

## 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 parish community to be a caring, sharing, and loving family.

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

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

## THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE NEXT SUNDAY

PICNIC SUNDAY, September 10<sup>th</sup>

8 am, 9:30 am and 12 noon Bilingual Mass & 6 pm

(No 11:15 or 1 pm Masses next Sunday

so everyone can enjoy the picnic)

Vigil Mass 5:30 Saturday evening as usual



Whoever  
loses one's  
life for  
my sake  
will find it.

Mt 16:25

### THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Special 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection September 9/10:  
VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HARVEY

The historic flooding in southeast Texas from Hurricane Harvey has created an unprecedented and catastrophic weather event of immense proportions. Our hearts and prayers go out to the families that have lost loved ones and to all who have lost homes and businesses along with their sense of peace and normalcy. This emergency collection will be used both to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the USCCB.

## 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27*

Next weekend's Readings: (**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**)

*Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20*

## 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 Noiland, Ann O'Brien, Patrick Ogden, Delfima Pacheco-Choque, Roy Paco, Catherine Parr, Mary Pasquarella, Patrick, Catherine Peake, Paul Ramirez, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, 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 SEPTEMBER 2-8

5:30 pm—for Paul Popernack Sr (D)

by Anna Marie Popernack & Family

8:00 am—for Chuck Wilson (D) by Children & Grandchildren

9:30 am—for Victor Ciatut (D) by Jo Marie Griesgraber

11:15 pm—for Ed Landas (D) by Judy & Wally Reyes

1:00 pm—Eufrocino Rocabado (D) by Ruth Rocabado

6:00 pm—for Mary & Frank Verderese (D) by the Strimel Family

Mon. 12:00 noon— for Living Wages for All by the OLQP Labor Team

Tue. 12:00 noon— for Leonardo Dulog (D) by the Cajulis Family

Thu. 12:00 noon— for Sonia Dias D'Souza (D) by Jude Dias

Fri. 12:00 noon— for William Mahoney (D) by Joan Ann Mahoney

## SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

Sunday Collection: \$8,862.07

CRS: Sierra Leone: \$3,899.07

Faith Direct (August Average): \$9,503

**JUST\$** -- Your use of Just\$ Giant, Safeway or Shoppers cards for your grocery shopping, or to donate 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.

**KID OFF TO COLLEGE?** Don't go it alone. Come to the *Praying College Moms Annual Workshop* and turn active parenting into active praying. This workshop is intended for parents, grandparents, relatives and friends of college-age students and young adults. It will be held on Sunday, October 1 from 2-4 pm at St. Timothy's Catholic Church in Chantilly. The workshop is free but seats are limited so go online to reserve your seat. For more information or to reserve your seat: [www.prayingcollegemoms.org/fall-seminar](http://www.prayingcollegemoms.org/fall-seminar)

## SPECIAL BILINGUAL LABOR DAY MASS

Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 11 am

This is the second year the parish will be marking Labor Day with a very special Mass to honor God, workers, and unions! This year, it will be bilingual and held at 11am (not noon). Please email Laura at [htlaura1@gmail.com](mailto:htlaura1@gmail.com) with any questions or to join the Labor Team.

## MEDOR STUDENTS' NATIONAL EXAMS ARE VERY ENCOURAGING!

For this year's 9<sup>th</sup> grade exam: 88 Medor students took the three day exam in Petite Riviere in early July: 69/88 passed for a pass rate of 78%. (This is up from 61.5% in 2015-2016 when 16/26 Medor students passed). Many more Medor students took the exam this year! National Pass Rate: 76% (up from 67% in 2015-2016) Artibonite Department (The area where Medor is located) Pass Rate: 75% (up from 62.3% in 2015-2016). Those who passed can proceed to the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Those who did not pass have two choices: enroll in the 9th grade for another year and retake the exam next summer or drop out of school. For this year's 13<sup>th</sup> grade Baccalaureate exam: 14 Medor students took the four day exam in Gonaives in mid-July: 12/14 passed for a pass rate of 86%. The two who did not pass retook the exam on Aug 21. Artibonite Department Pass Rate: 28.83% (down from 30.33% in 2015-2016). Congratulations to the students, teachers, parents, entire Medor community and OLQP. These great scores on the National Exams are due to a lot of hard work by many! Check out Dr. Sue's blog on Medor at [marysuecarlson.tumblr.com](http://marysuecarlson.tumblr.com)

