

## 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:

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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

MAY 21, 2017

## 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**Peter and John prayed  
for them  
that they might receive  
the Holy Spirit  
ACTS 8:14-15**

**This Weekend's Second Collection:**

Diocesan Retired Priests

**Next Weekend's Second Collection:**

Catholic Communications

## 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17, 1PT 3:15-18, JN 14:15-21

Next weekend's Readings: (The Ascension of the Lord)

ACTS 1:12-14, 1PT 4:13-16, JN 17:1-11A

## OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Lousie Aust, Elizabeth Ball, Suri Barahona, 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 DiCerro, Ernest Donatto, Mike Dorsey, Mary Embrey, Irene Fitzpatrick, Judie Francia, Yvette Francois, Allison Fratus, Karen Gammache, Trishann Ganley, Carmen Gonzalez, 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, Jim Webster, Dottie Williams, Mary Woods, John Zamarra, Claudia Zapata.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 20– MAY 26

5:30 pm—for Tim Burns (D) by Neil & Lynn Parent

8:00 am—for Martha Michalkewicz (D) by 8 am Mass Friends

9:30 am—for James Nilon, Jr. (D) by Liz Rozlewicz & Jackie Magness

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

1:00 pm—for José Roberto Cabrera (D) by the Cabrera Family

6:00 pm—for Lope Dysangco (D) by Lillian Sy

Mon. 12:00 noon—for Natasha Dias (L) by Jude Dias

Tues. 12:00 noon—for Diane Newman & Ashley Wip (D)  
by Jennifer Newman

Fri. 12:00 noon—for Eileen Desmond Talyancich (D) by Kathy Desmond

## Sunday Collections:

Sunday Collection: 10,841

Faith Direct (April Average): 9,097

Trinity Done Collection: 1,649

## "I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME TO DRINK"

This year, the First Communion Class at OLQP lived Jesus' words. They saved their allowances, did chores, sold lollipops, had bake sales and then donated all the money to support the clean water program in Medor! There was about 50 pounds worth of change and some paper money too. The total came to \$1,235.13!! 1,235 families in Medor will have clean water because of the kindness of our children!

**Pere Luckson wrote them the following message:** *Dear Children, Congratulations on making your First Communion. Thank you for your gesture of love, allowing the purchase of clean water systems to save lives in Medor. Your First Communion incorporates you in Christ and in the Church so that you are united with your brothers and sisters. Your gesture of solidarity with the people of Medor bears witness to the presence of Christ in your heart. Thank you for thinking of the people of Medor. We are very grateful. God blesses you and Always accompanies you. May God finish in you what He began. Count on my humble prayers!* Love, Pere Luckson Chery

**INTERESTED IN ENDING GUN VIOLENCE?** - Wear Orange, and join our parish Gun Violence Prevention team on Friday June 2, 7PM for the Northern Virginia Wear Orange Rally. Location: Old Town Alexandria's Market Square (301 King St). This is a national movement to honor the victims and survivors of gun violence. OLQP is a community partner in sponsoring the rally, hosted by local chapters of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. , Contact virginia@momschapterleaders.org or, contact Gerry Laporte, glaporte@verizon.net

**SISTERS IN THE SPIRIT –Archdiocese of Washington** - Invites you to join in the celebration of "Juneteenth" on Saturday, June 17, 10-3 pm, at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, Seat Pleasant, Maryland. This event is for the entire family. There will be entertainment, food, and games. Cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 13. Deadline to register is June 9th. For tickets and more information, please contact Gail Carter 202 -391-5646 or Burma Hill 240-620-4556.

## 4TH SUNDAY YOUNG ADULT POTLUCK

Attention young adults: join us Sunday, May 28, after 6pm Mass in the Founders Room starting at 7:15PM for this month's potluck. Our theme to kick-off summer will be "cookout" so plan on grilling (regardless of the weather) and enjoying the patio (weather permitting). We'll be roasting s'mores too. Bring your favorite cookout food/drink! All are welcome. Drop things off in the Founders Room before mass.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** - Thursday, May 25, 7 PM, at Lost Dog Café (2920 Columbia Pike, Arlington — free parking). All are welcome! Free underground parking can be entered from Walter Reed Dr., around the corner from Lost Dog's front entrance.

