

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:

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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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

AUGUST 6, 2017

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 15

Masses: 8 am, 12 noon & 7 pm Bilingual



He shone like the sun.

Mt 17:2

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Next weekend's Readings: **(19TH Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

1 Kgs 19:9A, 11-13A; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

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, 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, 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, Clem Munno, Chelsea Murray, Indira Murillo, Nicholas, Denise Noland, Ann O'Brien, 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, Fr. Tom Tunney, Nancy Urquizo, Stephen Utley, Jim Webster, Dottie Williams, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 5– 11

5:30 pm—for Tim Barnes (D) by the Parish

8:00 am—for Richard Ryan (D) by Mark A. Crowe

9:30 am—for Carmen Cecilia Rivera Rodriguez (D)
by Ruth Rivera Huetter

11:15 pm—for Fr.Chris Johnson (D) by Mary Kathleen Phillips

1:00 pm—for the Divine Savior of the World by the Parish

6:00 pm—for Fred Villaluz (D) by Susan Francia

Tue. 12:00 noon—for Richard Ryan (D) by Mark A. Crowe

Wed. 12:00 noon—for Tamara Hargrove (L)
by Emma Grayeb Hargrove

Thu. 12:00 noon—for Lawrence Dias (D) by Jude Dias

Fri. 12:00 noon—for Jack Hennessey (D) by Beverly Hennessey

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

Sunday Collection: \$9,713

Faith Direct (July Average): \$8,723

DID YOU KNOW?...Our Lady Queen of Peace offers eGiving through Faith Direct, a secure, on-line giving portal. Make your weekly contribution effortlessly through a checking account or with your credit card. Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **VA271**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP - Come, listen, and find God in the silence. Groups meet on Friday mornings from 10:30-11:45 am, contact Janet O'Neil at jm7coneil@aol.com and Monday evenings from 7:30-8:30 pm, contact Susan Thompson at susanstarrstompson@juno.com. Beginners and those who would simply like to visit a group are welcome.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH SHARING

Join us for a summer 6-pack! We'll meet Wednesday evenings for 6 weeks from 6:45-8 pm in the Parish Office Discussion Room (2 more weeks to go: August 9th– 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

EACH CHAPEL SCHOOL is at least a three hour walk from

Medor with no roads to connect them, only paths. There is also have no cell phone or internet capability. It is difficult for Pere Luckson to have regular communication with the chapel school directors. To solve this problem, he hired four supervisors to hike to the chapel schools on a rotating basis. The supervisors check on the status of each school, stay overnight in the chapel area and report back to Pere Luckson with regular updates. This allows Pere Luckson to keep track of the progress in each school. Providing a good education for the children in the chapel school areas is a matter of justice, the way out of poverty, and the way to bring social change to the remote areas. Check out Dr. Sue's blog on Medor at marysusancarlson.tumblr.com

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

OLQP "ELDERS" - The group-formerly known as "Senior Singles" has morphed into OLQP "Elders". By popular demand we welcome all parishioners who self-define as "elder". We have had 2 lovely meals together; and our agenda/schedule is set by those who show up. Our hope is moving from coping to thriving! Please join us! jomariegriesgraber@yahoo.com

MINKISI - Spend a summer evening with the Minkisi ministry at their monthly scripture prayer and reflection, Monday, August 7, 7:15 pm, in Parish Discussion Room/Parish Office. After the Rosary for Peace, Celestine Person-Green will lead the meditation on Psalm 34:4. Save the date – Nov. 11, 9-3:00, for the annual mini-retreat, "My Soul Does Magnify the Lord!" For more information, contact Cecilia Braveboy, jisaac3@verizon.net or 703-979-5389.

ENGLISH CLASSES AND CITIZENSHIP CLASSES begin soon in Falls Church, Alexandria, and Springfield! Classes meet two evenings per week. English - \$60, Citizenship - \$100. Call Catholic Charities – Hogar Immigrant Services for more information at 571-208-1572. Se habla español.

PROJECT RACHEL - *Day of Prayer and Healing Retreats for Women*, Saturday, Sept 30. This retreat is a safe place to renew and rebuild hearts broken from abortion. It offers a confidential environment to heal. For more information please contact Jo Balsamo, Program Coordinator at 703-841-2504.

ONLINE PARISH REGISTRATION - If you are new to Our Lady Queen of Peace and want to register as a member of our parish, or if you need to update your registration (change of address or phone number, marital status, a new member in your household, etc...), you can do so online. Visit www.olqpva.org and click on parish registration at the bottom of the page. **If you are going to be moving away**, please contact the parish office at 703-979-5580 or jgantz-daly@olqpva.org

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO...