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

## MINKISI SCRIPTURE PRAYER AND REFLECTION

- Spend a summer evening with the Minkisi ministry at their monthly scripture prayer and reflection, Mon., Sept. 11, 7:15 pm, Parish Discussion Room/Parish Office. After the Rosary for Peace, Gail Meighan will lead the meditation on Luke 4:18. Registration open for the annual mini-retreat w/ Therese Wilson Favors, "My Soul Does Magnify the Lord!" Sat., Nov. 11, 9-3:00. For information, contact Cecilia Braveboy, [jisaac3@verizon.net](mailto:jisaac3@verizon.net) or 703-979-5389.

## OLQP's BUILDING FOREVER FAMILIES ministry

for adoptive/ foster families and children who have been orphaned will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 6 in the Ministry Center Founders Room. The agenda will include a discussion of activities for National Adoption Month in November. Socializing begins at 6:30 pm and the meeting starts at 7 pm for one hour or less. Children are always welcome! We hope you can join us and hope everyone had a nice summer! Please contact Debra and Ralph Johnson at [Debralpholqp@gmail.com](mailto:Debralpholqp@gmail.com) for additional information.

## SUCCESSFUL BACKPACK DRIVE

- With the help of our religious education circle families, the confirmation class, Matt 25 volunteers and many parishioners, we were able to provide backpacks and school supplies to over 200 area children. Helping these children start the year right is a wonderful example of discipleship in action. Thank you!

## "FOR THERE IS NO GOSPEL FOR AFRICANS..."

there is no Gospel for Americans. There is no Gospel for Italians or Europeans. There is one Gospel for all of us created in the image and likeness of God we seek to respond to.... God's children all belong together. None are set aside, none should live on the periphery, and none are excluded." *Keynote address, Ghanaian cardinal Peter Turkson, prefect of the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, 12th National Black Catholic Congress, Orlando, FL 6 July 2017*

**JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO...** The message in today's scripture may appear rather grim...it all focuses on suffering and the reality that as followers of Jesus Christ we are going to have to sacrifice something. The cost of discipleship means not avoiding the tough issues of life. Jesus tells the disciples that they will need to carry their own crosses. We can't avoid it...like Peter wanted Jesus to do. We will have to "carry" the problems and difficulties of our lives...all of the sorrows, illnesses and losses that come our way. We are not "protected" from suffering as disciples of Jesus...rather we are accompanied by Jesus in our sufferings! And that reality makes all the difference! Having faith that our God does not abandon us in our times of darkness helps us get through the darkness. It becomes a light "in" the darkness...in the midst of the suffering. Jesus didn't walk away from suffering, he accepted it, and even in the midst of dying he reached out to one suffering next to him and offered comfort. Jesus does not say that suffering in and of itself is good...but rather warns us that in choosing to follow him we will be called to sacrifice...to give of ourselves for the sake of the other. We will have to let go of our self-centeredness and open ourselves to the sacrifices required in building up the Reign of God. It's a radical call...how radical is my response? Part of that radical response must be standing up for the voiceless and those whose voices are ignored and disregarded. Part of my radical response to the call of discipleship is to be willing to give up some aspects of my comfort for the sake of the Gospel, for the sake of needs of poor, the immigrant and those marginalized by hatred, racism and bigotry. What sacrifices for others am I being called to make as a disciple of Jesus Christ? What might I be asked to let go of in my life that I might be able to better help to carry "the crosses" of the poor and marginalized? To what action is my discipleship calling me this week?

