

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!

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Monday-Friday — 12 Noon

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Saturdays — 5:30 pm Vigil

Sundays — 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am,

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Baptism:

Please call or email the office to make arrangements.

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Please contact the parish office at least six months before wedding date to complete requirements.

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OLQP MISSION STATEMENT

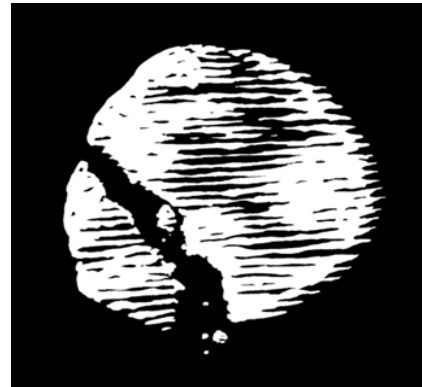
Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church is dedicated to witnessing the teachings of Jesus Christ, especially the Gospel of Saint Matthew, Chapter 25:31-46. Our mission is to nurture the spirit and to encourage the potential of those we serve through liturgical celebration, educational endeavors and social 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

JUNE 18, 2017

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ



**"Amen, amen, I say to you
unless you eat
the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you do not have life
within you."**

Jn 6:53

To all men of OLQP who "father" by caring for and nurturing others, we wish you a blessed and joy-filled day today. Thank you for all you do to enrich our lives, to shine the light of Christ and to encourage our dreams.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Dt 8:2-3, 14B-16A, 1 Cor 10:16-17, Jn 6:51-58

Next weekend's Readings: **(12th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Lousie Aust, Elizabeth Ball, Suri Barahona, Ronald Bashian, Francis Bilgera, Debra Billings, Precious Bowens, April Brasard, 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, the Harris Family, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Ida Hernandez, Dee Hickey, Margaret Hodges, Beatriz Uribe Jaramillo, Rodrigo 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, Indira Murillo, 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, Claudia Zapata.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 17-23

5:30 pm—for Tim Barnes (D) by 5:30 Vigil Choir

8:00 am—for the Dunphy Family (D) by Robert Dunphy

9:30 am—for David Keith Yoder (D) by Patrick Mirza

11:15 pm—for Francis Dias (D) by Jude Dias

1:00 pm—for Blanca Ruth Carbajal (D) by Blanca Cecilia Luna & Family

6:00 pm—for Richard Dols (D) by His Son Jonathan Dols

Mon. 12:00 noon—for Larry Hanlon (D) by Mary Eileen Dixon

Tues. 12:00 noon for Elaine Janssen (D)

by Peter Janssen & Bonnie Czekanski

Wed. 12:00 noon—for Gary Dorn (D) by Bonnie Czekanski

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

Sunday Collection: \$9,230

Faith Direct (May Average): \$9,443

JUST\$- By using Just\$ grocery cards for your weekly shopping you're helping orphaned and vulnerable children in Mweiga, Kenya. Although primary education is free in Kenya, the Brothers of St. Joseph use their share of the Just\$ proceeds to pay school fees, purchase books, and provide the basic necessities.

STEPHEN MINISTERS are available to listen and walk with you if you're experiencing upset in your life over some life struggle, loss, or change, no matter how minor or major the issue. Non-judgmental and confidential.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

This week we welcome 5 new Christians:

Owen Francis Semenruk, Catherine Honor Fulham,

Mateo Craig Usas, & Daniel Robert White

Baptized 10 am Saturday.

Elizabeth McHale Kisiel - Baptized 3 pm Saturday.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Stephanie Catherine McDevitt & Edward Billerbeck Reddrop

Who were married June 17.

PEACE ASPIRATIONS... All works of love are works of Peace

— Mother Teresa

4th Sunday YOUNG ADULT POTLUCK after the 6 pm Mass happens next week, June 25! Come to the Ministry Center Founders Room starting at 7:15 pm. Our theme is: "things best eaten outside". Bring your favorite outside and summer food and or drink. The outdoor grill will be available, and weather permitting we can enjoy the outdoor patio. 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.

THEOLOGY ON TAP - Thursday, June 22, 7 pm, at Lost Dog Cafe (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.

