

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

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*Check out the parish website
for bulletin archives and many of
Fr. Joe's & Fr. Kevin's homilies!*

Pastor:

Fr. Leonard Tuozzolo, C.S.Sp.

Associate Pastor:

Fr. Simon Lobon, 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:

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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.



October 21, 2007

29th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Daily Mass Schedule

12 Noon

(There will be no daily Mass on Monday, October 22, because a funeral Mass has been arranged.)

*Proclaim,
convince,
reprimand,
encourage through all
patience and teaching.*



2 Timothy 4:2

**Today's Second Collection:
World Mission Sunday**

Today, World Mission Sunday, our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, calls every Catholic to celebrate, at the Eucharist, our vocation to be missionary and to help the Missions.

As Catholics around the world -- here at home and in the Missions -- gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, let us...

Pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work.

Offer financial help through the

Propagation of the Faith for more than 1,150 diocese in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

www.worldmissions-catholicchurch.org

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8

It's often said that we live in a culture of instant gratification. To whatever extent this may be true, today's readings speak directly against any expectation that discipleship involves quick results. Jesus tells a story about persistence [Luke, gospel]; the second reading even uses the word: "Be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient" [Timothy]. And a very odd, magical-seeming story in the first reading could be read as having a similar message, although the complexities raised by the reading may make it more prudent to pass over it [Exodus]. Today is an opportunity to illuminate the challenge of having a perspective rooted in eternity in the midst of a short-term culture. We are destined for eternal life in God through our baptism, but today's readings remind us that what passes does not ultimately matter. Or, to consider it in a different way, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Next Sunday's Readings:

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Timothy 4-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

God's Word is a Light unto my Feet"

Our sick and homebound strengthen us by their patient suffering. Please keep in your prayers: Ronald Bashian, Jennie Bayne, Catherine Blair, April Brassard, Cornelius Bennhold-Samaan, William C. Butler, Dorothy Cantfil, Brody Carroll, Cleopatra Brooks, Jennie Davis, Gerald DiCerro, Ernest Donatto, Jim Fowler, Mathias Gutschmidt, Michael Hill, Margaret Hodges, Dorothy Jackson, Pat Johnson, Sophie M. Korczyk, Maria Linares, Mary Lyons, Anita Malone, Elizabeth McCartan, Stefan McGuigan, Roberto Méndez, Mary Miller, Dorothy Moran, Mrs. O'Brien, Jessica Panfil, Sally Ryan, Carolyn Santos, Edward T. Skocz, Jeffery Smith, Georgiana Starnes, Alberta Thurmond, Thaddenia West, Mary Woods.

Last Sunday's Collection: \$12,800.35

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 6PM -- for the Parish

Sunday, 8:AM -- for All Souls

9:30 AM -- for Helen Manuel by Kenneth & Mary Moffett

11:15 AM -- for the Parish

1:00 PM -- for the Spanish Community

In Memoriam

Bartholomew "BJ" Fort

Died in the Lord September 24, 2007

B.J., husband of Joan Fort, 9:30 Choir member, was a parishioner for many years. The family thanks you for your prayers and support.

In Memoriam

Joe Reap

Died in the Lord October 16, 2007

Joe was a long time member of OLQP and very active on the Social Justice Committee. He was the husband of Anne; father of Sean. Please remember Joe and his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. A **Mass of Christian Burial** will take place on Monday, October 22, at 12 Noon. Mass will be preceded by a Wake at 10:30 AM.

Finance Committee Elections Next Weekend, October 27/28

Please take a few minutes to get to know the nominees by reading the insert in this weekend's bulletin.

Aspirations for Peace

Unconditional war can no longer lead to unconditional victory. It can no longer serve to settle disputes. It can no longer be of concern to great powers alone. For a nuclear disaster, spread by winds and waters and fear, could well engulf the great and the small, the rich and the poor, the committed and the uncommitted alike. Mankind must put an end to war or war will put an end to mankind. *-John F. Kennedy*

Religious Education for Children

Children's Liturgy of the Word and Religious Education Classes in session this weekend.

Katie Remedios, Director of Religious Education

Office hours: Monday - Thursday from 1 to 5 PM
olqp.re@verizon.net or 703-979-5580, ext 107

Parents Meeting at 10:30 AM Today, 10/21/07

Ministry Center Founders Room

Family Mass Next Saturday at 4 PM

Potluck Supper in Fr. Ray Hall

Please bring a dish to share: salad, side, main or dessert

Minkisi Ministry at its 10th annual mini-retreat day, "God is Spirit. Let Us Worship Him in Spirit and in Truth (cf John 4:24)" Sat., Nov. 17, 9:00 AM through lunch. The spiritual director will be Msgr. Ray East. A Freewill Offering is appreciated. Bring your bible and be prepared to participate in the spiritual talks, contemplative prayer, prayer liturgies, songs, and reflections. Contact Cecilia Braveboy, 703-979-5389, jisaac3@verizon.net, or the parish office, 703-979-5580.