*Blessings,  
Fr Tim*

**"ED TALKS" ARE BACK!** The first "ED Talk" (aka Fr. Ed Kelly) will take place on Friday, September 15 at 7 pm in the Founders Room. Come and hear Rev. James Atwood, PCUSA (ret.), share his insights on the faith community's response to gun violence. Dr. Atwood has published two books on the subject and is a nationally recognized expert on this subject. He serves on the boards of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship and the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, and has been a hunter for over 50 years.

### **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 information, visit: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM)

### **THE UNITED STATES CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS SPEAKS OUT ON BEHALF OF DACA AND ASKS YOU TO DO THE SAME**

Request: Please call the White House TODAY at 1-855-589-5698 and give this or a similar message:

*"I am calling as a concerned Catholic to strongly urge the President to maintain the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. The approximately 800,000 young immigrants who have received DACA are vital members of our parishes, communities, and nation; they should not have to live their lives in fear of deportation."*

**FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND** is September 9/10 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!

**OLQP'S GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION TEAM** will meet on Wednesday, September 6, at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center Peace Room (lower level). If you have questions about this ministry, contact Gerry Laporte at [G.Laporte@verizon.net](mailto:G.Laporte@verizon.net) or 703-527-6783.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT:** half of all public school children in the United States live below the poverty line? 44 million children depend on free/reduced price school lunches? 12 million children rely on free/reduced price school breakfast? 4 million children rely on free food in the summer? 44% of SNAP (formerly food stamps) recipients are children? Please join us in urging our elected representatives to make funding decisions to protect these vulnerable children by participating in OLQP's and Bread for the World's Offering of Letters on September 16 and 17. More information is available at [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org).

**DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A CITIZEN?** Apply now! Come to a citizenship application workshop hosted by Catholic Charities Hogar Immigrant Services September 23, registration begins at 10 am at Clarendon Presbyterian Church, 1305 N Jackson St. The cost is \$110, cash or credit. Register at 571-339-9872 or [hogarimmigrantservices.org/workshop](http://hogarimmigrantservices.org/workshop).

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE – 40 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING**

September 27 through November 5, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Alexandria Womens' Health Clinic at 101 S. Whiting Street, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like to sign up to pray go to <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/alexandria> or need if you would like more information, please contact: Julie Hanlon Bolton at 508-360-1082 or [juliehanlonbolton@yahoo.com](mailto:juliehanlonbolton@yahoo.com)

### **INTERESTED IN PROMOTING INTER-CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING?**

Give your faith feet and practice the Gift of Hospitality this fall as you open your home to an international student for 2 weeks. Underprivileged youth ages 14-18 are coming from Germany for a 2 week program focused on community service with *Youth For Understanding*, a non-profit organization that facilitates international student exchange programs to promote mutual respect and understanding. Students have activities during the day and are with you, the host family, in the evenings and on weekends. We will have students in town Sep 30-Oct 13 and Oct 21-Nov 3. We also have longer-term hosting opportunities for those interested. Contact Jenny Beth Aloys: 202-774-5283 or [jaloys@yfu.org](mailto:jaloys@yfu.org)

**ECO TIP:** After enjoying the gift and refreshment of God's creation this summer, our oceans, mountains, forests and all of nature, take action to preserve them.



# USCCB 2017 Labor Day Statement

... Over the past year, Pope Francis has drawn our attention to problems in the world of work that seek to undermine our understanding of the dignity of the person and threaten the stability of society. As the Holy Father recently remarked, "...Where there is a worker, there is the interest and the gaze of love of the Lord and of the Church."