This Sunday we hear Matthew's account of the Transfiguration of Jesus...right before the eyes of three of the disciples, Jesus' true identity bursts forth and in one brief luminous moment, Peter, James and John are themselves forever changed..."transfigured" with a growing awareness of who Jesus really is! I believe that each one of us have our own "moments of transfiguration"....moments in which we see or feel the very presence of God. They are moments when, "deep inside" we come to know with certainty that God is present....that God is real. These moments of awareness hold the potential to transfigure our lives into something new...something wonderful. The challenge is to learn "to live out of" these moments... keeping these moments alive in our hearts and minds allow them to deepen our understanding that we are all formed in the image and likeness of God. Each one of us carries within us experiences of the tenderness, mercy and love of God. So often it is the chaos of our lives that "dim" *the luminous moments of encounter with our God*...we forget we ever had them in the midst of the rush and busyness of our daily lives. This Gospel calls us to step back and reengage those moments of grace when we realized God's *ever-presence* in our lives...when we realize that we are not alone...that there is something more to life...more than what we can see or touch...more than we can imagine..."God moments"! When was my last "God moment"? How was I transfigured by that moment, how does it impact my discipleship and what does it call me to in the world?

Blessings,
Fr Tim

OLQP SENIOR STAFF POSITION 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 August 11, 2017.

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.

QUEEN OF PEACE ARLINGTON FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Phone (703) 521-8615; web site: www.qpafcu.com

Credit Union Membership for the Whole Family/household! Our Federal Credit Union Charter defines the Field of Membership as being open to Parish members and employees, Immediate family (wherever they live) of parish members and employees, and Immediate family/household of any current credit union member. "Immediate family" is defined as spouse, child, sibling, parent, grandparent, grandchild, stepparents, stepchildren, stepsiblings, and adoptive relationships. Please see the credit union if you have any questions.

ECO TIP: As you enjoy your summer vacation, take time to wonder at the grandeur of the mountains, oceans and forests. Thank God for his wonderful gift of creation and take actions to preserve it.

CARPENTER'S SHELTER SUPPER -- Thursday August 17

We will be preparing and serving pulled pork and pulled chicken sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw, and broccoli for this month's meal. Please sign up on the poster at the back of church to help with the meal or to help serve. Any questions, email mary.resnick@gmail.com or call, 703-462-4841.

FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND is August 12 and 13, 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 (NOT cornmeal), 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!

MOBILE MARKET HELP NEEDED Thursday, August 17th, is our monthly mobile food pantry from the Capital Area Food Bank. Volunteers are needed from 8:30 to noon to package and distribute produce. Please contact Lyzbeth Monard: lmonard@olqpva.org

JUSTFAITH - Are you looking for ways to demonstrate your Catholic faith to your children? *JustFaith* is a program that includes intriguing reading, captivating videos, and dialogue with other adults. It exposes the needs of the world's most vulnerable people and explores how you can personally connect. For more information, contact Meg Meyer: megmeyer411@yahoo.com

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Searching for a spiritual home? RCIA provides a personal journey leading to transformation of mind and spirit, in which we consider and deepen our relationship with God. Guided by the Gospel and by the examples provided by church members and fellow journeyers, you can be baptized or become fully integrated into the Catholic community of believers through the RCIA process. If you are looking into fully realizing your faith walk and learning about the Catholic tradition, you are invited and encouraged to participate. The journey begins on Thursday, September 21. For more information, contact Kevin and Alice Curtin: acurtin947@aol.com, 703-461-3082.

WOMEN'S CURSILLO RETREAT WEEKEND

Thurs. Sept 14 – Sun. Sept 17 at the San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post. The Cursillo Weekend is an opportunity to examine and celebrate yourself, your relationship with Christ, and your relationship with the Christian community! Read more at <http://www.arlingtoncursillo.org> Interested? Please contact, Jeanette Prenczky: jeanettedubois@yahoo.com

SISTERS IN THE SPIRIT in the Archdiocese of Washington

cordially invites you to attend our commemoration of the Triumph of the Cross 2017 on Saturday, September 9, celebrated at Saint Benedict the Moor Catholic Church (320 21st St., NE, Washington DC, 20002). The event is from 10 am to 3 pm (registration begins at 9 am). Keynote speaker: Sister Patricia Chappell, SNDdeN. A continental breakfast and box lunch will be provided. The cost is \$25.00 per person. The deadline to register is Friday, September 1st. For tickets, lunch selections and other information, please contact Cynthia Morris 202-271-7253, Rubina Mason 301-704-5108 or email: sistersinthespirit@gmail.com. No tickets sold at the door.

Bishops in ‘strong opposition’ to Trump-backed plan that would sharply reduce legal immigration

Kevin Clarke

U.S. bishops flatly rejected a plan to rewrite the laws governing legal immigration on Aug. 2, expressing “strong opposition” to a Senate proposal that earlier that day had gained the support of President Trump. Flanked by Republican Senators David Purdue of Georgia and Tom Cotton of Arkansas, President Trump threw his support behind a plan that would end long-standing family reunification policies in favor of a “merit based” system for skilled English speakers. The proposal also includes a substantial cut in the annual numbers of legal immigrants allowed into the United States aimed at reducing legal immigration from the current 1.1 million to about half a million over 10 years.

