

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!

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Mass Schedule:

Monday through Friday - 12 Noon

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.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays - 5:30 pm and by appointment.

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Bulletin deadline: Wednesday, 9 AM

Email: office@ourladyqueenofpeace.org

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



May 17, 2009

Sixth Sunday of Easter

In every nation

whoever

fears

God

is acceptable to God.



Acts 10:35

**Today's Second Collection:
Diocesan Retired Priests**

May 16/17 2009

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48; 1 John 4:7–10; John 15:9–17

“Love” is a much-overused word, and today’s readings are an invitation to make its meaning in Christian wisdom clear. In the second reading, John spells it out: “In this is love: not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son.” The John of the gospel is also quite specific: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” And in the first reading from Acts we hear of love in action, as Peter overcomes a prejudice about whom God can favor and orders the baptism of non-Jews: “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.” What are the specific demands of love that confront you as you read these texts? How will you hear Jesus’ command wisely and effectively? What short-sightedness blocks love? What sacrifices does love call for? How shall you respond to God’s initiative?

Next Sunday’s readings (Ascension):

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

Our sick and homebound strengthen us by their patient suffering. Please pray for:

Ronald Bashian, Cemil Bikcen, April Brassard, Lynne Burgh, Brody Carroll, Carmen Rosa Claire, Jackie Consoli, Jennie Davis, Ernest Donatto, Jim Fowler, Barbara Green, Mathias Gutschmidt, Joseph Herbert, Michael Hill, Margaret Hodges, Dorothy Jackson, Raymond Jay, Pat Johnson, 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: \$12,308.50

Mass Intentions for the week of May 16-22

Saturday, 6:00pm - for Walter Grescoviak by Karen Kollmansperger

Sunday, 8am - for Alma Green by Ernestine Pisano

9:30am - for Dorothy Kalb by Christine Balka

11:15am - Emma Arbelaez by Juliana & William Myers

1pm - for Agustina Chicas de Vasquez by Her Children

Monday, 12 noon - for Anthony Czekanski by Bonnie Czekanski

The Queen of Peace Early Learning Center (ELC) Needs Your Help!

The ELC Board of Directors is looking for parishioners to work with the Board in revamping and revitalizing the parish child care / pre-school program. Now in its 44th year, parish support of the ELC and the families we serve has been long-standing; unfortunately our programs are not as strong, challenging and robust as they should be. We are looking for Parishioners who would donate their time and talent over the next several months to help us provide the ELC children with the high quality programs that they so richly deserve. Expertise is needed in the following categories: Financial Management; Teacher and Aide job classification, credentialing, and recruitment; Early Childhood Curriculum and Program Development; Facilities and Infrastructure Assessment and Recommendations; and Operational Policies. To assist with this very worthwhile endeavor, please contact Christina Kozyn in the Parish Office, ckozyn@ourladyqueenofpeace.org or 703-979-5580 Please indicate the area of interest and any relevant experience or background. Thank you in advance for your help!

**Vigil for Peace — In the Church
confronting violence through prayer**

Tuesdays & Thursdays 11:00 am – 12 noon

Mondays & Thursdays 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Religious Education Program for Children

Director: Katie Remedios

703-979-5580, kremedios@ourladyqueenofpeace.org

RE is going Green! If you are finished with your religious education books for the year, please consider recycling them. There will be a collection box in the back of the Church to place used, unwanted “Christ Our Life”, First Reconciliation, and First Communion books.

Saturday, May 30 from 4:15 - 5:45 in Father Ray Hall. The Communion Team will study breadness and then make a loaf of bread which should be baked at home as soon as your child arrives at home. I know no one likes surprises, so you have been told. We will also put the finishing touches on all projects having to do with First Communion classes. The classes seem to get more important the closer we get to the time of the Sacrament. Questions, Ann Felker gr8est9@gmail.com.

11:15 am Nursery Available: We have a nursery co-op during the 11:15 am mass. Located in Classroom 1 of the Ministry Center (upstairs), children ages 1-4 years are welcome to play and fellowship. Parents take turns watching the children during mass. Teens can also earn service hours by helping out in the nursery. Stop by to check us out, or contact Monica Perz-Waddington for details: monica@monicaperz.com or 703-822-0679.

Saturday, by Ian McEwan, is the May Book Group Selection

The OLQP Book Group will meet in the Peace Room (basement of the Ministry Center) at 7 PM on Thursday, May 21 to discuss Saturday, a novel by Ian McEwan. Contact Chuck Moran at 703-892-4154, or chuckmoran@verizon.net, for information.