PANASONIC TO HELP ST. JOSEPH'S IN MEDOR

Panasonic notified the Haiti Committee that the company will donate 30 solar lanterns to St. Joseph parish! This is part of their 100,000 Solar Lantern Project. Medor is the only place in Haiti which will receive the donated lanterns. Each chapel area will receive a lantern. Lanterns will also be given to Medor's two clinics, the church, the convent, the rectory, the primary school and secondary school, the three chapel schools and the student dormitory! Panasonic does not have an office in Haiti, and there is no mail delivery service in Medor; the 30 lanterns will be delivered to Dr. Sue's home. The OLQP group going to Medor in October will pack them in their luggage and bring them to Medor. Pere Luckson and the Parish Council are thrilled with Panasonic's gift of light! Check out Dr. Sue's blog on Medor at marysusancarlson.tumblr.com

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

INVITATION TO BRAINSTORM ABOUT A NEW GROUP/ MINISTRY: SINGLE SENIORS

Having listened to feedback, Single Seniors may need to cope with loneliness because of separations, divorce, never having married, or being widowed. Regardless of the cause, loneliness can be harmful to our health and longevity. How can we support one another Spiritually, Psychologically and Socially. How can we serve others in the Parish? A "brain storm" meeting is proposed for interested OLQP parishioners Sunday, June 25, after the 9:15 and 11:15 Masses. Contact: jomariegriesgraber@yahoo.com

SENIOR SERIES - OLQP would like to offer a discussion group to address senior issues. Possible topics would cover care support, advocacy and technology concerns. If you would like to help volunteer for this group, any assistance would be greatly appreciated. For our first meeting we would like to cover the topic of funeral planning. If this is of interest to you, have information to share, or want to volunteer please contact Dorothy Stevens, 703-867-0775 or dstevens2004@yahoo.com

RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES -- Nov. 10-12, 2017

You are invited to spend a reflective weekend of sharing and gentle prayer with your spouse and others in the parish. Location is lovely wooded West Virginia — 1 ½ hours away at Priestfield Center. Let this experience re-energize your marriage journey. Cost is \$375 per couple, but not intended to be prohibitive. Parents you can give the weekend as a gift to married children and keep the kids! Sign up after masses this weekend. For more information please contact Shari Zamarra at shari.zamarra@gmail.com or 703-323-9367.

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO...

The Body and Blood of Christ are not only something we “get” at every celebration of the Eucharist...**it is what we become!** We believe in the “real presence” of Christ in the Eucharist and while we will never fully understand how this is, we gather each Sunday, around the “the table of the Lord” to be nourished...and to be changed...changed, ever more fully, into the Body of Christ. Through our receiving the Body and Blood of Christ...Christ lives in us and we in Christ and thus we become the Body of Christ. This “indwelling” of Christ in us both as individuals and as community has enormous implications for our lives...individually and communally. We become “the Body of Christ”, present in the world...called to be the visible compassion and love of Christ reaching out to the immigrant, the refugee, to those discriminated against and treated unjustly, “to be for” all those who suffer and who are in need. As Christ was “for the world” so too we are to be “for the world”. Our daily action, our work, our relationships all of them must reflect Christ. Our lives should be a living witness to the words, actions, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are called to live our lives in such a way that we become visible, tangible signs of God’s love for all people, and the Eucharist emboldens and strengthens us to be able to do this. How does my life reflect my being part of the Body of Christ? When I leave Mass what do I take with me into the world? What am I being called to “pick up” or “lay down” in my life that I might, more fully, live as a member of the Body of Christ?

Blessings,
Fr Tim

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! OLQP’s Annual Parish Picnic is Sunday, September 10, 1-5 pm at Barcroft Park. Details to come. Special Mass schedule on Picnic Sunday – a combined 12 noon bilingual Mass takes the place of 11:15 and 1 pm.

The 25th Annual OLQP/UJAMAA Scholarship Program

“Empowering Our Youth to Lead and Serve in Our Communities.” Saturday, June 24, 2017, 9:30 am, Ministry Center. Prayer, Song, Scholarships, and Community Service Awards Speaker: Deacon Al Douglas Turner St. Joseph Church, Largo, Maryland. Brunch Reception will immediately follow the program Information Contact: Veronica Dabney 703-698-8290 or e-mail - vdabney@cox.net

LAUDATE! CHOIR CAMP – Foster your child’s love of music this summer with an exciting, intense, and rewarding choir camp, held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, July 31 - August 4. Open to rising 2nd-12th grade children, with activities tailored to all skill levels. More information at laudatechoircamp.com. Emphasis on the rich Catholic choral tradition.