## CRS RICE BOWL CONGRATULATIONS!

Through our combined prayer, almsgiving and fasting, we raised \$6,059 with our Rice Bowls. 25% of that money will stay here in our diocese to fund local programs, including our own Food Pantry. Thank you to all who participated. We made a difference with the bowls on our tables!

**DO YOU HUNGER FOR CHANGE?** - JustFaith Ministries and Bread For the World have developed an 8 session, small group program called *A Faithful Response To Food Insecurity*. OLQP is offering this program for the first 13 people who enroll. The sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings in the Ministry Center from 7:00pm -- 9:00pm beginning June 6. For more information, contact one of the facilitators -- Anne Murphy, 703-536-4106 or anne.murphy2244@gmail.com; Evelyn Brown, evelynabrown@gmail.com.

## QUEEN OF PEACE ARLINGTON FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

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**Annual Meeting Sunday May 21!** The Annual meeting of the members of the Queen of Peace Arlington FCU will be held at 10:45 am (between 9:30 and 11:15 Masses) on Sunday, May 21 in Classroom 5, Ministry Center.

**VOLUNTEER - Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind (CLB)** - CLB's Readers and Friendly Visitors program is in need of adult volunteers to assist with activities such as reading mail or the newspaper, going to the local library and shopping for groceries, typically 3-4 hours per month. Orientation provided; application review and background research required. Contact Elizabeth Knipp, 202-454-6421.

## GOOD NEWS FOR MARRIED COUPLES!

Save the Date for a retreat at Priestfield Center in nearby West Virginia, November 10-11-12. Please consider. For details?: Shari.zamarra@gmail.com, 703-323-9367

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

This week we welcome four new Christians:

**Gabriella Marie Dongu**

**Leah Joan Gabster**

**Adeline Grace Rettaliata**

**Carter Ryan**

Baptized 10 am Saturday, May 20

**JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO...** Pretty much everyone has felt lonely, abandoned by friends or loved ones at some point in their lives. Most of us have felt fearful; wondering how we will make it through rough times with our children or parents or siblings. We suffered personal loss or illness and wonder if we will be able to go on. Today's Gospel tells us that in the midst of our "lost-ness"...in the midst of our suffering...in the midst of fear or sense of abandon that we are never truly alone, we are not abandoned, we are not orphans...for the Risen Christ remains with us. When I was little I used to think that Christ was with me....but only when I was doing something good....or only in holy or sacred places. Oh...how wrong I was! Jesus tries to help his disciples understand that no matter what they "feel"....no matter where they go, he will be with them...and even more....the Holy Spirit will be given to them and find a resting place within them. We are the inheritors of this same promise. We are never alone, never abandoned! Our God is always with us...even when we can't feel that presence or sense it...God is with us. Even in the midst of our worst moments, our most selfish actions...even in the midst of our greatest sin... God is present and loving us through that dark moment. And of course that means that God too is present in and with "the other" in their worst moments, in the midst of their most selfish actions! God's presence is not dependent on our actions, we do not control God's presence! No matter how desperate our situation is, God is with us....loving us in the midst of it all. The real question then seems to be...so what will my response to that loving presence be? How do I respond to "the other", who also, is so deeply and passionately loved by God? How do I share God's love with the immigrant, the refugee, marginalized, the one who is "other" to me? What is the Holy Spirit calling me to...or away from? Easter Blessings, Fr Tim

#### **BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT OLQP'S BACKPACK DRIVE**

Please stop by after the 5:30 Mass on Saturday, May 27th and support the backpack drive. Bakers and/or shoppers are welcome. Free will donations. Please contact PatVinkenes@yahoo.com with any questions.

**JUST\$** - In addition to supporting the OLQP Food Pantry, when you use Just\$ Giant, Safeway or Shoppers cards, you are helping Orphans of AIDS in Mweiga, Kenya by helping pay school fees primarily for girls so they can get an education.

