

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!

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Monday through Thursday - 12 Noon & Fridays at 6 PM (during Lent)
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.
Wednesdays During Lent - 6:30-7 & 7:30-8 PM (see pg 3 for details)

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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



February 21, 2010

First Sunday of Lent

Daily Mass Schedule Change During Lent:

Monday - Thursday at 12 noon

Fridays at 6 PM

(Join us on Fridays after Mass for "Stone Soup", a simple meal of soup and bread followed by a speaker presentation. This year's theme is a continuation of last year's celebration of the cultural diversity at OLQP. On Friday, Feb 26, parishioner Tony Remedios will share his experiences as someone whose cultural heritage isn't easily categorized.)

*You shall bow down
in God's
presence.*

Deuteronomy 26:10



**Today's Second Collection:
Black and Indian Fund**

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Real conversion begins when we recall the deeds God has accomplished throughout salvation history, as well as in the histories of our own faith journeys. Today's sacred word summons us to remembrance and strengthens us in our own deserts of temptation. As the word is proclaimed, we humbly ask for this strength and, echoing the words of the psalmist, ask the Lord to be with us in times of trouble.

Next Sunday's readings (2nd Lent):

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

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: \$18,557

Mass Intentions for the week of Feb 20-26

Sat, 6pm -for the Parish

Sun, 8am - for the Parish

9:30am - for Ellsworth Newman by Tyra & Karen Newman

11:15am - for John Bernard Keeley by Catherine Keeley & Family

Sun, 1pm - for Melvy Guzmán by Teresa Saavedra

PALM FROM LAST YEAR IS BEING COLLECTED. A basket will be available at the back of church over the next few weeks in which to place last year's palm. Old palm will then be burned and the ashes will be used for next year's Ash Wednesday distribution.

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL -

CHARITY IS FAITH IN ACTION

A second opportunity to support the Bishop's Lenten Appeal will be offered at each of the Masses this weekend, for those who were not able to attend last weekend. Pledge cards are in the pews. The celebrant will offer instruction and have the cards collected.

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. Thank you.



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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!!

CONFIRMATION 2011 CLASS begins Monday! Students who have registered for the 2011 Confirmation program will begin preparation for the sacrament this Monday, 2/22, at 7pm. Please meet in classroom 3 of the Ministry Center. Program paper work and a copy of your Baptismal certificate is requested.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

At the 6 PM Mass this weekend, the congregation will witness our RCIA group celebrate an important passage in their initiation process at the Rite of Sending. Our catechumen and candidates have been in formation for five months. Following this weekend's Sending ceremony, the catechumen and candidates will join Bishop Loverde at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More where they will celebrate the Rite of Election, which is the transition that brings them to their final period of discernment. Please keep our candidates (Helene Delaunay and Graham Evans) and catechumen (Emilee Hall, Valesca Macario, Jeb Mann, Roxana Martinez, Jorly MeTzqer and Jennifer Salas) in your prayers.

UJAMAA'S BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM has been rescheduled to a date in March...please check back next week for details.

DEATH UNTO LIFE SEMINARS: Join us March 6and March 20 for Death Unto Life seminars which 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.

MEETING OF 65TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

This 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, George will be in the Hall at 2:10 to brief those interested on the last meeting. Please be prepared to commit to a part of the Agenda. Contact George, Agcook111@aol.com, 703-836-8351.

OLQP LIBRARY NEWS

February is Black History Month - and Library Lovers Month. What better place to celebrate than the OLQP Library! There are many excellent books from which to choose in the Black Studies category. One such, A Mighty Long Way: My Journey to Justice at Little Rock Central High School, by Carlotta Walls LaNier, is the powerful and moving account of nine young students who volunteered to integrate a high school in Arkansas, thereby creating a watershed moment in civil rights history. Come and browse. And please, do take time to check your shelves at home for any OLQP library books borrowed but not yet returned. Thank you! Your ideas and comments are most welcome. Contact Michal Morsches, morsches@mac.com, 703-256-2726.

JUST A THOUGHT...OR TWO... As we begin another Lenten season today's Gospel tells us of Jesus' journey into the wilderness and his encounter with temptation. During Lent each of us is invited to journey into the wilderness of our own lives....it is a journey that we do not make alone for God goes with us. Lent offers us the opportunity to stand back and take a long look at the quality of our lives, particularly in our relationships to God and others. Standing back and taking a long hard look at how we live our lives can be a painful experience if we are brutally honest with ourselves. But it can also be a time of healing and of discovery of the love and forgiveness of God. Sometimes in the past we have focused only on "what we have given up" for Lent and missed the aspect of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal. It can be a truly profound time for us if we decide to take it seriously and if we are brave enough to walk into the wilderness of our own human sinfulness, knowing that our God walks with us on this journey. Perhaps this Lent the journey will take me to a place where I can let go of a past hurt or an old grudge and then, quite possibly, discover the *lavish forgiveness* and *unbounded love* of God. Lent can lead us to new life and liberation for that which binds us. Let us all commit to spend some *real* time reflecting on our lives during these 40 days, opening our hearts to God's presence as we journey into the wilderness. I pray you a "blessed" Lenten season. -- Fr. Tim

