

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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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

MAY 14, 2017

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



You are a people called
out of darkness into
wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9

Special 2nd Collection this Weekend:

The Basilica of the
National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Trinity Dome Collection

Next Weekend's Second Collection:

Diocesan Retired Priests

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 6:1-7, 1PT 2:4-9, JN 14:1-12

Next weekend's Readings: (6th Sunday of Easter)

ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17, 1PT 3:15-18, JN 14:15-21

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 Brasard, Mary Brown, 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, 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, Karen Krahn, Rebecca Krahn, 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, 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, Jim Webster, Dottie Williams, Mary Woods, John Zamarra, Claudia Zapata.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 13– MAY 19

5:30 pm—for Mary Wilson Sullivan (L) by the Noble-Martocci Family

8:00 am—for Catherine C. M. Pickett (D) by Alice Leonard

9:30 am—for Karen Green (D) by Jack & Peter Smith

11:15 am—for Thomas Rossi (D) by Thea Rossi Barron

1:00 pm—for Jorge & Maria Milan (D) by the Family

6:00 pm—for Lois Mignano (D) by Anne Flack

Mon. 12:00 noon—for Hubert Gantz (D) by Jeanette, PA & Emily Daly

Tues. 12:00 noon—for Mario Lovo (D) by Manuel Lovo

Thur. 12:00 noon—for Vashti Jefferson Moore (D) by Fr. Tim-OQLP

Sunday Collections:

Sunday Collection: 11,313

Faith Direct (April Average): 9,097

MASS AND HEALING SERVICE THIS THURSDAY

Fr. Tuck Grinnel and the Catholic Healing Ministry of the Diocese of Arlington will celebrate a Mass and Healing service this Thursday, May 18, at 7:30 pm at St. Ann's Church (5312 North 10th St.; Arlington). Come and pray for healing -- for yourself and for others. We begin with Mass and follow mass with prayers for healing and a time for Confession.

CLEAN WATER FOR MEDOR



Odd jobs, home chores, and lemonade stands supported the efforts of our amazing First Communion class, as they raised \$1,235.13 to purchase water filtration buckets for the people of Medor, Haiti. Kudos to our little disciples in action!

WE ALL FACE LIFE -CHANGING CHALLENGES AT TIMES - If this is one of those hurtful times for you or a friend, please consider contacting our Stephen Ministry by calling Joan Brown, 703-971-2975 or emailing her at jmbrown2587@msn.com. We have 15 caring Stephen Ministers who are here to be a listening presence to you.

MOBILE MARKET NEEDS YOUR HELP

Thursday, May 18, is our monthly mobile food pantry from the Capital Area Food Bank. Volunteers are needed from 9 to noon to package and distribute produce. Contact Michelle Knight, mknight@olqpva.org

A Message from Katie Remedios, OLQP's DRE

When someone asks me what I do for a living, I get to say I have the best job in the world.....teaching children about how much they are loved by God!

After many years of shaping a program of faith development for the parish, it is with a heavy heart that I announce my resignation as your Director of Religious Education. It has been an honor to serve the community, work with so many amazing children, and support hundreds of parents as the first and best teacher of the faith. I have completed everything that I was asked to do when first recruited by the Staff of OLQP; to build a system of faith formation that allows our children to not only know Jesus, but to love and serve him as disciples in action. After designing programs to prepare our children for the sacraments and expose our little ones to the foundations of our tradition, the time has come to move on. I plan to take a two-month sabbatical, beginning in July, hiking, traveling, and spending quality time with my family. In September, at the request of the pastor, I have agreed to return on a part-time basis, and focus my attention on rebuilding and strengthening the Family Circle program. This program has successfully served many, and is being studied and introduced all over the country as the true path to faith formation. My activities will include developing accessible Circle lessons, writing seven grade levels of curriculum for our Catholic Foundation classes, and planning Children's Liturgies. I will continue to advocate for adequate instruction space and inclusive opportunities to serve our children (and yes, sponsor the parish pie-baking event at Thanksgiving).

To sustain the faith of one child, studies show that it takes 15 people in the pews, to model, connect, interact, educate, welcome, and love the child. My parting wish as the Director of Religious Education is to ask the community to remember this, "It takes a village". And what an extraordinary village we have!

In profound gratitude for your trust, support, and many prayers over the years.

