

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)

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz



February 14, 2010

*Sixth Sunday
In Ordinary Time*



**Blessed are you
who are poor,
for the kingdom
of God is yours.**

Luke 6:20

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26
Next Sunday's readings (1st Lent):

Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

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

Last Sunday's Collection: \$00

Mass Intentions for the week of Feb 13-19

Sat, 6pm -for the Parish

Sun, 8am - for the Parish

9:30am - for Mark Klopner by the Klopner & Hutchins Families

11:15am - for the Parish

Sun, 1pm - for the Parish

In Memoriam

Lorraine Adams

Died in the Lord January 2010

Ms. Adams attended OLQP as a child and returned to the parish in the 1990's when she became active in the Ujamaa and the Minkisi ministries. She had since moved away a few years ago. A Mass of Christian Burial is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16th, at 10 AM. Please remember the Adams family in your prayers.

A representative of the **WELCOME COMMITTEE** will be in the back of the church after all masses this weekend to offer information.

Death Unto Life Seminars: Begins with March 6 (**Feb 20th date postponed due to delays created by inclement weather**) in the Founder's Room -- a second date in March will be announced next week. Seminars will feature information on creating wills, living wills, medical directives as well as information on planning funerals. Call the parish office, 703-979-5580, to reserve a spot.

CARPENTER'S SHELTER SUPPER -- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

The menu consists of "Your Own Chili", Tortilla Chips, Frozen Cut Corn, White Rice, Brownies, Lemonade, and Margarine. Please 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 PM on February 18th or bring it earlier to the Parish Office Building.

OLQP BOOK GROUP meets Thursday, February 18, at 7:00 PM in the Peace Room (basement of the Ministry Center), to discuss The Known World, by Edward P. Jones. Jones. Contact Chuck Moran chuckmoran@verizon.net, 703-892-4154.

2010 CONFIRMATION CLASS SPAGHETTI DINNER / DANCE!

Rescheduled -- MARCH 6TH -- 6-10 pm -- Fr. Ray Hall

The 2010 Confirmation class annual Spaghetti/Dinner Dance is rescheduled for March 6th. This event is to raise money to fund their Retreat Weekend. Tickets \$10 per family or \$5 per single and available at the door!!

UJAMAA's Black History Month Program has been rescheduled to a date in March...please check back next week for details.

Lector Ministry training for all 1 PM lectors on Sunday, Feb. 21, 2:30-4:30 in the church. (1 PM Contact Marco Flores, 703-862-4147 if you have questions.) Lector Ministry training **for new lectors serving Masses other than 1 PM** on Sat., Feb 20, 10 a.m.-12 noon in the church. (Contact Cecilia Braveboy, 703-979-5389.)

MEETING OF 65TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The next meeting will be on Sunday, February 21, at 2:30 PM, in the Founders Room of the Ministry Center. For those who were not able to come to the previous meeting, on January 31, I will be at the Hall at 2:10 to brief you on the last meeting so that we are all on the same page. Please be prepared to say on what part of the Agenda you would like to work on. Contact George, Agcook111@aol.com.

Black History Month 2010--Theme: Black Economic Empowerment

Oblate Sisters of Providence (OSP)

"The Oblate Sisters of Providence were the first successful Roman Catholic sisterhood in the world established by women of African descent." So says the history of the Oblates at their website. The early history of OSP's founder, Mother Mary Lange, is not certain, but she is said to have been born in Haiti, moved to Cuba with her parents at an early age, and eventually immigrated to America. She went on to found the order in 1829. The first school and mother house were established in Baltimore, and still stands today.

The OSP's have a significant place in the early history of Our Lady Queen of Peace, because several children of the founders and elders of our church were taught by the Oblates at St. Joseph's Elementary School in Alexandria, Virginia during the segregated days of the 1940s, '50s and '60s. Some former students have informally kept in touch with the sisters who are now, for the most part, elderly and infirmed. The former students, especially those who have donated funds from time to time to the order, were recently distressed to read the following article in the *Washington Post*:



Amid downturn, tough financial times for Oblate Sisters

By Courtland Milloy

Wednesday, November 25, 2009

These are trying times for the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first Catholic sisterhood started by women of African descent in 1831[later corrected to 1829]. The recession is drying up charitable contributions, and the meager income they earn from teaching is being lost as aging nuns retire.

