gospel of Creation "Our insistence that each human being is an image of God should not make us overlook the fact that each creature has its own purpose. None is superfluous. The entire universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us." (#84)

PRAY: Be merciful, O God, for I have sinned. Teach me to listen to the message of each creature, and everything living and growing, in the harmony of creation. Guide me to give thanks for the diversity of all of God's gifts in the natural world.

ACT: How can I make time in my busy life to be in God's presence, in the natural world that he created? How can I share this love from God with others, through communion in nature? How can I walk with awareness of God's gifts?

CRS RICE BOWL

Do you have a Rice Bowl on your table? It's not too late. Pick up one at the back of church and check out the attached calendar. This week we encounter Evelina in Zambia. Mothers in her community learn new ways to provide nutritious meals for their families. Stories of hope. Rice Bowl contributions, help many in God's family have access to healthy food. Thank you.

OLIVEWOOD HANDMADE CARVINGS

March 25-26 OLQP will have a display of olivewood handmade carvings from the Holy Land, made by the Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their source of income. These brothers and sisters of ours are enduring hardships at this moment because of the volatile situation in their home country. Christians in the Holy Land used to be more than 37% of the population. There is less than 1% now. You can make a difference in their lives by purchasing a carving.

ANNUAL RETREAT -Join men and women of OLQP at Loyola on the Potomac, a Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, MD for a retreat based on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius. It is conducted in silence and includes generous amounts of time for prayer, personal reflection and the cultivation of a deeper relationship with God. Dates: Friday, 21 April to Sunday after lunch, 23 April. Weekend fee: \$235 (\$185 for first time retreatants and/or young adults up to age 30). A deposit of \$115 is required. Contact Thea Barron, theabarron@yahoo.com, 703-354-0580, and for more information or to reserve on line: www.loyolaonthepotomac.dom

St. Patrick's Day Dispensation

Bishop Burbidge has granted a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence from meat on March 17.

Eco-Tip: Prepare the soil and plant early season vegetables such as spinach, lettuce, radishes and kale. Make it a family activity. Kids love to watch things grow and may even be enticed to eat what they grow.

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO... This Sunday we hear Matthew's account of the Transfiguration of Jesus...right before the eyes of three of the disciples, Jesus' true identity bursts forth and in one brief luminous moment, Peter, James and John are themselves forever changed..."transfigured" with a growing awareness of who Jesus really is! I believe that each one of us has our own "moments of transfiguration"....moments in which we see or feel the very presence of God. They are moments when, deep inside, we come to know that God is present....that God is real. These moments of awareness hold the potential to transfigure our lives into something new...something wonderful. The challenge is to learn "to live out of" these moments... keeping these moments alive in our hearts and minds allowing them to continually transfigure us more and more into the image and likeness of God. As we reach out to the poor and the marginalized, the immigrant and the refugee we are transfigured by the experience as well. For in "the encounter of the other, we encounter God" and we are changed! As Jesus' true identity shown forth on the side of that mountain, so may ours burst forth during this Lenten sojourn into the desert. What "transfiguration moments" have I recently experienced? Where have I seen the face of God revealed? Where is God calling me to this Lent?

Lenten blessings,
Fr Tim

2017 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

Offering hands to serve and hearts to love

Thank you for supporting the 2017 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) Please be aware that BLA pledge payments should NOT be made through our parish's Faith Direct program. If you would like to set up a recurring monthly payment for your BLA pledge, please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org to set this up. Thank you!

STONE SOUP SUPPER, FRIDAY MARCH 17—We will begin with Mass in the Church at 6 pm, move to the Ministry Center and at 6:45 enjoy a soup supper (bring your own bowl and cup if possible) prepared by our Stephen Ministry. At 7:15, we will watch some film clips on immigration and follow that with table discussion.

A Pilgrimage to FATIMA & LOURDES with BARCELONA

From November 12 – 21, 2017, led by Fr. Brandon. If you are interested and want to learn more about cost and logistics, please contact: Fr. Brandon: bnguyen@olqpva.org

'WELCOME YOUR NEIGHBOR' ORDER YOUR YARD SIGN—Let your immigrant and refugee neighbors know you welcome them. With a tri-colored sign -- in Spanish, English, and Arabic, for your lawn. Order your sign today after Mass or on-line: <https://goo.gl/forms/IaDR4iJ8JRkuSOvz2>. Signs are \$10 each. Contact: Mary Beth Zimmerman, 703-615-1021 if you have any questions.

