

## 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.

### **Social Justice and Outreach Minister:**

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### **Inclement Weather Policy:**

OLQP follows the decision of Arlington Public Schools for cancellation of evening activities. Those traveling outside the local school system should use their best judgement. To find out the most up-to-date information call the toll-free APS hot line at 1-866-322-4277.

**Bulletin deadline: Wednesday, 9 AM**

**Email: [office@ourladyqueenofpeace.org](mailto: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

January 3, 2010

*Epiphany of the Lord*



*...they opened their treasures  
and offered him gifts of gold,  
frankincense, and myrrh.*

**Next Sunday's Second Collection:  
OLQP Capital Improvement Fund**

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12*

The mysterious figures of the "magi from the east" grip the imagination in today's texts. But their symbolic significance can easily be missed without the commentary provided by the other readings chosen for today's feast. Isaiah foresees a day when all will come to Israel, a time echoed in the Psalm: "Every nation on earth will adore you." But Paul has a striking realization: this harmony will not exalt Israel (as Isaiah and the Psalm seem to indicate), but because of Christ "the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body" [Ephesians]. So often, we desire that people will come to God by becoming "like us." The very strangeness of the magi gives imaginative shape to Paul's conviction that God's ways are more expansive than we might care to admit.

*Next Sunday's readings (Baptism of the Lord):*

*Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22*

**Our sick and homebound strengthen us by their patient suffering. Please pray for:** Ronald Bashian, Cemil Bikcen, April Brassard, Lynne Burgh, Brody Carroll, Louise M Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claire, Jackie Consoli, Ernest Donatto, Jim Fowler, Barbara Green, Mathias Gutschmidt, Joseph Herbert, Margaret Hodges, Raymond Jay, Pat Johnson, Mary Helen Madden, Teofila Manzo, Stefan McGuigan, George Mehalko, Roberto Méndez, Mary Miller, Carmen Montijo, Dorothy Moran, Susanne Moran, Bart O'Brien, Jerri O'Day, Paul Ramirez, Patricia Renschen, Sally Ryan, Rosemarie Sandweg, Carolyn Santos, Mary Lou Shookhoff, Elizabeth Skocz, Jeffrey Smith, Eva Souza, Marguerite Thomas, Thaddenia West, Helen Tussy, Stephanie Wollock, Mary Woods.

**Last Sunday's Collection: \$12,986**

**Christmas Collection: \$26,130**

**Giving Tree Donations - to date: \$7,242**

### Mass Intentions for the week of Jan 2-8

*Sat, 6pm - for the Parish*

*Sun, 8am - for All Souls*

*9:30am - for Gretrude & Tom Ables*

*by Montañéz, Trujillo, & Allman Families*

*12noon - for Moses Good Jr. by Montañéz, Trujillo, & Allman Families*

### IN MEMORIAM

**MOSES GOODS, JR.**

**DIED IN THE LORD DECEMBER 23RD**

Moses was an Altar Server and active with his family here in the 1950s and 1960s. He since moved out of the area and then returned after retiring about a year ago. His sister, Elizabeth Brooks-Evans, continues to attend Mass at OLQP. Please keep the Goods and Brooks-Evans family in your thoughts and prayers. Condolences may be sent to the family c/o Mrs. Ethel Goods, 2548 Red House Road, Appomattox, VA 24522. A memorial prayer service was celebrated Dec 29th.

### IN MEMORIAM

**ELIZABETH MCCARTAN**

**DIED IN THE LORD IN LATE DECEMBER, 2009**

Elizabeth had been a member of OLQP for the past 15 years. Failing health prevented her from attending Mass the last few years, but she was regularly visited by an OLQP visitation minister. Funeral arrangements have not yet been decided upon. Please remember the McCartan family and friends during this time of grieving. Condolences may be sent to the McCartan Family, 1301 S Scott St, Apt 525, Arlington, VA 22204.

*January 2/3, 2010 -- Epiphany, Year C*

**FIRST COMMUNION 2010 BEGINS JANUARY 9TH** with an important meeting for parents only at 3:30 in the Founder's Room. Registration materials will be available at the meeting. Classes begin Saturday January 23rd.

**LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR THE 2011 CONFIRMATION CLASS** — Registration for the 2011 Confirmation class will close on January 15th. Parents who have not yet attended a program registration meeting are asked to attend on Monday, January 11th at 7pm in the Ministry Center. Please contact Katie in the DRE office for information.

**NEXT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REVIEW SESSION will take place on Saturday, January 9th at 4pm.** This month's topic, "The Ten Commandments". All parish children grades K-6 are welcome to attend. Please bring a notebook.

**You are all invited To An  
INTERFAITH WORSHIP CELEBRATION  
IN OBSERVANCE OF THE BIRTHDAY OF THE  
REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
Monday, January 18th, 2010, 11:30 a.m.**

Kenmore Middle School

200 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington

*Hosted by:* Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

*Sponsored by:*

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church

Mount Zion Baptist Church

Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington



**THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL SOCIETY**, by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows, is Book Group Selection for January 21st. For more information, contact Chuck Moran at 703-892-4154 or [chuckmoran@verizon.net](mailto:chuckmoran@verizon.net).

