

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!

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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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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. Learn the most up-to-date information at APS hot line , 1-866-322-4277.

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



January 31, 2010

**Fourth Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

*They rose up
and
drove
Jesus
out of town.*



Luke 4:29

Prayer for Solidarity with the People of Haiti

God of all creation,
as we weep with our family in Haiti, console us.
In this time of crisis,
open our eyes to look beyond the disaster
to see Christ in our brothers and sisters
in Haiti, as Christ sees us.
Be with us as we stand in solidarity
with those living and working in Haiti.
Be with us in our mourning and guide our efforts
to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless,
comfort the grieving and stand for justice.
With your mercy,
sustain us at this time as we continue
to work for peace and justice.
Amen.

MASS FOR VICTIMS OF EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI

Sunday, January 31st, at 5:30pm at Saint Anthony's of Padua Catholic Church, Falls Church. The Most Reverend, Paul S. Loverde, will preside; Reverend Jean Vanes Nicolas will be the homilist.

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30

The famous passage in 1 Corinthians 13 is today's second reading. It provides a counterpoint to Luke's story in the gospel of Jesus' dismissal by his neighbors, and to Jeremiah's call to a prophetic ministry that will face rejection. For all our work for God's cause, vital though it is, does not stand on its own. As Paul says, "If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing.... At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face." All the work of the church and its members is aimed at the time of fulfillment, when God will bring about what he has promised. Then faith and hope will no longer be necessary; and only love will remain.

Next Sunday's readings (5th Sunday):

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11

Our sick and homebound strengthen us by their patient suffering. Please pray for: Ronald Bashian, Cemil Bikcen, Francis Bilgera, Catherine Blair, 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, Karen Kollmansperger, 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: \$15,040

Mass Intentions for the week of Jan30-Feb 5

Sat, 6pm - for Gloria Muñóz by Roberto Muñóz

Sun, 8am - for Gloria Muñóz

9:30am - for Mary Cilinski Schuyler by Jim Schuyler

11:15am - for Stephanie Wollock (L) by Robert Terrill

Sun, 1pm - for the Parish

PLEASE REMEMBER THE HUNGRY by helping to keep the parish food pantry stocked. Donations can be placed in the sanctuary, in the vestibule food baskets or dropped off at the parish office during the week.

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL - CHARITY IS FAITH IN ACTION

Next week every parishioner will have the opportunity to support the 2010 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). During Mass you will receive information and a pledge card for you to fill out. Please take time this week to prayerfully consider your gift amount for the BLA.

The BLA helps to support diocesan offices and ministries that serve tens of thousands of people each year. From support of seminarians, to the training of our catechists, to helping our youth grow in their faith, to teaching respect for the sanctity of life, your support to the BLA impacts the lives of many people that reach beyond the scope of any individual parish.

As you reflect on your blessings this year, we ask you to consider making a sacrificial pledge to help sustain the ministries and programs that are funded by the BLA. By making a pledge, your gift becomes intentional, representing a promise to give not from your leftovers, but from your first fruits. From all that we have received, let us make a proper return to God, Our Heavenly Father, the source of our life and all blessings.

January 30-31, 2010 -- 4th Sunday, Year C

2010 CONFIRMATION CLASS

SPAGHETTI DINNER / DANCE!

FEBRUARY 6th -- 6-10 pm -- Fr. Ray Hall

Our Lady Queen of Peace 2010 Confirmation class is selling tickets to the annual Spaghetti/Dinner Dance to raise money to fund their Retreat Weekend. Please support our Confirmation students and take advantage of a fun night out on Feb 6th from 6-10 pm for only \$10 per family or \$5 per single!! Tickets are on sale this weekend after each of the Masses outside of the Church and/or in Fr. Ray Hall.



CHILDREN'S SHOEBOX MINISTRY – HISTORY OF OLQP

Come celebrate Martin Luther King Jr's birthday and Black History Month while learning about the history of our parish from long-time parishioner, Cecilia Braveboy. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend the Shoebox Ministry, Sunday January 31, 10:30 – 11:15 upstairs in the Ministry Center.

