

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

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May 13, 2007

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### DAILY MASS TIME CHANGE

Monday - Friday at 12 Noon

*(We will no longer have 7 PM Mass during the week.)*

#### **Pastor:**

Fr. Leonard Tuozzolo, C.S.Sp.

#### **Ministerio Latino:**

Fr. Joseph Nangle, O.F.M.

#### **Weekend Ministry:**

Fr. Kevin Nadolski, O.S.F.S.

#### **Mass Schedule:**

**Monday - Friday at 12 Noon**

Saturdays - 6:00 pm Vigil

Sundays - 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am

& 1:00 pm (Spanish)

#### **Baptism:**

Please call the parish office for preparation information and upcoming schedule.

#### **Marriage Preparation:**

Please contact Fr. Tuozzolo at least six months before wedding date to complete requirements described in "Marriage Preparation Guide" at back of church and in Ministry Center foyer.

#### **Reconciliation:**

Saturdays - 5:30 pm and by appointment.

#### **Social Justice Outreach Ministry:**

Deacon Gene Betit, [olqp.sjom@verizon.net](mailto:olqp.sjom@verizon.net)

#### **Religious Education Director:**

Kate Munteer, Interim, [olqp.re@verizon.net](mailto:olqp.re@verizon.net)

#### **Early Learning Center Director:**

Floretta Ramsuer

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#### **Hispanic Liaison:**

Thelma Molina, [olqp.cq@verizon.net](mailto:olqp.cq@verizon.net)

#### **Spiritual Life Minister:**

**Heather Kinney, [olqp.slm@verizon.net](mailto:olqp.slm@verizon.net)**

Contact Heather for support and liturgical expertise in the areas of Liturgy, Adult Enrichment and Ministry/Volunteer Coordination. She can also assist with questions related to RCIA and Marriage Preparation.

**Bulletin deadline: Wednesday, 9 am**

#### **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.



**“PEACE  
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WITH YOU;  
MY PEACE  
I GIVE TO YOU.”**

John 14

**Next Sunday' Second Collection:  
Diocesan Retired Priests Collection**

May 12/13, 2007

### 6th Sunday of Easter

*Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29*

This week is a time to consider your church communion's history and its challenges and then to turn to the Scriptures to discover what will speak effectively to you. Are you most in need of Luke's liberating story that the Gentiles should be spared a burden? Of John the Seer's images of God's promise to bring all creation to completion? Or of Jesus' word that we will have a companion and, yes, Advocate as we face the struggles of daily discipleship?

*Next Sunday's Readings:*

*The solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is transferred to May 20th*

*Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23; Luke 24:46-53*

**God's Word is a Light unto my Feet"**

**Our sick and homebound strengthen us by their patient suffering. Please remember in your prayers:** Ronald Bashian, Jennie Bayne, Catherine Blair, April Brassard, Cornelius Bennhold-Samaan, Gene Betit, William C. Butler, Brody Carroll, Jennie Davis, Gerald DiCerbo, Ernest Donatto, B.J. Fort, Jim Fowler, Mathias Gutschmidt, Margaret Hodges, Dorothy Jackson, Pat Johnson, Maria Linares, Mary Lyons, Elizabeth McCartan, Stefan McGuigan, Roberto Méndez, Mary Miller, Dorothy Moran, Mrs. O'Brien, George F. Peyton, Sally Ryan, Carolyn Santos, Edward T. Skocz, Jeffery Smith, Georgiana Starnes, Alberta Thurmond, Thaddenia West, Mary Woods.

**Last Sunday's Collection: \$14,810.30**

#### Mass Intentions

6:00 PM Vigil Mass - for the Parish

8:00 AM Mass - for the Parish

9:30 AM Mass - for James Jenkins by the UJAMAA Committee

11:15 AM Mass - for the Parish

1:00 PM Mass - for Mario Lovo by Manuel Lovo

#### **Parish Advisory Board Elections**

The election will be held next weekend, May 19/20; **absentee ballots are available this weekend**, May 12/13, in the sanctuary. Contact Claire Randall, codrandall@aol.com, 703-644-1531.

