

## 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.

**Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!**  
**¡Bienvenidos a OLQP Iglesia Católica!**

### Contact / Contacto:

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### Office Hours

#### Horas de oficina

Monday-Friday — 8:30am to 4:30pm  
Lunes a viernes — 8:30am a 4:30pm

### Website / sitioweb:

[www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org](http://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org)

### Live Stream Mass Schedule:

#### Horario de Misas de transmisión en directo:

June 22-23— 8am and 1pm Spanish  
22-23 junio— 8am y 1pm en español

### MASSES / MISAS:

#### Weekdays / Días laborables:

Mon-Fri. 12pm / lunes a viernes 12pm

#### Weekend Mass Schedule /

#### Horario de misas de fin de semana:

**Saturday Vigil — 5:30pm**

*Misa de vigilia sábados - 5:30 pm*

**Sundays — 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am,  
1:00pm (Spanish) & 6:00pm (Young Adult)**

*Domingos — 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am,  
1:00 pm (español) y 6:00 pm (Misa de  
jóvenes adultos)*

### DECLARACIÓN DE MISIÓN DE OLQP

La parroquia de la iglesia católica Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz se dedica a dar testimonio de las enseñanzas de Jesucristo, especialmente el Evangelio de San Mateo, Capítulo 25:21-46. Nuestra misión es nutrir el espíritu y alentar el potencial de aquellos a quienes servimos a través de la celebración litúrgica, labores educativas y ministerios sociales. La parroquia continuará identificándose con su origen como una comunidad afro-americana, pero reflejando una congregación multi-étnica y continuará promoviendo la armonía racial y la justicia social. Si bien es cierto que nuestro enfoque principal es la vecindad comunitaria, continuaremos trabajando para proveer por el bienestar de los más necesitados en general. Es así como nos esforzamos para hacer de nuestra comunidad parroquial una familia que comparte y se preocupa por sus miembros.

## OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH

June 23, 2024

## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Who then is this whom  
even wind and sea obey?

*Mark 4:41*



“¿Quién es éste, a quien hasta  
el viento y el mar obedecen?”

*Marcos 4,41*

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:

**PETER'S PENCE**

COLECTA DEL FIN DE SEMANA PRÓXIMO:

**COLECTA DE CARIDAD DEL PAPA**



**NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ**

**23 de junio de 2024**

**Duodécimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION / PREPARACIÓN SACRAMENTAL**

### **Baptism / Bautizo:**

Please email Baptism Coordinator Mary Ann Suhocki, baptism@olqpva.org.

Por favor mande un correo electrónico a la coordinadora de los bautizos, Mary Ann Suhocki, baptism@olqpva.org.

### **Marriage Preparation/ Preparación para el matrimonio:**

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

Por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia seis meses antes de su matrimonio para completar todos los requisitos.

### **Reconciliation / Reconciliación—Confesión:**

Fr. Ray Hall Library

*Biblioteca Fr. Ray Hall*

Sat, 4:45-5:15 pm, & by appointment.

Los sábados: 4:45-5:15 pm y por cita previa.

### **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS / COLECTAS DEL DOMINGO**

Sunday Collection / Colecta del pasado domingo: \$7,261

Faith Direct (May Average /

promedio del mes de mayo): \$14,478

### **WORD & EUCHARIST MISSALETTE/**

#### **MISAL PALABRA Y EUCARISTÍA**

Today's readings can be found on page 608

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 609

### **BULLETIN DEADLINE / PLAZO PARA EL BOLETÍN**

Wednesdays 9am — office@olqpva.org

### **OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US /**

#### **NUESTROS ENFERMOS Y CONFINADOS NOS FORTALECEN**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR / POR FAVOR OREMOS POR:** Suri Barahona,

