

## 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

# APRIL 2, 2017

## FIFTH 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—April 12



So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb....Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

*John 11:38-39*

### Special Mass Schedule

#### Palm Sunday, Holy Week & Easter Schedule

#### Palm Sunday, April 9

Sat., 5:30 pm

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

#### Holy Thursday, April 13

7pm Bilingual Mass

#### Good Friday, April 14

3pm Communion Service, 6pm Stations ( in Spanish),

8pm Tenebrae Service in Darkness

#### Holy Saturday, April 15

8:30pm Easter Vigil

#### Easter Sunday, April 16

8am, **9:45am, 10am (hall), 12pm, 12:15pm (Hall), 2pm** (In Spanish), 6 pm

Please note time changes.

## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

Next weekend's Readings: (Palm Sunday)

*IS 50:4-7, PHIL 2:6-11, MT26:14-27:66*

## **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, Jeff Cory, Ginny Cox, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Adrienne DiCerbo, Ernest Donatto, Mike Dorsey, Marye Embrey, Irene Fitzpatrick, Judie Francia, Yvette Francois, Allison Fratus, Karen Gamache, 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 Zamarra, Claudia Zapata.

## **MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 1– APRIL 7**

5:30 pm– for Beth Louison (D) by Connie & Paul Murray

8 am– for Clarence Gilbertson (D) by Bill & Kristine Casey

9:30 am– for Michael Pakenham (D) by Gail & Bob Meighan

11:15 am– for Thomas Rossi (D) by Thea Rossi Barron

1 pm– for Martha Leiva (D) by Maria Cabrera

6 pm– for Susan Moss (D) by Richard Serota

Mon. 12:00 noon- for Arturo Gutierrez (D) by Caroline Klam

Tues. 12:00 noon - Arturo Gutierrez McKenzie (D) bu Caroline D. Klam

Wed. 12:00 noon - Gene Atkinson (D) by Kris Gregos

Thu. 12:00 noon - for Mrs. Napolitano (L) by Fr. Joe Nagle

## **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

**Sunday Offertory:** \$10,680

**Catholic Relief Services:** \$8,497

**Faith Direct March (avg.):** \$9,097

## **IN MEMORIAM: AINSLEY STEWART**

Mr. Stewart passed away March 23. He was the father of former 9:30 Gospel Choir director George Stewart. Please keep the Stewart family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. Condolences may be sent to the Stewart family at: 10900 Atwell Ave, Bowie, MD 20720. Arrangements: Breath of Life SDA Church (11310 Fort Washington Road, Fort Washington, MD) -- Viewing: 10 AM; Funeral Service: 11 AM

## **EXPLORE WAYS TO DRAW UPON PRAYER & COMMUNITY TO FACE THOSE TIMES OF LOSS AND GRIEF**

- Not only loss by death, but all the heart breaks and disappointments in life. OLQP parishioner and oncology Chaplain Chris Comer will lead a workshop about pathways to healing, the gift of our compassionate God. Join us today on Sunday April 2, in the Founders Room from 3:30 – 5:30 pm, with dinner to follow.

**DAYS FOR GIRLS** - Do you want to help keep girls in school? To learn how...Please join us for our Days for Girls meeting on Saturday, April 8, from 1-5 pm. Contact Lyzbeth at: s.arlingtonva@daysforgirls.org

**CRS RICE BOWL** - Our Lenten journey continues this week as we meet Dita in Ethiopia and learn how CRS funds help her family. Did you know that 25% of Rice Bowl funds collected stay in our Diocese? Grants are given to projects that assist people who are hungry, including OLQP's Food Pantry. Your Lenten sacrifices change lives! Thank you.

## **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

Third Scrutiny- Our catechumens and candidates will be celebrating the Third Scrutiny this weekend at Saturday's 5:30 pm Mass. During Lent, God pours purifying and enlightening graces upon them through the spiritual preparation they receive in RCIA sessions, the Scrutinies, the support of their sponsors, messages of encouragement from their companions and the prayers offered for them by the faithful. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they enter their last two weeks of preparation for receiving the sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

## **HAITI EASTER APPEAL**

Along with our partners at St. Joseph's Parish, Our Lady Queen of Peace has focused on health care in Medor. When the people of Medor are sick, many visit the parish medical clinic. There the Sisters of St. Theresa offer comfort, medical advice, and medications (much from the Haiti Medicine Drive here at OLQP). The Air Ambulance Service transfers critically ill or injured patients to the nearest hospital, which would otherwise be an 8-hour walk. The sisters and the helicopter ambulance have saved many, many lives. Your donations help cover the rent of the airfield where the helicopter lands and takes off. Your support helps maintain adequate amounts of medications and medical supplies at the clinic. Your continued prayers and love are instrumental to the health and well-being of our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

