

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!

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Mass Schedule:

Monday through Thursday - 12 Noon; Fridays at 6 PM
Saturdays - 6:00 pm Vigil
Sundays - 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am & 1:00 pm (Spanish)

Vigil for Peace:

Tues & Thurs 11 AM -12 PM; Mon & Thurs 6 - 8 PM

Baptism:

Please call or email the parish office to make arrangements.

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.
LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE, March 30, 7 PM

Social Justice and Outreach Minister:

Fred Cain, fcain@ourladyqueenofpeace.org

Religious Education Director:

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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 down-trodden 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



March 15, 2009
Third Sunday of Lent

Daily Mass Schedule During Lent:
Monday - Thursday, 12 Noon
Fridays at 6 PM

"Whoever drinks the water



I shall give
will never thirst."

John 4:14

Next Sunday's Second Collection:
Catholic Relief Services

March 14/15 2009

Third Sunday of Lent, Year A Readings

Exodus 20:1–17; 1 Corinthians 1:22–25; John 2:13–25

Today we hear the first of the three great Johannine gospels about the path to faith. The elect are present (at the 11:15 Mass) for the first scrutiny. The first reading, from Exodus, speaks of testing and of water as the source of life—implicitly alluding, of course, to baptism. The second reading describes the “love of God poured into our hearts.” And the gospel shows how faith grows through testing and questioning. We are reminded that the path to mature faith winds through experience, setbacks, uncertainty, and challenge -- the elect’s journey is one we all share.

Next Sunday’s readings (4th Lent, Year A Readings):

1 Samuel 18:1b, 6–7, 10–13a; Ephesians 5:8–14; John 9:1–41

Our sick and homebound strengthen us by their patient suffering. Please pray for: Ronald Bashian, Cemil Bikcen, April Brassard, Cornelius Bennhold-Samaan, Lynne Burgh, Brody Carroll, Carmen Rosa Claire, Jackie Consoli, Jennie Davis, Ernest Donatto, Jim Fowler, Mathias Gutschmidt, Michael Hill, Margaret Hodges, Dorothy Jackson, Raymond Jay, Pat Johnson, Karen Kollmansperger, Anita Malone, Teofila Manzo, Elizabeth McCartan, Stefan McGuigan, Roberto Méndez, Mary Miller, Carmen Montijo, Dorothy Moran, Susanne Moran, Tim O’Brien, Sally Ryan, Rosemarie Sandweg, Carolyn Santos, Elizabeth Skocz, Jeffery Smith, Georgiana Starnes, Marguerite Thomas, Thaddenia West, Helen Tussy, Mary Woods.

Last Sunday’s Collection: \$12,470.50

Mass Intentions for the week of March 14-20

Saturday, 6pm - for the Parish

Sunday, 8am - for the Parish

9:30am - for Donald J. Crump by Adele Crump

11:15am - for Rose Mary Jennerich by the Hanafin Family

1pm - for Nelson Revollo by Maria Elena

Wednesday, 12pm - for Beatriz Segura

by Patricia Segura & Clara Quintero

Thursday, 12pm - for William Monetti by Deborah Maguire

Icon of Divine Mercy

Displayed at OLQP March 22 through March 28

The Icon of Divine Mercy (a replica of the icon of Divine Mercy displayed in Krakow, Poland). This is an opportunity for all of us to pray together as a parish for the healing that may be needed within our families. In addition, four families in our parish will pray in a special way each day for this intention. Our prayer seems especially appropriate during this Lenten season when we seek to identify our failings and strive to achieve reconciliation with our God and with each other, perhaps most especially those within our families.

2009 Bishop’s Lenten Appeal

Please prayerfully consider Bishop Loverde’s request for support and give generously to assist the work of our diocese. Every gift is important.



Peace Aspirations

We have to make truth and nonviolence not matters for mere individual practice but for practice by groups and communities and nations. That at any rate is my dream. I shall live and die in trying to realize it. My faith helps me discover new truths every day.

