

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!

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Daily Mass Schedule:

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:

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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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Wednesday—9 AM, office@olqpva.org

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.

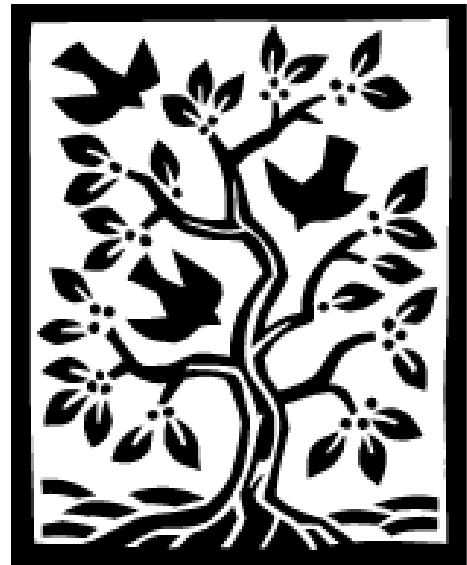
Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz

JULY 23, 2017

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME



It is the smallest of all the seeds,
yet when full grown
it is the largest of plants.

Mt 13:32

THE 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

Next weekend's Readings: **(17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-46

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, Denise Noland, Patrick Ogden, Delfima Pacheco-Choque, Roy Paco, Catherine Parr, Mary Pasquarella, Patrick, Catherine Peake, Paul Ramirez, Maritza Roldan, Carolyn Santos, Susan Savage, Jane Shepard, Mary Shookhoff, Jeffrey Smith, Mary E. Smith, Eva Souza, Paul Steinmetz, Michael Arthur Sweat, Rose Trujillo, Nancy Urquizo, Stephen Utley, Jim Webster, Dottie Williams, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JULY 22-28

5:30 pm—for Linda Bravo (D) by Charlie Bravo

8:00 am—for James Rossiter Sweeney (D) by Mark A. Crowe

9:30 am—for Brian Stortzum (D) by Dee Dee Tostanoski

11:15 pm—for Florentina Rodriguez (D) by the Lopez Family

1:00 pm—for Isabel Garagay (D) by the Cabrera Family

6:00 pm—for Barbara A. Hipkins (L) by Kathy Kostka

Tue. 12:00 noon—for Vicente Pagara (D) by Marlyn Caldo

Thu. 12:00 noon—for James Rossiter Sweeney (D)

by Mark A. Crowe

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

Sunday Collection: \$11,801

Faith Direct (June Average): \$9,603

JUST\$ GIANT AND SHOPPERS CARDS AVAILABLE AFTER MASS

- By using these cards for your grocery shopping, you're helping the Brothers of St. Joseph in Kenya minister to the needs of children affected by HIV/AIDS. Currently, the Brothers are in need of funds to educate orphaned children through vocational training, especially those who did not perform very well in primary school and are not accepted for secondary school.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

This week we welcome 4 new Christians:

Hayley Elizabeth Manning, Barrett Howard Gembara & Jefferson Edward Rabjohns - Baptized 10 am Saturday.

Madeline Belle Colvert - Baptized 12 pm Saturday.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH SHARING

Join us for a summer 6-pack! We'll meet Wednesday evenings for 6 weeks from 6:45-8pm in the Parish Office Discussion Room (4 more weeks to go: July 26th – August 16th). We will focus on Sunday's readings to help us enhance our experience of the Mass. You don't need to be at every session to be a part of the group. All young adults are welcome! Contact Alison Vaux-Bjerke if you'd like to join or if you have any questions: atvaux@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULT PRAISE & WORSHIP

Thursday, August 3rd at 7:30 pm

Our 6 pm Young Adult Choir will be leading a Praise & Worship session on August 3rd at 7:30 pm. Please join us in the church for an hour of great music and fellowship. No musical talent is required. The evening begins at 7:30 pm and ends at 8:30 pm. Contact Rachel Tenpenny-Chigas for more information: raychelynn_11@hotmail.com

THEOLOGY ON TAP - Thursday, July 27, 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.