OLQP Library News

“Thank you for this library!” Note written by an Anonymous Patron on a book sign out sheet. Thank you, Anonymous Patron! And thank you, Borrowers. You read the books that inhabit the library. Thank you, Generous Donors and Mentors. Your books, videos, bookshelves, and suggestions have helped create the library. Thank you, Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. Your library has transformed ours. To all of you, thanks, and thanks, and ever thanks. Please continue to browse, borrow, and bring back books. Comments? Contact Michal Morsches at morsches@mac.com Pat Dowd, 703-243-1043; or Leslie Miller, lesmil@aol.com.

Parish Advisory Board—Call For Nominations

You can be a Leader! Our parish has an elected lay leadership that provides advice, parishioner input, and support to our Pastor and is known as the **Parish Advisory Board**. Members commit to attend bi-monthly meetings, serve on committees as needed, and listen to and present parishioners’ views and perspectives. There will be six (6) vacancies for two-year terms to be filled in 2009. The election is open to all parishioners; many voices need to be heard to reflect a broad consensus of the parish family. Please consider serving your parish as a member of the Parish Advisory Board. Nominate yourself or fellow parishioner. Nominations slips are available now; please get them in as soon as possible. Nominations close on May 31, 2009. The election will be held in June. Questions? Bernadette Lozano (valdezbvd@yahoo.com), Shiela Harmon Martin, 703-371-8323 or (sfharmon@verizon.net), Carmen Diaz (carmendiaz001@comcast.net) or any PAB members (see PAB pictures on bulletin board in the back of the church).

**Just\$\$ -- Giant Gift Cards and Shoppers Food
Warehouse Certificates on sale today, after Mass!
Support OLQP's Early Learning Center and our Orphans
of AIDS Ministry -- with 5% of your purchase!**

The Arlington Diocese Office of Migration and Refugee Services works in our Diocese to help "Welcome the Stranger" (documented refugees and asylees). The office desperately needs donations of beds, box springs, bed frames, sofas, dining room tables and chairs, lamps, and pots & pans in good condition/working order. If you would like to donate any of these items to help refugees arriving in our area, please call Kira at MRS at (703) 841-3870 or e-mail her at k.hamrin@arlingtondiocese.org . Thank you!

Life in Medor...

The school lunch program continues to provide a hot meal for all students and teachers. One new aspect of the program is that OLQP is providing double fortified salt for the food preparation. This salt is fortified with IODINE to prevent goiters and brain deficiencies, and well as with a medication to prevent elephantiasis, a debilitating disease prevalent in Haiti.

Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers!

Environmental Action in the Parish

Lowering Our Parish Carbon Footprint

**The OLQP Environmental Committee Meets 12:30 PM, Sunday,
May 24 in the Library (Ministry Center lower level)**

How can we make our parish a better steward of God's creation? The Queen of Peace Environmental Committee is beginning to take steps to increase energy-efficiency in the Church, Ministry Center, Father Ray Hall and the Rectory. In the process, we hope to do our part to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The committee is following recommendations made in a report by the Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light after it conducted an energy audit of our church facilities. By reducing energy costs, Queen of Peace can use the savings to fund its many ministries.

We are in the process of doing the following tasks:

- ⇒ Replacing nearly all incandescent lights with compact fluorescent lights (CFLs)
- ⇒ Installing 7-day programmable thermostats
- ⇒ Installing LED (liquid diode) Exit signs.
- ⇒ Insulating two hot water heaters
- ⇒ Eliminating Styrofoam cups and plates
- ⇒ Placing recycling containers in Father Ray Hall and offices to encourage everyone to recycle all paper, cardboard and containers

We are also looking into the use of ceramic cups and plates at the Sunday breakfasts.

Some future ideas for the parish:

- ⇒ A parish teen and youth project to plant more shade trees and a rain garden using four new rain barrels
 - ⇒ A solar hot water heating system
 - ⇒ More energy-efficient A/C units, refrigerators and furnaces
 - ⇒ More roof insulation in the parish office building and rectory
- Please join us at our next meeting—Sunday, May 24, 12:30 PM, in the Parish Library, Ministry Center lower level, after the 11:15 Mass. John Reeder, JReeder123@msn.com, 703-536-7834.

Carpenter's Shelter Supper - Thursday, May 21

Please assist in preparation of the Carpenter's Shelter Supper on Thursday, 21 May. 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 5:00pm. on May 21. Food prepared in advance may be placed in the Refrigerator in the Parish Office Building kitchen. (Please label the food for Carpenter's Shelter.)

Brown Bag Sunday Next Weekend, May 23rd/24th

Please take a brown bag home with you today after Mass. They are being giving out in the back of the Church. The Arlington Food Assistance (AFAC) van will be parked in front of the Church next weekend before every Mass. Please consider donating the following non-perishable food items (pasta, rice, beans and cereal), and help out your fellow neighbors. There are over 1000 families every week relying on AFAC to supplement their food needs in their homes. For information, please email Jack McHale jjmchale@verizon.net. Thank you!

