

## Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!

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### Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday-Thursday — 12 Noon

Friday— 6 pm (During Lent)

### 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.

### Reconciliation:

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

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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 26, 2017

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### 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

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

### Sung Stations of the Cross

7 pm – March 29 and April 12



His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

John 9:2

### Special Palm Sunday Mass Schedule

#### Palm Sunday, April 9

Sat, 5:30pm

Sun, 8am, 9:45am, 12pm, 2pm (in Spanish), 6 pm

Please note time changes.

Today's Second Collection

Catholic Relief Services

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

ISM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A, EPH 5:8-14, JN 9:1-41

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

EZ 37:12-14, ROM 8:8-11, JN 11:1-45

## OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Lousie Aust, Elizabeth Ball, Suri Barahona, Tim Barnes, Ronald Bashian, Francis Bilgera, Debra Billings, Precious Bowns, April Brassard, Mary Brown, Lynne Burgh, Brody Carroll, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claire, Jeff Corry, 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, Jim Webster, Dottie Williams, Mary Woods, John Zamarrá, Claudia Zapata.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 25—MARCH 31

5:30 pm— for Jack Hivkey (D) by Connie & Paul Murray

8 am— for Tony Fusarelli (D) by the Fusarelli Family

9:30 am— for Jim Lynch (D) by John & Cynthia Lynch

11:15 am— for Bert Bacsal (D) by Susan Francia & Family

1 pm— for Mary Gomez de Duque Montoya (D)  
by Myriam Duque de Montoya

6 pm— for Corazon Phillips (D) by John Vigorita

Mon. 12:00 noon - Demetrio Yabes (D) by the Yabes Family

Wed. 12:00 noon - Tony Fusarelli (D) by the Collins Family

## SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday Collection: \$ 12,085

Faith Direct (average) March: \$9,097

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

The full guide is printed on green paper and available in vestibule.

**WEEK 4 Chapter 4 of Laudato Si': Integral Ecology** "We are faced with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and protecting nature." (#139) **PRAY:** Be merciful O God, for I have sinned. Forgive me for neglecting God's natural creations and failing to understand how my actions impact the most disenfranchised. Help me to take meaningful action to protect nature, aid those most impacted by its destruction, and be courageous in changing my patterns of consumption.

**ACT:** What steps can I take to improve my daily environments- to clean, beautify, sustain? What resources should be in service of the common good and contribute to the overall welfare of society, not solely for individual use or access to those who can most afford it? How can I help others achieve access to resources, while I reduce my use of them?

**CRS RICE BOWLS** - Bowls are still available if you haven't begun your journey. The prayers and learning in the calendar keep us focused for Lent. This week we encounter Maria and others in Mexico who grow cactus plants and share news as they are part of a greenhouse project. Your support is good news for them, many others around the world and here at home. Thank you.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Second Scrutiny -- On the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent, we participate in the Scrutinies. These Rites are meant to uncover, then heal, the weaknesses that lead to personal and societal failing and sin. As the Elect and those seeking full communion with the Catholic Church prepare for the Easter sacraments, we pray that, like the one born blind, God will enable them to live always as children of the light. May we be united with our catechumens and candidates in the Lenten journey of self-searching and repentance, evaluating our lives and the need for conversion. The Second Scrutiny will be celebrated at the 9:30 a.m. Mass this weekend.

**JOURNEY TOWARD HEALING LIFE'S LOSSES** — This is unique opportunity to deepen your Lenten Journey. Chris Comer, parishioner and Fairfax Hospital Pediatric Oncology Chaplain, will offer insights into the lived experience of loss and grief. Together we will experience the power of story and community and prayer as pathways to healing offered by a compassionate God. Sunday, April 2, 3:30-5:30 in the Founders' Room. Dinner to follow. Please RSVP to casey.kris@gmail.com or call Regina at 703-508-9885

## HAITI EASTER DRIVE

Two facts about Haiti: (1). 90% of Haitians use charcoal, primarily from burning wood, for energy. The use of trees for fire has led to deforestation and, in turn, soil erosion, flooding, and more severe consequences from hurricanes (from [www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov)). (2). The unemployment rate in Haiti is 40% (from [www.cia.gov](http://www.cia.gov) [the world fact book]) OLQP's and St. Joseph's efforts to create sustainable food sources, to plant trees, and to increase cooperative farming provide solutions for multiple problems. The fruit trees provide nourishing food for empty bellies; the 600,000+ trees we've planted help protect against mudslides, erosion, and some of the most detrimental effects of hurricanes; and the coffee, rice, and other commercial crops we help fund support jobs and industry. This week, instead of buying coffee from a café or coffee shop, make your coffee at home. Consider going vegetarian for a meal or two. Donate the money you save to the Haiti Easter Drive. Tend a garden. Water a tree. Say a prayer in support of our friends in Medor, and know these acts change lives... for the better.

