

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:

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Religious Education Director:

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Bulletin deadline: Wednesday, 9 AM

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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 29, 2009
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday - Thursday, 12 Noon

Friday at 6 PM



Reconciliation Service ***Monday, March 30, 7 PM***

We are all invited to spend a little time in contemplation of the things for which we personally and collectively need the healing gift of Forgiveness. Give yourself this time for personal peace.

*The Reconciliation Service replaces
Monday's Daily Mass.*

March 28/29, 2009

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A Readings

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

On this Sunday of the third and final scrutiny God's power over life and death is described. We hear it promised in Ezekiel: "I will open your graves and have you rise from them." Paul echoes it [Romans]: "The One who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also." And in the gospel we hear John's description of Jesus' command: "Lazarus, come out!"— followed by the laconic, "The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands." This is the most incredible claim of Christian faith—one contradicted by everything our experience tells us. Yet the elect in the assembly's midst are prepared to stake their lives on it.

Next Sunday's readings (Palm Sunday):

Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

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, Joseph Herbert, Michael Hill, Margaret Hodges, Dorothy Jackson, Raymond Jay, Pat Johnson, Ellen Lawler, 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: \$12,085
2nd - Catholic Relief Services: \$6,868**

Mass Intentions for the week of March 28-April 3

*Saturday, 6pm - for Mary Belan by Friends at SAIC
Sunday, 8am - for Mary Belan by the Coogan Family
9:30am - for William Ryan by Chuck and Carol Moran
11:15am - for Cindy Rono by Karen Whitwood
1pm - for José Manuel Lovo (L) on His 18th Birthday*

VIRTUS Training will be offered here at OLQP this week. Wednesday, April 1, at 6pm, the Diocesan program addressing Child Abuse and protecting God's children will be take place in classroom 1 of the Ministry center. This program is open to any Parish adult, and is required for those working with or planning to work with the youth of our Parish. There is no fee required. Please bring appropriate ID and pre-register on line at Virtus.org. if you plan to attend. The class runs about 3-4 hours, and the certification is valid for 10 years. We would like all parishioners to consider taking this training at some time, as we continue to grow as an intergenerational community of faith.

Confirmation Class 2009

Please remember in thought and prayer our 26 Confirmandi as they gather this weekend for a retreat.

Social Justice Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 2, 7:30 PM, Ministry Center Peace Room

Peace Aspirations

Nonviolence confronts systematic injustice with active love, but refuses to retaliate with further violence under any circumstances. In order to halt the vicious cycles of violence, it requires a willing acceptance of suffering and death rather than inflicting suffering or death on anyone else.

-- Fr. John Dear, S.J.

"Living Peace: A Spirituality of Contemplation and Action."

Religious Education Program for Children

Director: Katie Remedios

703-979-5580, kremedios@ourladyqueenofpeace.org

Saturday, April 4th -- RE Review Session will take place from 4:15-5:30.

Communion Team: Saturday, April 4 4:15 -5:45 in Father Ray Hall. "Here I Am, Lord" is the theme as we begin our immediate preparation for First Communion. Our lesson will focus on the fact that Jesus loves each child, precisely as he or she is today. But what does that mean? A clay sculpture, a fun workbook, a couple of unfinished tasks (banner for Medor, repair of Jesus Loves Me chain) and a beautiful poem written by a member of the Communion Team a few years ago will help the kids answer the question. We will need helpers and snacks for this lesson. Lots of questions, lots of dear answers. Ann Felker, gr8est9@gmail.com

Minkisi Ministry

Come to the Lenten scripture prayer session of Minkisi ministry, Mon., Apr. 6, 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Discussion Room. Jackie Smith will lead the quiet prayer on Psalm 46:9-11. Included in the reflection will be an audio clip from Fr. Cyprian Davis about contemplative prayer. For more info, contact Cecilia Braveboy, 703-979-5389 or jisaac3@verizon.net.

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 by Friday, 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.