Sheila Betit, Grace Bialecki, Cindy Bianga, Francis Bilgera, Joseph Leopold Bissonnette, Precious Bowens, April Brassard, Dave Brassard, Evie Brown, Lynne Burgh, Brody Carroll, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claire, Chris Comer, Jeff Cory, Adele Crump, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Jim Davis, Adrienne DiCerbo, Patricia "Pat" Dowd, Calista Downey, Tim Felker, Irene Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth (Bunny) Foster, Yvette Francois, Anne Fullerton, Joseph Funk, Iva Futrell, Karen Gammache, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, Jean Giambalvo, Fred Gladbach, Nancy Gormley, Yolanda Gregorio, Joe Marie Griesgraber, Fr. Tuck Grinnell, Melanie Guitreaux, Joe Harrington, Harris Family, Sally Hars, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Dee Hickey, Pamela Hoelt, Patrick Hynes, Lillian Jay, Pat Johnson, Sharon Jourdan, William Kahl, Ruth Klarman, Carmen Andrea Lara, Patrick Lawrey, John Lawyer, Kathleen Love, Lidia Montero Lopez, Olga MacKenzie, Wil McBride, Stefan McGuigan, Martha Gladys Medina, Maria Magdalena Medrano de Ventura, Eileen Melia, Frances Mierzwa, Arthur Miller, Mary Miller, Yvonne Mockler, Carmen Montijo, Dorothy Moran, Rosemary Morrissey, Luis R. Muñoz, Chelsea Murray, Connie Murray, Paul Murray, Dorothy Myrtle, Mario Amel Najarro, Karen Newman, Julie O'Brien, Peggy O'Brien, Patrick Ogden, Carol Pacello, Roy Paco, Neil Parent, Catherine Parr, Mary Pasquarella, Mark Pazich, Minnie Pazich, Paul Ramirez, Santos Ramirez, Jeanna Reynolds, Jacob and Jaxson Rivera, Maritza Roldan, Marco Cristiaan Rufolo-Roger, Josefina Salgado, Carolyn Santos, Jane Shepard, Donna Smith, Jeffrey Smith, Mary E. Smith, Lora Smolenski, Eva Souza, Grace Starbird, Nina Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Carmelita and Roy Tucker, Nancy Urquizo, Stephen Utley, Alma Reyes Valentin, Carina Vaquez, Robin Vogel, Robert & Maureen Wallace, Jim Webster, Kate Witkowski, Lauren Wolfe, Mary Woods

## **TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **DUODÉCIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

Job 38:1, 8-11 (95B); 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41

Job 38,8-11 (95B); 2 Corintios 5,14-17; Marcos 4,35-41

## **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **DECIMOTERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 (95B); 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15;

Mark 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Sabiduría 1,13-15; 2,23-24 (95B); 2 Corintios 8,7, 9, 13-15;

Marcos 5,21-43 or ;:21-24, 35b-43

## **MASS INTENTIONS, JUNE 22-28**

### **TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

#### **INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 22-28 JUNIO**

### **DUODÉCIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

#### **Saturday, June 22nd**

5:30 pm Aida Mugaas (D) by Thelma Molina & family

#### **Sunday, June 23rd**

8:00 am Donatus Fondzeyuf Bamnjo (Special Intention) (L)

by Donatus Fondzeyuf Bamnjo

9:30 am the parish

11:15 am the parish

1:00 pm Dulce Elena Montaña (D) by Patricia, Felipe & Juana Montaña

6:00 pm Mary Claire Penney (D) by John Atkinson

#### **Monday, June 24th**

12:00 pm Juana Laguna (D) by the Lovo family

#### **Tuesday, June 25th**

12:00 pm Joseph and Verna Gregos (D) by Kris Gregos

#### **Wednesday, June 26th**

12:00 pm Álvaro Quijandría (D) by María Cabrera

#### **Thursday, June 27th**

12:00 pm Katie Littman (D) by Michelle O'Keefe

#### **Friday, June 28th**

12:00 pm Peter Chi Nguyen (D) by Loan Nguyen

### **OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA**

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**FR. TIM'S JUST A THOUGHT...OR TWO...**

Over the past few years, we found ourselves in the midst of a great storm, being tossed about like a small boat in the midst of a great sea. In the depths of the pandemic we lived through great loss, pain and suffering and many of us turned to Jesus and said, "Teacher do you not care that we are perishing?" Some of us turned to Jesus and flung our arms around him as a life jacket and rode out that great storm with him as our solace and security.

But, in the midst of all of the fear, loss, and grief we also reached out to one another and to "the stranger" knowing them to be "sisters and brothers" in need. Even though you feared for yourself, for your family and for your loved ones, you sought to help those in need! Your generosity of heart, in the midst of a great storm, was absolutely incredible and continues to be amazing!