What does our Lord's "gaze of love" see today?... [It] receives all those who are struggling with work.... [It] embraces men and women who work long hours ... families who move across towns, states, and nations, facing the highest risks and often suffering great tragedy in order to find better opportunities; workers who endure unsafe working conditions, low pay, and health crises; women who suffer wage disparities and exploitation; and those who suffer the effects of racism.... Our Lord knows that too often, hidden from the world's view, our brothers and sisters' dreams for a better life are shattered in unthinkable ways as they become victims of labor trafficking....

When unethical labor conditions weaken the social pact, society can become vulnerable to attempts to use fear, and our care and concern for one another can disintegrate into blame and suspicion.... The solution to repairing the damage done to economic and social solidarity begins with us following Jesus more closely.... This is the Christian way to displace fear and blame in society: love that suffers in support of another....

When workers and labor are properly honored, the social bonds of society are strengthened.... However, excessive inequality threatens this cooperation and the social pact... Leaders in business and government must revisit, therefore, the Church's moral framework on balancing the legitimate role of profit in a business and the moral obligations to pay a just wage.... Today, we are in the midst of a technological revolution, which has coincided with severe economic disparity and

threatens to continue or accelerate due to many factors such as the growing presence of automation technology in the workplace. Once again, we see in many places the consequences of widespread failures to pay a just wage and to honor the dignity of work for each person. The root of the problem ... comes from an errant understanding that "human work is solely an instrument of production" such that business leaders "following the principle of maximum profit, tr[y] to establish the lowest possible wages for the work done by the employees." A just wage, however, is not the principle of maximum profit.... Just remuneration for the work of an adult who is responsible for a family means remuneration which will suffice for establishing and properly maintaining a family and for providing security for its future." The Church draws the heart of a business owner to the foundational truth of what business should be about: the purpose of a business firm is not simply to make a profit but is to be found in its very existence as a *community of persons* who in various ways are endeavouring to satisfy their basic needs, and who form a particular group at the service of the whole of society. Profit is a regulator of the life of a business, but it is not the only one...

When a parent... cannot bring his or her family out of poverty, something is terribly wrong with how we value the work of a person. All those involved in the determination of wages, in the public and private sectors, must grapple with this serious moral responsibility, for "the justice of the whole socio-economic system" depends upon it.

One powerful way to protect the dignity of the person is through the law.... *First*, workers' legal rights to a just wage ..., to protection against wage theft, to workplace safety and just compensation for workplace injuries, to health care and other benefits, and to organize and engage in negotiations, should be promoted.... The law should also seek to avoid wage disparities for women, and exploitation of any

kind. It should also encourage work environments that recognize and seek to end racism and its effects.... *Second*, the law should encourage entrepreneurs to choose the best interests of workers and a healthy culture over exploitation and expediency.... *Third*, workers must be aided to come to know and exercise their legal rights....

Pope Francis challenges us to confront a twisted understanding of the purposes of labor... In following the Lord ... we must advocate for those in a state of misfortune.... Pope Francis recently reiterated the still essential role of labor unions in society... The Pope laid out two "epochal challenges"

.... [First,] unions must retain and recover their prophetic voice... The union is "born and reborn" whenever it "gives a voice to those who have none, denounces those who would 'sell the needy for a pair of sandals' (cf. Amos 2:6), unmask the powerful who trample the rights of the most vulnerable workers, defends the cause of the foreigner, the least, the discarded. . . ." .... The second challenge is "innovation"... Unions are especially valuable when they speak on behalf of the poor, the immigrant, and the person returning from prison....

Employers ought to consider the total well-being of their employees and prioritize conditions that help them to thrive as human persons. Wages and working hours should support the fundamental needs of people to form and nurture families. The spiritual needs of workers must also be taken into account, so that God may more easily draw them into deeper relationship toward their ultimate purpose.

Work, properly understood, can be a place of great sanctity .... Nowhere do we see this more powerfully than in the Eucharist... On this Labor Day, then, let us give thanks to God present to us in the Eucharist.... May we all earnestly seek to adopt God's "gaze of love" as our own, to envision and make real a world of work restored "in deed and in truth."