Book Group Participates in DC "Big Read"

The OLQP Book Group is participating in Washington DC's "Big Read" for 2009 by reading *The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers. The book will be discussed in the Peace Room (basement of the Ministry Center) at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 16. Please contact Chuck Moran, chuckmoran@verizon.net or 703-892-4154 for more information. One website for the "Big Read" is at <http://www.wdchumanities.org/bigreadwp/>

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 31. The collection of remembrances will be presented to Father during the 50th Anniversary celebration. If you have any questions please contact Steve.

5th Sunday of Lent, Year B

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday	April 5	Regular Sunday Mass schedule
Holy Thursday	April 9	Bilingual Mass
Good Friday	April 10	3 PM Service (<i>Passion reading</i>) 7 PM Tenebrae Service (<i>service in darkness</i>) 8 PM Stations of the Cross in Spanish
Easter Vigil	April 11	8:30 PM (<i>no 6 PM Mass</i>)
Easter Sunday	April 12	Regular Sunday Mass schedule

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. For more info go to www.100dayscampaign.org and contact Fred Cain (703-979-5580) if interested.

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.

Good Coffee, Good Cause - We are now serving fair trade coffee at the Sunday breakfasts. The fresh brew is from Hondo Coffee Company. The coffee is grown on a small farm in Honduras where workers are paid a fair wage, double the going rate, according to Hondo Company owner Arondo Holmes. You can purchase Hondo coffee at local farmer's markets. For additional information, see: www.hondocoffee.com.

Great Fun — Great Way to Help those in Need

Help the Carpenter's Shelter and have a great afternoon doing it! On April 26, 2009 the Birchmere at 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, will host the seventh annual Carpenter's Shelter Cook-off from 12 noon to 3:00 PM. The Cook-off features food samples from 25 of the area's finest restaurants, great music many children's activities, and an auction -- something for everyone. Tickets, \$40 for adults, \$5 for children 6-17, free for children 5 and younger. Call for info or to order tickets, 703-548-7500, ext. 231.

ASPAN Seeks Finance Manager

The Arlington Street People's Assistance Network (www.a-span.org), which helps the chronic Homeless in Arlington to obtain jobs and homes, is hiring a part-time Finance Manager at its location in South Arlington near Shirlington. Please submit your resume to the office manager, Vanessa Witt, via email at vwitt@a-span.org or fax 703-820-4405.

1901...

"It is summer and we are running out of ice." This was sung in a classic movie in Oklahoma or Carousel, one or the other. Rod Steiger was dead and his name was Jud, an ornery cuss if there ever was one. Funeral viewing was done on ice to keep the body fresh and smelling nice. Of course we have good air conditioning in the better parlors of today. Just for the record, when I pass this mortal time, I have a tuxedo that George Cook gave me for the occasion. I just want the record to show. That will be "cool" and no ice is necessary.

Stone Soup Supper & Speaker Presentations

Fridays in the Founders Room

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

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.

Haiti Lenten Appeal

God, You died to give us eternal life, and your love gave Lazarus a second life on Earth. Help us to realize how precious life with You is, how precious life, in all its forms, on Earth is. Help us to recognize the intersection of the two—that the beauty and goodness and joy in our lives are manifestations of You.

Our Haiti Lenten Appeal goal this year is \$55,000, which will help Pere Luckson to initiate an adult literacy program for those with little education. Pre-marked envelopes are in the pews and should be dropped in the collection basket or in the marked donation box next to the door to the right of the altar (baptism side). Thank you for your generous support!

Lenten Appeal Donations as of 3/22/09: \$31,700

Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers!

Richmond Wrap-Up -- SALT (Social Action Linking Together)

announces, that its annual forum to learn what happened during the 2009 Richmond General Assembly Session, is being held on Sunday, April 19, 2009 from 2:30-4:30 pm at Providence Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall located 9019 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, Virginia. Legislators from Northern Virginia will discuss how well the General Assembly responded to social justice and human services needs facing Virginia and will answer questions posed by participants. This is an excellent opportunity to learn first-hand what transpired in Richmond. There is no charge for the program. All are welcome For more information, contact SALT Coordinator, John Horejsi at jhorejsi@cox.net or visit the SALT web site at www.S-A-L-T.org. For directions call Providence Presbyterian at (703) 978-3934.

