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. Reconciliation:

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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

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Let your yes mean yes, and your no mean no."

Mt 5:37

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:20-22A, 27-28, 33-34A, 37

Next weekend's Readings:

(The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Lousie Aust, Elizabeth Ball, Suri Barahona, Tim Barnes, Ronald Bashian, Francis Bilgera, Debra Billings, Precious Bowens, April Brassard, Lynne Burgh, Brody Carroll, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claure, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Adrienne DiCerbo, Ernest Donatto, Mike Dorsey, Marye Embrey, Irene Fitzpatrick, Judie Francia, Yevette Francois, Allison Fratus, Karen Gammache, Trishann Ganley, Carmen Gonzalez, Karen Greene, the Harris Family, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Ida Hernandez, Dee Hickey, Margaret Hodges, Beatriz Uribe Jaramillo, Raymond Jay, Pat Johnson, Jamie Kors, 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, Nicholas, Gerri Noble-Martocci, Patrick Ogden, Delfima Pacheco-Choque, Roy Paco, Catherine Parr, Mary Pasquarella, Patrick, Catherine Peake, Paul Ramirez, Kate Ring, Maritza Roldan, Carolyn Santos, Susan Savage, Jane Shepard, Mary Shookhoff, Jeffrey Smith, Mary E. Smith, Eva Souza, Paul Steinmetz, Phillip Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Rose Trujillo, Nancy Urquizo, Stephen Utley, Claudia Waller, Marilyn Weber, Dottie Williams, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBUARY 11-17

5:30 pm– for Mary Wilson Sullivan (D) by Lynn Neal Parent
8 am– for Bruce Rohrbacher (D) by Ann Johnson
9:30 am– for Theodore Ratkus (D) by Kerri Martin
11:15 am– for Jill Cunningham (D) by Howard & Mary Lou Shookhoff
1 pm– In Thanksgiving for their lives (L)
by Alba Sanchez & Conrado Vasquez
6 pm– for Joseph Kane (D) by the Kane Family
Mon. 12:00 noon - for Bryan Mills (D) by Betty Mills
Wed. 12:00 noon - for Roger & Virginia Cordle (D)
by John & Cynthia Lynch
Thu. 12:00 noon - for Mary Pinto (D) by Rita Dias
Fri. 12:00 noon - for Jane McCauley (D) by Lynn Kearney

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday Collection: \$14,898 Arlington Catholic Herald: \$3,112 Faith Direct January weekly average: \$7,943

OLQP PRAYER SERVICE - In the midst of all the turmoil in our nation today, in the midst of the busyness of our lives, we invite you to join us for a moment of prayer and song on Thursday evening, February 16th from 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

JUST\$ - You can help feed the hungry at no cost to you by using Just\$ Giant, Safeway or Shoppers cards throughout the year for your weekly grocery shopping. You can also purchase and donate a card to the Food Pantry.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. TIM!!

<u>PEACE ASPIRATIONS</u>... Freedom is indivisible, and when one man is enslaved, all are not free. – John F. Kennedy

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER – PRAYER

Many Catholic parents worry about children accepting the faith. The good news is that children who grow up with a solid prayer life, regularly attend Mass, and receive the Sacraments are likely to stay Catholic. Try these suggestions.

Instill confidence in Prayer:

Pray regularly as a family and attend Mass. Write down special intentions together, including prayers of thanksgiving, and post them on the parish prayer wall.

Be clear about your own faith:

The most powerful catechesis we offer to our children is our own example. That means explaining our faith well, living it fully, and practicing it faithfully (discipleship in action). If sports, work and recreation take precedence to Mass and our own spiritual growth, children receive mixed messages about the importance of faith.

Teach children to understand what they believe:

It's not enough to memorize prayers, but important to explain the meaning behind the words.

Help your child understand and relay back the meaning of what it is you are asking/sharing with God.

Know God's Word:

Make it a habit to talk about the Gospel and Scripture readings during the week. Take home a "table-talk" handout and reflect on the Gospel and how it pertains to your life around the kitchen table. Keep a children's Bible handy and use it together.

MEDOR, HAITI - Dr. Sue has been busy in Haiti working with the University of Fondwa and the Raising Haiti Foundation. As we mentioned before, the goal of the program is to have a strong local Development Committee (LDC) in each rural community, obtaining seed money for local business ventures as determined by the higher LDC, and supporting higher education with three secondary school graduates from each rural community attending the University of Fondwa (UNIF): to study in one of three areas: agronomy, veterinary medicine, and business management. Medor already has four students in the program. They are the trendsetters and will lead subsequent students by their good example.

Check out Dr. Sue's blog on Medor: marysusancarlson.tumblr.com Please continue to pray for our sisters and brothers in Haiti!

LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER, Saturday, March 4,— Escape to San Damiano in White Post, VA and make this a more fruitful Lent. Fr. John Cregan will lead the Day. Please pre-register by calling San Damiano at 540-868-9220 or h.esparza@arlingtondiocese.org. Check-in begins at 9 am and the day concludes after Mass - about 3 pm. The cost for the day is \$30 and includes lunch.

2017 MARKS THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA APPARITIONS - In honor of the Centennial celebration
Our Lady Queen of Peace is offering a wonderful travel opportunity lead by Fr. Brandon: **A Pilgrimage to FATIMA & LOURDES with BARCELONA** from November 12 – 21, 2017. If you are interested and want to learn more about cost and logistics, please contact: Fr. Brandon: bnguyen@olqpva.org

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO... With Jesus "The Law" doesn't get smaller, it gets bigger.....it's about much more than just keeping the rules....it is about growing in our love of God and our love for our neighbor. When Jesus says "The Law says....but I say," he expands the original law in order to get to the spirit that is behind The Law. It seems that Jesus is ultimately most concerned not about a slavish external keeping of The Law, but rather he desires an internal change of our heart. He tells the disciples that their righteousness must surpass that of the religious leaders in order for them to get into heaven! Jesus expects more from his disciples...he expects them to love one another as he has loved them. So just refraining from killing someone is not enough...we have to love them and show that love by how we treat them! That doesn't mean that there is no place for righteous indignation at injustices and violations of God's call to care for and look after the lost, the last and the least amongst us. Jesus understood "The Law" to be a guide that lead to a good and faithful life, one that contributed to the building up of the Reign of God, that cared for and valued all God's children. Many of our "spiritual heroines", like St. Thérèse of Lisieux, challenge us to love our sisters and brothers with even just little acts of love on a daily basis, especially the least of our sisters and brothers...we don't always have to look for the "big bang" of loving our sisters and brothers, sometimes it's the little things that make all the difference. How am I doing keeping Jesus' laws of love...to love my neighbor and even those who don't like me... or those have hurt me? What does Jesus call me to today? Blessings,

Fr Tim

2017 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL BEGINS! This month many of us will receive a mailing from Bishop Burbidge regarding the 2017 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2017 BLA is "Offering hands to serve and hearts to love." After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serve the people in our diocese. Through your support of this important appeal, you become the hands and heart of our Lord Jesus!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH HAPPENINGS IN THE COMMUNITY

- 2017 Alfred Street Baptist Church Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) College Festival -- Over 70 colleges, universities and other organizations will be represented Sat., Feb. 18 – Doors open at 9 am, T.C. Williams High School (3330 King St., Alexandria)
- OLQP 2017 Black History Month Program, Sat., Feb 18, 6:30 pm, Ministry Center Founders Room. Featured Speaker: Sia. Barbara Kamara Chair, West African Ministry Faith United Church of Christ, Wash. D.C. with introduction by Dr. Robert Efimba. The 2017 Theme is "The Crisis in Black Education" with Program Focus on Education in Liberia and the Diaspora. A reception follows the program.

E-Giving through FAITH DIRECT - consider supporting OLQP by signing up with Faith Direct, a secure online giving option for parishes (ACH checking account withdrawal and use of all major credit cards available). OLQP's Church Code: VA271

CARPENTERS SHELTER SUPPER, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

This month's meal is **chili, cornbread, chips, salad and dessert**. Sign up sheets are in the back of church. Please bring your food before 4:45 on Thursday to the Ministry Center Founders Room and place in refrigerator if required. Contact Michelle Knight at mknight@olqpva.org with questions.

MOBILE MARKET HELP NEEDED: Thursday, February 16, is our monthly mobile food pantry from the Capital Area Food Bank. Volunteers are needed from 8 to noon to package and distribute produce. Contact Michelle Knight, mknight@olqpva.org

MATT 25: BY THE NUMBERS - Our clothing bazaar continues to be a popular resource for the community. The store was only open for 3 weeks in December, yet our numbers were still high. We served 965 families and distributed 7765 items. This does not include the children's books which are not counted towards an individual's limit of 15 items. We appreciate your in-season donations and can always use additional volunteers.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION: AN ALTERNATIVE TO VIO-

LENCE will be presented on Saturday, February 18 featuring Fr. Clement Aapengunuo, PhD. Sponsored by The Diocese of Arlington Peace and Justice Commission, it will take place at Church of the Nativity in Burke. The evening begins with Mass at 5 pm; a pasta dinner, keynote presentation, roundtable discussion, and Q&A session. To make a dinner reservation, RSVP to peace@arlingtondiocese.org. A free will donation will be accepted at the door. For more information, visit http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/peace.

OLQP's LGBT ministry, GLFF (Gay, Lesbian, Friends & Fami-

ly), will meet at 4:30 pm on Sunday, February 26th in classroom 1 & 2 on the 2nd floor of the Ministry Center. We will have a potluck and discuss the remainder of the year of GLFF events and activities. Please contact Vicky Strimel, va.strimel@gmail.com for more information. All are welcome!

