

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,

1:00 pm (Spanish), and 6:00 pm (Young Adult Mass)

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

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz

AUGUST 20, 2017

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



O woman, great is your faith!

Mt 15:28

**THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION
MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE PLAN:
ADORERS OF THE HOLY CROSS SISTERS**

**NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION
CRS – Sierra Leone
To assist the victims of the devastating mudslide.**

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Next weekend's Readings: (**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**)

Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

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, 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, Lillian Jay, 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 Utey, Jim Webster, Dottie Williams, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 19-25

5:30 pm—for Frank & Noni Adamson (D) by the Lee family
8:00 am—for Zaba & Willaim Koskie (D) by Debbie Hand
9:30 am—for Jerome A. Donatto (D) by the Donatto Family
11:15 pm—for Thanksgiving for answered prayers by Susan Francia
1:00 pm— In Honor of Virgin of Urcupina by the Parish
6:00 pm—for Lope Dysangco (D) by Lillian Sy
Mon. 12:00 noon—for Ana A. Ortiz Agosto (D)
by Charles Rivera & Monse Diaz
Wed. 12:00 noon— for Shreya Khetarpaul (L) by Jude Dias
Fri. 12:00 noon— for James Schieferly Egan (D) by his Wife

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

Sunday Collection: \$10,645

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

JUST\$ -- Safeway cards are again available. Your use of Just\$ Giant, Safeway or Shoppers cards for your grocery shopping, to give as gifts or to donate (e.g., to the Food Pantry) helps people in need. OLQP earns about 5% of the value of the card you purchase, which is shared between the Food Pantry and orphaned and vulnerable children in Kenya.

MORNINGS OF MERCY FOR DIVORCED CATHOLICS - Join us for a series of morning retreats that deal with topics such as grief, parenting, suffering, and hope. The mornings are free to attend, but please register at www.arlingtondiocese.org/divorced. All dates are available online. Please contact the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life at 703-841-2550 with any questions.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you ready to take your next steps on your journey of faith? RCIA provides a personal journey leading to transformation of mind and spirit, in which we consider and deepen our relationship with God and consider how we can serve others. 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, you are invited and encouraged to participate. The journey begins on Thursday, September 21. For information, contact Kevin and Alice Curtin (acurtin947@aol.com or 703-461-3082).

THE PRICE OF SCHOOL LUNCHES in St. Joseph Parish is \$4.00/student/month, up from \$3 last year. Even with the increase, this seems a tremendous bargain. But to feed each of the 3,000 students in the five St. Joseph schools for the 10 months of the school year, the cost is **\$120,000!** Our Lady Queen of Peace Haiti Committee does not have the funds to cover this expense while still supporting the teachers' salaries and the clean water, sanitation and agro-forestry programs. We learned last week that the World Food Program will again provide lunches at three of the five parish schools. OLQP will fund the lunch program in the other 2 schools. Each child will receive a daily meal! For some children, this is their only meal of the day. Check out Dr. Sue's blog on Medor at marysusancarolson.tumblr.com

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

THEOLOGY ON TAP – THURSDAY, AUG 24, 7 PM

Join fellow parishioners for a lively and interesting discussion of topics related to our faith in a relaxed setting at Lost Dog Café (2920 Columbia Pike, Arlington). Free underground parking off Walter Reed Dr., (use steps or the elevator to exit onto Walter Reed Dr).

14th ANNUAL DIOCESAN BLUE MASS

5:30 pm, Saturday, September 16th

Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Arlington

First Responders throughout the Diocese and all who support their life-saving efforts are invited to join principal celebrant and homilist Bishop Burbidge for Mass honoring police officers, firefighters and emergency personnel. A reception follows for all first responders and their families.