#### **REPORT ON PHASE 2 OF MEDOR'S ARBOR-LOO LATRINE PROGRAM**

Training participants and building the arbor-loos took place in phases. Initially, 55 'loos were built in the areas around Medor, Dodard, and Morne Mango. 562 persons there directly benefited. Then 26 'loos were built in Marinette that benefited 243 and another 26 in La Source that benefited 240. Training sessions were held in each community on proper management of 'loos, sanitation in general, environmental protection and sustainable development. By careful spending, Manlove, the coordinator of the program, built seven more arbor-loos than originally planned. Two served more than a single household. One in Corion was for 60 members who came to Mass in the chapel building. Another located near the La Source nursery was for the three dozen farmers volunteering there. Another initiative, was to purchase 5-gallon buckets with spigots for an in-home water purification system for 75 families. Manlove said, "Because it made no sense to install a latrine, if the people were drinking contaminated water." The families were told to purchase bleach, whether in a Klorfasil dispenser, Aquatab, or powder, to purify the water. Check out Dr. Sue's blog on Medor at [marysusancarlson.tumblr.com](http://marysusancarlson.tumblr.com)

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

**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. 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 Kathleen Brown [Kathleenabrown@verizon.net](mailto:Kathleenabrown@verizon.net) with your interest or questions. We welcome your green thumbs and green intentions!

#### **IT'S TIME FOR THE OLQP ANNUAL BACKPACK & SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

Last year we served 250 children in the parish and the community. We are collecting new and gently used backpacks for Pre-K through high school. Please place backpacks and school supplies in the blue bins in the parking lot. Gift cards/donations are also welcome. Please put in the collection basket in an envelope marked "backpack drive". For more information please contact Pat Vinkenes at [patvinkenes@yahoo.com](mailto:patvinkenes@yahoo.com).

**HANDICAPPED ENCOUNTER CHRIST of the Metro DC** - Area invites all parishioners to attend our Spring Day of Reflection, Saturday, June 3, 10 AM to 3 PM in the Ministry Center Founders Room. This group of disabled and able-bodied folks has been active in the DC area for the past 40+ years, but our numbers are dwindling. Join us in gathering to pray, sing, listen and speak to each other about being members of God's family. We will have a simple, healthy lunch available, but please bring what you need if following a special diet. RSVP to Anne Reap: [areap2007@gmail.com](mailto:areap2007@gmail.com), or 703-407-7312, or Meg Wholey: [meganwholey1@gmail.com](mailto:meganwholey1@gmail.com), or 703-845-8235.

**ATTENTION CLASS OF 2017!!** - The Associates of St. John Bosco are conducting 3 workshops on how to grow in your Catholic faith when you enter college this fall. The nights are designed for rising college freshmen to prepare for transition into college. Catholic student representatives from George Mason, UVA, University of Mary Washington, William & Mary, Virginia Tech and other private and public schools will be on hand to offer advice and support. Workshops: Wed, June 21 at St. Mark's (9970 Vale Rd, Vienna), Wed, July 12 at St. Mary (313 Duke St, Alexandria), and Wed, July 26 at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception (1009 Stafford Ave. Fredericksburg) starting at 7pm. To register and for information visit: [www.asjb.org](http://www.asjb.org). Registration is limited.

#### **MAY IS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH**

The Building Forever Families (BFF) Ministry and OLQP Religious Education Families are supporting Foster Children today by asking families to donate new items to Comfort Cases. Each foster child in our local area is provided a Comfort Case with new items instead of carrying a trash bag of old items from home to home. Members of the BFF ministry will be outside after each Mass today to collect the items and be available to discuss foster care and adoption.

**DO YOU HAVE A GRADUATE THIS YEAR?** - Each year, OLQP proudly honors our recent graduates by publishing their picture in the Graduation Bulletin. We include middle school, high school and college. Email your graduate's photo to [office@olqpva.org](mailto:office@olqpva.org) and include a notation with the graduate's name and school. The **deadline is June 18** for publication in the June 25 Graduation Bulletin.

**ECO TIP:** *Eat less meat.* Research shows that a diet heavy in meat increases the risk of obesity, heart disease, and cancer. Try meatless meals once or twice a week. Include fresh fruit and vegetables in your diet.