--Mohandas Gandhi

Religious Education Program for Children

Director: Katie Remedios

703-979-5580, kremedios@ourladyqueenofpeace.org

Communion Team: Child Centered Bi-Lingual Service of Reconciliation on Saturday, March 21 begins promptly at 10:30 AM in the Church. The service will be for all baptized members of the Communion Team. One adult must attend with each child. We anticipate that everyone will be home before noon because families are welcome to leave once your child has been to confession. The service is intended to reassure and guide the children as they take advantage of the Sacrament of God’s Unlimited Forgiveness. There will be no Communion Team meeting on Saturday afternoon....only the Service in the morning. Next Meeting, Saturday, April 4 from 4:15-5:45. Please contact Ann Felker gr8est9@gmail.com, 703-527-8053 with questions.

Attention: All Altar Servers - - Your help is needed!

We need Servers for the Easter-time Masses.

Holy Thursday, 4/9 at 7 PM - - - Need 5 Servers

Good Friday, 4/10 at 3 PM - - - Need 2 Servers

Easter Vigil, 4/11 at 8:15 PM - - - Need 5 Servers

Two rehearsals for all three services will be held on Saturdays, March 28 and April 4, from 10 AM - 12 PM, your attendance is required. If you are able to serve at any or all of these Services or if you have any questions, please contact ASAP either: Mrs. Linda Bubeck, 703-383-1485, bubeckjr@verizon.net , OLQP Altar Server Coordinator, Mr. Jack Brunson, 703-922-9544, jbrunson2@cox.net , OLQP Sacristan

Are you Called to Serve?

OLQP’s Communion Ministry is recruiting for additional ministers at all Masses. Anyone interested in volunteering for this ministry of care and service by providing Communion at Masses and/or to the hospitalized or house-bound, should contact Ken Naser, 703-370-3278 or kcnaser@comcast.net no later than April 10th. All new ministers are required to participate in a 2 hour Diocesan sponsored training/orientation session after which they receive the Bishop’s mandate. Training will be held at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More on Saturday, April 25, 10-12 PM. Call Ken for information or questions, kcnaser@comcast.net.

The **OLQP Book Group** will be meeting in the Peace Room (basement of the Ministry Center) at 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 19 to discuss Death Comes for the Archbishop by Willa Cather. Please contact Chuck Moran at 703-892-4154, or chuck-moran@verizon.net, for more information.

Haiti Lenten Appeal

Our Haiti Lenten Appeal goal this year is \$55,000, which will be used to help Pere Luckson to continue to educate 1100 students through the 11th grade. Pre-marked envelopes are in the pews and can be placed in the collection basket or in the Haiti baskets at the church entrances. Thank you for your generous support!

God, You love us all and know us all—the Samaritan woman collecting water at Jacob’s well, parishioners in Arlington, Haitians struggling to find pure water in a dried-up land. May we see and love one another as You see and love us all: in need of prayer, but good and precious beyond measure. Amen

Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers!

Just\$\$ Giant Gift Cards and Shoppers Food Warehouse Certificates on sale today, after Mass!

**Stone Soup Supper & Speaker Presentations
Fridays in the Founders Room**

Daily Mass at 6 PM—Soup at 6:30—Speaker at 7 PM

- Mar 20 1 PM Spanish Mass Congregation — Latinos
Mar 27 Gay, Lesbian, Friends and Family Ministry (GLFF) —
Gay, Lesbian, Bi, Transgender
Apr 3 UJAMAA Committee — African Americans
Many Cultures—One Faith

This year's speaker series will focus on the many cultural groups represented here at OLQP. Presenters will help us understand what it is like to be part of their cultural group in our society, our Church, and our Parish. It is through the breaking down of cultural barriers that we begin to realize the establishment of God's New Creation—the mission entrusted to us by Jesus. Come listen to the personal stories of our sisters and brothers in Christ.