ARLINGTON HOUSING CORPORATION NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

AHC Inc., an affordable housing organization in Arlington seeks volunteers for 1) Summer Camp for rising 1st-5th graders: Help students learn to swim, create projects, play, practice math facts and read and 2) College and Career Readiness Program: Help high school juniors and seniors through mentoring, college visits, SAT prep, financial aid and scholarship applications, etc. For more information, contact Cindy Rozon: rozon@ahcinc.org or 703-486-0626 x154

SUMMER STORYTIME WITH THE SAINTS! at Pauline Books & Media, 1025 King Street in Old Town Alexandria, every other Thursday from 10:30-11:00 am. Story Time includes stories, activities, and songs for children ages 3-5 yrs, with parent or guardian; siblings are welcome. Story Time will be held Jun 15 and 29, Jul 13 and 27, and Aug 10. Call 703-549-3806 for more information.



DO YOU HAVE A GRADUATE THIS YEAR?

OLQP proudly honors our recent graduates by publishing their picture in the Graduation Bulletin. We include middle, high school and college. Email your graduate’s photo to office@olqpva.org and include a notation with the graduate’s name and school. **Deadline is June 18** for publication in the June 25 Graduation Bulletin.

GROCERY STORE PLASTIC BAGS - The OLQP Food Pantry can use your leftover grocery store plastic bags for packing produce. Please **NO newspaper** bags. Leave them in the food donation bin. Thank you!

I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME, YOU ARE MINE (Isaiah 43:1)

What is God calling you to? Consider seeking your life’s purpose through JustFaith, a rich spiritual journey focused on connecting compassion with the needs of the world. For more information, contact Michelle Knight, mknight@olqpva.org

MONTHLY BREAD DELIVERY HELP NEEDED - The OLQP Food Pantry is the recipient of bread donations from the non-profit Bread for Our Brothers. We are in need of a regular monthly volunteer to pick up the bread from the Knights of Columbus Hall on Rte. 1 in Alexandria. Our need is for the first Tuesday of each month and the bread can be picked up anytime between 10:30 am and 8:30 pm. The amount will fit in most vehicles – no need for a large car. Please contact Michelle Knight, mknight@olqpva.org

MAKE YOUR NEXT HOTEL RESERVATION WITH WORKER JUSTICE IN MIND

The fast pace of work, heavy lifting, and repetitive motion wreak havoc on housekeepers’ bodies. When they unionize, they are able to secure non-poverty wages, accommodations that reduce the strain on their bodies, and a reasonable room quota. We can support them by staying at socially-responsible unionized hotels by checking www.fairhotel.org before making Summer vacation reservations. Also be sure to leave a daily tip (\$5 min) rather than one big tip at the end because the housekeepers assigned to your room may change daily. Email Laura at htlaura1@gmail.com to join the Labor Team.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY - The annual World Refugee Day is Tuesday June 20th. With over 65 million persons displaced last year and 35,000 persons fleeing their homes each day, the world is experiencing the highest number of refugees since World War II. Please take an opportunity to reflect on the courage, strength and perseverance millions of refugees display every day, as violence forces them from their homes. As Christians, please consider ways you can become involved with local events, advocacy and the refugee ministry. For our parish team, please contact Luc DeWulf: luc.dewulf@verizon.net

HOUSING MATTERS WORKSHOP – You are invited to attend the “Housing Matters Workshop” being offered at St. John Neumann Catholic Community, parish auditorium 11900 Lawyers Rd., Reston, on Thursday, June 22nd, from 7:00 to 8:45 pm. Join us for a communitywide discussion about the importance of housing in Fairfax County. We need your help in generating ideas about ways the community can offer options that accommodate all who live, work and play in the county. **For more information contact Jo-Ann Duggan** jduggan@saintjn.org; **or John Horejsi** jhorejsi@cox.net. **We look forward to seeing you at this Housing Network Meeting.**

Faith coalition takes a stand against gun violence

By: Julie Bourbon

In a week already marked by two anniversaries of mass shootings, a third incident was added to the growing list of America's gun violence when a man opened fire on a congressional baseball team in Alexandria, Virginia, early morning, June 14. The shooting, on a field just outside Washington, D.C., injured four people, including Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA). The gunman was killed.

