

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,

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Baptism:

Please call or email the office to make arrangements.

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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 28, 2017

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Pentecost Sunday – June 4

SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil Mass – 5:30 pm

Sunday Masses – 8 am, 9:30 am, 12 noon Bilingual & 6 pm

(no 11:15 or 1 pm Masses on Pentecost)



Why are you looking up to heaven

ACTS 1:11

This Weekend's Second Collection:

Catholic Communications

Next Weekend's Second Collection:

Spiritans' Pentecost Appeal

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

ACTS 1:11, EPH 1:17-23, MT 28:16-20

Next weekend's Readings: (Pentecost Sunday)

ACTS 2:1-11, 1 COR 12:3 B-7, 12-13, JN 20:19-23

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, 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, 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 Urquiza, Stephen Utley, Jim Webster, Dottie Williams, Mary Woods, John Zamarrá, Claudia Zapata.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 27– JUNE 2

5:30 pm—for Gerri Noble Martocci (D) by Kevin & Alice Curtin

8:00 am—for Marie Hoey (D) by Bill & Chris Casey

9:30 am—for Betty Crawford (D) by Alex Payne

11:15 am—for Elda Bas (D) by the Lopez Family

1:00 pm—for José Roberto Cabrera (D) by the Cabrera Family

6:00 pm—In Thanksgiving by Susan Francia & Family

Mon. 12:00 noon—for Ellen Marie Cooper & Boudika Cooper (D)
by Jennifer Newman

Thur. 12:00 noon—for 50th Anniversary Of Religious Profession, Sr.
Teresita, Sr. Estrella & Sr. Contancia (L) by Anne Murphy

Fri. 12:00 noon—for Anthony Czekanski (D) by Bonnie Czekanski

Sunday Collections:

Sunday Collection: \$9,899

Faith Direct (May Average): \$9,443

Diocesan Priest Collection: \$3,991

Another Example of Progress for the People of Medor...

Manlove, the coordinator of Medor's arbor-loo latrine program, surveyed 66 of the 107 families receiving arbor-loos in this project. All members of the 66 families use the arbor-loos all the time. In the 66 families, a total of 608 people used the 'loos. Because of the newness of these 'loos, the people have not planted a tree and moved them to a new spot, but in a previous survey, many had planted a tree sapling and moved the 'loo to a new spot. Of the 66 surveyed 58 thought the 'loo was worthwhile. All the families indicated that they used a "tippy tap" and soap to clean their hands after use. In addition, all participants treated their water at home with Klorfasil or aquatabs in the 5 gallon bucket that the Haiti Committee had provided. They all felt that it is beneficial to have the arbor-loos and purified water because they help protect against intestinal diseases and enable them to stay healthy. Check out Dr. Sue's blog on Medor at marysusancarlson.tumblr.com

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

IT'S TIME TO RETURN ALL BORROWED

BOOKS back to the shelf!

As the school year comes to a close, we ask all RE families to please return your borrowed books back to the Lending Library shelves. Thank you!



THE OLQP BOOK SHELF MINISTRY - Will be collecting new and gently used children's books the weekend of June 10 and 11. The books are distributed to the 8 little free library boxes we have posted around the community, serving children in need. Please bring your donated books to Mass and place in the drop box outside of church. (Please no adult books.)

YOU CAN'T HELP BUT MISS HER, can't help but adore her

If you're a regular at 9:30 Mass, you knew exactly where she sat, you knew exactly why the Communion line wasn't moving, and you knew there was a hug or hand squeeze or a big, beautiful smile waiting for you. It's been a couple years now since Dottie Williams has been at Mass each week. She's getting on in age – she'll be an amazing 94 in a couple of months and her health isn't so good. But she's still smiling, missing OLQP tremendously and remembering each and every one of us with great fondness. Nothing would please her more than a little note card from you – let her know you're thinking of her, wishing her well, and missing her, too. If you're inclined to do so send it to 301 N Ripley St, Apt 1102, Alexandria, VA 22304. Thanks!

The MINKISI MINISTRY - Invites you to their monthly small group, Monday, June 5, 7:15 pm, in Parish Discussion Room/Parish Office. Promptly beginning with the recitation of the Rosary for Peace, the session also includes silent prayer reflection on 1 Corinthians 2:12; 3:16. Cecilia Braveboy will lead. Save the date for Minkisi's 20th annual retreat, Sat., Nov. 11, 9 am-3 pm. For more information, contact Cecilia: jisaac3@verizon.net or 703-979-5389

ATTENTION 8 AM Mass Goers: Eucharistic Ministers Needed

Commitment to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. Volunteers are needed for this ministry of care and service to distribute the Eucharist at Mass once or twice a month. Please contact Keren Charles, kerencc@gmail.com, to learn more about training/orientation.

