

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!

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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.

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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 23, 2017

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



**They devoted themselves
to breaking bread in their
homes.**

ACTS 2:42

Next Sunday Second Collection:

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 2:42-47, 1PT 1:3-9, JN 20:19-31

Next weekend's Readings: (3rd Sunday of Easter)

ACTS 2:14, 22-33, 1PT 1:17-21, LK 24:13-35

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 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 Zamarra, Claudia Zapata.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 22 – APRIL 28

5:30 pm—for David Tishman (D) by the Havill Family

8:00 am - for Curt Larrabee (D) by Ed & Liz Ward

9:30 am— for Peter Ware (D) by Violette Jacobson

11:15 am—for Richard Gustave Branch (D) by Linda Holiman

1 pm— for Teofila Manzo (D) by the Family

6:00 pm— for Cesar T. Francia (D) by Susan Francia

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Easter Sunday Offertory: \$19,258

Holy Thursday: \$1,179

Holy Land Shrines: \$2,305

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

HAITI EASTER DRIVE

St. Joseph parish educates 3,000 children (k-13th grade). Each primary school teacher was educated in Medor and 8-10 of these teachers attend night classes to further his/her teaching qualifications. In Medor's secondary school, 2 female teachers and 3 male teachers attended primary and secondary school in Medor, went to university, and then returned to Medor to share their knowledge by teaching secondary school students. Education of Medor's children is a chief goal for Pere Luckson and the entire Medor community. Our Haiti Easter Drive helps support the education initiative in St. Joseph parish. Our Easter donations educate children and their teachers and has a positive impact on the entire community.

JUST \$ - The African hunger crisis is directly affecting the community served by the Brothers of St. Joseph, which receives a portion of the net proceeds generated by your use of Giant, Safeway or Shoppers cards. At Easter, Brother Haron wrote that: We have been experiencing drought for the last six months until the government declared a national disaster. We have been looking for food and drugs for vulnerable children and HIV positive people but thank God we are doing well.

CRS RICE BOWL

This weekend marks the official end of the Rice Bowl campaign. A heartfelt thank you to all who participated. We hope that as you journeyed and prayed through Lent with the calendar, that in some small way the challenges faced by our brothers and sisters around the world became more real. Because of your generosity, Catholic Relief Services will continue to assist people in 91 countries. 25% of the funds raised in our Diocese will remain to fund local programs that feed the hungry. "When I was hungry, you gave me to eat" is truly lived at Our Lady Queen of Peace. A collection basket is in the sanctuary to the right of the Baptismal Font. Checks for your donation can be made payable to OLQP with CRS Rice Bowl on the memo line.

STEPHEN MINISTRY - Trained parishioners are available to offer Christian accompaniment, support and prayer if you are facing a challenging loss, transition or difficulty. Call Joan Brown at 703-971-2975 to answer questions or arrange for a Stephen Minister to work with you. Refer others to Joan if you think it fits their needs.

MINKISI MINISTRY

The Minkisi ministry invites you to their monthly scripture prayer and reflection, Mon., May 1, 7:15 p.m., in Parish Discussion Room/Parish Office. Promptly beginning with the recitation of the Rosary for Peace, the session also includes silent prayer and reflection on 1 Peter 1:3. Celestine Person Green will lead. For more information, contact Cecilia Braveboy, jisac3@verizon.net or 703-979-5389.

MAY DAY DISCUSSION OF GLOBAL WORK

The Labor Team is hosting a discussion of the "Signs of the Times: Labor, Globalization & Inequality" on Monday May 1 at 7pm in the Founders Room. Fellow parishioner and Teamsters Dir. of Global Strategies, Tim Beaty, will be discussing what our faith teaches, what workers and unions are doing to ensure human dignity is respected, and how we can stand with those being exploited at work around the world. Come for an informative evening, and enjoy a wonderful celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker! Email Laura at HTLAURA1@gmail.com with questions.

In Memoriam: Karen Greene

Died in the Lord April 14, 2017. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on April 20. Please keep the Greene family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

This week we welcome 5 new Christians:

Phillip John Giggey Jr.