In today's Gospel, Jesus and the disciples are heading to the "other side" of the sea of Galilee, moving from the mainly Jewish enclave to a more Gentile region. This shows a widening of Jesus' ministry, he is moving beyond preaching the "Good News" to the people of Israel and is reaching out to non-Jews, to those "outside" his cultural and religious group. He is expanding his ministry to include "the others"!

The disciples show great fear because their boat is about to capsize and Jesus is slumbering away! Terrified, they awaken him seeking his help and he rebukes the wind and the waves, and they become calm. Jesus asks "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" And

the disciples are amazed, and ask "who then is this, whom even wind and sea obey?" Jesus ties their fear to a lack of faith, basically saying, "do you not yet know who I am, so why are you surprised at what I do?"

By this time in their following of Jesus, the disciples have already seen Jesus perform many miracles and cure many people: the man with the withered hand, Simon's mother-in-law, the man with the unclean spirit and the cleansing of the leper, as well as many others. So, who did they think he was at this point in their journey with him? Jesus had already appointed "the twelve" and had sent them out to preach "the message"! What were they missing?

I must admit there is something comforting in their humanness, in their lack of fully comprehending who Jesus was. It puts me a bit at ease! Each of us on our journey with Jesus must pass through howling winds and raging seas and must rely on Jesus to help us make it through the storms of our lives. And we must remember that eventually they do "get it" and they leave the security of the "locked" upper room and risk their lives preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ!

How am I being called to leave the security of my "upper room" to go out into the world and preach the Good News of Jesus Christ by what I say and by what I do?

Blessings,  
Fr. Tim

**WE'RE CELEBRATING PARISH GRADUATES**

Each year, OLQP proudly honors parish graduates by publishing their picture in the Graduation Bulletin. We include middle school, high school and college. If you would like your graduate's picture in the bulletin, please email the photo to [office@olqpva.org](mailto:office@olqpva.org) and include a notation with the graduate's name and school. Please indicate "graduation bulletin" in the subject line of your email message. **Deadline is Sunday, June 23, today!** (for publication in the June 29-30 Graduation Bulletin).



**ESTAMOS CELEBRANDO A LOS GRADUADOS DE LA PARROQUIA**

Cada año, OLQP honra orgullosamente y publica las fotos de los miembros de la parroquia que se graduaron en el *Graduation Bulletin* (el Boletín de la graduación). Incluimos a estudiantes de escuela media, escuela superior y universidad. Si quiere que la foto de su graduada/o salga en el boletín, por favor mande la foto por correo electrónico a [office@olqpva.org](mailto:office@olqpva.org) e incluya una nota con el nombre de quien se gradúa y el de su escuela. Por favor indique "graduation bulletin" en la línea del asunto de su mensaje. La fecha límite es el domingo, 23 de junio (para la publicación en el boletín de graduación del 29 y 30 de junio).

### FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION – REGISTER NOW!

Registration for Faith Formation and sacramental preparation is closing soon. We still have some spaces for the 1<sup>st</sup> year of preparation for First Communion and 1<sup>st</sup> year of preparation for Confirmation. Go [here](#) or contact Cecilia Lopez at [clopez@olqpva.org](mailto:clopez@olqpva.org) if you have any question. Register before classes are full!

### HELP PASS ON OUR FAITH TO THE NEXT GENERATION!

We are looking for engaging and enthusiastic parishioners to volunteer with Faith Formation. We need you to pass on the faith to the next generation. Training and materials will be provided. Contact Cecilia Lopez at [clopez@olqpva.org](mailto:clopez@olqpva.org) for more information.

### FORMACIÓN DE FE Y PREPARACIÓN SACRAMENTAL – ¡INSCRÍBASE AHORA!

La inscripción para la Formación de fe y la preparación sacramental ya casi llega a su fin. Todavía tenemos espacios para el 1er año de preparación para la Primera comunión y el 1er año de preparación para la Confirmación. Contacte a Cecilia López, [clopez@olqpva.org](mailto:clopez@olqpva.org), si tiene alguna pregunta. ¡Inscríbase antes de que se llenen las clases!

