

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

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for bulletin archives and many of
Fr. Joe's & Fr. Kevin's homilies!*



August 19, 2007

20th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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 Heather Kinney in 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

Religious Education Director:

Position open at this time.

Early Learning Center Director:

Floretta Ramsuer

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Hispanic Liaison:

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Spiritual Life Minister:

Heather Kinney, olqp.slm@verizon.net

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.



**"Do you think I have come to
establish peace on the earth?**

**No, I tell you,
but rather division."**

Luke 12:51

**Please join us in welcoming
Father Hugo Montero
who will preach at all Masses this weekend
on behalf of Food for the Poor**

August 18/19, 2007

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

Few will be comfortable with today's Scriptures. We like to imagine Christianity as a religion of harmony and peace--and blind ourselves to passages such as today's: "I have come for division" (Jesus in the gospel of Luke); "You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood" (Hebrews, second reading); "He is demoralizing the soldiers...and all the people by speaking such things" (Jeremiah, first reading); "I have come to set the earth on fire" (gospel). Conflict can be not only a price of discipleship, but a means. Knowing when, and over what, and how, and to what degree to "set the earth on fire" is a skill Christians need so the world and the gospel can benefit from our courage.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

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, Trishann Ganley, Mathias Gutschmidt, Michael Hill, Margaret Hodges, Dorothy Jackson, Pat Johnson, Maria Linares, Mary Lyons, Anita Malone, Elizabeth McCartan, Stefan McGuigan, Roberto Méndez, Mary Miller, Dorothy Moran, Mrs. O'Brien, Jessica Panfil, George F. Peyton, Sally Ryan, Carolyn Santos, Edward T. Skocz, Jeffery Smith, Georgiana Starnes, Alberta Thurmond, Thaddenia West, Father Tuozzolo, Mary Woods.

Last Sunday's Collection: \$11,637.80

Mass Intentions

6:00 PM Vigil Mass - for Marion Holaham by the Family

8:00 AM Mass - for Lang Pham Nguyeh by Lan Nguyen

9:30 AM Mass - for Sona Efimba

by the UJAMAA Committee Members

11:15 AM Mass - for Holy Souls

1 PM Mass - for Jaime Salinas by the Barrios Salinas Family

Mark Your Calendars!

OLQP Annual Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 23, 1 - 5 PM, Bluemont Park

Special Mass Schedule on Picnic Day: 8 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Bilingual (no regular 11:15 AM or 1 PM Masses)

Watch this space for more details.

Brown Bag Sunday – Next Weekend!

Next week, August 25/26, will be OLQP's 3rd Brown Bag Sunday. The others each yielded a ton of food for the Arlington Food Assistance Corp., which recently broke a record and served over 710 families in our community...not a good record to brag about. Take a Brown Bag after Mass today and bring it to Mass next weekend filled with non-perishable food items. The AFAC van will be parked out in front of Church. We need volunteers to help with future Brown Bag Sundays; call Jack McHale at 703-250-5138 or jmchale@cox.net.

Aspirations for Peace

We must be prepared to make the heroic sacrifices for the cause of peace that we make ungrudgingly for the cause of war. There is no task that is more important or closer to my heart.

Albert Einstein (1879 - 1955), physicist

Religious Education

Update on new DRE...our announcement and welcome last week was a little premature. The person hired has decided against continuing with the position.

Our search continues...as does the work of the program. Please help us get things in order by registering early (forms are at the back of church in the "registration station")!

Recruiting Teachers! We are now recruiting teachers for the fall Religious Education and Children's Liturgy of the Word classes! All that is necessary is a loving heart and a willing spirit! (And a background check.) Please let us know of your interest by sending a message to olqp.re@verizon.net. Training is provided.

Religious Education REGISTRATION Is Happening Now!