THE "OLQP ELDERS" - both those who have already indicated interest and those who are still 'just curious', please join us in a conversation with Father Tim as we learn how existing parish ministries can support us, as we share our ideas for activities (such as social events, possible grief support group), and explore how we can contribute to the parish community. Saturday, September 2nd, at 11:00 am, OLQP space to be confirmed.
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SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

This week we welcome new Christian:

Angela Fabiola Jaldin - Baptized 3 pm Sunday

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO... Today's readings overturn our presumptions about the relationships between "insiders" and "outsiders". From the Prophet Isaiah to Psalm 67, from Paul's letter to the Romans to the Gospel of Matthew....we are treated to God's vision of who is "in" and who is "out". Some of us may feel a bit disconcerted by what we encounter in today's readings. It seems there is something innately human about drawing boundaries between those who are like us and those who are different..."insiders and outsiders". Down through the centuries wars have been fought, nations destroyed and societies pulled apart in efforts to protect social boundaries that delineate who are the insiders and who are the outsiders. Slavery would be a perfect example of a social construct that delineated between peoples and that destroyed individual human lives, families and entire nations! All based on social constructs of what made a human life matter and be of value. Today's readings call on us to reflect on our own social constructs...who we treat as insiders and who we treat as outsiders...whose lives we believe matter and whose lives we believe don't matter! **What scripture makes clear is that we are called by God to work to eradicate all social structures and attitudes that exclude and marginalize "the other"**. In today's Gospel we see that even Jesus is challenged, by the Canaanite woman, to "re-vision" his mission and to proclaim the Reign of God, so that it goes beyond the People of Israel and includes absolutely everyone! Because each one is a child of God and yes, even the Canaanites are included! There is no place for racism or bigotry or xenophobia in the Reign of God because we are all God's children, and **racism, bigotry, anti-Semitism and xenophobia are all sins against the Reign of God!** Everyone is invited and as St. Paul reminds us *"the gifts and the call are irrevocable"*! *The Word has gone out...all are invited to be part of the Reign of God...and the Word of God once spoken cannot be called back!* I believe that all of us who call ourselves Christians do well to reflect on all of this in light of the racism, bigotry, anti-Semitism and outright hatred displayed in the violence in Charlottesville. Is there anyone I exclude; how could I be more inclusive in my life? What socio-political and religious structures, does the Gospel call me to work to change to be more inclusive, so that everyone is included? In order to more faithfully follow the call of Jesus Christ; what **idols** to slavery, exclusion, hatred, marginalization and war do I need to work to pull down in my life, in this nation and in the world?

Blessings,
Fr Tim

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

OLQP's Annual PARISH PICNIC — Sunday, September 10 1-5 pm, Barcroft Park

Special Mass schedule on Picnic Sunday – a combined 12 noon bilingual Mass takes the place of 11:15 and 1 pm Masses so everyone can enjoy the picnic. Join us for delicious barbecue, fellowship and lots of fun. Watch for the volunteer sign up sheet at the back of church in the coming weeks. **We especially need people who have a vehicle that can transport tables and grills.** If you have a truck, a few hours to spare in the morning or evening on Sept 10, we can really use you!! Please email Bernadette, OLQP's Picnic Committee Chair, to let her know you are onboard: valdezbd@yahoo.com Thanks!!

CELEBRATING A SILVER OR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?

Were you married in 1967 or 1992? Then join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the 2017 Marriage Jubilee Mass to be celebrated on Sunday, October 15th at 2:30 pm at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church in Potomac Falls. Contact Jeannette in the parish office to register no later than September 22nd. For more info, visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM

EVENING HELP FOR THE FOOD PANTRY - Are you available on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm? The OLQP Food Pantry needs additional volunteers to help package produce. This is a suitable volunteer opportunity for ALL, except unsupervised children. Choose to come weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or occasionally. Contact Alejandra: aleg465@gmail.com

JustFAITH is a small-group process for those looking for a safe place to discuss social issues through the lens of faith. In community with others, JustFaith invites participants to take a spiritual journey of faith and compassion. Interested in learning more? Come to an Information Session on Tuesday, August 22 at 7 pm in the Ministry Center. Contact Meg Meyer: megmeyer411@yahoo.com

CUT FOOD INSECURITY, IMPROVE HEALTH AND EDUCATION

A new study commissioned for Bread for the World shows that in 2016 hunger and food insecurity increased health expenditures in the U.S. by \$160 billion. Food insecurity is associated with higher rates of depression, cardiovascular disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, and other physical and mental health conditions. Food assistance programs such as SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) and school lunches save money in the long run by improving educational and health outcomes. For more information see www.bread.org. Please plan on making your views known to your congressional representatives through OLQP's Offering of Letters Sept 16-17.