MEDOR'S EIGHT TREE NURSERIES - Currently all eight tree nurseries in St. Joseph parish are planted and operational. The seeds planted in the nurseries include a combination of seeds that provide wood products with others that produce fruits and coffee for human consumption. The trees will help restore the land, so wholesale erosion will be reduced. The farmers in the community of Marinette are excited about having a new tree nursery established there. This occurred due to a special donation from a family in OLQP, in honor of their sister who had passed away. The trees that will be planted from the Marinette nursery will perpetuate her soul. The donation from this family means that 120 farmers in Marinette now have better quality seeds, agricultural tools, training, and trees to reforest their land. They cannot stop showing their gratitude for this support. Check out Dr. Sue's blog on Medor at marysusancarlon.tumblr.com

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

ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT – Need Your Feedback

I have just returned from a Promoters' Meeting at Loyola on the Potomac, the Jesuit Retreat House where our parish has been making an annual retreat for the last five years. For four of those years, we have made the retreat at the end of April. Since that retreat is shared with other parishes and fills up quickly, I am suggesting that we choose a September or October weekend instead. **However, I would like feedback from you all before any decision is made.** Please give me your preference. theabarron@yahoo.com or 703-354-0580. God bless you. Thea Barron

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO... Once again this week Jesus speaks to us in parables... multifaceted gems that once tumbled around in our hearts and ruminated upon yield unbelievable insights into the Reign of God. While the disciples certainly preferred straightforward answers, Jesus obviously preferred parables. Of the comparisons of the reign of God to a field, a mustard seed and the leaven in bread, I have always liked the comparison of the mustard seed and the Reign of God. This tiny, tiny little seed grows into a great bush...so large that the birds of the air make their nests in it. If you take the parable at its face value it all seems quite lovely. However there is a dark side...farmers know well...the mustard bush is an invasive plant, it grows wildly and rapidly, quickly overtaking a garden...ruining the plants that had been planted with care...reducing their yield, if not completely choking them out. Mustard bushes are uncontrollable and rapidly spread across a farm if not quickly uprooted before going to seed. Surely this reality was not lost on Jesus...nor on those who heard him tell the parable. It seems that perhaps Jesus is presenting an image of the expansion of the Reign of God as something uncontrollable, invasive and fast growing! Looking through the lens of this image...the Reign of God is not something that can be domesticated or controlled...by its very nature it grows uncontrollably and burst forth offering refuge. I believe that most of us though would prefer something that we could contain and control...domesticate! But the truth is that the Reign of God is just that..."God's Reign"...not ours. We are part of it by our baptism and we are called to help water it so that it continues to grow and "invade" every crevice and furrow of this planet... but we don't get to tame it. Two thousand years ago Jesus' vision of the bursting forth of the Reign of God was nothing less than radicaland it still is today. We are called to be part of that radical vision...to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless visit the sick and imprisoned...to love one another as Christ loves us and to reach out and to care for "the other." To proclaim the deep and passionate love of God for all peoples! And wasn't it just this radical vision of the reign of God that Jesus preached that got him crucified... as his disciple just how radical of a life am I willing live? In a world that proclaims a "gospel of personal prosperity"...tax cuts for the rich at the cost of healthcare cuts for the poor...to what lengths am I willing to go in building up this radical vision of the Reign of God that Jesus preached? What concrete action can I take today to "water" the Reign of God? Where and how do I see the Reign of God bursting forth in imaginative and radical ways?

Blessings, Fr Tim

DOTTIE WILLIAMS will be 94 on July 29th. Her failing health prevents her from attending Mass and being with 'her parish family'. Nothing would please her more than to receive a bunch of birthday greetings from OLQP friends. Cards can be sent to Mrs. Dottie William, c/o Mrs. Jackie Smith, 9618 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA 22032.

OLQP SENIOR STAFF POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

SOCIAL JUSTICE OUTREACH MINISTER

The parish is seeking a **full time social justice outreach minister** to replace Michelle Knight who will be moving out of the area. For a full description of the position and necessary qualifications please contact us at: office@olqpva.org Deadline for application is July 30, 2017.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The parish is also seeking a full-time Director of Religious Education to replace Katie Remedios' position for Pre-K through 6th grade faith formation. Responsibilities include administration of the faith formation program, recruiting and providing on-going training and support for catechists, manages program content, RE budget, coordinates with other pastoral staff and ministries and activities. The successful candidate will ideally have degrees in theology and or education, and Spanish language skills, though not required, are highly desirable. Please respond with letter of interest and resume to office@olqpva.org by July 28th.

JUSTFAITH - Do you find yourself wondering how to live your faith in today's complex world? Responding to the world's needs takes reflection, study, prayer, and community. The *JustFAITH* program offers all of these. Consider joining a group. For more information, contact Michelle Knight: mknight@olqpva.org

BACKPACK DRIVE - We continue to collect school supplies until the first weekend in August. We are collecting to fill 213 backpacks, but we **need 62 more backpacks**. The most needed school supplies include: glue sticks, pocket folders, spiral notebooks, highlighters, binders and notebook paper. Place your donations in the blue bins in the parking lot. Thank you for your helping our student neighbors arrive prepared for school!

OLQP INTERFAITH MEDITATION – Monday, July 31

Join Ani Rinchen Khandro and Dr. Sanaa Sharnoubi for interfaith meditations from the Buddhist and Sufi Muslim traditions on Monday evening, July 31 from 7:30 to 9:00 pm in the OLQP Founders Room. By voluntary donation: \$10 suggested. A program of the Interfaith Meditation Initiative.