Please come join us for: Share The Word. It is an informal hour of **Bible Study** held in the Parish Office Building Conference Room, adjacent to the Parish Office, on the first and third Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM. We discuss the scriptural readings for Sunday Mass and try to gain some incite to enrich our understanding of God's Word. Please contact Pat Fitzgibbins, 703-960-0178, for further details.

Housing Assistance Needed -- Parishioner looking for efficiency or basement apartment, preferably furnished and near OLQP, Tysons Corner or Metro. Please call Emeka Nwachukwu at (571) 251-4502.

Blanket Drive!! Homeless people in our community are facing another cold winter. Arlington Street People's Assistance Network (ASPAN) needs hundreds of blankets in order to provide the homeless with relief from the cold. Please help by donating your gently used or new blankets. Place your donation in the large box at the back of church available 10/13 - 10/28. Blankets should be cotton or wool, but not a cotton or down-filled comforter as they are difficult to clean and carry. ASPAN will open Arlington's Emergency Winter Shelter on November 1st, so please donate before then! ASPAN is also looking for volunteers to help run the Shelter. Contact Molly Maliborski, (703) 820-4357 x 17 or aspanvolunteer@aol.com

"Brown Bag Sunday Next Weekend-Oct. 27th and 28th"

Please take home a "Brown Bag" after Mass this weekend and bring it back next week full of non-perishable foods (peanut butter, jelly, tuna fish, soup, pasta, diapers, cereal, canned vegetables, beans, rice, etc). Food donations will go to **Arlington Food Assistance Corp (AFAC)** who, weekly, provide over 700 families in our community with food. The AFAC van will be parked in front of the Church next weekend before every Mass...Monetary contributions can also be made (tax-deductible, made out to AFAC). Please remember our hungry neighbors. Next Brown Bag Sunday: December. Thanks. Help is needed with this program. Please contact Jack McHale, 703 - 250-5138 to see how you can help.

Just\$ -- Giant & Shoppers gift cards -- helps OLQP Early Learning Center and Orphans of AIDS in Africa Ministries! On sale after Mass and at the Credit Union.

**Join the Witness for Peace at Lafayette Park
In front of the White House**

This Sunday, Oct. 21, 5:00 PM, a liturgy of peacemaking including the laying of stones at the gates to the White House representing the Iraq War dead. Their voices have been silenced; the stones themselves bear witness. "Some of us who have already begun to break the silence of the night have found that the calling to speak is often a vocation of agony, but we must speak. We must speak with all the humility that is appropriate to our limited vision, but we must speak. ... Perhaps a new spirit is rising among us. If it is, let us trace its movement well and pray that our own inner being may be sensitive to its guidance, for we are deeply in need of a new way beyond the darkness that seems so close around us." Martin Luther King, Jr. "A Time to Break Silence"

Peer Support Group for Survivors of Clergy Abuse and others affected by the abuse will meet on Wednesday, October 31 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.

Ghosts of Abu Ghraib This documentary will be shown at Arlington's new coffee house in Shirlington: Bus Boys and Poets (Campbell St., next to the new Harris Teeter) on Wednesday, October 31 at 9 PM and Saturday, November 3 at 11 PM, sponsored by Our Lady Queen of Peace's Social Justice and Outreach Ministry. All are welcome; there is no cost for admittance.

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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.

Become Informed About Predatory Lending! The credit union has a copy of the documentary, expose movie "Maxed Out!" This movie exposes some of the gross injustices of some credit card companies and other predatory lenders who exploit the most vulnerable members of our society, and some of the terrible consequences of that exploitation. We will be showing this movie in the Ministry Center Waiting Room (credit union lobby) during office hours over the next few months. We also have a showing scheduled in the Ministry Center Founders Room on Sunday, November 18 at 3:00 pm. The movie runs about 90 minutes and is in English with Spanish subtitles.

We also have Giant Just\$ cards for sale at the credit union. *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.*

Volunteer Writers Needed for *The Advocate*

Volunteers with good written communication skills (and a respect for deadlines) are needed to write feature articles for the quarterly parish newsletter, *The Advocate*. We are looking for both Spanish and English language writers. This is a great way to learn about and contribute to parish life, meet fellow parishioners, and sustain our community. Please call editor Linda Franz at 703-836-2015 if you would like to volunteer.

Haiti Committee Update...