DO YOU HUNGER FOR CHANGE? - JustFaith Ministries and Bread For the World have developed an 8 session, small group program called *A Faithful Response To Food Insecurity*. OLQP is offering this program for the first 13 people who enroll. The sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings in the Ministry Center from 7:00pm -- 9:00pm beginning June 6. For more information, contact one of the facilitators -- Anne Murphy, 703-536-4106 or anne.murphy2244@gmail.com; Evelyn Brown, evelynabrown@gmail.com.

KUDOS CORNER

Father **BOB RICHTER** is celebrating 50 years of ordination! He's been in residence at OLQP since 2006 and occasionally helps with Masses. He was ordained May 16, 1967, served in Milwaukee until 1971, and then served in the U.S. Army as a chaplain and retired from the Department of Military Psychiatry in Washington in 1997. Since his retirement, he works as a consultant on youths with problems, restructuring the Army headquarters, and the effects of deployment and combat stress on soldiers and family members. He also works on issues related to homeless veterans and migrant agricultural workers. Congratulations Fr. Bob!!

Share the excitement with 5th grader **MOYA ZOUHON**, who received an academic achievement award from the Civic Coalition for Minority Affairs (CCMA)! On May 4, CCMA held its 25th anniversary program, supported by Arlington churches (including OLQP), the Arlington Public Schools' Office of Minority Achievement and the Ethiopian Community Development Council. See the article for more details: http://www.insidenova.com/news/arlington/minority-achievement-lauded-more-efforts-sought-to-close-achievement-gaps/article_280ac980-325e-11e7-a523-335a0ea4a9b9.html.

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO...As we celebrate the feast of the Ascension I cannot help but reflect on the many ideas and concepts that swirl around this feast...some with unintended consequences! The word "ascension" itself congers up images of Jesus rising up into the clouds to join the Father and the Holy Spirit somewhere "up there"... far, far away. The problem with this is it can lead us to believe that heaven is "up there" and we are "down here" and that God is far off and distant from us and from our lives. This is in stark contrast to the heart and soul of the meaning and significance of the incarnation. The truth of our God having become "incarnate" (in the flesh) in Jesus means that **God is with us**...not some remote deity watching us from afar. We need to recall Jesus' promise "I am with you until the end"! These simple words are most profound...there is no need for us to stand gawking skyward with our jaws hanging open. While the physical presence of Jesus Christ as a singular human and divine presence no longer walks the earth...Christ is here, as close as our own breath, keeping us alive to be his presence in our world. As we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus let us celebrate the presence of the Risen One in our midst! Before his ascension Jesus gave a clear command and mission to his disciples...to us. We are charged with preaching the "Good News" of Jesus Christ and to be that healing, loving and welcoming presence in a world filled with sickness, hatred and exclusion. Filled with the "real presence we are sent forth to stand up and be the voice of the voiceless, to speak out on behalf of those who are silenced or ignored, to make sure that all forms of hatred, racism and bigotry are not left unchecked. Filled with the Spirit we speak the truth of the Gospel to power, weather convenient or inconvenient, weather garnering us friends or marginalizing us, it is our call as disciples of Jesus Christ! How can I "stand up" for the Gospel, in the public arena and in my personal life? How might I be a "healing, loving and welcoming presence"? How do I experience the real presence of God in my daily life? Easter Blessings, Fr Tim

IT'S TIME FOR THE OLQP ANNUAL BACKPACK & SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Last year we served 250 children in the parish and the community. We are collecting new and gently used backpacks for Pre-K through high school. Please place backpacks and school supplies in the blue bins in the parking lot. Gift cards/donations are also welcome. Please put in the collection basket in an envelope marked "backpack drive". For more information please contact Pat Vinkenes at patvinkenes@yahoo.com.

JUST\$ - Half the proceeds from your use of Giant, Safeway and Shoppers cards helps the Brothers of St. Joseph in Kenya support children affected by HIV/AIDS. The Brothers are focusing on vocational training for 100 orphaned and vulnerable children from poor households and, upon graduation, providing them with business start-up kits.

INTERESTED IN ENDING GUN VIOLENCE?