THINKING ABOUT GOD IN YOUR LIFE? Do you know someone who is not baptized or has been baptized in another Christian tradition, who is interested in exploring what it means to be Catholic? Do you know someone who is Catholic, but has not received Communion or Confirmation? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a place to ask questions and seek understanding of how God acts in our lives and how our faith motivates us to serve others. Weekly "no obligation" inquiry sessions start Thursday, September 21, in Founders Room. For information, contact Kevin and Alice Curtin: acurtin947@aol.com, 703-461-3082

What Keeps Bike Share White

BENJAMIN SCHNEIDER

It's no secret that bike-share systems across the country have an equity problem. Bike share works best in high-density, mixed-use neighborhoods—the types of places that have seen rents skyrocket and the affluent move in. Even as systems have matured and expanded, the vast majority of users have remained wealthier and whiter than the cities these programs serve. Some humbling numbers have emerged to drive the point home: In Washington, D.C., which has a population that is about 50 percent black, only 3 percent of Capital Bikeshare members were African American in 2012. By 2016, that share had grown by only one percentage point. The same survey found that Asians and Latinos were also severely underrepresented among Capital Bikeshare members. Income disparities and the spatial distribution of docking stations only go so far in explaining these kinds of statistics. “One of the previous expectations or assumptions about bike share was that the reason that lower-income communities of color were not using it was due to a lack of interest,” says Nathan McNeil, a researcher at Portland State University's Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning. Academics and journalists have posited various theories to explain this lack of interest. Often, bike share and bike infrastructure are seen as harbingers of gentrification; one study found that some Latino and black survey respondents in New Jersey thought biking to work would signify they couldn't afford a car. But a new study by McNeil and his colleagues at Portland State suggests that these perceptions may be changing, if they ever existed at all. Instead, the study shows that residents of low-income, majority-minority neighborhoods have an overwhelmingly favorable view of bike share. What many residents of these neighborhoods lack is not a desire to ride, but information on discount programs, access to safe streets and protective gear, and reas-

urance about liability and hidden fees. The study surveyed residents of three downtown adjacent neighborhoods in Philadelphia, as well as Bronzeville, Chicago, and Bed-Stuy, Brooklyn, all of which have recently seen the addition of new bike-share stations. Perhaps most notably, 73 percent of the total respondents and 74 percent of low-income people of color agreed that “bike share is useful for people like me.” Ninety-three percent of all respondents said bike share is good for the city, and 89 percent said it was good for the neighborhood. Low-income people of color agreed with these statements at a rate of 89 percent and 86 percent, respectively. Gentrification-fueled resentment of bike share appears to be minimal, while negative cultural perceptions about biking barely even register. Only 4 percent of respondents agreed that “riding a bike is not viewed as a cool activity by my friends.” The same small number agreed that “people might think that I can't afford a car.” This all suggests that many people in the neighborhoods surveyed would want to use bike share. Indeed, 11 percent said they expected to become a member in the next year, while 56 percent of low-income people of color said they would like to use bike share more than they do. But for now, bike share usage in these communities remains low: Only 2 percent of low-income people of color surveyed were current bike-share members, and less than one percent said they used bike share for most trips. So what explains the disconnect? Across all racial and income categories, the biggest impediment to riding is safety. And that means more than just fear of getting hit by a car: Low-income people of color were far more concerned than white people about being the victim of crime or harassment while riding a bike. Many also said that access to free or discounted helmets would encourage them to ride. Another major hurdle: lack of

knowledge about discount memberships and other programs. Over two-thirds of respondents didn't know the details about discount membership programs, which exist in all three cities. Many others didn't know about the cash payment options available in Chicago and Philadelphia. A full quarter of low-income people of color surveyed said they “knew nothing” about their local bike-share system. Liability and hidden fees also emerged as major concerns. Many bike-share systems require a security deposit for day passes (New York's Citi Bike requires a deposit of \$101), and looking too closely at the fine print of bike-share contracts can be downright terrifying. (Capital Bikeshare, for instance, charges \$1,200 to a user's card if a bike is not returned to a dock within 24 hours.) A few systems are beginning to address these issues. “Some cities have eliminated fees for overage time for lower-income people, Portland for example,” McNeil says. Divvy in Chicago has set up a loss liability fund to protect people from the high charges associated with lost or stolen bikes. Generally speaking, however, McNeil believes bike-share systems could do much more to make lower-income people of color feel comfortable joining, and to let them know what their options are. But these are surmountable obstacles, with existing solutions. “The barrier is not that people don't want to use bike share,” McNeil says. “We find that very encouraging as a starting place.”

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