

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. Tim Hickey 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

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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



August 9, 2009

**Nineteenth Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

Prayer Service

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday, August 15, 5 PM**



**THE BREAD
THAT I WILL GIVE
IS MY FLESH
FOR THE LIFE
OF THE WORLD.**

John 6:51

August 8/9 2009

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51

Today's gospel continues the "bread of life" discourse from John—and the main theme of hunger and refreshment is set in the context of controversy. In the gospel, his hearers discount Jesus in their consternation over his teaching. And in the second reading Paul confronts similar sentiments within his community. Elijah's story [first reading] moves from discouragement to determination. In the framework of the nourishment offered at the Eucharistic table, how might you address the discouragement that arises from conflict and misunderstanding, from the seeming hopelessness of so much of life? Does the gathering of the baptized each Sunday have any aspects of what "grieves the Holy Spirit of God"? Do you need to hear, "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you"?

Next Sunday's readings (20th Sunday):

Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

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, 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, Sally Ryan, Rosemarie Sandweg, Carolyn Santos, Elizabeth Skocz, Jeffery Smith, Georgiana Starnes, Marguerite Thomas, Thaddenia West, Helen Tussy, Stephanie Wollock, Mary Woods.

Last Sunday's Collection: \$12,303

Mass Intentions for the week of August 8-14

Saturday, 6:00pm - for Edna Mae Jenkins

by the Ujamaa Committee

Sunday, 8:00am - for the Parish

9:30am - for the Parish

11:15am - for the Parish

1pm - for Palmira Villagra de Pardo by Deysi & Patricia Ramallo

Monday, 12 Noon - for Edmund Whims by Anita Malone

Your Help is Needed -- Volunteer to be an Usher/Greeter!

OLQP weekend Masses, especially Saturday 6pm, and Sunday 8am, are in need of more Ushers and Greeters. It's an easy job: distribute bulletins, pass baskets for the collection (one and sometimes two collections), greet the congregants and assist with seating. Whether volunteering for the weekend rotation or being back-up when needed, we would love to hear from you. More volunteers, bigger rotations. If interested, contact Jeannette Gantz OLQP Administrative Assistant, 703-979-5580 or jgantz@ourladyqueenofpeace.org.

A representative of the **Welcome Committee** will be in the back of the church after all masses this weekend to offer information and/or registration forms to interested new comers.

Peace Aspiration

People tend to think of nonviolence as a choice between using force and doing nothing. But the real choice takes place at another level. 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

Register now for Religious Education!

Program begins in September with "Neighborhood Circle" training taking place on August 10 at 6pm, August 29 at 10am and 4:30. All new families are required to attend one training session. Registration forms can be located at the back of the Church or can be completed online at the Parish website, ourladyqueenofpeace.org.

Children's Peace Mural

Lynn Gant, an RE Circle 2 parent, is overseeing the painting of a "Peace Mural", to be located on the exterior basement stairs leading to the Children's Chapel. The mural will be painted on Saturday, August 22nd (weather permitting), and all parish children are invited to help. Please RSVP Lynn if you wish to participate. She will coordinate time blocks to schedule painters. Email Lynn at lynngant@me.com, or call 703-898-7205.

Let's Go Fishing!

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men," said Jesus. He wasn't talking just to the twelve, but to each one of us. **The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will start in September.** We need candidates so it's time for you to go fishing. If you know of anyone who could answer yes to any of the questions below, please extend an invitation.

- Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic?
- Have you been away from the Church, recently returned and want to know more?
- Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation)? Or, you have celebrated all the Sacraments, but would just like to learn more about your faith?
- Have you joined us from a different background and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

If any of the above questions apply to you, we would love to help you on your journey! Please contact Fr. Tim, 703-979-5580, thickey@ourladyqueenofpeace.org or Betty Mills, 703-642-1013, deusaderit@verizon.net.

Brown Bag Sunday is Next Weekend, August 15/16

(Sorry for the error in announcing Brown Bag Sunday a week early. Bags brought today will be saved for next weekend.)

Please take a brown bag home with you today after Mass. They will be available in the back of the Church and outside after each Mass this weekend. The Arlington Food Assistance (AFAC) van will be parked in front of the Church next weekend before each Mass. Please donate a brown bag of non-perishable food (pasta, rice, beans and cereal are particular of need) 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.

Just a Thought...or Two...