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

Easter Flower Memorials

Fr. Tuozzolo invites you to remember a deceased loved one with an Easter flower memorial. The memorials will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Please fill in the form below, attach a check payable to Our Lady Queen of Peace Church (donation amount is at your discretion) and **send to the parish office by Monday, April 5th** attention Christina.

Easter Flower Memorial

Honoring: _____

Requested by: _____

Donation: \$ _____

The clemency of Billy Neal Moore

By John Dear SJ

Last week, New Mexicans celebrated a great victory for justice and mercy: Governor Bill Richardson signed into law a bill abolishing the death penalty. This historic event came after years of campaigning and lobbying by many people -- politicians, church workers, activists around the state, even family members of murder victims. In the end, moral pressure from all sides backed by the sober analysis of the death penalty made the difference. This great turning point took me back nineteen years to another miraculous time, the campaign to stop the execution of Billy Neal Moore, which led to one of the great spiritual lessons of my life.

I had read about Billy in a 1984 article in *The Catholic Worker*, and I set about to write him to offer my support. "Your letter was appreciated and I do thank you," he wrote back, "but know that the Lord Jesus Christ is in full control of my life." I had imagined myself at his service. But then with a stroke of the pen, he turned the tables. In what way, he asked, could he be of help to me? I sat down astonished and reached for my own pen. Here was the beginning of a long correspondence. And it dawned on me quickly that, though my new friend, in a series of drunken blunders, had indeed committed the crime, he was a man now deeply committed to Gospel nonviolence.

In 1989 I traveled to Jackson, Ga., to meet him at the Georgia Diagnostic and Classification Center, a fancy name for death row. It was like meeting the converted Paul, pursuer and killer once, now bearer of the grace and wisdom of Gospel nonviolence. He radiated a grace and peace out of kilter with his plight.

Billy told me his story, and I was impressed by his calm demeanor. His troubles began in 1974. He and a friend had drunk themselves into boozey recklessness then tried to rob an old man. The first attempt failed, the friend ran away. But Billy went back. The man fired his shotgun and missed. Billy fired back. "The minute the man died, part of me did too," Billy said. He didn't run, and when the man's family showed up, Billy broke down sobbing and begged for forgiveness. The government has spent over a million dollars in pursuit of my death, he told me in 1989. If only they had offered grants when he was younger, he said -- so he could find a job, get an education -- he would never have stumbled into such dire straits. Everyone would have been spared pain.

Not long after arriving in a prison, he was baptized bathtub. For the first time, he said, he felt God's love. ...

One Thursday morning in August 1990, I received an urgent call. The following Wednesday Billy was scheduled to die. He had spent more time on death row than anyone else. But a last chance remained. State law provided that the Georgia Board of Pardon and Paroles, within 24 hours of the execution, must hear pleas and consider clemency.

Everyone knew the chances were slim. The

board hadn't commuted a sentence in more than a hundred years. ... Chances seemed especially remote for Billy who had pleaded guilty. But circumstances presented nothing else to work with.

The hearing was five days off when I arrived, so a group of us set about organizing press conferences, prayer vigils, and a lobbying campaign. Friday night we held a prayer vigil in Atlanta, begging God for a miracle of clemency. We made clemency our watchword. Then off to Macon, where we led a service Saturday night at St. Peter Claver Church.

That Saturday evening, just before the prayer vigil, someone brought me a letter from Billy that had just arrived from death row. He thanked us for our efforts, but took us to task. He had learned a thing or two about clemency, having received it from his victim's family, having extended it to his fellow inmates -- several of whom grew desperate as their time approached. Clemency from death row was for him a secondary issue. "Thank you for all you are doing for me," he began. But how can God take your prayer of clemency for me seriously, he asked, when none of you grant clemency to those who have hurt you?