<>< Katie

CARPENTERS SHELTER SUPPER, Thursday, May 18 - This month's meal is baked chicken, potato salad, green beans, green salads and dessert. Sign up sheets are in the back of church. Please bring your food before 4:45 on Thursday the 18th to the Ministry Center Founders Room and place in refrigerator or freezer. Contact mary.resnick@gmail.com with questions. Thank you!

DIOCESAN RETIRED PRIEST COLLECTION!

There will be a second collection for the care of our diocesan retired priests the weekend of May 20 & 21. Currently there are 21 retired priests and an additional 20 diocesan priests who will retire in the next ten years. Please consider donating to this collection. Thank you for your support. See today's bulletin insert for more information.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

This week we welcome eight new Christians:

Grace Thera Carlson

S. Casey Porter McNichols

Annika Rose Moll

Burton Oliver Purdie

Alison Brewer Roskovensky

Baptized 10 am Saturday, May 13

Sofia Roldan Barcos

Rose Judiana Romero

Jayson Alexander Zelaya-Carranza

Baptized 3 pm Sunday, May 14

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO... Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers and to all the women who mentor and care for us and create opportunities for us to grow into the fullness of our potential, may God's most abundant blessings be upon you today and all the days of your lives! Thank you for all you do for us!

In today's readings, in the First Letter of Peter we are reminded that we are chosen and precious in the sight of God and in the Gospel Jesus tells us not to let our hearts be troubled, to have faith in him and in God, that he goes to prepare a place for us and will return to take us to him so that we might be where he is! These readings today offer us a wonderful opportunity to reflect on God's love for all of us, thus a diversity of dwelling places for us, a place for each one of us, no one is excluded by God, because indeed every child, woman and man is precious to God. Jesus tell the disciples that he is the way, the truth and the life, and we know God and see God through him. Pope Francis reminds us that "Jesus is the face of the Father's mercy". So in seeing Jesus' merciful words and actions the disciples were seeing God's mercy in action. Jesus tells his disciples that through their belief in him they will be able to do what he has done and even greater! Perhaps what is "even greater" is that Jesus talks about allowing the risen Christ, who dwells within us, to transform us into the presence of God's mercy in the midst of a wounded and suffering world. Perhaps the call of the Gospel is to allow ourselves to become "the face of the Father's mercy", to take on the mantle of mercy as Jesus' disciples. To be willing to make meaningful changes to our lives in order that we might better show forth God's mercy in our words and actions. As a nation, what role should "mercy" play in our response to our immigration and refugee crisis, criminal justice reform and to our other national debates currently raging? Is mercy even a value being discussed? How can I be more merciful in my words? What specifically can I do to be more merciful in my actions? Who in my life right now is most in need of being shown mercy? Easter Blessings, Fr. Tim

GABRIEL PROJECT – Volunteers needed on Wednesday mornings (9:30-11:30am) to help give out baby things. Spanish speaking a plus. Contact: shari.zamarra@gmail.com or 703-323-9367

DO YOU HAVE A GRADUATE THIS YEAR?

Each year, OLQP proudly honors our recent graduates by publishing their picture in the Graduation Bulletin. We include middle school, high school and college. Email your graduate's photo to office@olqpva.org and include a notation with the graduate's name and school. The **deadline is June 18** for publication in the June 25 Graduation Bulletin.

JUST\$ - Today, 20 million people in South Sudan, Somalia, Nigeria and Yemen are at risk of starvation, with famine being declared in parts of South Sudan. A drought afflicting much of east Africa has wrecked crops and killed animals, which is impacting people in Mweiga, Kenya who are beneficiaries of the of Just\$ program. Locally, the OLQP Food Pantry provides supplemental food to over 150 families a week. Your use of Just\$ grocery cards for your weekly shopping helps generate funds at no cost to you to help alleviate hunger.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES' RICE BOWL PROJECT

Has ended for this year. Thank you for your sacrifice and caring for those who are hungry. 25% of the funds raised stay here in our own diocese. If you haven't turned in your bowl, please do so we can send the donations to CRS.



Many Thanks!

3 Masses – 91 children prepared = A Parish Success Story

Last weekend, 89 of our 91 children receiving their First Communion this year, were brought to the altar during one of three beautiful Children's Liturgies. As part of our unique OLQP "faith development" program, their parents did a wonderful job preparing the children to receive the sacrament. In addition, there were many working behind the scenes, sharing their gifts and talents, who contributed to this amazing experience. A heart felt thank you goes out to: the 9:30, 11:15, 1:00pm and 5:30 choirs, Michael Hill and Joe Martocci, Christina Kozyn, Sally Diaz-Wells and Thelma Molina, Karen Edwards and Bronwen Kubiak. The many families who showed up to cut cake, wipe tables, and take out trash. And above all – Kerry Litonjua, Rosanna Catahan, Bonnie Czekanski, Michele Doss and Cecilia Lopez Oetgen who instructed the children, guided the children, and loved the children all through the year!