Then Wear Orange, and join with our parish Gun Violence Prevention team members on Friday June 2, 7PM for the Northern Virginia Wear Orange Rally. Location: Old Town Alexandria's Market Square (301 King St). Wear Orange is a national movement to honor the victims and survivors of gun violence. OLQP is a community partner in sponsoring the rally, hosted by local chapters of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. For further information, contact virginia@momschapterleaders.org or for the parish team, contact Gerry Laporte, glaporte@verizon.net

Still using collection envelopes? - Please consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct to make sure that your gift can reach OLQP even when you cannot. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use OLQP's code: **VA271**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family! Fr. Tim



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.

REFUGEE SUPPORT MINISTRY

OLQP parishioners recently launched this ministry to help refugees who are being resettled in NOVA and to advocate for refugees globally. There are plans to assist the Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) staff of Arlington Catholic Charities in their refugee resettlement program and partner with NOVA Friends of Refugees in their local initiatives and policy advocacy. We are planning a September drive to provide household goods to refugees in our area and will need volunteers of all ages and skills for a variety of projects we intend to support. Anyone interested in joining the ministry and its activities should contact Anne-Marie McGranaghan, mcgranaghan2002@yahoo.com or Luc Dewulf, luc.dewulf@verizon.net

THANK YOU FOR THE COMFORT CASE DONATIONS! - As part of Foster Care Month, the Building Forever Ministry (BFF) and our Religious Education Families held a drive to help area foster care children last weekend. We want to thank everyone who made a donation to provide backpacks and items of comfort for children as they transit from home to home in our local foster care systems. The items will be donated to Comfort Cases who in turn will distribute them to the foster children in need. This was our second annual drive and it was very successful. We were so happy to have new members sign up for the BFF ministry during our drive. The next meeting of the BFF ministry will be Wednesday, June 7 at 6:30 PM in the Founders room.

The 25th Annual OLQP/UJAMAA Scholarship Program

"Empowering Our Youth to Lead and Serve in Our Communities."

Join us Saturday, June 24, 9:30 AM for prayer, song, scholarships, and community service awards with speaker Deacon Al Douglas Turner of St. Joseph Church, Largo, Maryland. A brunch reception will immediately follow the program. For more information contact: Veronica Dabney: 703-698-8290 or vdabney@cox.net

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Office Hours: Sunday, 10:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Saturday 4:30 p.m. - 5:25 p.m. (before the 5:30 p.m. Mass), the first Thursday of the month, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., and by appointment. The office is located in the Ministry Center, first floor, main entrance to building.

Children's Accounts! Consider opening a credit union account for children (of any age). These accounts can be custodial accounts or regular accounts where the child can do deposits and withdrawals. Gift checks to the child for graduations, First Communion, Confirmation, birthdays and other occasions can be deposited in the credit union account. See the Credit Union for more information.

Savings Federally Insured to at least \$250,000 by NCUA, a US Government Agency, and backed by the credit of the US Government.

ECO TIP: Wash fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of rinsing from the tap. Use garbage disposal sparingly, composting vegetables and organic waste. You will save gallons.

U.S. bishops and Trump administration diverge over budget priorities

Kevin Clarke

In a pre-emptive rhetorical strike before the May 23 release of the Trump administration's proposed budget, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops detailed the U.S. church's concerns with the president's anticipated fiscal priorities, especially as a 10 percent, \$54 billion boost to the Pentagon budget appears certain to be included.

"Sharp increases in defense and immigration enforcement spending," the bishops say, "coupled with simultaneous and severe reductions to non-defense discretionary spending, particularly to many domestic and international programs that assist the most vulnerable, would be profoundly troubling.

"The [budget] reconciliation process," the bishops say in a letter to both houses of Congress released on May 22, "should not be used to achieve savings through cutting health care, nutrition, income security, or other anti-poverty programs." The budget's moral measure will be assessed by "how well it promotes the common good of all," the bishops write.

On May 23 Catholic Relief Services added its institutional voice to a growing Catholic chorus condemning the administration's budget proposals. The church's relief and development agency joined U.S. bishops in calling on Congress to reject what it termed "drastic cuts" to international assistance and to protect the nearly \$60 billion in diplomacy and development funding "at a time of both unprecedented humanitarian need and real progress in the fight against extreme poverty."

"The American people want our government to help hungry people in the midst of drought and conflict," said Bill O'Keefe, CRS' vice president for advocacy. "This budget falls far short of their desire that our country contributes to a better, safer world."