# The case for dragging your bored teens (and tired self) to Mass

By: **Karen Park**

My two teenage boys don't like going to Mass. They never have. When he was 4 years old my now 16-year-old used to stage-whisper the question "How much longer until the doughnut part?" every few minutes. So closely was Mass linked in his mind to the sweets he got at the end, that once when he heard a song on the radio that sounded like a hymn he asked, "Is that doughnut music?" Now that they are older, my boys no longer cry when they have to go to Mass, and they do not have to be bribed with doughnuts (though they never skip them). But their resistance can still be fierce.

On Ash Wednesday this year, none of us wanted to go. I was tired from teaching and stressed from my long commute home in a snowstorm. I wanted to put my feet up and watch the news. The 13-year-old felt he should be excused because his braces, which had been adjusted that day, were making his teeth ache. I believed it. The 16-year-old had a lot of homework and, really, really didn't think he should be forced to go. He argued that he was old enough to make his own choices. I nearly caved. But instead, we got into the car and set out in the storm, both of them texting silently all the way, no doubt about the unfairness of it all.

Because of the weather, the church was far emptier than I had expected—so it turns out I had made us leave early for no reason. As I led our grouchy party of three up the center aisle to my preferred pew in the third row on the left, one of the boys complained, "Mom why do we *always* have to sit so far up front?" I ignored the question.

The truth is I am not always sure myself why I keep dragging my kids to Mass—and all the way to the front, no less. I cannot make them believe, and I wouldn't want to even if I could. One of them is pretty sure he doesn't believe in God right now, and I understand. The other never talks about God, and I can't blame him either. As a

theology professor, I am no stranger to doubt. But I believe in the ritual, the beauty and the grace of Catholicism, and I want them to know about it, too. So we go.

My boys' complaints about going to church and my refusal to capitulate to them are themselves a kind of ritual. They always push back, I stand firm, and they can depend on that. The boys have their rituals, too. When they hold hands during the Our Father, they each squeeze as tightly as they can trying to make the other yelp with pain. I shoot them warning looks. This has gone on for at least a decade without fail. When any prayer or song happens to contain the words "Lord of Hosts" they exchange amused glances (because of the dinner prayer scene in the movie "Meet the Parents" when Ben Stiller awkwardly addresses the "Lord of Hosts" having no idea what it means). I always kiss them both at the sign of peace. They stiffly allow me to. These rituals never vary.

And sometimes there is beauty and grace, too. That night, as Mass was beginning, a young family entered the pew directly in front of us. The mother wore glasses and a sweatshirt, her hair pulled back in a ponytail. The father, dressed like he had come right from work, had curly brown hair and a nice smile. There was also a tiny red-headed 2-year-old boy and a bucket shaped infant car seat covered with a thick quilt. They were utterly ordinary.

For most of Mass, the toddler played quietly with a plastic puzzle. The car seat was quiet. Ashes were distributed. And then shortly before Communion, a tiny kitten-like sound came from the car seat. The mother leaned over, unzipped the fleece cover and lifted up a newborn girl. As Wordsworth said, she was fresh from God, no more than a few days old. Her little head, not much bigger than a baseball, was covered with sparse downy hair. When she was lifted up, she stretched and arched her back, pursing her lips and raising her brows with her eyes still closed. All parents know that only the newest of newborns do this.

Her mother nursed her for a few minutes, then passed her to her father so he could

pat her on his shoulder. Eyes open now, she looked straight at my sons and me. The boys were entranced—teen masks melted into shy smiles as they whispered "Look at her, look at her!" to each other and "Oh my gosh she is so cute!" The 13-year-old said simply "Come on!"—as if she was just too beautiful to be real, which she was. At the sign of peace, I congratulated the parents and asked how old the baby was. The mother said "six days."

I have never felt more grateful that the church did not cater to any of our individual needs that night. Neither the 16-year-old nor the 6-day-old were getting a whole lot out of the Mass; no special programs for youth or playrooms for toddlers were offered. We were all in the pews together, repeating our rituals as the snow fell outside, and grace found us.

So let's keep bringing our grouchy and bored teen boys to Mass, and the sleepy newborns, and our tired, doubting, middle-aged selves, too. This is how grace comes to us: in community.

*Karen Park*

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