### ¡AYUDE A TRANSMITIRLE LA FE A LA PRÓXIMA GENERACIÓN!

Buscamos personas simpáticas y entusiasmadas de la parroquia para ofrecerse de voluntarias con la Formación de fe. Le necesitamos para transmitirle la fe a la próxima generación. Se proveerá entrenamiento y materiales. Contacte a Cecilia López, [clopez@olqpva.org](mailto:clopez@olqpva.org) para obtener más información.

### OLQP'S ANNUAL BACKPACK AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

We need your help providing 850 local children, including Afghans and recently arrived Ukrainians, with backpacks & school supplies. We will distribute the filled backpacks August 16th & 17th.

We need backpacks as well as the supplies including pencils, markers, wide and college ruled notebooks, erasers, binders, glue sticks, pencil sharpeners and crayons etc. Please see the **Signup Genius:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4CA5AE29ABFB6-olqp7#/>

**Please Place donations in either the Matt 25 or the food pantry collection bins by Sunday, August 4th.** Sorry for the early deadline but local schools are starting earlier this year and we need a week to organize supplies and pack.

If you would like to volunteer to help pack and/or help distribute backpacks, please use the **Volunteer Signup Genius:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B45A4AC29A3F5C70-49950245-2024#/>

If you would prefer to shop online, you can ship directly to parish, just include “school supply drive” in the address.

If you would prefer not to shop, monetary donations may be dropped in the collection labelled backpack drive, dropped off in the parish office or online through Faith Direct (please note backpack drive in the notes section).



### CAMPAÑA ANUAL DE OLQP PARA RECOGER MOCHILAS Y MATERIALES ESCOLARES

Necesitamos su ayuda para proveer a 850 niñas y niños, incluidos afganos y recién llegados de Ucrania, con mochilas y materiales escolares. Vamos a distribuir las mochilas llenas el 16 y 17 de agosto.

Necesitamos mochilas y también materiales escolares como lápices, marcadores, cuadernos con renglones anchos y cuadernos universitarios, gomas de borrar, carpetas, barras de pegamento, sacapuntas, lápices de cera (crayons), etc. Por favor vean el **Signup Genius:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4CA5AE29ABFB6-olqp7#/>

Por favor ponga las donaciones en los contenedores de Mateo 25 o de la despensa de alimentos para la fecha límite del 4 de agosto. Perdón que la fecha límite sea temprano, pero las escuelas locales van a empezar más temprano este año y necesitamos una semana para organizar los materiales y empacar. Si quiere ofrecerse para ayudar a llenar las mochilas y/o a distribuirlas, por favor use el

**VolunteerSignupGenius:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B45A4AC29A3F5C70-49950245-2024#/>

Si prefiere comprar en línea, puede mandar la compra directamente a la parroquia. Incluya “school supply drive” en la dirección.

Si preferiría no comprar, puede poner donaciones monetarias en la colecta, identificadas con “backpack drive”, puede llevarla a la oficina de la parroquia o donar por Faith Direct (por favor ponga backpack drive en la sección de notas).



**MATTHEW 25** -- Due to the voluminous amount of donations we have received, it is necessary to **stop accepting donations from Sunday, June 30, through Sunday, July 7**. Donations will be accepted again beginning Monday, July 8.

Again, we thank you for your donations and your continued support. Unfortunately, anything left at the door of the Ministry center during the week we are closed will be sent to recycle.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP PEOPLE APPLY FOR SNAP**

VOICE/OLQP needs volunteers to help people apply for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – previously known as Food Stamps). SNAP benefits are substantial: the average monthly SNAP benefit for an individual is \$195; for a family of 4 it is \$684. Our OLQP Food Pantry serves 750 households or more every Wednesday morning. We know that 45% of the people in Arlington County who are eligible for SNAP benefits are receiving them – so several hundred people coming to our Food Pantry are eligible for but not receiving SNAP benefits. Our objective is helping those eligible for but not receiving benefits apply for SNAP using the online SNAP application. Volunteers are needed Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 9:00am to 12Noon in the Ministry Center beginning in August. In preparation, volunteers should take a one-hour, self-paced online training program (developed by Real Food for Kids and the Arlington Department of Human Services). Our greatest need is for bilingual volunteers (especially Spanish/English).