Alma Medelin Lova-Rodriguez

Adeline Tien Fawley

Baptized 10 am Saturday

Max Alexander Vanden Boogart

Madison Rose Vanden Boogart

Baptized 1 pm Saturday

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO...The amazing stories of encounter and of resurrection continue and more and more of his followers claim to have seen and talked to him, but it is all so strange, it is all just too much to believe so Thomas proclaims that not until he sees, not until he touches, will he believe this outrageous resurrection story! Can you blame him? Imagine being there at the very beginning, being amongst the first to whom Jesus appeared and whom were told about Jesus' appearances! It must have all been so frightening and bewildering. Thomas and others must have felt overwhelmed by it all, and so no wonder he doubted and demanded to see and touch for himself! And Jesus appears and offers Thomas his hands and his side to touch and see, that yes, indeed, it is he, he has risen and he is alive! How even more disorienting THAT must have been! And when Jesus appears to the disciples even though most of them had dissented him and some had even disowned him, Jesus shows no anger or resentment but only offers his peace and forgiveness...his mercy! And as we celebrate the resurrection, God's gift to us of eternal life, we celebrate too, God's mercy; God's love and forgiveness which falls upon us as gently as the rain, neither earned nor measured, freely given, for us to take and receive. For or from what in my life might I need forgiveness? Is there someone I need to offer forgiveness to? How is God's mercy present in my life? Easter Blessings, Fr. Tim

YOUNG ADULT SPRING RETREAT

Please join us on our Young Adult (ages 18-35) Spring Retreat May 12th-14th 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 and needs to be submitted to Mike Mothes by Monday, May 1st to secure a space. Partial and full scholarships are available, as well as assistance with transportation. Please contact Young Adult Minister Mike Mothes at mmothes@olqpva.org or call him at 703-303-5224 for more information and to register.

WALK TO END GENOCIDE - Join with other local faith communities on Sunday, April 23, 1:30-4 pm on this walk that the parish supports. It is a gentle 2-mile walk around DC memorials to stand witness against the genocide and mass atrocities that continue to ravage our planet, particularly in Sudan and So. Sudan. Click on dc.walktoendgenocide.org for registration and information about the route. For more information, contact Bill Casey (b13909@comcast.net or 703.568.3438).

YOUNG ADULT PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Thursday, April 27th at 7:30pm, our 6pm Young Adult Choir will be leading a Praise & Worship session on April 27th at 7:30pm. Please join us in the church for an hour of great music and fellowship. No musical talent is required. The evening begins at 7:30pm and ends at 8:30pm. Contact Rachel Tenpenny-Chigas for more information: raychelynn_11@hotmail.com

KUDOS CORNER

Grace Leckey Wins "National Punctuation Day" Contest

For the second consecutive year, a Washington-Lee student and OLQP parish member (!) has won the National Punctuation Day contest. Congratulations Grace Leckey, who is a 12th grader. In addition to her tremendous accomplishment, Grace received a goody bag of punctuation products as well as a punctuation book. Link to article: <http://www.nationalpunctuationday.com/>



SAVE THE DATE! Our Lady Queen of Peace Youth Theater will be performing the musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat* May 26th-May 28th. Tickets will go on sale soon!

TASTE OF ISLAM - Follow up our Stone Soup on building bridges with the Islamic community by attending the Open House at Dar Al Hijrah on Sunday April 23 from noon to 5 PM. Food, fashion, arts and a tour of the Mosque (3159 Row St., Falls Church).

4TH SUNDAY YOUNG ADULT POTLUCK

After the 6pm Mass, April 23 in the Founders Room starting at 7:15 pm. The theme for this month's potluck will be "Food on a Stick". Feel free to bring your favorite food on a stick or drink! All are 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.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST STARTING UP AGAIN

Beginning Sunday, April 23, our faithful and dedicated Sunday Breakfast Crews will be serving an abbreviated menu (coffee and donuts, mainly) in the Ministry Center Founders Room. Plan to join us after the 9:30 and 11:15 Masses each weekend. Weather permitting tables will be setup on the back patio.

Why can't we use Fr. Ray Hall?, you ask. Because renovations in the Hall aren't quite finished and when they are, the Hall will be used for Masses while the Church is being renovated. We'll be back in the hall for breakfast when the church is finished, in the mean time we will meet you in the Founders Room!