COMMUNION TEAM: 3:30-5:00 on Saturday, February 6. Still welcoming 7 year olds to our Communion community. This session finds the team members working their way through the only prayer Jesus gave us, "Our Father." We examine every phrase of it, with special focus on the "Forgive Us as we forgive each other" since we are in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will make prayer planes and prayer palms, puffy "Jesus Loves Me" pillows, a fruitful globe, a forgive me puzzle and long banners to remind us of the meaning of the words even the children can say alone. To observe "our daily bread" we are asking that the children bring some item of food for the food pantry. We will make a grand stack of these...and then maybe transport them to the office at the end of class. A busy day...plan to be on time. We will need about 8 parent helpers during the course of the session. Thanks in advance. Ann Felker, gr8est9@gmail.com.

Review Session February 6th All parish children, grades K-6, are invited to attend our monthly Catholic Religious Education class. This month's focus will be on the "7 Corporal Works of Mercy". Class begins at 4pm and is followed by a 5pm Family Mass in the Founders Room. Students are asked to arrive on time and bring a notebook and pencil.

Teen News...Our OLQP teen club raised \$1,000 last week at local basketball games to help support the relief efforts in Haiti. They plan to purchase a "shelter box kit", designed by the Rotary Club of America, which will supply emergency housing for 11 people.

The **Teen Delegation to Medor** has been postponed for one year. The 4,000 pairs of shoes, which the teens had acquired to bring to the children of Medor, were destroyed in a Port-Au-Prince warehouse.

The students continue to meet at 10:45 each week and are working to sponsor monthly Haitian cultural classes, social events, and small fundraising projects, as they restart their service project, and build community here at OLQP. All teens are welcome.

The **MINKISI MINISTRY** invites all to come to a small group session, 7:15 p.m., Mon., Feb. 1, in the Discussion Room-Parish Office Bldg. Led by Rock Salt, the scripture, silent prayer and reflection will be on Philippians 4:6-7 For more info, contact Cecilia Braveboy, jisaac3@verizon.net, 703-979-5389.

JUST A THOUGHT...OR TWO...

God's Blessings from Fr. Tim who was enjoying a well deserved break last week in sunny and warm Florida!

LIFE IN MEDOR...

It will likely come as no surprise to you, but we wanted you to know that the people of Medor are welcoming - with open arms -- those displaced by the earthquake.

Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers!

We continue to be amazed and so very proud of this parish's response to help the Haitian people after the January 12th earthquake. To date OLQP has contributed \$52,045 !!!

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, February 4 at 7:30

Join us in the Ministry Center Founders Room

All are welcome.

OLQP'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY --

ATTENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Please join us for the next meeting today - Sunday, January 31 - at 2 PM in the Ministry Center Founders Room. Questions? Please contact George Cook, 703-836-8351.

SAVE THE DATES: Plan to attend a free seminar from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 20 and March 6 in the Founder's Room. Topic is "Death Unto Life" and will feature information on creating wills, living wills, medical directives as well as information on planning funerals and memorial services. We will have an attorney, a funeral director and the OLQP coordinator of the Funeral Ministry to answer your questions.. Lent is a good time to consider such things. Call the parish office, 703-979-5580, to reserve a spot.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Administrative Assistant, for the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) Elementary Department. This position assists the Executive Director in coordinating the programs and activities sponsored by the department. Requires strong organizational, computer (including Microsoft Office) and communication skills. Some occasional travel may be required. The NCEA office is conveniently located near the Ballston Metro station. Send resume to: rbimonte@ncea.org or Robert Bimonte, FSC, NCEA Suite 525, 1005 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22201

FORECLOSURE PREVENTION WORKSHOP

Wednesday, February 3, 6:30-8pm

Macedonia Baptist Church Family Life Center

3440 S 22nd Street (formerly the YMCA)

Learn about the free, local governmental and non-profit resources available that can help you stay in your home, as well as highlighting the steps of the foreclosure prevention/loss mitigation process. Learn about additional Arlington County Government resources such as the Employment Center, Crisis Assistance Bureau and Real Estate Tax Relief. Workshops in both English and Spanish. Contact Odalis Barrios, 703-228-3793, obarios@arlingtonva.us for more information.