**JUST\$** - Half the net proceeds from your use of Just\$ Giant, Safeway and Shoppers cards are used for the St. Joseph HIV/AIDS Support Group in Mweiga, Kenya. Many areas of Kenya are impacted by the drought now affecting East Africa and people are now resorting to desperate coping mechanisms: skipping one or more meals a day, migrating to find work, and selling their deteriorating livestock at low prices to buy food. Almost 3 million Kenyan people are in need of the emergency relief that is being provided by Catholic Relief Services.

**Eco-Tip:** Mulching base of trees and plants prevents water run-off and increases water absorbency.

**JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO...** This Sunday's Gospel tells the story of the man born blind...familiar enough to most of us. But have we heard it so often that we miss the underlying themes, the story between the lines of the text? We could focus on the miracle of "new sight" in the physical sense but could go deeper and explore Jesus' insistence that sin has nothing to do with physical sickness, disability or human tragedy...and in fact, that it is in the midst of tragedy and human suffering that God is present. Jesus' words and actions help us to see what the blind man saw...the presence of the Living God! It is easy enough to just "see" the physical blindness of the man in the Gospel and "loose sight" of the spiritual darkness of his parents who, because of fear, fail to speak the truth on their son's behalf. Fear of speaking out and failure to stand up for truth and justice makes us blind and keeps us in spiritual darkness, as individuals and as a nation. In the midst of wars and famine and international and national crises for refugees and immigrants, we are called to be a people who look, and see, who do not turn away from the suffering of our sisters and brothers. When I look at the world around me, at all the suffering, can I see God's presence too? Am I called to be there to be used by God like the "man born blind" to show forth God's glory in the midst of a suffering world? When have I felt God's presence in the midst of suffering? Do I have "blind spots" in my life where I need to ask Jesus for sight, so I may see more clearly my sisters and brothers, as God sees them?

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)**  
We passed our goal of \$80,000.00 by \$20,000.00 and hit 22% parish participation! Thank you very much to all of you who so generously gave to this year's 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](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org) to set this up.) Thank you!

**STONE SOUP SUPPER, FRIDAY MARCH 31**—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 RE families. At 7:15, we will discuss building bridges with people of the Islamic faith.

### **FRANCIS FACTOR after Four Years:**

#### **Pope Francis' Impact and Message for the US**

Monday, March 27 at Georgetown University Intercultural Center, 37 and O Streets, NW, Washington, DC. The public dialogue runs from 6:30-8:00 pm. For more information or to RSVP: email [cathsocalthought@georgetown.edu](mailto:cathsocalthought@georgetown.edu)

### **VICTIMS/SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE**

Bishop Burbidge cordially invites victims/survivors of sexual abuse and their spouse or support person to a Support Group meeting on Tuesday, March 28 at St. Ann Church, Arlington. The evening begins at 5:45 p.m. and will conclude by 9 p.m. It will consist of a light meal and group discussion, followed by a Prayer Service. Due to the nature and sensitivity of the subject, this event is for Victims/Survivors and a Spouse/Support person only. RSVP by March 23 to the Office of Victim Assistance at 703-841-2530.



### **SUNG STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN**

The last Catholic Foundations class for the school year will take place on Saturday, April 1. Join us in the Church from 2:30-3:30 as we pray the Stations of the Cross. This beautifully crafted service was designed to expose our children to the Easter story. Parishioners of all ages are welcome. A 4:00 pm Family Mass will follow which satisfies the Sunday obligation.

### **THE QUEEN OF PEACE FOOD PANTRY "ISIDORE'S GARDEN"**

is soon to break ground for the 2017 growing season. The team tends the vegetable beds on Edgewood Street and harvests them for the Wednesday Food Pantry distribution. Last year's harvest provided fresh produce through November. We will meet in the garden at **11 am on April 1** to get the beds going for an hour or two, and then plant vegetables and flowers in early May. Time commitment is about 3 to 4 hours a week for the weeks you select. Each gardener works about 2 weeks over the period June – October. Please contact Brian Kane [bpkane@comcast.net](mailto:bpkane@comcast.net) with your interest or questions. We welcome your green thumbs and green intentions!