CARPENTERS SHELTER SUPPER - Thursday, March 16 - This month's meal is beef stew with potatoes & vegetables, salad and dessert. Signup sheets are in the back of church. Please bring your food before 4:45 on Thursday, March 16, to the Ministry Center Founders Room and place in refrigerator or freezer. Contact mary.resnick@gmail.com with questions

CONSISTENT ETHIC OF LIFE

At OLQP, we pray for, stand with and defend any human life threatened by violence or deprivation. Catholic Social Teaching instructs us as to the dignity and sacredness of each human life. Pope Francis reminds us that these concerns are all connected. Let us stand in solidarity with all our vulnerable brothers and sisters. You are invited to help us pursue these and other connections on life issues as we build a Team to enable our parish to embrace this Consistent Ethic concept. Meetings are Thursdays, Mar 9, Apr 6 and May 11 at 7:30pm. Please join us. Questions or curious? Contact Shari.zamarra@gmail.com, 703-323-9367.

SEEKING ELDER CARE SERVICES - A lovely couple in Annandale needs someone to come into their home approximately 2-3 hours/day 4-5 times/week. Hours flexible. We are seeking someone to do light housekeeping and laundry, and to help with personal hygiene, and perhaps do companion cooking. Please contact Jill Clark-Gollub at clarkgollub@rcn.com or 240-338-6216.

ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE? This Lenten season make a commitment to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharistic. Those interested in volunteering for this ministry of care and service by distributing the Eucharist at Mass should contact Keren Charles, kerenc@gmail.com, to sign up for a two hour diocesan training/orientation. Training is mandatory and scheduled locally on Saturday, April 22, 10-12 noon at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Arlington. Alternative dates available at other locations.

BE READY TO HELP IN AN I.C.E. IMMIGRATION ACTION

The ACLU has created Mobile Justice Virginia, a smartphone app that will empower Virginians to record police and hold them accountable for their actions. Record, report, witness, and Know Your Rights - all on your phone! It will also allow you to alert others of an action as it is happening. Search for MobileJusticeVirginia in the app store or at Googleplay.

SOME Empty Bowls Supper - Join SOME (So Others Might Eat) for our annual Empty Bowls soup supper on Monday, March 20th at Saint Ann Roman Catholic Church (5300 North 10th Street, Arlington, VA), 6pm-8pm. Guests are served a simple soup supper and may select and take home a beautiful hand-crafted bowl that will serve as a reminder of those whose bowls are empty. The cost is \$25 per person and tickets may be purchased at the door or online at <http://some.org/events/empty-bowls/>. All proceeds help SOME. For information, contact Rebecca Potts-Dupre: 202-797-8806 ext. 1131 or rpotts-dupre@some.org

Don't close doors to refugees, church leaders say

By: Carol Glatz

Given the ongoing crises in the Middle East, North American, European and other Western nations will need to be more generous in coming to the aid of refugees and displaced peoples, said two prominent church leaders.

The answer is continued assistance, "not to close the gates of the countries where people are knocking for survival," said Archbishop Silvano M. Tomasi, former Vatican representative to U.N. agencies in Geneva.

Cardinal Roger M. Mahony, retired archbishop of Los Angeles, told journalists that nations like Lebanon and Jordan have been "very heroic" in accommodating large numbers of refugees, "as compared to many other countries, especially the United States, which I think is gravely at fault here."

The archbishop and cardinal spoke about a 10-day visit to Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Greece to visit refugees and church-based organizations offering aid and assistance. The March 9 media event was hosted by the Migrants and Refugees Section of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.

"We saw humanity at its worst and humanity at its best on this journey," Cardinal Mahony said. The worst was seeing situations "where men could so mistreat

and maltreat other men, women and children."

"On the other side, in the midst of all this suffering and pain, we found the best in the people," who were involved in caring and bringing relief and aid to others, such as members of Catholic charities, international volunteers and nongovernmental organizations. "It was very inspiring."

Both Archbishop Tomasi and Cardinal Mahony noted how the current populist sentiments in parts of Europe and the United States were negatively affecting the health, lives and dignity of millions of people needing accommodation and assistance.

"I can understand that with the political development of populist movements and xenophobic groups that politicians are concerned about limiting the massive arrival of people in the (European) Union," Archbishop Tomasi said. However, he added, the consequence is people are trapped where they are, "they cannot go back and they cannot go forward," and families often are broken up because they find themselves stuck in different countries.

A country's right to regulate how many people come to them for resettlement needs to be respected, he said, but human rights and legal commitments to international conventions must also be respected, he said.

Making the problem worse, Cardinal Mahony said, was an approach taken during President Donald Trump's election campaign, which "posed people who are different from you, (as) a threat to you, a threat to your jobs" and "they're going to harm you."

"This generalization of people who are different as a threat just compounds the issue and the problem," he said.

The best way to handle resettlement, he added, is for the incoming family to have local families and communities, like a parish, reach out and help integrate them into the local culture.

While the world struggles to find a solution to the refugee crisis, "we need to support the programs that are making their lives less miserable," such as those run by Catholic Relief Services and Jesuit Refugee Service, Archbishop Tomasi said.

"Compassion fatigue should have no room at this moment," as millions of people are still in need, he said.

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