OLQP Social Justice Committee Reminders:

❖ The '100 Days to Close Guantanamo' campaign is a daily demonstration in front of the White House to support the Obama administration's promise to close the prison, and to challenge rendition and the legal morasses created with the detention of suspected terrorists. OLQP will sponsor the campaign from 11am to 1pm on April 9th (Holy Thursday) and we want as many people as possible to come out and support this effort. Contact Fred Cain 703-979-5580 if interested and visit www.100dayscampaign.org.

❖ **Iraq War Year Six** — There will be a program in commemoration of the 6 anniversary of the start of the Iraq War at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington (4444 Arlington Blvd) on Thursday March 19, 7:00 to 9:00pm. The documentary "Finding Our Voices" will be shown with discussion to follow. Suggested donation \$10.

For questions and concerns related to social justice and outreach, please contact parish Social Justice Outreach Minister, Fred Cain, 703.979.5580, fcain@ourladyqueenofpeace.org.

An Invitation to St. Charles Parish Lenten Mission: March 22, 23, 24, 7:30-8:30 pm in the church, 3304 N. Washington Boulevard. This Lenten retreat over 3 evenings will be **facilitated by Father Kevin Nadolski**, OSFS, Director of Vocations for the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. The Mission theme is "The Centenary Moment: A Threshold of Faith, Hope and Love". All are invited. See the St. Charles website for mission information: www.stcharleschurch.org.

The Bishop Ireton Theatre Arts Department presents *Godspell*, the rock musical based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew. It is a show that has had many interpretations through the years, all delivering the same timeless themes that transcend race, creed or class. *Godspell* is about community and about the value of the gifts of faith, hope, and love. This upcoming production of *Godspell* will be uniquely presented as the characters are not named, but are identifiable by vocation and profession. The performances will be on March 20-21 at 7:30 p.m., with a special matinee presentation on Sunday, March 15 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. Reserve tickets in advance at the Box Office (703) 212-5166 or visit www.BishopIreton.org.

Carpenter's Shelter Supper -- Thursday, March 19

Please assist in preparation of the Carpenter's Shelter Supper on Thursday, 19 March. 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 p.m. on March 19th. Food prepared in advance may be placed in the refrigerator in the Parish Office Kitchen. Please label food: Carpenter's Shelter.

Job Opportunity: Live-in Housekeeper/Driver/Companion

Elderly retired gentleman in good health needs assistance with simple meal preparation, light housekeeping, shopping for groceries, driving to occasional doctor and other appointments. Falls Church location. For more detailed information please email: elderassist@gmail.com or write to: PO Box 22864, Alexandria, VA 22304.

**Father Tuozzolo's 50th Anniversary of
Entering the Priesthood Remembrance Collection**

On June 5, 2009 Father Lenny/Tuz/Tuozzolo will celebrate 50 years in the Priesthood. As part of the celebration, a remembrance book is being created that will include stories from OLQP parishioners and friends who would like to write a brief letter or story about "what Father has meant to them, ways that he has impacted their lives, or the impact on them of stories that Father has told through the years". If you or your family would like to contribute to this collection of stories and remembrances please send an email to Steve Mahoney Hellem, sbhellem7@aol.com, or mail your contribution to 2402 Fort Scott Drive, Arlington, VA 22202 by March 25. The collection of remembrances will be presented to Father during the 50th Anniversary celebration. If you have any questions please contact Steve. (*Email address in last week's bulletin was incorrect. Please use the address listed above.*)

30 Years of Opening Doors to a Brighter Future

Celebrate Doorways for Women and Families' 30 Anniversary with a benefit auction, Sunday, March 29, 2 pm – 5 pm, at Washington Golf and Country Club (3017 N. Glebe Road, Arlington). For tickets, please visit www.doorwaysva.org/benefit.

Handicapped Encounter Christ is having a retreat in Marriottsville MD June 5th thru 7th. We need donations, transportation and/or your presence on the weekend. Contact Anne Reap at 703-671-7127.