To volunteer or to learn more contact us at [VOICE.OLQP@gmail.com](mailto:VOICE.OLQP@gmail.com)

### **ESL TEACHER AND AIDE NEEDED**

Can you volunteer two hours a week as an English as a Second Language teacher or aide? REEP, a part of Arlington Public Schools, is recruiting volunteers for their free ESL classes for adults. For the new term starting in July, morning and evening classes will be offered at community centers in Arlington and online. No prior ESL experience is required and training is provided. You can help immigrants from all cultures and backgrounds gain the tools to thrive in a new country! For details, visit [reep.apsva.us/volunteer](http://reep.apsva.us/volunteer) or email OLQP parishioner Elizabeth Hilla (a REEP volunteer) at [hilla@hida.org](mailto:hilla@hida.org).

**MATEO 25** – Debido a la cantidad de donaciones que hemos recibido, es necesario **no aceptar más donaciones del domingo, 30 de junio al domingo, 7 de julio**. Las donaciones se aceptarán otra vez el lunes, 8 de julio. De nuevo les agradecemos sus donaciones y su continuo apoyo. Desgraciadamente, cualquier donación que se deje en la puerta del Ministry Center durante la semana del cierre se reciclará.

### **SE NECESITAN PERSONAS VOLUNTARIAS PARA AYUDAR A OTRAS A SOLICITAR SNAP**

VOICE/OLQP necesita personas voluntarias para ayudar a otras a solicitar SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Programa de asistencia de nutrición suplementaria que antes se conocía como Food Stamps). Los beneficios de SNAP son sustanciales: el beneficio promedio mensual de SNAP para una persona es \$195 y \$684 para una familia de 4 personas. Nuestra Despensa de alimentos de OLQP sirve a 750 personas o más cada miércoles por la mañana. Sabemos que 45% de las personas del condado de Arlington que califican para SNAP reciben los beneficios, así que varios cientos de personas que vienen a nuestra despensa califican para los beneficios pero no los reciben. Nuestra meta es ayudar a las personas que califican pero que no reciben los beneficios a solicitarlos usando la solicitud en línea. Las personas voluntarias se necesitan los miércoles y los sábados por la mañana de 9:00am a las 12 del mediodía en el Ministry Center empezando en agosto. Como preparación, las personas voluntarias deben completar una hora de entrenamiento a su propio ritmo (desarrollado por Real Food for Kids y el departamento de servicios humanos de Arlington). Lo que más necesitamos son personas bilingües (especialmente español e inglés). Para ofrecer su ayuda o para obtener más información, contáctenos en [VOICE.OLQP@gmail.com](mailto:VOICE.OLQP@gmail.com)

### **SE NECESITA UNA MAESTRA O UN MAESTRO Y UN/A ASISTENTE PARA CLASES DE ESL (Inglés como segundo idioma)**

¿Puede ofrecerse de voluntaria/o dos horas a la semana como maestra/o o ayudante? REEP, parte de las escuelas públicas de Arlington, está contratando personas voluntarias para las clases gratis de ESL para personas adultas. Para el nuevo curso que empieza en julio, se van a ofrecer clases por la mañana y noche en centros comunitarios en Arlington y en línea. No se necesita experiencia previa en ESL y se ofrece entrenamiento. ¡Puede ayudar a personas inmigrantes de muchas culturas y contextos diversos a obtener las destrezas para prosperar en un país nuevo! Para obtener detalles, visite [reep.apsva.us/volunteer](http://reep.apsva.us/volunteer) o mándele un correo electrónico a Elizabeth Hilla, ([hilla@hida.org](mailto:hilla@hida.org)) parroquiiana de OLQP (representante de REEP).



*Programs that are open to the entire community, but offered in English only.  
Programas que le dan la bienvenida a toda la comunidad, pero que solo se ofrecen en inglés.*

### **NEWS FROM MEDOR**

The last day of school for St. Joseph parish's primary and secondary schools, and four outlying chapel schools, was Wednesday June 19. The following day the children attended an end-of-school Mass that was followed by a celebration that included singing, dancing, skits, a school soccer game, and a meal of beans and rice. The children realize how lucky they are to have attended school this last school year. Many schools in Haiti were closed due to insecurity. But like children everywhere, they are delighted to be on summer break. We congratulate the students, teachers, and parents on a successful school year! Enjoy the summer!

Thank you to Our Lady Queen of Peace parishioners for assisting 3,200 children receive an education! How AWESOME!