HOLD THE LINE ON SERVICE CUTS

FOR ARLINGTON'S ELDERS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES!

Join us for a Forum for Advocates on Saturday, February 6** from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at Culpepper Garden Senior Center, 4435 N. Pershing Drive (please use street parking). Learn about issues affecting essential services and meet other advocates. Mark your calendar for critical decision points, register for e-mail alerts, sign a petition, etc. Please come and find out how you can help! Sponsored by: Arlington Community Services Board, Arlington Commission on Aging and Arlington Commission on Long-Term Care Residences. **Inclement weather: if Arlington County a.m. recreational events are cancelled, the forum will be postponed until Sat., Feb. 13. Contact Kathy Donovan, 703-521-3346 or kdonovan71@verizon.net

SELECTION FOR FEBRUARY

The **OLQP BOOK GROUP'S** next meeting will be Thursday, February 18 (7:00 PM) in the Peace Room (basement of the Ministry Center), to discuss The Known World, by Edward P. Jones. Jones is a D.C. writer, recently featured on the cover of the November 15, Washington Post Sunday magazine. For more information, contact Chuck Moran chuckmoran@verizon.net, 703-892-4154.

OLQP BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM 2010

Saturday, February 13 at 7:00 PM

The National Black History month theme is "Black Economic Empowerment". Our guest speaker is Lisa M. Jones, President and Chief Operating Officer of TLJ Hospitality, LLC, Owner of Bear Rock Café Restaurants in Arlington. Join us in the Ministry Center Founders Room -- bring family and friends for information about Blacks in business from a historical perspective, as well as practical information about business and entrepreneurship in the modern age. Reception following the program. This event is sponsored by OLQP's UJAMAA Committee. For additional information contact Veronica Dabney, 703-698-8290, vdabney@cox.net.

PARISH RETREAT HOSTED BY GLFF

All are invited and welcome to attend a parish retreat hosted by GLFF* on February 6th at 8:30 am with Fr. Joe Nangle, OFM in the Founders Room of the Ministry Center. The retreat will include reflection and discussion of Fr. Joe's thoughts for an upcoming book about how our Church and the Faithful must evolve for today's world. The suggested donation is \$30, and a light breakfast and lunch will be provided. The retreat will conclude with a celebration of the Eucharist at 3:00. Please RSVP by February 3rd to Rich Strimel at rich@propartners.us, 703-304-8300. *GLFF is the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Family, and Friends ministry at Our Lady Queen of Peace.

The **OLQP GLFF MINISTRY** will meet Monday, February 1, from 7-8:30 PM in the Ministry Center Founders Room (main level conference room). 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 "social" meeting, we will be sharing about our lives and discussing topics of mutual interest while participating in a pot-luck dinner. So bring your favorite dish and join us on Monday evening as we break bread together and celebrate Valentine's Day and Mardi Gras! Please contact Vicki Strimel, 571-257-7376, or vickistrimel@hotmail.com.

MATTHEW 25 USED CLOTHING OUTLET NEEDS CLOTHING DONATIONS

Matthew 25 is primarily a free-clothing shop for our brothers and sisters in need.

The shop is located in the Ministry Center and open all Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 9 am to 12 noon.

Matthew 25 is in need of donations of *clean, winter* clothing, in particular:

- ⇒ All types of clothing for all ages of children.
- ⇒ All types of casual wear for women, especially jeans, shoes, hats, gloves and coats.
- ⇒ All types of casual wear for men, especially jeans, T-shirts, shoes, hats, gloves and coats.
- ⇒ Matthew 25 welcomes donations of new socks, new underwear, towels, bed linens, stuffed animals, small toys, books for children, dishes, glasses, mugs, kitchen utensils, and small kitchen appliances.