## **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 5:** Chapter 5 of *Laudato Si'*: Lines of Approach and Action "Environmental impact assessment should not come after the drawing up of a business proposition or the proposal of a particular policy, plan or program. It should be part of the process from the beginning, and be carried out in a way that is interdisciplinary, transparent and free of all economic or political pressure... The local population should have a special place at the table; they are concerned about their own future and that of their children, and can consider goals transcending immediate economic interest." (#183) **PRAY:** Be merciful, O God, for I have sinned. Forgive me for the times I have failed to pay adequate attention to the potential harms that development in my community and nation can have on our earthly home. Give me the grace to work with others, both here and abroad, to ensure that your beautiful planet is preserved from thoughtless damage. **ACT:** What action might I and my family take to become more environmentally involved? As Lent draws to a close, what conversion of heart about the environment would I like to present God on Easter Sunday?

## **Young Adult Spring Retreat: Be still. Be present. Simply Be.**

Please join us on our Young Adult (ages 18-35) Spring Retreat May 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> at Loyola on the Potomac Retreat Center in Maryland. The Retreat runs from Friday night through Sunday morning. Saturday only commuter option is available. All participants will have their own bedroom and meals will be provided. Total cost is \$170 per person. Partial and full scholarships are available, as well as assistance with transportation. Please contact Young Adult Minister Mike Mothes at [mmoths@olqpva.org](mailto:mmoths@olqpva.org) or call him at 703-303-5224 for more information and to register.

**JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO...** In today's Gospel Jesus raises his good friend, Lazarus, from the dead. The retelling of this event is meant to show forth the power Jesus has, even over death. Embedded in the story is also a story of love, Jesus' love for Martha, Mary and Lazarus. This is not an amorphous love...a wishy-washy love of all people... but a particular love of particular persons. Perhaps it is meant to try and tell us of the particular love that God has for us...each one of us...a love which is uniquely for us individually. God knows us as individuals and loves us just as we are! Even in the midst of our brokenness, even in the midst of our sinfulness...God loves us! And it is that love for us that holds the power to raise us from the death of sin to new life. As much as Lent is a penitential time, so too it is meant to be a time of healing...a time of preparation for our own resurrection. What will my resurrection story be this Easter? From what, is the love of God trying to raise me up? In the Gospel Jesus asked the people to "roll away the stone" so Lazarus could come out, what stone am I being called to "roll away" so others may come out from their "tombs"?

Lenten blessings,

Fr Tim

#### **THE BUILDING FOREVER FAMILIES MINISTRY**

Adoptive/foster families and children who have been orphaned will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 5, in the Ministry Center 2nd floor classrooms 3 & 4. The agenda will include a discussion of activities for National Foster Care Month in May. Socializing at 6:30 pm; meeting at 7:00 pm. Children are always welcome! We hope you can join us! Contact Debra and Ralph Johnson at Debralpholqp@gmail.com

#### **FAMILY RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

**Wednesday, April 5, 6:30pm**, The parish is invited and encouraged to attend in an intergenerational Lenten Service of Reconciliation, as part of our Easter preparation. The service begins in the Church at 6:30pm with a dramatized Gospel reading to benefit our younger participants. Opportunity for individual confession will immediately follow. **(Please note the special start time**

#### **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. We work to pursue connections on all life issues – such as (but not limited to) death penalty, immigration, gun violence, poverty, racism, abortion, integrity of creation, euthanasia. Our goal is for all in our parish to understand and embrace the Consistent Ethic of Life. Meetings are Tuesday Apr 4 (note change), and Thursday, May 11 at 7:30pm. Your input is needed. Please join us. Questions or curious? Shari.zamarra@gmail.com, 703-323-9367

**FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND** - April 8 and 9, to stock our Food Pantry. Please pick up a grocery bag and/or a list to fill and return next weekend. Please bring any (or all!) of the following: Instant Yellow Corn Tortilla flour (preferred brand: Maseca), 24 oz. Canola or Corn Oil, Cereal, Canned Tuna, and Canned Fruit and Pasta Sauce, Pasta, Canned Vegetables, Rice, Dried Beans, and Macaroni and Cheese. Thank you for your donations!