Construction of an infirmary at the Our Lady of Mount Providence motherhouse, the convent just outside of Baltimore where about 50 elderly sisters live, was recently halted for lack of funds.

Earlier this year, the sisters fell three months behind on their grocery bill; food delivery was stopped until the nuns paid up.

Not that anyone's complaining.

"Don't make it sound like we're destitute," said Sister Mary Alice Chineworth, who is 92 and a former superior general of the Oblate order. "We just had to plan our meals more carefully, eat as little as possible."

Then there was the heating oil crisis. The Oblates might have ended up sleeping in coats and gloves this winter were it not for an anonymous donor who paid that bill.

"That's what surprises most of us: God always comes to our aid in seemingly miraculous ways," Sister Mary Alice said, still in awe after

75 years as a nun. Faith in divine Providence -- the Oblates have been relying on it since Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, who was born a slave in Haiti, made her way to Baltimore and started a sisterhood devoted to

educating black children.

Today, the sisters run St. Frances Academy in Baltimore, where 97 percent of high school graduates go to college.

The Oblate presence had been especially strong in the District, where nuns taught at St. Augustine, Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian, St. Benedict the Moor and St. Vincent DePaul. Sometimes working for as little as a dollar a day, they proved time and again that any child could be properly educated, regardless of race, family income, religion or lack thereof. Sister Mary Alice, who received a doctorate in higher education from Catholic University, taught fifth grade at St. Augustine.

The days of having nuns like her in urban schools have all but gone.

"We lost 10 sisters last year. . . . the Lord said it was time to call them home. And we have no prospects to replace them," Sister Mary Alice said.

The trend is widespread. Most sisterhoods are shrinking; the average age of a nun in the United States is 70. For many young women, taking vows of celibacy and poverty to become "brides of Christ" is just asking too much.

A generation ago, there were 300 Oblate Sisters of Providence working in 17 states and several missions abroad. Now there are about 75 -- including the 50 at the convent, which is the motherhouse for the order. Their only remaining missions are in Buffalo, Miami and Costa Rica.

To make up for the lost income, the Oblates decided to modernize their infirmary and make medical services available to the public. They also planned to renovate the convent -- situated on 46 wooded acres -- and rent parts of it for spiritual retreats.

Then the recession hit, and the plans col-

lapsed.

"A lot of people think that we are cared for by Rome, but the archdiocese mostly takes care of priests," Sister Mary Alice said. "We live on charity. But that doesn't mean we sit back with our hands out. We work hard to take care of ourselves."

On Saturday, they held a yard sale at the convent and all but gave away clothes and household goods that had been donated to them through the years.

To resume construction of the infirmary, the nuns asked family members and friends to sponsor bricks at \$25 each. About 96,000 bricks are needed to complete the project. After six months, they had raised enough to buy 3,000.

At that rate, it will take 16 years to collect them all. Sister Mary Alice would be 108.

"Whatever happens will happen in God's time, not ours," she said.

The nuns pool the money they bring in, then divide it into stipends. Each person gets \$40 a month. "We haunt the thrift shops," Sister Mary Alice said. A pair of shoes she wears came from a nun who recently died.

Even with the tight budgeting, however, they don't always have enough to make ends meet. "We're thinking we could also make candy and sell that, like the Carmelite sisters," Sister Mary Alice said. "We can sew, too. We have a lot of good hands."



Sister Mary Alice Chineworth

Note: Learn more about the Oblate Sisters at www.oblatesisters.com

Address support to: Oblate Sisters of Providence, 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD 21227 or go to www.oblatesisters.com/makeadonation