Committee Members Needed for Local Human Rights Committee

The Fairfax-Falls Church and Arlington Local Human Rights Committees are recruiting applicants for membership. This is a committee of five or more community volunteers appointed by the Commonwealth of Virginia's State Human Rights Committee to protect the rights of individuals receiving mental health, mental retardation and substance use services. This is achieved by reviewing complaints, restrictive programs, and the policies and procedures of agencies that provide services. A state human rights advocate provides training for new members. LHRC meetings are held monthly. For information, or to submit an application for consideration, please contact Deb Lochart, Regional Human Rights Advocate, Deb.Lochart@NVTC.dmhmrsva.org or 703-323-2098.

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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 to building. We also have Giant Just\$ cards for sale at the credit union office.

Diabetes Discussion group meeting, Wednesday May 20 from 4 to 5:30 p.m., in the Peace Room on basement level of the Ministries Center. Topic will be "Updated Recommendations for Diabetes Management - what should we be doing and why?" Hope to see you there!

Mark your calendars!!

Fr. Tuozzolo celebrates his 50th anniversary of priesthood on June 5th, to be celebrated with a big party Sunday June 7th beginning at 3 PM in Fr. Ray Hall. We'll provide soft drinks and hot dogs, hamburger and Italian sausage. Each family is asked to bring a casserole, appetizer (Fr. Tuz is partial to deviled eggs, but likes to graze on everything), or dessert to share with 5-8 others.

Living in Limbo

by Nicole Sotelo

In Catholic thought, limbo was the state of those who had died but, because they were not yet baptized, were denied entrance to heaven. While the Vatican put the traditional theory of limbo to rest in 2007 with a document declaring that “unbaptized infants who die will be saved,” it continues to consign large swathes of the faithful to their own terrible wilderness: lay ministers in the church today live in an earthly limbo, suspended between the promises of church teaching for worker justice and the reality of injustice within church structures.

Ruth Kolpack, the church employee who was recently fired for her thesis on inclusive language, is just one of the 30,000 lay ministers in the United States who live without workplace protections, including no right to unionize, no right to just wages, no recourse for unjust terminations. Well, at least that is what often happens in day to day practice.

What is striking is that Catholic teaching supports workers’ rights, even within the church itself. In the document “Economic Justice for All, the U.S. bishops state:

“On the parish and diocesan level, through its agencies and institutions, the Church employs many people; it has investments; it has extensive properties for worship and mission. All the moral principles that govern the just operation of any economic endeavor apply to the Church and its agencies and institutions; indeed the Church should be exemplary.” (Economic Justice for All, #347).

The document goes on to quote the 1971 Synod of Bishops that proclaimed: “While the Church is bound to give witness to justice, she recognizes that anyone who ventures to speak to people about justice must first be just in their eyes. Hence, we must undertake an examination of the modes of acting and of the possessions and lifestyle found within the Church herself.”

So, let us hold the Church and its officials to their own pronouncements and precepts by considering a few recent examples of laity pressing for their rights:

Hundreds of Catholic school teachers in Scranton, Pa., lost their right to unionize last year when Bishop Joseph F. Martino refused to recognize the long-established Scranton Diocese Association of Catholic Teachers. The teachers appealed, but in September the Vatican upheld the bishop's decision. Contrast this with the Catholic document *Rerum Novarum* which says that among all the workers’ associations, “[t]he most important of all are workingman’s unions” (*Rerum Novarum*, 49).

Or consider a friend of mine who as a Catholic chaplain struggled to support her family on less than \$30,000 a year. Because as a lay minister she was without recourse to a living wage, she eventually had to leave her position. Compare this to the Catechism of the Church that declares that “[a] just wage is the legitimate fruit of work. To refuse or withhold it can be a grave injustice....” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2434).

I think also of Charles Philyaw, a well-

loved parish liturgist in the Madison diocese, who Bishop Robert Morlino fired eight months ago for being gay. There was no appellate system to challenge the decision, and yet, Catholic canon law pledges the right of church employees not to have their employment terminated without due process (C. 231:2).

When lay ministers do try to seek redress, they find themselves caught between civil law courts that will not hear the case due to the separation of church and state and canon law courts that will often side with a bishop, despite the Church’s own legal code on worker justice.

Until lay ministers unite for worker protections, they will continue to be fired at the whim of priests and bishops. They live in the gap between what is professed by the church and what proceeds on a day to day basis, the wretched interstice between theory and practice. The Vatican may have abolished the theory of limbo for unbaptized children, but it is a lived reality for thousands of lay leaders in our church.

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