### **MINKISI MINISTRY**

The Minkisi ministry invites you to spend a Lenten evening of meditation & reflection, "Were You There?" Mon., April 3, 7:15 p.m., in the Parish Discussion Room/Parish Office. Barbara Harris will lead the prayer and reflection based on Jeremiah 29:11. For information, contact Cecilia Braveboy, [jisaac3@verizon.net](mailto:jisaac3@verizon.net) or 703-979-5389.

### **MATT 25 THRIFT STORE MINISTRY**

For as little as 2 hours a month, you could make an important contribution to the Matt 25 thrift store ministry. Matt 25 serves families in need. We need volunteers during store hours: 9-12 Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays and 12-3 on Thursdays. For more information, please contact one of the coordinators: Maureen McGinnis ([maureen.c.lucas@gmail.com](mailto:maureen.c.lucas@gmail.com)) or Anne Marie Chester ([achester@strategicencouragement.com](mailto:achester@strategicencouragement.com))

### **A UNITED RESPONSE TO HATE SPEECH & CRIME** - Sunday,

March 26, 3PM-5:30PM -- Join other community members to learn how federal, state, and local officials, religious leaders and local organizations are responding to and preventing hate speech, harassment and crime in Northern Virginia. It will be held at the Northern Virginia Community College Ernest Center. One of the many featured speakers will be Virginia Commonwealth Attorney Mark Herring. Register: website (<http://tinyurl.com/fairfaxcountycic>), email ([ncsinterfaith@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ncsinterfaith@fairfaxcounty.gov)) or call (703) 324-3453

### **EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS** - We invite you to remember

a deceased loved one with an Easter Flower Memorial. Memorials will be published in the Sunday bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 15-16. 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 by the deadline: Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Easter Flower Memorial**

Honoring: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## LIVING AS A PEOPLE OF GOD IN UNSETTLED TIMES

March 22, 2017

### A pastoral reflection from the Administrative Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Administrative Committee has issued the following pastoral reflection in solidarity with those who have been forced to flee their homes due to violence, conflict or fear in their native lands. In the statement, the bishops encourage each of us to do what we can to accompany migrants and refugees who seek a better life in the United States.

The full text of the Bishops' Administrative Committee statement can be found below:

The word of God is truly alive today. "When an alien resides with you in your land, do not mistreat such a one. You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself; for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt" (Lev. 19:33-34).

To live as a people of God is to live in the hope of the resurrection. To live in Christ is to draw upon the limitless love of Jesus to fortify us against the temptation of fear. Pray that our engagement in the debate over immigration and refugee issues may bring peace and comfort to those most affected by current and proposed national policy changes.

Let us not lose sight of the fact that behind every policy is the story of a person in search of a better life. They may be an immigrant or refugee family sacrificing so that their children might have a brighter future. As shepherds of a pilgrim Church, we will not tire in saying to families who have the courage to set out from their despair onto the road of hope: "We are with you." They may also be a family seeking security from an increased threat of extremist violence. It is necessary to safeguard the United States in a manner that does not cause us to lose our humanity.

Intense debate is essential to healthy democracy, but the rhetoric of fear does not serve us well. When we look at one another do we see with the heart of Jesus? Within our diverse backgrounds are found common dreams for our children. Hope in the next generation is how the nation will realize its founding motto, "out of many, one." In doing so, we will also realize God's hope for all His children: that we would see each other as valued sisters and brothers regardless of race, religion or national origin.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh (Jn. 1:14), strengthens us to bring our words to life. How might we, as Catholics and in our own small way, bring our words of solidarity for migrants and refugees to life?

1. **Pray** for an end to the root causes of violent hatred that force mothers and fathers to flee the only home they may have known in search of economic and physical security for their children.
2. **Meet** with members of your parish who are newcomers, listen to their story and share your own. Hundreds of Catholic parishes across the country have programs for immigrants and refugees both to comfort them and to help them know their rights. It is also important to reach out in loving dialogue to those who may disagree with us. The more we come to understand each other's concerns the better we can serve one another. Together, we are one body in Christ.
3. **Call**, write or visit your elected representative and ask them to fix our broken immigration system in a way that safeguards both our security and our humanity through a generous opportunity for legal immigration.

As Pope Francis said, "To migrate is the expression of that inherent desire for the happiness proper to every human being, a happiness that is to be sought and pursued. For us Christians, all human life is an itinerant journey towards our heavenly homeland."