He was speaking about us, the organizers -- the ones who had come to his aid, who were trying to fight the system. In my case, at least, he knew through our correspondence of my long list of grievances. If you want to do something for me, he said, forgive those who have offended you. Your prayers will have no authenticity until you yourselves offer clemency to everyone who ever hurt you. So do not bother God on my behalf until you yourselves are serious about practicing clemency in your own lives. As for him? He planned on death row a prayer service of his own -- for a peaceful solution to the impending crisis with Iraq.

His letter utterly confounded me. It was one of the most profound witnesses I have ever experienced. Who among us, just days before our execution, would call your main supporters to a deeper spiritual conversion?

On the moment, we devised an entirely new kind of prayer service. I read the letter to the congregation, and a passage from the Gospels. I then invited everyone to recall those who had hurt them, to forgive them and grant them clemency. We sat in silence for a long time. Then we raised chastened hands to the altar and said, "Dear God, we grant clemency to everyone who ever hurt us. Now please grant clemency to us and give us the miracle of clemency for our brother Billy. Abolish the death penalty and grant clemency everywhere."

That Tuesday, at the Board of Pardon and Parole hearing, Billy's family testified, and then local clergy and finally the victim's family. The Board -- five stodgy white men -- sat impassively, careful not to betray their leanings. Several Board members had spoken on the phone with Mother Teresa. Jesse Jackson issued a statement. And hundreds of others wrote or called. Then came the testimony from Sarah Farmer, niece of Billy's victim, speaking on behalf of the

family. She spoke of Billy's tears 16 years earlier when he realized what he had done and of the relationship that had since formed. She concluded, water brimming in her eyes: "This is our brother Billy and you can't kill him. We've lost one family member and we're not going to lose another. We don't want you to execute him."

Thirty minutes later, the Board returned with an historic, unanimous verdict of clemency -- the first time in a 140-odd years. Billy's sentence had been commuted. A few years later he was quietly released. Today, he serves as a prison chaplain and remains my good friend. Last fall, he spoke in Rome at the World Anti-Death Penalty Day vigil, and also gave talks all over South Africa.

And now this great day in New Mexico. Said Governor Richardson, "I do not have confidence in the criminal justice system as it currently operates to be the final arbiter when it comes to who lives and who dies for their crime. [And] the reality is, the system is not perfect -- far from it. The system is inherently defective. DNA testing has proven that. Innocent people have been put on death row all across the country...More than 130 death row inmates have been exonerated in the past 10 years in this country, including four New Mexicans -- a fact I cannot ignore."

The governor and the Georgia Board of Pardon and Paroles both learned the wisdom of rejecting death -- the governor because there is room for error, the Board because Billy offered proof of a life redeemed. It's wisdom we all need to learn. We must be open to the facts, meet those languishing in jail, and embark on a spiritual journey toward truth, justice, and compassion.

"Many of the countries that...use the death penalty," the governor added, "are also the most repressive nations in the world. That's not something to be proud of. In a society which values individual life and liberty above all else...the potential for wrongful conviction and, God forbid, execution of an innocent person stands as anathema to our very sensibilities as human beings. That is why I'm signing this bill into law."

Amen to that, I say. But we can't leave matters there. As Billy taught me in Macon, if we want a culture of forgiveness and reconciliation, if we want clemency from God, we ourselves must grant clemency to everyone who ever hurt us.

Billy Neal Moore has proven to be my most immediate teacher of the art of nonviolence. And my ears still ring with his magnanimous words -- make clemency a way of life -- and in the spirit of Lent, I pass them on to you. May we all forgive one another and receive forgiveness. May we abolish the death penalty once and for all -- and with it the obscenity of war and nuclear weapons. May we finally begin to live as sisters and brothers in the clement peace of Christ.

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