If you find YOURSELF OR A FRIEND FACING A HURTFUL SITUATION, i.e., serious illness, loss of a loved one, divorce, etc., please call Joan Brown, 703-971-2975; email: jmbrown2587@msn.com and she will put you in contact with one of our Stephen Ministers who have been trained to be a compassionate and listening presence.

KUDOS CORNER

OLQP and Catholic Charities gratefully acknowledge Alicia Guajardo and family for donating their used car to the *Cars for Families* program. Catholic Charities accepts titled cars in good running condition to give directly to families in desperate need of transportation. Catholic Charities also accepts non-working vehicles to fund their many volunteer programs. If you are interested to learn more about this program, information is available on the CCDA website, or contact Sally O'Dwyer, Director of Volunteers, Sodwyer@ccda.net or 703-841-3838.

Can the Church Prove the Naysayers Wrong?

By **Carlos Malavé**

Last week's event in Charlottesville that resulted in the death of Heather Heyer is a clear reminder of the unresolved and persistent struggle of our nation with the sin of racism. For more than five years (not referring to the historical struggles) the African-American community has been raising its collective voice, calling out our nation to the pervasive, often deadly, effects of racism. These "deadly effects" are experienced not only in the actual killing of African Americans in the streets of our cities, but also in the denial of full access to the benefits and privileges of our socio-economic systems.

In Christian Churches Together response to Dr. King's Letter from a Birmingham Jail, we stated:

There is a danger of naively believing that the systemic causes of poverty among African Americans and other disadvantaged groups either never existed or have already been dealt with, and that current social problems may thus be attributed primarily to the choices of individuals. Without diminishing the importance of personal responsibility, we dare not negate or neglect the persistent systemic factors embedded in our laws, economic structures and popular culture that reinforce deep-seated racial disparities.

Our governmental, political, and economic institutions are responsible for addressing and eliminating

these racial systemic disparities; in that regard we are all responsible.

Without minimizing the importance of our collective civic and political responsibilities, from our Christian perspective, racism grows out of our moral and spiritual failures. This failure is clearly demonstrated by the incapacity of the church to unite behind a concerted effort to denounce our nation's sin.

In CCT's response to Dr. King's letter, we read:

Dr. King reminds us that though we may pursue the illusion of moderation, in reality we cannot avoid taking a stand. Mere "lukewarm acceptance" of the concerns of African Americans and other disadvantaged groups, which tacitly communicates that we have already made sufficient progress, presents a stumbling block to authentic change. As Dr. King recognized, the moderate "prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice." In contrast, being a Christian necessitates forsaking the comfort and safety of our social order when it rests on less than God's intentions. "Jesus Christ, was an extremist for love, truth and goodness, and thereby rose above his environment. Perhaps the South, the nation and the world are in dire need of creative extremists." This need is no less dire in our day.

God is calling and waiting for the

American church to repent of its complicity in the sin of racism. That repentance must be followed by a united effort to address the sin of racism in a concerted manner throughout the hundreds of thousands of congregations. This effort must include a fearless public denouncing of racism by conservative evangelical and Pentecostal leaders, and also the willingness of the progressive church to engage and cooperate with their conservative counterparts. The way forward requires more than lukewarm acknowledgement from one side, and criticism and unwillingness to engage from the other side.

If the church is to have any relevance and be faithful to the demands of the gospel, we must renounce to the notion of "sides." There is no place for "sides" in the body of Christ. The expectations of Jesus are simple and clear, "Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them." (Eph. 5:11)

Our country has seemingly lost the hope of a church united against the sin of racism. In the name of Jesus, let's prove them wrong.

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