HAVE A FEW SPARE HOURS AND A CAR?

OLQP is a partner agency to The Shepherd's Center in Mclean and they are in need of people to drive seniors (in Arlington and Mclean) to their medical appointments. New clients continue to be added and the volunteer pool is not keeping pace. Please call 703-506-2199 or e-mail info@scmafc.org.

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 susanstarrsthompson@juno.com. Beginners and those who would simply like to visit a group are welcome.

ECO TIP: To save money and resources, turn down your thermostat at night (to 62-64). Use comfy blankets and pajamas to keep nice and warm.

Black History Month 2017

Desegregation and the Achievement Gap in Arlington County

By Cecilia Braveboy

In looking at the "Crisis in Black Education" in 2017, the achievement gap between black and white students is still large. Has the goal of quality education for black students been reached? Specifically, has it been reached in Arlington County where black (and Hispanic) students are still on the lowest track of academic achievement?

The landmark Supreme Court decision Brown vs. Board of Education in 1954, mandated that all public schools be desegregated. But that ruling didn't change anything overnight. School desegregation was not fully implemented or enforced by Virginia state and local jurisdictions for another 10 years. In February 1959, because of a state supreme court ruling, 17 black students in Norfolk and five black students in Arlington were enrolled in white public schools. Arlington students Ronald Deskins, Michael Jones, Lance Newman and Gloria Thompson entered Stratford Junior High School (now H-B Woodlawn School).

In the mid-1960's to facilitate the integration of all public schools, the two black schools (Drew Elementary School and Hoffman Boston secondary school) were closed and all the black students were enrolled in white schools. Only a handful of the black teachers were retained in this traumatic transition. There was no training or preparation for interracial conflict provided for the teachers or students. To fulfill the Virginia racial quotas, bussing black children out of their Arlington neighborhoods to white schools was paramount. An element of the African American culture and way of life was lost in the public educational system in the bussing years to achieve the promise of quality education.

Over the years there have been attempts to adapt students and families to desegregation and its inevitable academic challenges. Dr. Margaret Wilson, a retired clinical psychologist and volunteer community activist, has worked on decreasing the minority achievement gap,

particularly for African American children. She remarked:

"Prior to the multitude of tests we now have for the students, we were told in Arlington that black students fared poorly in Arlington because of attendance issues (absences, frequent tardiness, and the transient nature of the families in the military).... Third grade used to be a standard point of movement for black students in elementary to accomplish desegregation of the public schools in Arlington. The late educator Evelyn Syphax tackled that issue for change while on the School Board in the 1980s."

To respond to a serious need for tutoring of black students that was not provided by the schools, Dr. Wilson in 1986 joined with a small group of churches, community and social leaders to form the Saturday Tutorial Enrichment Program (STEP). Rev. Clarence Hunter of Lomax African Methodist Church gave classroom space and snack items. Rev. James Healy of Our Lady Queen of Peace Church gave office and school supplies. Both churches offered volunteers to STEP - Josephine Douglas, Marguerite Thomas and Cecilia Braveboy. Constance Sullivan, a teacher from Thomas Jefferson Middle School, was the volunteer director and Bob McGregor from the Arlington branch of NAACP provided community support. Black sorority and fraternal organizations also gave donations.

STEP soon became the Civic Coalition for Minority Affairs (CCMA), chaired by Dr. Margaret Wilson. "CCMA is a council of representatives from civic, religious, and

social organizations in Arlington, Virginia. Committed to excellence in education, the group acknowledges high academic achievement through its annual awards ceremony for African and African American students, and students of African de-

scent. " LaVonne Stewart is the program coordinator of the annual awards night held in May each year. In partnership with the APS Office of Minority Achievement, last year 90 African American and African students received the 24th annual awards for their achievement of 3.6 average or above in 5, 8 and 11 grades.

But still there is work to be done. In the Arlington Public Schools there is a 20 percentile gap between the black and white students in each of the four subject areas; Math, English, Science and Social. In 2016, the Arlington County Office of Minority Achievement reported:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia measures academic achievement through annual Standards of Learning (SOL) tests. Students take grade-level assessments in grades 3-8, and end of course (EOC) exams for high schoollevel courses. .. The gap in performance among racial/ethnic groups has narrowed on both the English and Math SOL assessments between 2012-2015, although large gaps remain. Gaps for Asian and Hispanic students decreased by seven percentage points on both assessments, and gaps for black students decreased by 11-12 percentage points. Social Studies and Science have seen less progress in terms of overall growth and narrowing of the gap, although both assessments had higher overall pass rates to begin with."

Are we there yet in 2017? No, but at least the momentum is in the right direction.