#### **Come One, Come All**

##### **To our Parish Birthday Party!**

Mark your calendars for Sunday May 27 - Pentecost Celebration, Bi-Lingual Mass at 12:00 noon followed by Potluck Dinner and Talent Show. Please see this weekend's bulletin insert for details!

#### **Is Someone In Your Family Graduating This Year?**

Each year, OLQP proudly honors our recent graduates with their picture in the bulletin. We include Middle School, High School, College, and beyond...and you do not have to be under 25 to qualify! Email your graduate's photo with a notation including name and school to: olqp.office@verizon.net or mail the picture to the office with a note on the envelope "For Graduation Bulletin" by June 15th for publication June 24th.



### *Aspirations for Peace*

*The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace. And peace begins with a smile. --Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)*

## Children's Religious Education Program

### **No Religious Education classes today.**

Happy Mother's Day to all our teachers who are mothers! The final classes for the semester will be May 20 and June 3. No classes on Pentecost, May 27. Please participate in our parish birthday party!

**Communion Team:** Saturday, May 19, from 4:15 - 5:45. We will start in Church so Father T can explain the Mass to us. After this most important lesson, we will move back to the Classrooms for some important activities to help us get ready for the liturgy on our First Communion Day. We will write Prayers of the Faithful, decorate flower pots for the church windows, finish our interviews for the Communion Team album, plant some flowers around the parish gardens, and work on our First Communion Day banner for the church...a very busy session...We do need friends to help with snack and water. Questions, Ann Felker, 703 527 8053, gr8estnine@comcast.net.

**Confirmation Class:** Large group meeting (all classes!) on Sunday, May 20 from 11:15 - 12:45 in the Founders' Room. Topic: Christian Chastity.

**Family Mass and 2nd Communion Celebration** - Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 23 at 4 p.m. when we will hold our final Family Mass of the year, followed by a celebration for all the children who have made their First Communion.

#### **OLQP Book Group**

The OLQP Book Group will be meeting in the Board Room of the Parish Office Building at 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 24 to discuss The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief, by Francis Collins. Also scheduled are The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream, by Barack Obama (June 21) and Palestine: Peace not Apartheid, by Jimmy Carter (July 19). Please contact Mike Wilson, 202-863-4436 or mike.wilson87@verizon.net, for further information.

#### **OLQP Library News**

To all library patrons: we hope you will continue to borrow books. We are grateful to all who have made donations. Thanks to you, the collection is growing by leaps and bounds. A respectful reminder: The library operates on the honor system. Please check your shelves at home. There are many outstanding loans, some dating as far back as December 2004. Due to busy schedules, it is easy to overlook a borrowed book or two. Your cooperation is much appreciated. Also, when you make returns, please cross out your name in the sign-out book. Thank you so much! In case you may not know: The library is now located in the lower level of the Ministry Center. Come and enjoy the new, improved ambience. In addition, there is ample meeting space for ministries. Comments? Contact Michal Morsches, 703-256-2726, morsches@mac.com; Leslie Miller, 703-527-3435.

**Mark Your Calendar for the Next Brown Bag Sunday**  
Bag distribution is scheduled for the weekend of June 2/3.  
Collection of food donations will take place June 9/10th.

**Remember: Just\$ helps OLQP Early Learning Center and Orphans of AIDS in Africa Ministries – NO cost to you! You can purchase your Giant card or Shoppers certificate today – on sale after Mass and at the Credit Union.**

**Queen of Peace Arlington Federal Credit Union**

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*Serving the Queen of Peace Community 1964-2007*

◆ **Office Hours:** Sunday, 10:45 a.m. 1:00 p.m., Saturday 5:00 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (before the 6:00 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.

◆ **A Graduate in the Family?** Perhaps that new graduate is entering the workforce and needs a car loan. See the credit union for an auto loan, or a share secured loan on the parent's pledged shares in the credit union. See us for details.

◆ **Who Can Join the Credit Union?** See us for all the details (this is governed by federal regulations), but in general, membership in the credit union is open to members and employees of Our Lady Queen of Peace, immediate family members (siblings, parents, children, grandchildren, etc.) of parishioners, household members, and immediate family and household of existing credit union members. Make membership in the credit union a family (and household) affair!