Religious Education classes and Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin Sunday, September 30. Please help us with classroom planning by registering now. Download a registration form from the parish website: www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org or pick up one from the *registration station* at the back of church (wall file at back staircase) -- mail it in or drop it in the collection basket. Children age 4 through 12 may be registered for Children's Liturgy of the Word (during 9:30 and 11:15 Masses). Religious Education classes are for Kindergarten – Grade 6 (10:30 – 11:10 for English speakers; 12:00 for Spanish speakers). The deadline for registration is September 21st as time is needed to set up classes. Early registration is very much appreciated!

Please Note: Registration for 2008 First Communion and 2009 Confirmation classes will begin in the fall. Both sacramental preparation classes will require separate (additional) registration forms. Watch this space for details!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

What is RCIA? The RCIA is a process of prayer, reflection, and learning for adults interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith. Through the RCIA process, we journey and learn together and have the opportunity to develop and deepen our relationship with our loving God. We invite you to "come and see".

How Can I Help? One way for you to be part of this ministry is to be a sponsor. We are seeking women and men to walk with someone on their RCIA journey and to share your faith experience with an inquirer. Sponsors find their involvement to be a wonderfully enriching experience.

A new RCIA session will begin Wednesday, September 12th and continue Wednesday evenings from 7:15-9 PM. For further information, please contact Betty Mills at deusaderit@cox.net or Heather Kinney, Spiritual Life Minister, at olqp.slm@verizon.net.

It's time for students to return to school...but many parents are strapped keeping a roof over their family's heads, and cannot afford to equip their children properly. That's where we come in!! Please consider buying composition books, lined writing paper, pencils, pens, rulers and other class room supplies to equip these children and give them a chance for success. We will have boxes at the rear of church for the next few weeks. Thanks for your generosity!!

Two years ago, the Social Justice Committee launched the Just\$ program to raise funds to support two ministries: OLQP's Early Learning Center, and a small Orphans of AIDS program in Kenya. Giant gift cards and Shoppers certificates are available for purchase after weekend Masses and at the Credit Union – it costs you no more to do good! The church gets 4 or 5 percent, respectively, from each sale. Just\$ has netted roughly \$6,000 for each ministry over the past two years. This might not sound like much, but to folks in need, it has made a colossal difference!!

We hope that you will participate so that we can expand our program to meet additional needs!!

Life in Medor...

Great news from Medor about the educational success of the students! Pere Leroy reported that 26 out of 29 students (almost 90 %) passed the Haitian examinations to allow them to continue to the 7th grade, and 20 out of 23 students (87 %) passed the Haitian examinations to allow them to continue onto the 10th grade. They received congratulations from several sources for the achievement of these great results. (You may recall last year when only 2 out of 200 from the local public school passed the 6th grade test.)

Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers!

JustFaith

The deadline to register for this year's JustFaith program is Friday, August 31st! JustFaith is an intensive thirty-week program designed to address the Christian's call to respond to the needs of our sisters and brothers around the world. There will be an information meeting to discuss the components of JustFaith at 7:30 PM, Tuesday, August 28th in the Parish Office Building Discussion Room. The program, which includes weekly meetings, regular reading, retreats and immersion experiences, will run from September to May. If interested, pick up a brochure, which includes the registration form, in the back of the church. If you have questions, contact Jeanette Herbert at 703-916-8020 or Kate Wilson at katefwilson@gmail.com or 703-578-4972 or .

Young Adult Ministry

Are you between the ages of 25 and 35 and interested in building an active young adult community at OLQP? We would love your ideas and input on the best ways to build a ministry to and with young adults. Please join us after the 11:15 AM Mass on Sunday, September 16th to make connections and share ideas. If interested, please contact Jennifer Browne at chefjen02@yahoo.com or Heather Kinney at olqp.slm@verizon.net.