CONSISTENT ETHIC OF LIFE

At OLQP, we pray for, stand with and defend any human life threatened by violence or deprivation. Catholic Social Teaching instructs us as to the dignity and sacredness of each human life. Pope Francis reminds us that these concerns are all connected. Let us stand in solidarity with all our vulnerable brothers and sisters. We work to pursue connections on all life issues – such as (but not limited to) death penalty, immigration, gun violence, poverty, racism, abortion, integrity of creation, euthanasia. Our goal is for all in our parish to understand and embrace the Consistent Ethic of Life. Meeting in Ministry Center Classroom 5 on Thursday, June 8 at 7:30pm. Your input is needed. Please join us. Questions or curious?: Shari.zamarra@gmail.com, 703-323-9367

THE QUEEN OF PEACE FOOD PANTRY "ISIDORE'S GARDEN" - Is

soon to break ground for the 2017 growing season. The team tends the vegetable beds on Edgewood Street and harvests them for the Wednesday Food Pantry distribution. Last year's harvest provided fresh produce through November. Time commitment is about 3 to 4 hours a week for the weeks you select. Each gardener works about 2 weeks over the period June – October. Please contact Kathleen Brown Kathleenabrown@verizon.net with your interest or questions. We welcome your green thumbs and green intentions!

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!



OLQP Youth Theater will be performing the family-friendly musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat May 26th-May 28th. Contact Mike Mothes for advance ticket sales. Adults = \$10. Kids = \$5. Family of four or more = \$25. Performances are scheduled for Friday May 26th at 7:00pm, Saturday May 27th at 3:00pm and 7:00pm, and Sunday May 28th at 3:00pm in Father Ray Hall. Limited seating. Get your ticket today!

ECO TIP: Keep the mower blade sharp and cut to 2.5-3.5 height. This promotes strong growth and fights weeds. Water early in the morning.

To all women of OLQP who “mother” by caring for and nurturing others, we wish you a blessed and joy-filled day today. Thank you for all you do to enrich our lives, to shine the light of Christ and to care for our every need.



The Seeds of Mother’s Day: A Proclamation for Peace

“Every mother is like Moses. She does not enter the promised land.

She prepares a world she will not see.”

Pope Paul VI

More than 130 years ago, noted American activist Julia Ward Howe first proposed the concept of Mother’s Day. Howe was a prominent abolitionist who served as one of the catalysts promoting emancipation of slaves and later women’s suffrage. A woman of deep religious conviction, Howe became increasingly convinced that war was an inappropriate means for furthering her social justice ideals and believed that these issues, which she cared deeply about, should instead be pursued nonviolently. With men throughout the Nation getting more and more engaged in a bloody Civil war, Howe proposed the Mother’s Day annual “friendship” gathering as an appeal to fellow mothers from both the North and South, (who did not yet have voting rights) to unite and issue passionate demands for their husbands and sons to disarm and seek peace.

In her inaugural Mother’s Day proclamation, she writes:

Arise, then, women of this day! Arise, all women who have hearts, whether our baptism be of water or of tears!

Say firmly: “We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies. Our husbands will not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause. Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience. We, the women of one country, will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs.”

Howe’s vision was practiced internationally for the rest of her life with modest success and served as the spark for Anna Jarvis who later became the champion for getting the holiday national recognition in 1908. Jarvis became disillusioned at the commercialization of the commemoration and would spend much of her remaining life (through boycotts, lawsuits and protests) trying to restore the holiday back to the peace-promoting roots established by Howe.

While today’s Mother’s Day commemoration no longer fully captures Howe’s mission, her efforts live on today with Catholics in the Pax Christi movement. Specifically, the organization grew out of a similar call by French and German Catholics who were searching for reconciliation following World War II.

On this important day, we express our appreciation to pioneers like Howe who promoted and championed the cause of peace. And just as importantly, we wish to thank and honor the mothers, grandmothers and caregivers for their tireless work to bring charity, mercy and patience...those seeds of peace....to our hearts, homes and world.



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