In this Sunday's Gospel we are told that the work of God is to believe in the one sent by God; to believe in Jesus Christ. Christ is the center of our spiritual journey as Christians and so as we wander through life there are certain questions that naturally arise from our lived experience as Christians. Who is Jesus for me? What kind of relationship do I have with Christ? What role does Jesus Christ play in my everyday life? The answers to these questions form and shape us as people and give direction to our spiritual journeys both as individuals and as a community. So I invite you to join me in finding fifteen minutes of quiet this week to reflect on these questions. May God's most abundant blessings be upon you and your loved ones, --Fr. Tim

Just\$\$ Cards on Sale Today after Mass!

OLQP Social Justice Committee News

⇒**JustFaith Information Night** -- Come to an information night for JustFaith on Tuesday, August 18 at 7:30 in the Founders Room. JustFaith is a 30 week social justice course of reading, discussing, videos, speakers, and field trips. Application deadline is August 28 and the cost is \$150. Brochures with application forms are available in the back of church.

⇒**The Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources** wants to hear your ideas for reducing poverty in your community. Please visit www.hhr.virginia.gov/povertysummit/ where you can take a poverty survey or e-mail your ideas to the Governor appointed Poverty Reduction Task Force. Contact Fred: fcain@ourladyqueenofpeace.org or 703-979-5580.

Gabriel Project Meeting

The next planning meeting of **Gabriel Project** will be on Saturday, 22 August. It will be held in the Conference Room (dining room) of the Parish Office Building from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. All interested parishioners are invited. Contact person: Natalie Brunson, 703-922-9544 or natbrunson@cox.net.

Life in Medor as seen through the eyes of one of our teens...

Claire Kealey, who was one of the teen delegates noted: "I already miss life in Medor. I miss the simplicity and calmness of each day, the friendly faces and the warm "Bonjour" I received from each person I passed. During our trip, we travelled through immense poverty. Arriving in Medor, however, I was struck by how things seemed to be looking up. Although life there is difficult and with hardship, I could see hope in this village. Many of the kids I saw in Medor did not share the physical signs of malnourishment that many of their neighbors carried, perhaps as a result of the school lunch program."

Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers!

Keep the Spirits Up - A Day of spiritual refreshment and skill workshops for Job Seekers & Career Changers. The morning session includes personal prayer, guided reflection on learning from one's job search. Fri., Aug. 14th – 9 AM to 3:15 PM at Bon Secours Spiritual Center, Marriottsville Md. Cost: Free (donations appreciated). Call 410-442-1320 or visit www.BonSecoursSpiritualCenter.org

OLQP to Receive the Charles Monroe Civil Rights Award at the 63rd Annual NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet

This award, in honor of the late Charles Monroe, who was a member of the Arlington County Board at the time of his death, is presented to an "individual, organization or group who not only believes in the Mission of the NAACP, but practices it." The Mission: To ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination. OLQP has "proven to Arlington County and to the NAACP that such award and recognition is deserving."

Fr. Tim invites OLQP members to stand with him in accepting this award on Saturday, September 26, at 6:30 PM at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Ball Room (4301 Wilson Blvd., Arlington). Tickets are \$65 each (*Discount available if needed. Please see Fr. Tim or Christina.*) Please order your ticket through OLQP so we can all sit together. For tickets, send a request to office@ourladyqueenofpeace.org or you may send a check (\$65/person) payable to Our Lady Queen of Peace Church and in c/o Fr. Tim Hickey. Tickets are on sale through August 21st.

OLQP Environmental Committee meets Sunday, Aug. 23, 12:45 PM (right after the 11:15 mass) in the Library, lower level of the Ministry Center. We will be discussing recycling and energy-reduction efforts in the parish buildings; a fall program for parish teens and youth for the environment. We would like to eliminate use of Styrofoam cups and plates and use biodegradable paper products as an alternative. The committee has installed about 100 compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs in the 5 parish buildings so far; insulated two water heaters, and cut off unneeded refrigerators. We began recycling of part of our trash. We are asking parish staff and parishioners to cut off lights and office machines when not in use. For more information, contact John Reeder, 703-536-7834 or JReeder123@msn.com.

Go Tell It On the Mountain, by James Baldwin August Book Group Selection

The next meeting of the **OLQP Book Group** will be Thursday, August 20 (7:00 PM) in the Peace Room (basement of the Ministry Center), to discuss Go Tell It On the Mountain, by James Baldwin. Please contact Chuck Moran at 703-892-4154, or chuckmoran@verizon.net, for more information.

Parish Finances

Many of you have asked for more frequent reporting on parish finances aside from the annual report provided each fall. Please check this space for a monthly report.