WATCH YOUR SPEED - Please watch your speed in the parish parking lot, and on the streets around the church. Milder temperatures encourage outdoor play so please be cautious. And please do not obstruct driveways and intersections by parking too close.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

The parish Integrity of Creation Team is sponsoring an afternoon of Caring for Creation workshops on Sunday May 7 from 3:30 - 5:30 in the Ministry Center. Come to learn about food sustainability, faith and diet; bee keeping as a practice of Earth honoring faith, gardening with the care of creation in mind and home energy reduction. Questions? Michelle Knight, mknight@olqpva.org

INTERFAITH WELCOMING PASSOVER SEDER

Sunday April 30, 3 - 5 PM. Gesher Jewish Day School, 4800 Mattie Moore Ct., Fairfax, VA. Join this event, co-sponsored by the parish, to express unity and community and lift up the Passover themes of justice, freedom and migration. Please RSVP www.jcouncil.org/WelcomingSeder

The Spring Issue of THE ADVOCATE now available - The parish newsletter, *The Advocate*, is now available on the parish website: www.olqpva.org. If you would like to regularly receive this publication, please let us know to add your email address to our distribution list or your address to those we mail it to -- please call or send a message to Sally in the parish office, 703-979-5580, jgantzdaly@olqpva.org.

ECO TIP: This is a great time to plan and plant a vegetable garden. Easy to grow plants are green beans, zucchini, cherry tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers. Nothing like garden fresh!

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH

CONVERSATIONS TO BRIDGE THE DIVIDE

You know, biases are the stories we make up about people before we know who they actually are. But how are we going to know who they are when we've been told to avoid and be afraid of them? So I'm going to tell you to walk toward your discomfort. And I'm not asking you to take any crazy risks. I'm saying, just do an inventory, expand your social and professional circles. Who's in your circle? Who's missing? How many authentic relationships do you have with young black people, folks, men, women? Or any other major difference from who you are and how you roll, so to speak? Because, you know what? Just look around your periphery. There may be somebody at work, in your classroom, in your house of worship, somewhere, there's some black young guy there. And you're nice. You say hi. I'm saying go deeper, closer, further, and build the kinds of relationships, the kinds of friendships that actually cause you to see the holistic person and to really go against the stereotypes. I know some of you are out there.

I know because I have some white friends in particular that will say, "You have no idea how awkward I am. Like, I don't think this is going to work for me. I'm sure I'm going to blow this." Okay, maybe, but this thing is not about perfection. It's about connection. And you're not going to get comfortable before you get uncomfortable. I mean, you just have to do it. And young black men, what I'm saying is if someone comes your way, genuinely and authentically, take the invitation. Not everyone is out to get you. Go looking for those people who can see your humanity. You know, it's the empathy and the compassion that comes out of having relationships with people who are different from you. Something really powerful and beautiful happens: you start to realize that they are you, that they are part of you, that they are in your family, and then we cease to be bystanders and we become actors, we become advocates, and we become allies...

Go to www.ted.com to watch the entire talk by Verna Myers: "How to overcome our biases? Walk boldly toward them."

LEARN CONCRETE SKILLS

PRACTICE DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS

Our goal is simple:

To give you the tools to have conversations about racism and bias.

As part of our year-long focus at OLQP of "Building Bridges" we are beginning a series of intentional "conversations to bridge the divide." This program has grown out of *Challenging Racism: Learning How through Stories and Conversations*, a year-long series through which Arlington parents and community groups are building awareness about racism and bias. OLQP staff members, Mike Mothes and Michele Chang, are certified facilitators who will help to guide our community along this journey. Our Stone Soup Suppers during Lent helped prepare the way. This is the next step for us to take as an Easter community. Through reading, stories, activities and conversations, participants will learn to work effectively in cross-cultural situations. The program focuses on providing a basic understanding of racism, the roots of racism and its more recent modern manifestations in our society: bias, inequity, and white privilege. The skills developed here can then be applied to many different topics and situations.

High School Students Invited to Join Our 1st Group!

Beginning *Conversations to Bridge the Divide* with our high school teens sets a listening foundation for the entire program, which will progressively build toward including more parishioner groups. Teens are in the midst of developing their identities, and have much to say. We will share ways to listen and communicate effectively, and create a safe space for them to practice these skills. These conversations are a concrete way to act upon our belief that we are all deeply and passionately loved by God.

Because of the nature of these conversations, our inaugural group of students will be limited to 12 high school teens. Saying "YES" to this invitation means each teen participant is committing to TEN 2-hour sessions. Each session builds concrete skills for engaging in challenging conversations related to race, equity, and other forms of bias. Please see the complete schedule below and contact Youth Minister Mike Mothes for more information at mmothes@olqpva.org.

Tuesday, May 2nd at 7:15pm: Parent and Teen Information Meeting

Conversation Sessions to be held on:

(All sessions run from 7:15pm-9:00pm)

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| Sunday, May 7 th | Sunday, June 4 th |
| Tuesday, May 9 th | Tuesday, June 6 th |
| Tuesday, May 16 th | Sunday, June 11 th |
| Sunday, May 21 st | Tuesday, June 13 th |