May 12, 2007

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and Peace to you in our Lord Jesus Christ. I write to you today about the second collection scheduled for the weekend of May 19 and 20 to support the diocesan Priests' Retirement Home, which will be located adjacent to St. Michael Parish in Annandale.

When I launched the Rooted in Faith ~ Forward in Hope Capital Campaign five years ago, one of my primary objectives was to build a retirement home to accommodate the priests of our diocese who have dedicated their lives in service to Jesus Christ and to the people of His Church. Funds from the capital campaign will cover most of the costs of construction of this facility; however, additional funds are needed for furnishing the facility and to provide for its operating costs. Your support will aid the diocese in our efforts to provide comfortable and suitable surroundings for our priests in their retirement years.

I am pleased to report that the project is moving steadily forward. Early this month, the Fairfax County Planning Commission gave its approval for the zoning necessary for the site. We expect that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will take up the issue in the near future, and that we will then be able to proceed with preparing a site plan.

The first phase of the Priests' Retirement Home will include common space and individual suites for eight priests. The project is designed to grow in capacity as the need for accommodations increases over the next two decades, and the building can easily be expanded to accommodate an eventual capacity of twenty priests.

Please consider a sacrificial gift in our second collection next weekend to support this muchneeded retirement home, and to express your appreciation to our priests for their years of faithful service.

With deep gratitude for your gift, I remain

Faithfully in Christ,

*+ Paul S. Loverde*

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde  
Bishop of Arlington

**Carpenter's Shelter Supper - Thursday, May 17**

Please assist in preparation of the Carpenter's Shelter Supper on Thursday, May 17th. the menu consists of Crispy Baked or Fried Chicken Pieces, Spanish Rice, Frozen Cut Corn, Carrot and Celery Sticks, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Lemonade and Margarine. Sign up to bring a serving; the poster is located in the rear of the church. Bring the food to Fr. Ray Hall between 4:00 and 5:00 PM on May 17th. Food prepared in advance may be placed in the refrigerator in the Parish Office Building Kitchen. (Please label your food donation for Carpenter's Shelter.) Thank you!

**Interested in hosting a foreign exchange student?** One option is hosting one of 6 students (3 boys, 3 girls) coming from France mid-June-mid-July. Another option is hosting students for the entire 2007-2008 school year. They are pretty self sufficient. They often hang together and do stuff as a group during the year because they are not allowed to drive in the States. The coordinator or host parents usually take turns or make arrangements for them. There is \$100 per month stipend and \$50 stipend for getting them to and from the airport. For more information contact Lisa Wyzlic at lawyzlic@hotmail.com or 703-400-8095.

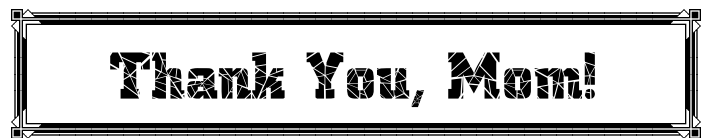
**Support Group for Stepfamily/Blended Family Couples...**

Eight-week series for couples. The primary focus of the group will include strategies on how to have a successful stepfamily. The sessions will include mini-lectures, group time, and homework assignments. The group will start on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:30 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center in Arlington. The cost of the group is \$200/per couple for the eight weeks. Financial assistance is available. Please contact Catherine Peterson, LCSW @ 703-655-8465 to sign up for the group or if you have any questions.

**Taste of Arlington**

**Sunday, May 20, Noon to 5PM**

Taste of Arlington© is an annual event that transforms the Ballston area into a lively street festival, complete with local entertainment, children's activities and, of course, lots of food! Taste of Arlington© benefits Community Residences, Inc. (CR). CR is a leading non-profit provider of programs and services for individuals with mental retardation, mental illness, developmental and physical disabilities, as well as the homeless. CR operates over 40 programs in Virginia and Maryland and serves over 1,200 individuals each year with 28 programs right here in Arlington. Ticketbooks can be purchased for \$20 each in advance through May 17 at <http://www.tasteofarlington.com> or \$25 at the entrance. 6 TASTES per ticketbook.