Please pray for peace and security in Haiti.

### **CARE FOR CREATION MEETING**

The parish Integrity of Creation Team will be having their monthly meeting on Monday, July 1, at 7pm via Zoom. All are invited to join us and help our parish prepare to celebrate the Season of Creation beginning September 1st. For more information and for the zoom link, please email [michellem.knight@gmail.com](mailto:michellem.knight@gmail.com)

### **MAKE A COMMITMENT TO RAISE AWARENESS**

*Here is an opportunity to get involved in the Gun Violence Prevention movement:*

Check out the Gun Violence Prevention working group page on the Pax Christi USA website to learn more about the many ways you can join in the movement to stop gun violence. Feel free to use the recording of the recent webinar, "Beating guns into plowshares: A challenging conversation about gun violence with Shane Claiborne" to inspire action in your community. You can find an interfaith toolkit on the webpage as well to provide resources for your group as you strategize to address the violence in your own community.

### **JUNETEENTH DAY OF SERVICE AND REFLECTION – HUGE SUCCESS!**

OLQP had about 15 people of all ages participating; total participants numbered over a hundred! They all worked hard and "took back" so much overgrown land, revealing many, many lost graves and headstones.



### **PARISHIONER SEEKING ROOM TO RENT**

Longtime, middle-age, male parishioner is looking for a room to rent. If you can help, please contact this parish member at: 703-454-1169 or [jcaugust1979@gmail.com](mailto:jcaugust1979@gmail.com).

### **SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We all welcome summer and OLQP's newest opportunity for fellowship while enjoying coffee and donuts! Join us for what's evolved into a festive continental breakfast, which will soon include gluten free items. Sunday Morning Fellowship is for everyone -- feel free to join your fellow parishioners.

Summer also means many of our volunteers and coordinators will be travelling, so this is an appeal for more volunteers to help serve after the 8:00, 9:30 and 11:15 Masses. The commitment is light and flexible: you may volunteer for any mass, once, twice or more each month, and you will have time fellowship while helping. To join us and volunteer please contact Mary Jo Johnson, at [johnsonmaryjo@hotmail.com](mailto:johnsonmaryjo@hotmail.com)

**ECO-TIP:** Native plants are important because they attract a variety of butterflies, birds, and other wildlife by providing varied habitats and food sources. Once established they are easy to grow. If interested, a nursery which specializes in native plants is Earth Sangha in Springfield.





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# Peter's Pence Collection

*Be a sign of  
mercy.*

**T**urkey and Syria are situated in a region that experiences frequent, major earthquakes. In early February 2023, central Turkey's most powerful earthquake since 1939 struck with a magnitude of 7.8. More than 10,000 aftershocks continued for weeks afterward, including a powerful magnitude 6.4 aftershock that struck the biblical city of Antioch, known as Antakya. More than 50,000 people in Turkey and neighboring Syria were killed by the initial earthquake, followed by more deaths and the destruction of structures damaged by the first earthquake. UN officials estimated that more than 1.5 million people were left homeless in what is believed to be the largest natural disaster in Turkey's history.

In a mid-February meeting with Turkey's new ambassador to the Holy See, Pope Francis asked what sort of aid Turkey most needed. Within 24 hours, Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, the papal almoner and prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for the Service of Charity, organized a shipment of canned food, diapers, thermal garments, and other necessities, to be sent from Rome to a warehouse in Turkey for distribution to those in need. At the same time, economic aid to Syrian victims was entrusted to the apostolic nunciature in Syria. In addition to this material relief, the Vatican's prefect for the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches, Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, visited Syria and Turkey to provide a ministry of presence to victims.

The Holy Father's charitable outreach to victims of war, migrants and refugees, the poor, and those affected by illness and natural disasters is supported by your contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection. When you

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## A Tradition of Support for the Holy Father

Support for such papal efforts is rooted in the scriptural message exhorting us to take care of the poor, and it expresses unity with the Holy Father in two ways: through the ongoing activities of the Holy See and through the charitable works of the Holy Father on behalf of those most in need.

## How You Can Help

### PRAY

Pray for the Holy Father, for those he serves in compassion, and for the ongoing activities of the Holy See, all of which benefit from the Peter's Pence Collection.

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