A delegation of three parishioners (Dave and Sue Carlson, and Constance O'Hearn) from the Haiti Committee and a reforestation expert will travel to Medor from October 20-30th. They plan to conduct a reforestation assessment because the community has serious erosion problems and Pere Leroy has stated that this is a priority. They will meet with two engineers for guidance in building two "dry" latrines, one at the marketplace and one near the schools. With this type of latrine the solid material is composted and sterilized so that it can be used as fertilizer. There are only a few latrines to serve all the people of Medor and without latrines the water sources will remain contaminated. They will also meet with the Medor Water Committee to see the progress on the clean water projects. They will take pictures of the 6th graders that art students at Yorktown High School will use to paint portraits. These portraits will be presented as gifts to the Medor children when a delegation from OLQP visits in March. Dr. Sue will run an eye clinic for 2 days to dispense glasses to anyone who needs them. Finally they will meet with the UNICEF representative to discuss a grant proposal for Medor. *Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers!*

"I Was in Prison and You Came to Visit Me" -Matthew 25: 36

You are invited to join the Prison Ministry of Brother Louis Schwartz and become a PenPal to one of America's forgotten. "Brother Lou" has conducted his prison ministry for the last 15 years. Brother Lou writes monthly to 250 inmates across the U.S. Many prisoners receive no visits for years on end, do not hear from relatives and have no contacts outside the prison system. Consider joining Brother Lou's ministry and becoming a PenPal to a prisoner. The only requirement is writing approximately one letter every 3 to 4 weeks. You will be humbled by the responses. Your last name and address will remain anonymous. Letters are mailed directly to the prisoner but responses will be sent to you via Brother Lou. If you are willing to help in answering Jesus's call, you can contact Brother Lou via Ed Mullan (OLQP parishoner) at ed_mullan@yahoo.com or call at 703 216 6593

Stephen Series Caring Ministry Workshop. This is a comprehensive Christian caring ministry to sick and shut-in parish members. Find out how Stephen Ministry could be of benefit to OLQP by attending a Workshop on Saturday, November 10, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM at Mount Olivet United Methodist Church. Cost is \$15 per person. Contact Moira McGuinness, m.m@cox.net.

**FAMILY MASS & POTLUCK SUPPER
NEXT SATURDAY, October 27th, 4 PM**

Attention Religious Education families: Please plan to attend Mass at 4 PM next Saturday and stay for a shared meal in Fr. Ray Hall. There are no classes on the Sunday morning following a Family Mass. All parish members are invited.

If you are not a child and still get a stomachache on Sunday mornings when you think about going to church, or if you have thought how nice it would be to spend the same hour at Starbucks reading *The New York Times*, this message is for you.

Parishes are important. In any larger discussion about the role and direction of the church, we can't forget that the structure and mystery of the church are actually experienced in the local faith community. The parish is the place where church happens, not as an abstract ideal or as an administrative structure but as an expression of real human lives, a rich but frustrating work in progress, diverse lives united by common hungers and hopes.

The local church comes in many forms: small rural parishes, old urban core parishes, large suburban parishes, merged parishes with hyphenated names, new immigrant or mixed bilingual or trilingual parishes, campus parishes, prison parishes, military base parishes, far-flung mission stations and virtual communities created by outreach to the sick and homebound.

The phenomenon of small Christian communities -- both within parishes and independent of formal structures -- suggests that size matters too. Plato recognized that community ceases where personal relationships become impossible. A kind of *sensus fidelium* -- the intuitive grasp by the laity

about what works and doesn't work -- will continue to shape parish life, especially where megachurches are proposed as the solution to the priest shortage. As our cover story shows, Catholics who want a personal scale or ecumenical sharing or a deeper justice focus for their lives will continue to form the kind of communities they need.

Just as small, distinctive neighborhoods are a corrective to urban size, small faith communities nourish parish life. They arise out of felt need, especially among parents determined to pass their faith along to their children. They share a history with the house churches that nourished early Christians.

Baptized people are meant to be in community. It is a loss to all of us when some feel so discouraged that they leave their local church. We know those (or have been those) who, for varying reasons, have needed to "go away for a while" or who have found safe haven and nourishment in other communions. We know all about the sometimes depressing realities of many parishes -- the coldness of some Catholics; the lethargy or heavy-handedness of some pastors; the sometimes deadening homilies. Yet, like the anonymous Christian, the anonymous church exists everywhere. People get together over coffee to talk about life. They tell stories, rediscover the scriptures, break bread, drink to common purposes and to making a difference in the world. And like the

formal church they have left, they become two or three gathered together, disciples on the road to Emmaus, coming full circle.

Here are some challenges. Parishes need such pilgrims. The most important evangelization effort needed in the church is to welcome home her own. But this will happen only if we also welcome the de facto diversity of the church as a mystery that defies homogenization, head-counting, personalized envelopes or even regular attendance. Because change will happen only from within, self-exiled Catholics of all stripes ought to belong to a parish -- a challenging one, not a comfort zone. It is a good way to stay in the game, at the family table where all the arguments about the future, good and bad, are taking place. But this will be possible only if we accept the mess, the imperfect, painful process of being human together.

Because the essential work of the church is reconciliation in the world, this starts with us, at the altar, where forgiveness is the miracle we witness in the death of the Lord. Parishes are centers where this grace waits to become flesh in us.

See you in church.

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