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**It seems only yesterday we took down the Christmas tree and put away the trimmings and here it is nearly Pentecost, the 62nd anniversary of the founding of OLQP. The welcoming atmosphere can be easily traced to its African American foundation, and the 307th anniversary of the Holy Spirit Fathers the same day! We are even as we speak preparing to celebrate and remember. Happy birthday Church, OLQP, Spiritans, and anyone else who wants to catch the Spirit!**

# May is National Foster Care Month

On April 14, 2004, it happened. Steve and I became foster parents for the first time when two beautiful sisters, ages 2 ½ years and 14 months, walked into our home. We had been married for only 9 months but were so anxious to have children in our home. After having two miscarriages, our dream had come true. We were a family, even if the girls were to stay with us for only 8 short months. Their two older brothers were placed in a foster home just 10 minutes from us. Over the time the girls were with us, we went on two family vacations. We had family parties. We ate dinner together every night. We went on family adventures to many local parks. But the girls had another family that they saw once a week. They loved being with their birth parents and brothers. We had a birthday party for the older girl that included my extended family. We felt that her birth parents should be invited despite any awkwardness that may be felt by both sets of “parents”. When the birth parents came to the party, we realized how important it was for both families to come together for the benefit of the children. Soon, we were meeting on weekends, having the birth parents help with the night time routine, and taking the girls to meet their father for weekend visits. Just three days before Christmas, we dropped the girls off for the last time. They now live with their father and brothers. They

are both in school and doing quite well. We still see the girls every few months. Although saying good-bye to the girls was difficult, we knew that they needed to be with their father and brothers. And that we will always be a part of each others’ lives.

Steve and I chose to work with the City of Alexandria although we live in Fairfax County. Currently, the City of Alexandria has 205 children in 80 foster homes and group homes. Their ages range from infant to teenager. Their goals include adoption, return to family, permanent foster care and independent living. Regardless of how these children came into care or what their goals are, these children need people in their lives to love, accept and care for them. These children and children in the surrounding counties are OUR children. We are responsible for them. They are an important part of our community. So, the question is: what can you do to help? The first and most obvious answer is to become an adoptive or foster parent. But I realize that not everyone can do that. Another way to help is to become Respite Caregivers. All parents need time away from their kids. With my immediate family in the area, Steve and I are able to go on dates and take mini-vacations while knowing our children will be well-taken care by family members. But not all foster parents have a support system close by. So, Respite Caregivers take foster children for a night or a weekend to give the foster parents a much deserved break. Another possibility is donating items for children when they first come into care. Children rarely come into foster care with clothes, toothbrushes, or any other personal belongings. Having items that they can call their own can help the transition. Instructors are needed to teach life skills and give career guidance to teenagers. There are many more ways that you can help these children.

When Ari came to us nearly two years ago, he had already been in the hospital on three occasions, had swelling on his

scalp, broken ribs, bleeding on his brain, and bruises and bite marks. And he was just 27 months old. Coming to our house was Ari’s fifth move. Needless to say, he was a damaged child. Ari lacked emotional boundaries, had attachment issues, deep fears and security issues. But he also had a strong hug, a beautiful smile, and an open heart. We accepted Ari in our home to be adopted, but we knew that we would have years of work ahead of us. It has been challenging but so rewarding. In the beginning, Ari would cover my mouth when I would sing a song with his name in it. He would hug strangers because he hadn’t learned any boundaries. Ari would not let me tell him that I love him. Now, every song I sing has his name in it. Ari is very affectionate with Steve, me, and his little brother, Jeremiah. We snuggle together in the morning and I tell him that I love him over and over again. He freely responds with “I love you Mommy.” Ari’s adoption was finalized in November 2006. He is now our son. We have many hopes and aspirations for Ari, just like all parents do for their own children. He will face many challenges, but we believe he will be able to meet these challenges with a security he may never have had.

I ask each one of you to pray for guidance. Ask God to speak to you. Open your heart and listen for God’s whisper. Ask God “What can I do to help these children?” The answer may seem too small or too big, but trust that God is leading you. These children in foster care in our communities are OUR children. It takes a village to raise a child. So let us each do our part.

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***Mary Kay will be in the back of church or out front on the lawn with a list of ways you can help and to answer any questions.***

***For additional information, please call Karen Chauhdry, City of Alexandria’s Foster Parent Recruiter, at 703-519-3318.***

