

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.

Social Justice and Outreach Minister:

Fred Cain, fcain@ourladyqueenofpeace.org

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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 downtrodden 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



April 5, 2009

**Palm Sunday
of the Lord's Passion**

Daily Mass Schedule for Holy Week:

Monday - Wednesday, 12 Noon

Vigil for Peace Schedule for Holy Week:

Monday, 6-8 PM & Tuesday, 11-12 Noon

Holy Week Schedule

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



**Next Sunday's Special 2nd Collection:
OLQP Capital Improvement Fund**

April 4-5, 2009

Palm Sunday

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

"Truly this man was the Son of God!". This statement by the Roman centurion is the climax toward which today's Scriptures build. We hear Old Testament echoes in the gospel for the Procession, whether in Mark ("Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!") or in John ("Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel!"). The Servant Song from Isaiah [first reading] is far from triumphant, but the passage from Paul's letter to the Philippians makes the connection explicit: "Though he was in the form of God...he emptied himself.") The passages today are long and familiar; listen for the main theme. Like the centurion, you will be convinced that what you witness is not simply tragedy as a just man suffers, but the foundation of an amazing hope!

Next Sunday's readings (Easter Sunday):

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

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: \$12,449

Mass Intentions for the week of April 4-10

Saturday, 6pm - for Mary Belan by Lee Ann Adams Mikeman

Sunday, 8am - for Souls in Purgatory

9:30am - for Marion Holahan by the Family

11:15am - for David Huntley by Kathy M. Sands

1pm - for Cristina Caldeon by daughters Cristina & Beatriz

Scarves for the Homeless Project Get Together

Last year the OLQP community knit and crocheted 300 scarves for the Shoebox for the Homeless project. Our efforts brought great comfort to those less fortunate. We need your help again for this year's project. There is a green basket in the rear of the church for you to donate yarn, drop off a scarf or take yarn to make your creation. We will also have a get together on April 5 at 3 pm. Many of us are beginners so please don't hesitate - we'll teach you what we know! If you'd like to join us please RSVP to Marilena at ryana-moni@comcast.net or call Mary Rita at 202-497-7097 for directions.

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.

Peace Aspirations

Nonviolence is less a matter of "not killing" and more a matter of showing compassion, of saving and redeeming, of being a healing community. --André Trocmé

Religious Education Program for Children

Director: Katie Remedios

703-979-5580, kremedios@ourladyqueenofpeace.org

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/>

Haiti Lenten Appeal

Isaiah returns morning after morning to cheer the weary. God, help us not grow weary of helping those who need our cheer and our charity, especially our brothers and sisters in Medor. May we look for opportunities to assist and may we not abandon those who need us—even when helping is hard. May we be as Christ who did not abandon us even when dying to help us, to save us, was hard beyond imagining.

Can you imagine what it would be like to have no electricity to provide power for lights, TV, or electronic games? None of the parishioners in Medor have electricity. Our Haiti Lenten Appeal goal this year is \$55,000. 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. Thank you for your generous support!

Lenten Appeal Donations as of 3/29/09: \$35,448.66

Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers!

*Lord,
We don't get mangos
From an avocado tree
And we don't get corn
From the banana plant.
We produce what we are.
Help us to be.*

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

Boy Scout Troop 2535 Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser

Spaghetti Dinner - Offered Saturday April 18 after Mass. Just \$5 per person for spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and more! Fr Ray Hall. This is a fund raising activity for Boy Scout Troop 2535 to cover transportation to summer camp. Bring the family. Tickets on sale after Saturday Mass April 4, or can be reserved by email: carlsonb-sa@verizon.net

Imagine Dinner to Benefit NOVAM

Once again OLQP is partnering with 3 other churches to sponsor an Imagine Dinner for the benefit of Northern VA AIDS Ministry. Saturday, April 18, 7:00 p.m. at the Church of St. Clement, 1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Please join us. For reservations, information or questions call Ken Naser, 703.370.3278 or Claire Randall, 703-644-1531.

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. The collection of remembrances will be presented to Father during the 50th Anniversary celebration. If you have any questions please contact Steve, 703-271-8133.

The Environmental Ministry will meet Sunday April 19, after the 11:15 Mass in the Parish Library (basement of Ministry Center). All interested parties are welcome.

"Students Helping Honduras"

A fund raising effort is underway to mobilize college students to work toward empowering orphaned and at risk children in Honduras. A volleyball tournament is planned for Saturday, April 18, at Mary Washington University. To make a donation, please log on to www.studentshelpinghonduras.org/giving. You can also form your own team and raise funds for the effort. Questions? Contact Taylor Hall, taylorhall3@gmail.com.

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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. Note: the credit union will be OPEN regular hours Easter weekend, April 11/12.

Safe and Sound Place for Savings! As a federally insured credit union, your savings are safe at the credit union. In these turbulent financial times, the credit union remains safe and sound, paying fair and competitive rates on savings.

Carpenter's Shelter Supper - Thursday, April 16

Please assist in preparation of the Carpenter's Shelter Supper on Thursday, 16 April. The menu consists of Meatloaf, Macaroni & Cheese, Frozen Cut Corn, Carrot & Celery Sticks, 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 April 16th. Food prepared in advance may be placed in the Refrigerator in the Parish Office Building Kitchen. (Please label the food for Carpenter's Shelter).