While increasing defense spending and seeking new tax cuts, the president is expected to propose a renewed effort to balance the federal budget within a decade. To get there, he plans sharp reductions to social safety-net programs like food stamps and Medicaid and deep cuts to the State and Education departments and to Environmental Protection Agency budgets, among others. According to critics, the deficit reduction plan includes overly optimistic estimates of economic growth and tax revenues to reach a balanced budget.

According to the A.P., both Republicans and Democrats are lining up to oppose reductions to domestic agencies and foreign aid. Many legislators are already recoiling from a \$1.7 trillion cut over the coming decade from federal entitlement programs. A 10-year, \$193 billion reduction in food stamps, for example,

promises to drive millions of people off the program.

The top Senate Democrat, Charles Schumer of New York, says the only good news about the budget is that it is likely to be roundly rejected by senators in both parties.

In their statement, the U.S. bishops note the U.S.C.C.B.'s long support for "the goal of reducing future unsustainable deficits that would harm all citizens, especially those who are poor." But they argue that this goal should be achieved "through a comprehensive approach that requires shared sacrifice, including raising adequate revenues, eliminating unnecessary military and other spending, and addressing fairly the long-term costs of health insurance and retirement programs."

They add, "A just framework for sound fiscal policy cannot rely almost exclusively on disproportionate cuts in essential services to poor and vulnerable persons."

The letter was signed by Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, chair of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities; Bishop Frank J. Dewane of Venice, Fla., chair of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development; Bishop Oscar Cantú of Las Cruces, N.M., chair of the Committee on International Justice and Peace; Bishop George V. Murry, S.J., of Youngstown, Ohio, chair of the Committee on Catholic Education; Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, of Burlington, Vt., chair of the Committee on Communications; and Bishop Joe S. Vásquez of Austin, Texas, chair of the Committee on Migration.

The U.S. bishops also expressed concern not only with the nation's outsized spending on defense but the impact that spending has had on geopolitical policy, especially as the budget proposes defense spending hikes directly offset by cuts to the U.S. State Department's diplomatic and foreign aid budget.

"Accounting for about one-third of worldwide military expenditures, U.S. defense spending far exceeds that of any other nation," the bishops point out, adding that military force should "only be employed in a just cause as a last resort within strict moral limits of proportionality, discrimination and probability of success." They urge instead that the administration "elevate diplomacy and international development as primary tools for promoting peace, regional stability and human rights, not adopt deep cuts to these budgets."

The U.S.C.C.B. has frequently urged robust diplomatic efforts to end longstanding conflicts around the world, especially in Syria and Iraq. "It is hard to reconcile the need for diplomacy and political solutions with significant cuts to the State Department budget," they write.

The anticipated budget plan also drew a rebuke from the Rev. David Beckmann, president of Bread for the World, who called it "an unprecedented assault on people living in hunger and poverty." A statement released on May 22 by the anti-hunger advocacy group notes that 20 million people, including 1.4 million children, are currently at risk of starvation in famine or near-famine conditions in Africa and the Middle East.

Patrick Carolan, executive director of the Franciscan Action Network, also spoke out against the budget on May 23, charging that it "reverses most if not all federal efforts being made to address such social ills as homelessness, food insecurity, poverty and health care for the poor."

"Our highest calling from God, both as a country and as people of faith, is to care for the poor, marginalized and most vulnerable. Yet the Trump administration continues to make clear that [it does] not hold this as a core value," Mr. Carolan said.

C.R.S. notes that with 65 million forcibly displaced people in the world—including more than 20 million refugees—and famine-like conditions in four countries, the proposed elimination of U.S. food aid would result in lives lost.

"People around the world look up to America because of our freedoms, our democracy, and our compassion," Mr. O'Keefe said. "The generosity of the American people and the protection of human rights have undergirded America's moral leadership for decades. That is what makes America great."

The C.R.S. statement included the testimony of Mohamed Dahir, the service's country manager for Somalia. "The people who say aid does not work should come stand in my shoes here in Somalia," he said. "They should talk to a woman who walked with her children for days and days, trying to escape drought, only to lose some of those children along the way.

"In previous droughts, people like her found water in the major rivers, but this drought is so bad even the rivers have dried up," Mr. Dahir said. "How can we abandon them—good, hardworking, innocent people who have done nothing wrong? Our aid not only brings them life, it brings them another commodity that is very precious in Somalia—hope."

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