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Brother Francis Sullivan died this past week in Arusha, Tanzania where he labored for well over 50 years. He was 90 at his last birthday. He has a niece and nephew in jersey that we can send condolences to, for his funeral. I am not sure when he came back to the states for a visit or medical purposes, in fact I am not sure that I have ever met him formally, but still a bond exists. He has a lasting memory for all the churches he built while he ministered there. May he rest in peace. He joined the community the very year I got out of high school, and 4 years later I joined as well. We have a lot in common; both spent time in Africa, studied Swahili language, cautioned wild animals and eased the spirit of troubled people. That's what missionaries do...—Fr. Tuz

To Easter, traveling with the least of them all -- accepting Jesus' requirements for entering heaven

Funny. They weren't even sincere; just trying to trick him when they asked, "What is the greatest law?" Yet Jesus, who could have overwhelmed them with chapter and verse, gave them the perfect truth: "Love God with all you've got, and love your neighbor as yourself. That's the Law and the Prophets!"

There he goes again. That persistent inclusion of "neighbor." Then and now, to the frustration of many and the fury of some, he forever refuses to point a pathway to God that does not pass through the busy, blustering neighborhood of human relationships.

When they change the focus and want to know the "bottom line," the final outcome, Jesus says, again, so simply, "All will share the same fate. The King will gather all together, and say: You're in or you're out depending on this: How did you treat the person who needed you?"

So sad for the selfish. Desperate for a clear distinction between love of God and love of neighbor, they would try to save their souls with an accent or emphasis:

"Jesus, I never saw you naked or hungry or desperate or alone. I lived in the 20th century, I never met you." And Jesus will say, "Cut it. It will not wash. Each time a person in need was before you, that - oh, poor fool to learn so late that - that was your encounter with God. When someone needed you and you turned away, you turned from me, Jesus, your brother."

So glad for the just. How wise of them to understand that to love your neighbor is to love the Lord. But, wait; what's this? Jesus says the just will be surprised and will raise the same question as the sinners. They will exclaim with wonder: "What? I'm getting into heaven because I fed or clothed or visited you? How can this be? When did that ever happen?"

And Jesus will answer, "Don't you fret. Whenever you responded to one who needed you, you were dealing with me!"

What a shocking idea. Preachers say the secret to salvation is to name Jesus as your savior, to be baptized a Christian, to follow all the rules and regulations, stay in line, be a loyal Methodist or Baptist or Catholic, whatever, but, first and last, you must name Jesus as your savior.

Yet, here is Jesus savior saying, "You surprised to know it was I? You who showed kindness and compassion for the person in need? You're only discovering now that those responses to needy, unnoticed people were Christ encounters? Well, surprise! Come on into the kingdom!"

Could Jesus possibly mean to suggest that, when the kingdom at last comes in its fullness, distinguished religious leaders might be standing outside watching? That people of strange, unknown religions or no faith at all, will march into the kingdom, blest of God, just because they cared and comforted their neighbors in need? Would he have us believe that divorced and remarried people are justified simply because they were kind and caring? Would he imply that those baptized who never went to church may gain heaven just because they were compassionate and generous?

Some will rejoice that the way can be so simply said and so easily understood. Others will be deeply troubled to learn that intimacy with God depends upon involvement with neighbors -and the 'least' of them at that!

Our Lenten journey may expose our hearts as less than open to this Jesus truth. Perhaps the best we've managed till now is "Jesus, yes, always. But those 'least' of his friends?" Perhaps we have even been participants in building structures and supporting arrangements that help to obstruct the law of love that Jesus proclaims.

With or without our blessing, Jesus stands firm. He warns and promises: The ultimate measure of our success as human beings, as children of God, is our success as servants, lovers, friends, companions to one another and always, especially to the one most in need.

We make our way through Lent to Easter. We dearly hope to touch and be touched anew by the risen Christ. We could make it happen. We already know where to find him.

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by James K. Healy, C.S.Sp.
Former Pastor of OLQP 1983 - 1995*