**GABRIEL PROJECT:** The next Gabriel Project team meeting will be on Saturday, January 9th. It will begin at 9:30 AM in the Library which is on the lower floor of the Ministry Center. For information concerning this meeting the contact person is Natalie Brunson, [natbrunson@cox.net](mailto:natbrunson@cox.net).

The **OLQP GLFF\* MINISTRY** will meet on Monday, January 4, 2010, from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Founders Room (main level conference 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. During this action-packed business meeting, we will be discussing the following upcoming events: a Spanish-menu parish breakfast on January 31st, a parish-wide spiritual retreat to be led by Fr. Joe Nangle on February 6th, and outreach to other parishes in the diocese. For further information, please contact Vicki Strimel, 571-257-7376, or [vickistrimel@hotmail.com](mailto:vickistrimel@hotmail.com). \*(Gay, Lesbian, Friends and Family)

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

## Just a Thought...or Two...

Our national story was framed against the notion that kings are better than anybody else and we gave up celebrating Kings a long time ago...in fact we rallied against the idea of a monarchy. So maybe it's hard for us to imagine that the world would go "gaga" at the birth of a "royal child", that leaders from around the world would set out on an arduous journey with nothing more than a star to guide them, just to pay their respects. What knowledge about this "babe" did the Magi have? Perhaps the Magi's real wisdom was that they knew that they didn't know everything... they valued learning, they looked for signs, they paid attention to dreams...they expected God to talk to them... they believed that they had and did encounter God in their daily lives. So let us ask ourselves; am I open to "following a star", to paying attention to the signs of God's presence in my life? Where do I encounter God in the ordinary routine of my daily life? Ultimately the story of the Magi is a story of encounter, an encounter of the greatest kind...an encounter with God. I pray you all a happy and blessed New Year! Fr. Tim

**MEDOR, HAITI NEWS...**Thanks to your generosity, OLQP recently sent \$35,000 to St. Joseph's Parish to continue operation of the kindergarten, grammar school and high school in Medor. As you might recall, there are over 1,100 children now in school in Medor! Also, the Haiti Ministry is developing grants that, if approved, will provide funds to develop a library-computer room, to build a cistern in Zorange where there are no springs, and to build latrines.

***Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers!***

### 4-WEEK CCDI MINI-COURSE

Starting in the middle of January, the Continuing Christian Development Institute (CCDI) will present 3 weekly evening mini-courses (at St. Charles Borromeo, Arlington (Mondays), St. Anthony of Padua, Falls Church (Thursdays) and Nativity, Burke (Thursdays)) and one on Saturday mornings at Good Shepherd, Mt. Vernon. Learn from top scholars—two Scripture courses and two Theology courses. Deeply discounted tuition—less than half of any comparable courses. For more information and registration, e-mail Dr. William J. Tobin, Director at CCDIofVA@aol.com, or call 703-941-4329

### SCARVES FOR SOLDIERS

We have successfully donated over 250 scarves to the homeless community in Arlington this Christmas. Many thanks to our knitters and your generous donations of yarn throughout the year. However, there are still many in need. We now turn our efforts to our soldiers serving overseas in Afghanistan where it is very cold. We need yarn and we need you to keep knitting. Please leave yarn and finished scarves in the green basket in the rear of the church. On behalf of our knitters, we wish the OLQP community a very happy New Year.

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## 2010 SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENTS

Mark your 2010 calendar for the following SJ events:

- ♦ January 4: Arlington County Legislative Night. Forum of State Senators and Delegates who represent Arlingtonians.
- ♦ January 7: Social Justice Committee meeting; 7:30, Founders Room.
- ♦ January 19: Day for All People of Faith at the General Assembly in Richmond. Sponsored by Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy
- ♦ January 20: Fr Ed Kelly "Consistent Ethic of Life" presentation on abortion.
- ♦ January 28: Catholic Advocacy Day in Richmond

*Details below:*

**THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING** is Thursday, Jan 7 at 7:30 in the Founders Room. All are welcome.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF VIRGINIA LEGISLATORS** who represent Arlington County will be Jan 4 at 7:00pm in the County Board Room at 2100 Clarendon Blvd. All the Delegates and Senators who represent Arlingtonians should be present. This is an open forum—show up, sign up, and speak your mind before the Virginia General Assembly starts next month. The Fairfax County version is on Jan 9 at 9:00am at the Government Center in the Board of Supervisors Board Room. Sign up in advance to speak at 703-324-3151.

### MARK YOUR 2010 CALENDARS FOR ADVOCACY DAY EVENTS:

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January 28: Catholic Advocacy Day in Richmond

**SHOEBOX REPORT** — We can now claim that neither "rain nor snow..." will deter the generosity of our community when it comes to the ministry of creating a gift for a homeless person.