Please join Pax Christi Pentagon Area (PCPA) for a screening of the documentary film, *The Narrow Path: Walking Toward Peace and Nonviolence* with John Dear, S.J. on Thursday, Aug. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ministry Center Founder's Room. Following in the footsteps of the great apostles of nonviolence - Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr., Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton and Oscar Romero - John Dear, SJ presents in *The Narrow Path* the challenging message of Jesus in a fresh way, speaking with new force and vision of God's plea for peace. For more information, please visit our website at <http://paxchristimetrod.org/2007/07/28/pcpa-meeting-2/>.

Support Group for Single, Young Adults

Transitions into the late twenties and early thirties present a unique set of challenges. "Where am I going?", or "What am I about?" are often asked as one attempts to find direction in life. Relationships and a desire for a deeper connection with others take on greater importance. These are just some of the myriad developmental tasks often encountered at this life stage.

If you have struggled with some of these issues...you are not alone. The Family Services Department of Catholic Charities is offering a 14-week support group for single, young adults facilitated by Ellie Cunanan, MS, and Jessica Chan, MSW at Catholic Charities Family Services Office (3838 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA 22203) on Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m., beginning September 12. Fee: \$25 per session. To register, please call Ellie at 703-841-2531, ext. 23, or Jessica at 703-841-2531, ext. 25. Pre-registration is required. The group will be limited to 10.

Men – Here's Your Opportunity to Make a Difference in a child's life!

The Department of Family Services' (DFS) BeFriend-A-Child program is looking for male mentors. Sports, outings and educational field trips are just a few of the activities offered. Enjoy one-on-one activities, as well as varied and fun monthly group activities. There is a strong need for African Americans and Hispanics. The next training for prospective mentors is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 29, from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Falls Church. Contact Chuck Berlin at 703-324-7874, chuck.berlin@fairfaxcounty.gov.

A Peer Support Group for Survivors of Clergy Abuse and others

affected by the abuse will meet on Wednesday, August 29 at 7 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room of the Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Road, McLean. This group is co-sponsored by Voice of the Faithful-Northern Virginia affiliate and meets on the last Wednesday of every month. Free. Confidential. No registration required. For information or directions, contact Ellen Radday at 703-538-6128.

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Volunteers Needed! We need some volunteers to staff the office during office hours, one or two times per month. High school teens are very welcome for these duties. See Treasurer Dan Morrissey at the credit union for more information.

We also have Giant Just\$ cards for sale at the credit union office. Savings Federally Insured to at least \$100,000 by NCUA, a US Government Agency, and backed by the full faith and credit of the US Government.

It's time to vote in pursuit of our own best interests

By Joan Chittister

I asked a friend of mine what effect he thought the war in Iraq would have on upcoming elections. He paused only so slightly. "None at all," he said. I pressed the point: "Not even in view of the fact that we have alienated some of our strongest allies?" "Joan," he said in the kind of low, patient voice reserved for slow learners, "Europeans don't vote in our elections."

I got it. The lesson was that only Americans vote here and Americans vote only for American interests. So, the question is, what is in the best interest of America now?

The "war" in Iraq is over, U.S. President George Bush announced in May [2003]. Yet, it grinds slowly but inexorably on as American soldiers die, one or two at a time, almost daily.

The operation that was to take only a few months, we are now told, will take a very long time.

Iraq has been "liberated," we say, but Iraqi protests -- public riots -- have grown in intensity. Gratitude is wearing thin.

We invaded them, we said, because they would not disarm and now, it appears, they had very little to disarm in the first place. So the question of the century becomes: How it is possible to be so certain that a country has weapons of mass destruction and so uncertain about where they are?

The "information" on which we based the invasion of Iraq, the rest of world, and we, too, know now, had all been discredited by our own intelligence agencies, as well as by U.N. inspectors, before the first bombs ever dropped.

So much for "preemptive war," for wars waged on probability theory. Or less.

Clearly pre-emptive war, even for those who have no moral qualms about it, is a very iffy thing.

Which gives new credence to another possibility: Instead of waging preemptive war maybe we could invest ourselves in waging preemptive peace. But how?