We do not need:

- ⊗ larger items such as computers, TVs, furniture, etc.
- ⊗ business clothing for men and women
- ⊗ books (we do accept books for children)
- ⊗ We *will not* need spring & summer clothing until April. We do not have the storage space to store clothing that is not in season.

Please take some time this week to go through your closets and gather up all the winter clothes you no longer wear and donate these clothes to Matthew 25! As the saying goes...If you have not worn something in a year, then you probably will not wear it again. Consider sharing your abundance with others. Please drop off your donations in the large-blue metal bin in the back parking lot behind Father Ray Hall. If you need a tax receipt, you may pick up a receipt in Matthew 25 during business hours or call the parish office, 703-979-5580. Thank you for your donations.



**Matt 25
Come
check
us
out!!**

When you're mentally ill, no one brings you a casserole

By Dennis Coday

Dorothy Coughlin tells the story of a man whose son had left college after being diagnosed with schizophrenia. "The dad was with friends who were all talking about their children, the degrees they were getting and what they planned to do after college." He said nothing about his son.

The man came to Coughlin distraught. "He said to me that he just hated the thought that he felt so ashamed."

This story, said Coughlin, director of the Office for People with Disabilities for the Portland, Ore., archdiocese, "speaks to the stigma of the illness. If my son was sent home because he was in a sporting accident, that is something that could be shared. But to say my son came home from college because he was diagnosed with schizophrenia, it just stops the conversation. People just don't know how to respond, how to offer support."

Chicago Deacon Tom Lambert has been in ministry to people with mental illness since the 1980s. He cites statistics that say one in every 17 people have a serious and persistent mental illness, and that one in every five families has been affected by mental illness.

Given that prevalence, Coughlin said, chances are that every Sunday you are sitting next to someone who has a family member or someone close to them with a mental illness.

Lambert calls mental illness the "no-casserole disease."

"If a person is in the hospital for a heart situation, people in the parish come over to

the house and bring casseroles every other night until you get to the point that you're sick of casseroles," he said. "People with mental illness may be hospitalized either in a state hospital or a psychiatric unit not even near the parish. And because of the stigma involved, there are not a lot of people relating to the situation and so nobody brings the casseroles."

Neither the person with the mental illness nor the family is being cared for, he said. "That is why parishes want to be and are involved in this ministry."

The stigma can be erased through education and awareness-building, which can begin simply and build.

- ◆ Bulletin articles: Lambert has a series of eight very short articles explaining the facts about mental illness, the moral implications and suggested actions for faith communities.

- ◆ Prayers of the faithful: Coughlin and Lambert suggest that the community pray publicly for people with mental illness and to mention specific illnesses, such as schizophrenia or manic depression, so parishioners recognize the difference between mental illness and cognitive and developmental disabilities.

- ◆ Preaching: Lambert said preachers should include references to mental illnesses in homilies about justice, discrimination and compassion.

- ◆ Offer space to community groups: Coughlin encourages parishes to host Family-to-Family meetings sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness. This is a structured, 12-week program of education

and support.

"It's so great to have in your parish bulletin that your parish is hosting a 12-week program to support families with a member who has a mental illness," Coughlin said. It says the parish cares and "my experience is that it brings out of the woodwork a lot of families within the parish that have family members with mental illness, and they begin speaking out loud in that environment their needs and their issues and find support."

The National Alliance on Mental Illness emphasizes that mental illness is a medical condition that, like diabetes, "results in a diminished capacity for coping with the ordinary demands of life."

Just as diabetes can be managed, mental illnesses can be managed with professional help, medication and community support. Lambert said that community support is what parish-based ministries are good at. "It's our core value, if you will."

"Just like you don't have to be an oncologist to support someone with cancer, you don't have to be a psychiatrist to support someone with mental illness," Coughlin said.

Lambert said, "People who have professionals in their lives need someone who can just be good friends and good faith partners in their lives."

Dennis Coday is an NCR staff writer. His e-mail address is dcoday@ncroline.org.

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