In a statement issued on behalf of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Most Reverend Joe Vásquez, bishop of Austin and chair of the bishops’ Committee on Migration, urged the Senate to reject the proposed legislation and to instead return to negotiating a comprehensive immigration reform package. “Had this discriminatory legislation been in place generations ago,” he said, “many of the very people who built and defended this nation would have been excluded.”

President Trump said the measure would “reduce poverty, increase wages and save taxpayers billions and billions of dollars.” He charged that the current system “has not been fair to our people, to our citizens, to our workers.”

But Bishop Vásquez said the act would mean the United States was turning its back on people “setting out to build a better life.”

“As a church,” Bishop Vásquez said, “we believe the stronger the bonds of family, the greater a person’s chance of succeeding in life. The Raise Act imposes a definition of family that would weaken those bonds.” He added that the measure would hinder the nation’s ability to respond to those in crisis. According to the president, the proposal, the first significant rewriting of U.S. immigration policy since the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965, would favor applicants “who can speak English, financially support themselves and their families and demonstrate skills that will contribute to our economy.” He added that the proposals would prevent new U.S. arrivals from collecting welfare and soon lead to new employment opportunities for unskilled U.S. citizens.

J. Kevin Appleby, the senior director of international migration policy for the Center for Migration Studies and the Scalabrini International Migration Network, was not impressed by the president’s presentation. “It’s all part of their nativist agenda,” he said.

“The pattern is clear: Deport Latinos, ban Muslims and now this bill would prevent Asians and Africans from entering the country.” Mr. Appleby explained that in recent decades, in an attempt to redress past discrimination, immigration numbers from Asia had increased significantly under family reunification policies currently in force, and African green-card holders had benefited most from the diversity visa lottery which each year allocates 50,000 visas to residents of countries that do not currently send a significant number of immigrants to the United States.

“They are trying to create an immigration system in their own image. If you connect the dots they basically want a system that favors those who are more highly skilled and those who are more European,” he said. It is unclear how many Western Europeans with superior English language skills even wish to immigrate to the United States, Mr. Appleby pointed out.

The Reforming American Immigration for Strong Employment, or Raise Act, would end green card preferences for the adult parents, siblings or children of U.S. citizens, retaining preferences for spouses and minor children only. It would also eliminate the diversity lottery and would cap the number of refugees offered permanent residence in the country at 50,000 annually. Refugee quotas are allocated each year but historically have run closer to 70,000 each year and have run as high as 230,000 in recent decades.

“Basically the bill would eviscerate the family-based immigration, which has been the cornerstone of our system for generations and which has served our nation well,” said Mr. Appleby. “Families are economic actors, they strengthen the social cohesion of immigrant communities and protect members from [needing] public assistance.” He added that family connections also act to protect people fleeing persecution in their nations of origin. “If you couple this with the reduction in the refugee program and [the president’s] stated goals in expanding expedited removal to the whole country, you basically have no U.S. protection regime [for refugees] at all,” Mr. Appleby added.

If part of the plan’s intent were to reduce undocumented migration into the United States, Mr. Appleby is convinced the new proposals would have the opposite effect. The nation’s low unemployment and demand for unskilled labor will only continue to serve as a magnet for migration, he argues. “If you cut legal immigration, people will have no other recourse” but to seek to enter the United States illegally.

“Family reunification has long been a core principal of U.S. immigration policy,” Patricia

Zapor, communications director for the Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc., or CLINIC, told **America** via email. “Yes, the immigration system needs an overhaul. But it should not be accomplished by sacrificing the basic American and humanitarian principle that families belong together. Families already wait many years to be together under the current system. Making it even harder on families is not who we are as Americans.” Even with the president’s support, the Raise Act faces a doubtful future in Congress. The proposal has largely been ignored in the Senate since it was introduced in February. Mr. Trump’s backing was meant to give the plan a legislative boost, but so far no other lawmakers in Washington have signed on as co-sponsors and Republican leaders have shown no inclination to vote on immigration this year.

Some immigrant and business advocates have criticized the proposal, saying that slashing legal immigration would hurt industries like agriculture and harm the economy.

“Our system is broken, but the response should be to modernize it, not take a sledgehammer to it,” Jeremy Robbins, executive director of New American Economy, a group of business leaders, mayors and others backed by former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg that advocates for comprehensive immigration reform, told the Associated Press.

Mr. Appleby likewise believes the timing of the proposal, from an economic and demographic standpoint, is completely off.

“It’s counter to the trends we’re experiencing,” he said. “We’re at replacement rate now in terms of [native] birth rate; we have an aging population. We are going to see [low-skilled] labor gaps ahead. There will come a point where we will want immigrant workers. Were the plan implemented, Mr. Appleby foresees a “huge social cost.”

“We have the most diverse and robust economy in the world and it needs all levels of skills to make it turn,” he said.

And undercutting family reunification policies, he charged, “will lead to another generation of U.S. children being separated from their parents. It attacks the family unit, which is really the glue which holds society together.”

Kevin Clarke is America's chief correspondent.

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