Month of July 2009

<i>INCOME</i>	Collections	50,715.00
	Donations	275.00
<i>EXPENSES</i>	Administration	55,365.00
	Maintenance & Repair	1,360.00
	Programs & Ministry	3,785.00
	Charitable & Emergency Giving	2,815.00

The Pope Speaks Out on Social Justice

The young adult Catholics whom we meet through CTU's Catholics On Call program are inspired by the church's teaching on social justice. Even those who struggle with various aspects of church teaching find Catholic doctrine about peace, human rights and economic justice to be very relevant to their lives of faith. Pope Benedict XVI has authored another chapter in this rich tradition through his encyclical *Caritas in Veritate* (*Charity in Truth*), published in July.

Caritas in Veritate is a lengthy and complex letter in which the pope addresses contemporary issues, such as the economic recession that has gripped nations around the globe. It is addressed not just to Catholics but to "all people of good will." The pope wants to enter into dialogue with all who are committed to the flourishing of the human family. Benedict consciously builds on the work of Paul VI, particularly the encyclical *Populorum Progressio* (*The Progress of Peoples*), published in 1967. Benedict says that in that letter and in other writings Paul VI "illuminated the great theme of the development of peoples with the splendor of truth and the gentle light of Christ's charity" (n. 8). *Caritas in Veritate* is much too comprehensive to summarize in a brief reflection; I will simply lift up three themes which struck me as of particular relevance to our contemporary situation.

1. *Catholics should be committed to the material and spiritual welfare of all people.* Referring to a letter of Paul VI on evangelization (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*), Benedict articulates a principle that is of critical importance for the mission of the church and of every Christian: "Testimony to Christ's charity, through works of justice, peace and development is part and parcel of evangelization, because Jesus Christ, who loves us, is concerned with the whole person" (n. 15). Echoing Paul VI, Benedict speaks of "integral" development, meaning the promotion of the good of every person and of the whole person in all of the dimensions of life. The pope points out that while the world's wealth is growing in absolute terms inequalities between rich nations and poor nations, and between the rich and the poor within nations, are on the increase.

He challenges more affluent nations to allocate larger portions of their gross domestic products to development aid. He warns those of us who live in advantaged societies not to turn a deaf ear to the poor: "While the poor of the world continue knocking on the doors of the rich, the world of affluence runs the risk of no longer hearing those knocks, on account of a conscience that can no longer distinguish what is human" (n. 76). Though the church does not offer technical solutions to problems related to poverty, it promotes a Christian humanism rooted in the gospel, which points the way to authentically human development. This vision includes "a recognition that the human race is a single family working together in communion, not simply a group of subjects who happen to live side by side" (n. 53).

2. *Economics needs ethics.* Recent scandals in the financial industry, as well as serious problems resulting from deregulation of that industry, have alerted us to the relevance of ethical principles for economic activity. Benedict observes that the economic sphere is not ethically neutral but "is part and parcel of human activity and precisely because it is human, it must be structured and governed in an ethical manner" (n. 36). This ethic should be people-centered. In a telling statement the pope says, "Human costs always include economic costs, and economic dysfunctions always involve human costs" (n. 32). Benedict offers a number of provocative observations related to economic reform, including a challenge to businesses to exercise responsibility toward all of their stakeholders – not only investors but also workers, clients, suppliers, and the local community (n. 40). Most importantly, the pope emphasizes that economic activity must be guided by something greater than mere commercial logic; it needs to be directed toward the pursuit of the common good.

3. *There is an intrinsic relationship between human and environmental ecology.* Benedict affirms that an essential dimension of social justice is care for creation, God's first gift to the human family. As he puts it, "The environment is God's gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole" (n. 48). The pope proceeds to argue that Catholic teaching on respect for human life at every stage and on concern for the environment are mutually related. When there is a lack of respect for the right to life, natural death and other dimensions of human dignity, "the conscience of society ends up losing the concept of human ecology and, along with it, that of environmental ecology" (n. 51).

These are just three themes that are present in Benedict's wide-ranging and substantive letter on social justice. While the encyclical is not an "easy read" (don't take it with you to the beach!), it repays the effort of careful study. The pope's message is a challenging one, particularly at a time when we in the U.S. are preoccupied with our own financial security. Some of his arguments and recommendations will undoubtedly be debated by experts in the field of economics. Nonetheless, with this letter Pope Benedict has made a valuable and timely contribution to the Catholic tradition on social justice.

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