**STONE SOUP SUPPER, FRIDAY APRIL 7** - We will begin with Mass in the Church at 6PM, 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 begin the final program of our series on building bridges: Communities of Color.

#### **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 with your interest or questions. We welcome your green thumbs and green intentions!

**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. Held at the Northern Virginia Community College Ernest Center. Register: website (<http://tinyurl.com/fairfaxcountycic>), email (ncsinterfaith@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call 703 324-3453

**Do you want to become a CITIZEN?** - Take a class to prepare for the exam! Catholic Charities Hogar Immigrant Services offers classes Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting April 18. Registration: April 11 or 13, 6:30 pm. Location: St. Ann, 5312 10th St N, Arlington. Cost: \$100 for 12 weeks (cash only). Questions?: 571-208-1572

#### **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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Truth That Bears Repeating: A Budget Is a Moral Document

By Jim Wallis

“A budget is a moral document.” That was my opening statement at a news conference and prayer vigil of church leaders yesterday across from the steps of the U.S. Capitol. We represented a wide spectrum of the Christian families of America — Protestant, Catholic, evangelical, African-American, Hispanic, Pentecostal, Orthodox. We were there to commit ourselves to form a “circle of protection” (also the name of our broad coalition) around the poor and vulnerable who are at great risk in President Donald Trump’s proposed budget. “Let me say it again: **A budget is a moral document,**” I repeated with energy and passion.

This was originally a statement of principle from the religious community — said to politicians a decade ago. Some politicians now quote it, and even some media pundits point to it; but it was a religious statement from the beginning. I know that because I was in the room when it was first discussed.

Any budget is a moral statement of priorities, whether it’s a budget created by an

individual, a family, a school, a city, or a nation. It tells us, mathematically, what areas, issues, things, or *people* are most important to the creators of that budget, and which are least important.

In concrete moral and mathematical terms, the proposed Republican health care bill would have cut care for 24 million people — including 14 million people next year alone [1] — most of whom would have been poor and vulnerable Medicaid recipients. That was a moral choice: Cutting health funding for the poor in order to slash taxes for the rich is a moral decision and declaration of moral priorities.

Proposing cuts of \$880 billion from Medicaid over 10 years was a deliberate moral choice that would have decimated those living in or close to poverty — causing death and disability for many. Some cuts kill.

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To help the bill pass with the most conservative legislators it was made even

more cruel by scrapping the Affordable Care Act’s requirement that all insurers cover certain “essential health benefits” like preventative care, maternity care, and treatment for addiction and mental illness. Again, those were not just political choices — they were moral choices.

Ultimately, the American Health Care Act was pulled because it lacked the support to pass...

For that, we church leaders exclaimed at our gathering on Capitol Hill: “Thanks be to God!”

...

The Circle of Protection is also united by a biblical text. Of course, it is from the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter of Matthew’s Gospel where Jesus says, “As you have done to the least of these, you have done to me.” We have brought that text to both Democrats and Republicans in the House and Senate; we did so again yesterday. We have brought that text to the White House before under President Barack Obama, and we will have asked to do so again under Donald Trump. So far, we have no response to our request for a meeting with this administration.

## **TAKE ACTION: Take the Matthew 25 Pledge** [2]

Here is the application of that text I offered yesterday outside the Capitol:

Jesus said: “I was hungry and you gave me food.” Cutting Meals on Wheels, SNAP, and WIC to pay for more tanks is a moral choice. Cutting essential humanitarian foreign aid to a famine-and conflict-riven world to build more weapons ... is also a moral choice.

“Jesus said I was sick, and you visited me.” Cutting, rationing, and ultimately ending Medicaid as a health guarantee for our poorest and sickest people is a moral choice.

“Jesus said, I was a stranger, and you welcomed me.” Demonizing our immigrants and refugees and planning to build a wall against them — that more cuts to the poor will be used to pay for — is a moral choice.

“Jesus said, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink.” Cutting environmental protections, which leads to massive droughts all over the world, is a moral choice.

“Jesus said, I was in prison, and you visited me.” Mass incarceration based on race that disenfranchises men and women of color is a moral choice.

“Jesus said, I was naked, and you clothed me.” Cutting programs for the poor, while making tax cuts for the rich literally strips the most vulnerable of what little they have and is fundamentally a moral choice.

We will take the Gospel text of Matthew 25 to those in power now, as we have done before, and remind this Congress and this White House, as we have done before, that **a budget is a moral document.**

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[1] <https://www.cbo.gov/publication/52486>  
[2] <https://sojo.net/matthew-25-pledge>