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.

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, 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. No charge; all are welcome. For information, contact John Horejsi, jhorejsi@cox.net or visit www.S-A-L-T.org.

The **OLQP GLFF* ministry** will meet on Monday, April 6, from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Founders Room (main level multipurpose room of the Ministry Center). We are an affirming parish community where all people can experience God's promise and love. Come join us as we engage in dialogue and advocacy on social justice issues as they affect individuals who are gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender and their families and friends. In lieu of a business meeting, we will hold a Passover Seder. Participants are asked to contribute food and drink for the remembrance. Please join us for this special celebration and share bread and fellowship. Please contact Ed Ames, aeaandpp@comcast.net, for information on the Seder. For general information on GLFF programs and activities, please contact Vicki Strimel, vickistrimel@hotmail.com or 571-257-7376. *(Gays, Lesbians, Friends and Family)

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 6th** attention Christina.

Easter Flower Memorial

Honoring: _____

Requested by: _____

Donation: \$ _____

Politicizing Communion harms interests of the church

By THOMAS PATRICK MELADY

It was only a few decades ago that no one questioned a fellow Catholic's decision either to receive or not to receive the Eucharist. This tradition has been slowly and regrettably compromised over the past 20 years. Holy Communion has become, in some circles, a political football.

The trend is unmistakable:

- The vice president of the United States was told by the bishop of his native city that he should not present himself for Communion there. The full body of the U.S. bishops at its general meeting in November 2007 approved an election guide called "Faithful Citizenship" intended for all U.S. Catholics. However, the bishop of the vice president's diocese said he did not regard it as "official."
- A former Republican official is circulating a petition among Catholics urging all bishops to bar Gov. Kathleen Sebelius of Kansas, President Obama's nominee to head the Department of Health and Human Services, from receiving Communion in every diocese in the country, including Washington.
- Most recently, disturbing statements have been made severely criticizing the archbishop of Washington and the bishop of Arlington, Va., because they refuse to politicize the Eucharist. A few individuals claiming to be "courageous and dedicated Catholics" have publicly criticized these two fine shepherds for allegedly violating their responsibilities to respect the sanctity of holy Communion. How disappointing it is when there is every appearance that the motives of those criticizing these bishops are political.

I've had some personal experience with those who question the motives instead of the ideas of their political opponents. In the early stages of the 2008 presidential election, a few of us noticed the bitter tones being used by some

Catholics to describe several prominent candidates. They were openly referred to as "baby killers." A friend and I coauthored a statement on civility, which called on both sides of the partisan aisles to be frank, candid and forceful in their analysis of the candidates, emphasizing, however, that a respectful tone ought to be used in presenting their findings in the public square. The statement was warmly greeted by many, though my wife Margaret (who authored a book on Pope John Paul II) and I were publicly informed by one rabid partisan that we were "damned to hell" for advocating civility in the discussion of these issues.

I fear that the situation is getting out of control. Many had hoped that once the presidential elections took place, Republicans, especially Catholic Republicans, would practice engagement with the Obama administration and those on the other side of the political aisle — that we would present our ideas without the rabid emotionalism that serves only to question the integrity of our opponents. Our role, in the best traditions of a pluralistic democracy, would be that of the loyal opposition.

Pope Benedict XVI modeled this sort of behavior when he met in mid-February with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, a Catholic who favors abortion rights. The Holy Father spoke clearly and candidly in calling the Speaker's attention to the responsibilities of Catholic public officials to support Catholic teachings on life. There was no mention of not being allowed to receive Communion.

Likewise, when Benedict visited the United States last year, a few partisan activists wanted the Holy Father to forbid a select few Catholic members of Congress who attended the papal Mass from receiving the Eucharist. That, of course, did not occur.

As a lifelong Republican, I am concerned by the actions of a few party

activists who claim that the Republican Party is the only party appropriate for Catholics. Their method has been to involve a few Catholic prelates in criticizing Democratic candidates. This small group of lay Catholic Republicans is actively campaigning to pressure the bishops with petitions to ban certain high Democratic officials from receiving Communion. This is not their responsibility.

Bishops, like all citizens, have the right and duty to engage in public debate on all issues. But the activity of a very few is harming the influence of a majority of bishops who are seeking to engage the opposition in a civil manner. When these actions are combined with those of a few lay Catholics who use the church's teachings to achieve political goals, it harms the long-term interests of the church.

I suggest that we carefully study and follow the official position of the U.S. Catholic bishops as pronounced in their November 2007 statement on "Faithful Citizenship."

Further, I urge all American Catholics to look to the inspiration of Pope John Paul II. The Holy Father was very clear on the teachings of the church when it came to the life issues and to questions of marriage. He was, however, never uncivil or negative in describing individuals who were not following the teachings of Christ in these matters.

He set a high standard for civility and human decency. It is one we should all aim to emulate.

Dr. Thomas Patrick Melady is the former U.S. ambassador to the Vatican. He was also ambassador to Burundi and Uganda. The president emeritus of Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn., he also served in the administrations of three Republican presidents.

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