"Preemptive Peace," the theme of [the 2003] annual Pax Christi USA national conference, opened the question to invited guests from around the world, as well as to American scholars, theologians, activists and social analysts.

Etienne de Jonghe, chairperson of Pax Christi International in Belgium, underscored seven issues for particular attention, especially in the United States, if preemptive peace is to be possible. The following summary of those remarks beg for fuller attention:

Different perspectives

Outside the United States, the U.S. invasion of Iraq was seen from two perspectives.

In the Northern Hemisphere, in Europe, people were really worried. The invasion was seen as a complete rejection of public opinion and other political bodies. Europe has become wary of U.S. policy. De Jonghe said, "It has become clear that in Europe you cannot speak about war the way (the U.S.) government speaks about war. People get 'the shivers.' We have seen a whole continent destroyed. We know genocide. Seeing war become an instrument, a continuation of political policy, to see our concerns, our political systems, brushed away, has done great harm to the allies."

In the Southern hemisphere, on the other hand, people remember that the U.S. government supported the powerful there and ignored the poor. "It is the daily struggle for survival, they know, that is the crucial determination of peace," de Jonghe said.

An informed populace

The United States is the most powerful nation on earth, and the country's lack of knowledge and information about the rest of the world frightens people outside U.S. borders. "What we see of U.S. public opinion makes us afraid. We are really afraid of what we see as the lack of empathy you have about the conditions and attitudes of the rest of the world," de Jonghe said. "You must bring foreign perspective to the United States. People in the U.S. are handicapped (because) they lack understanding of the outside world."

Reaching Out

We must reach out to the people of the world. Travel is one way to foster this. Exchanges of ideas and experiences helps. "We have to build bridges," de Jonghe said.

Interfaith relations

We must reflect on the long-term consequences for interfaith relationships as a result of this war. The fear is that it is reinforcing deep, historical grievances (between Muslims and Christians.) Genocides have happened before, even after World War II. These things are real.

The effect of the Christian language President Bush used while defending U.S. policies raised old fears and hatreds. Using Christian language was a diplomatic blunder of major proportion. De Jonghe said, it worried him, "but the Holy See and the pope were speaking out. That was remarkable and may have prevented a religious war."

International Court

The sabotage of the International Court by the United States, which rejected this great treaty built by the international community, was really shocking, he said. The court is a sign of hope. It only deals with "gross human rights violations." For the United States to say that it will not submit to the International Court is terrible, de Jonghe said.

U.N. Peacekeepers

Different groups, even within the peace movement around the world, are struggling with the question of the military's proper place in U.N. peacekeeping missions. Regions that suffered under colonization tend to reject peacekeeping forces. Because of their own history, they don't want to support any excuse to go into other nations. Smaller nations are more likely to accept it because they cannot protect themselves. This is the question we must consider.

American Empire

Finally, the term "The American Empire" must be taken seriously. It is not a slogan anymore. We are seeing the evaporation of American diplomacy. "We are all now in the empire. ... Those of us in the European Union know that we don't count anymore," de Jonghe said.

He said, "Europe has learned from our mistakes and bloody history that we must go the way of cooperation. We know we must even give up some of our national sovereignty in some fields to get out of the mess. People in the Southern Hemisphere see it simply as more exploitation."

Diplomacy has been replaced with a dependency on military logic alone, according to de Jonghe. "There is a capacity for military cooperation, but that's all there is," he said.

And then he closed his comments with the answer to my question, I think. He said, "But there is still hope. We saw all of you on the streets, millions of you and millions around the world. We are at a time of new solidarity."

My friend is right, of course. Europeans don't vote in U.S. elections. But we do. We will surely vote with our own interests in mind. And we should. But where do our best interests really lie now?

From where I stand, it's a question worth pondering. We have to decide now what will work best in the long run, for our children, for Christianity, for the world: preemptive war or preemptive peace?

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