A coalition of 55 religious groups, Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence, was already commemorating the one-year anniversary of the Pulse Nightclub shooting in Orlando on June 12 and the two-year anniversary of the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (Mother Emanuel) shooting in Charleston June 17 when the latest incident occurred. A planned June 14 press conference outside the United Methodist Church building, just a block from the Capitol, was cancelled, but a traveling exhibit, organized by the coalition and Heeding God's Call, of 58 T-shirts with the names, ages and dates of death for the victims of the two shootings — called A Memorial to the Lost — will be on display there through June 23.

The Faiths United coalition was originally constituted in 2011 and last year was reorganized under the umbrella of the Center for American Progress, which provides logistical support to the group. Faiths United advocates for universal background checks and a ban on high-capacity assault weapons and wants gun trafficking to be made a federal crime. The coalition engages in advocacy events and lobby visits on Capitol Hill to move forward its agenda.

Members include the General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church, the Catholic Health Association of the United States, the Franciscan Action Network, the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, and a host of other Christian, Jewish and Muslim groups.

"I think it's pretty clear in the conscience of most Catholics in the United States that ending gun violence is part of a wider pro-life agenda," Christopher Hale, executive director of Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good, a coalition member, told NCR. "The Second Amendment is a political right, not a divine right. We respect it but also others that protect the quality and well-being of the life of the individual."

Hale commended Cardinals Blase Cupich of Chicago and Joseph Tobin of Newark for

their moral leadership on gun violence but noted that there is room for improvement within the church on the issue, specifically in the allocation of resources meant to reduce it.

"Lay groups can push this forward, but the bishops' conference and ecclesial leadership need to put their resources and moral authority behind it," he said. "Everyone knows the Catholic Church defends the rights of the unborn, the dignity of immigrants and the dignity of work. People should know intrinsically that the church is committed to ending gun violence."

Members of the coalition were hesitant to address the congressional shooting directly, for fear of politicizing an unfolding tragedy.

"We want to weigh in a spiritually sensitive way," said LaShawn Warren, vice president of Center for American Progress' Faith and Progressive Policy Initiative, under which Faiths United falls. Calling it "a perverse logic" that more guns are often suggested as the answer to gun violence, Warren, who holds a degree from the Yale Divinity School, said, "The faith community is saying, 'Look, we are the ones who are called in to counsel family members when someone is lost, and it's a moral outrage.'"

It was not lost on coalition members that this week of commemorations and new shootings, including another on June 14 at a UPS facility in San Francisco in which four people were killed, occurred as Republicans in the House are pushing forward a provision of the Sportsmen's Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act. The bill would relax restrictions against firearms silencers that have been in place for almost a century.

Another bill currently in subcommittee, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 would override existing state laws concerning who may carry concealed weapons in the individual states.

Sr. Carol Keehan, president and CEO of Catholic Health Association, put the issue in the context of a broader respect for life, which she told NCR is lacking in our culture.

"Once you don't have respect for human life, everything is at risk. As healthcare people, we see the tragedies of this over and over and over again," she said.

When asked about the proposed silencer law, Keehan responded with a series of questions. "How is this contributing to the

betterment of society? How is this contributing to more respect for human life? And how is it contributing to more civility?" she said, adding, "We know how it's contributing to the gun lobby."

Patrick Carolan, executive director of the Franciscan Action Network, lamented that Catholics in Congress and many of those in the pews do not take more of a stand on the issue of gun violence.

"Peacekeeping and gun violence are part of the campaign on a consistent ethic of life, to promote nonviolence everywhere and to respect all life," Carolan said. "But it's hard to claim you are right-to-life when children are being killed by gun violence and you're doing nothing about it."

For the United Methodist Church, its membership in Faiths United is in keeping with its strong stance on gun violence, part of its larger theological vision for peace and justice, based on Micah 4:1-4, of turning swords into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks.

"For us, we recognize that gun violence is part of a cultural, societal issue," said Jeania Ree Moore, director of civil and human rights at the General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church. She cited a number of gun violence statistics, including that two-thirds of gun deaths are suicides, and about 93 people — of which about 7 are children — are killed by guns every day, numbers confirmed by the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.

When asked whether the congressional shooting might change the dynamic in Washington, Warren was reflective.

"Unfortunately, members of Congress have been shot before," she said. "It's terrible that this has happened, and the reality is we are still where we are legislatively. I don't know if the conversation will move along because of the personal nature of this, but we will continue to push for it to be moved along."

[Julie Bourbon writes for NCR from Washington, D.C.]

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