Individual gifts were delivered to all 150 ASPAN clients on December 18, just hours before the record snowstorm drifted into town. The day laborers at SEEC, families at Sullivan House and Doorways also benefitted from your kindness before Christmas Day. Scarves and gloves do not equal shelter, but they are comforting, especially when combined with the sense that someone cared for me enough to fill and wrap and deliver a gift. Of course, the boxes were enhanced with the addition of a hand knitted scarf for every recipient. These gifts are not a substitute for long term solutions for homelessness, but we hope the warmth that is associated with our gifts will signal both concern and compassion for our brothers and sisters who have "Nothing." Thanks once again for this seasonal outreach. Continue awareness for this problem in our midst.

**IF YOU'RE A TEEN, AGES 13 TO 19, PLEASE LISTEN UP!** The youth group here at OLQP is inviting all teens to come and join our weekly Sunday meetings. We have a lot of fun activities, as well as community projects for the year in the works- but we need teens like you to help fulfill them. Also, if you're interested in possibly going on a teen delegation to Haiti this is the group to join. Come join a group of friendly teens committed to having fun, helping the community, and growing together as the youth of Our Lady Queen of Peace. We meet in the basement next to the children's chapel. Snacks will be provided. Hope to see you there!

# Anybody Seen Pati?

By **NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF**  
TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras

If anybody knows Pati Castillo in Houston, please tell her to phone home.

Pati is a 30-year-old Honduran whose children and other family members live in a gang-ridden slum here in the Honduran capital. Her mother, tearing up, says that nobody has heard from Pati in two months. Pati's cellphone number never answers.

This family's troubles offer a reminder that the most grievous victims of the global economic crisis — triggered in large part by American banking excesses — aren't just Americans. They include residents of slums and villages in places like Haiti, Honduras and El Salvador — people who had nothing to do with derivatives or subprime mortgages.

The United Nations calculates that because of the economic crisis and continuing high food prices, the number of people going hungry around the world has risen to about one billion. Often, they include the 13 members of Pati's family here.

The family members, including Pati's four children, live in a one-room home on a steep hillside in the El Pastel slum. When I arrived a week ago, gang members were selling drugs on the street. And when I left, a boy was sniffing glue outside. Gang members have set up checkpoints and demand payment of a "war tax" to pass.

(A local priest, the Rev. Augustín Vásquez, escorted me in and glared his way through one gang checkpoint. "You ask money from a priest?" he asked indignantly. And he charged on through. Final score: God, 1; gangsters, 0.)

Pati's mother, Iris, has a job at a music school that brings in about \$100 a month, after commuting expenses. But that isn't enough to keep everyone fed and clothed. So three years ago, Pati decided to sacrifice for her children's future: She

set out across Central America and Mexico for the United States.

After what her mother described as a brutal journey, Pati reached Houston. She found a job as a waitress in a restaurant there and shared a cheap apartment with several other Central American women. Every month, her mom said, she sent home \$200 through Western Union.

With this regular windfall, the Castillo family began to live a better life — and overextended themselves. They bought a stove and refrigerator on an installment plan, assuming that Pati's money transfers would continue indefinitely. "That was a big mistake," Iris admits ruefully.

Then the economic crisis hit, and jobs began to disappear worldwide. Honduran, Salvadoran and Mexican garment factories that export to the American markets were crushed. Remittances, which amounted to about 22 percent of the Honduran economy, tumbled.

Pati lost her job in June. As an illegal immigrant, she found it impossible to find a new one, so she stopped wiring money home. "My daughter decided she will probably have to come back by herself," Iris explained.

The last anybody heard from Pati was two months ago. Maybe she couldn't afford her cellphone anymore; maybe she is en route back home; or maybe desperation pushed her to try something unsavory and to take risks — although her mom doesn't believe that. "She's well brought up," Iris said. "I don't think that she would do anything bad."

In the meantime, the Castillos are adjusting to a two-thirds drop in family income. They are bracing themselves for their stove and refrigerator to be repossessed, and they have cut back sharply on food. The adults and older kids get just beans and rice; only Pati's baby niece gets milk; and the younger children get a few eggs for protein.

"Sometimes the kids go hungry, but I work as hard as I can to prevent that," Iris said grimly.

Father Vásquez confirmed the Castillos' story and said it is common since the fall in remittances and the collapse in the economy (in Honduras's case, greatly aggravated by political instability after a coup last summer). "The recession in the U.S. is felt at a grass-roots level here," he said. "I see a lot of kids who don't get breakfast now before going to school." Many children cope, he said, by sniffing glue.

Similar dramas are playing out in slums and villages around the world. In Haiti, I've seen a school nearly emptied of children because remittances stopped coming from relatives in Miami.

"One-sixth of the people on earth are hungry," said Josette Sheeran, director of the United Nations World Food Program. "We're seeing epidemics of child malnutrition."

Ms. Sheeran notes that evidence has mounted that babies who are malnourished in their first two years of life are likely to suffer lifelong intellectual impairments that later feeding can never overcome.

Yet just as global needs are surging, the crisis is causing a faltering in the commitment to help.

So, Pati, wherever you are, good luck finding a job — and call home. Your family, and so many others, need comfort and help.

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