THE FR ED KELLY SERIES CONSISTENT ETHIC OF LIFE continues Thursday, Feb 25 with "Swords into Plowshares". This event is about the evil of nuclear weapons stockpiling and the danger of nuclear war. Parishioners Tom Siemer and Jack McHale are featured speakers. 7:30pm in the Founders Room—All are welcome.

BROWN BAG SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEKEND, Feb 27th/28th
Please take a brown bag home with you today after Mass. Bags will be available in the back of the Church, and distributed outside after each Mass this weekend. The Arlington Food Assistance van (AFAC) will be parked in front of the Church next weekend before every Mass to receive your donations. Please consider donating non-perishable food items: pasta, rice, beans and cereal are most needed. AFAC is providing food to over 1000 families every week to supplement their food needs. For information, please email Jack McHale jjmchale@verizon.net. Thanks.

YARN, KNITTING, AND CROCHETING FOR THE HOMELESS
We get together today, Sunday Feb 21, 2-4 pm. Please contact Marilena, 703-533-7290, ryanamoni@comcast.net for directions.

SO OTHERS MIGHT EAT invites you to **Empty Bowls supper**. Tuesday, March 9th at Blessed Sacrament Church in NW, DC and Thursday, March 11th at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Arlington, both from 6pm-8pm. Contact kperkings@some.org or 202-797-8806 ext. 1131 for more information.

MEETING FOR SURVIVORS OF CLERGY ABUSE
The monthly peer support group for survivors of clergy abuse and others affected by the abuse meets Wednesday, February 24 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the conference room of the Tysons-Pimmit Hills Regional Library, 7684 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA. Free. Confidential. No registration required. For information or directions, contact Ellen Radday at 703-538-6128.

PERE LUCKSON TO VISIT FROM MEDOR

Pere Luckson, the pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Medor, Haiti, is coming to visit at OLQP next weekend. He will be speaking at each Mass. There will be a **pot luck dinner** after the 6:00 Mass next Saturday, February 27th, in his honor. Please come and welcome him! All are welcome and encouraged to come.


HAITI LENTEN APPEAL

The readings this week are about the promise and challenge of a relationship with God. Deuteronomy recalls the escape from slavery to a land of milk and honey, but also gently reminds us to offer the first fruits of the harvest to God. The psalmist provides comfort—we abide in God's shelter, we live under His protection—but also extorts us to know God and call His name. Paul promises us, through the Romans, that we will be saved if we believe in God in our hearts and declare our belief with our mouths. He reminds us, too, that there are no Greeks and Jews—just one belief, one faith.

Prayer: Lord, help us remember this week to share the fruits of our harvest with God's people in Haiti. Help us hear them as they call on you. Help us provide the protection they need. Help us not to see differences—us and them—but rather to recognize our brothers and sisters in Medor in their faith, common to ours, in You.

Life in Medor: Can you imagine what it would be like to have your whole family live in one room? In Medor, that is the common dwelling. And many families in Medor have welcomed some of the earthquake victims into their homes, sharing their already cramped living space.

THE CARIBBEAN CATHOLICS OF NORTH AMERICA cordially invites you to a one-day retreat, on March 13, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 805 Wayne Ave., Silver Spring MD. The theme of this retreat is "Supporting Caribbean Catholics in their Spiritual Growth". There will be workshops, presentations, a healing service and Mass. Presenters include Fr. Godfrey Stoute, a renowned speaker from Trinidad & Tobago, well known for his healing ministry. Contact: 301-977-5077 or ccnacontact@yahoo.com.



The Light is ON for You.
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday During Lent

OLQP will participate in the diocesan reconciliation program "The Light on for You", which invites each parish to open their doors from 6:30-8 PM on Wednesdays during Lent. The program promotes welcoming people who have been away, encouraging them to come back. The people of OLQP do welcoming very well so we invite you to come out on Wednesdays and be present for those who might come to inquire. Also offered Wed evenings:

Wednesdays	7-7:30 PM	Feb 24	Stations of the Cross
		Mar 3	Penance Service
		Mar 10	Stations of the Cross
		Mar 17	Bilingual Penance Service
		Mar 24	Children's Penance Serv.
		Mar 31	Stations of the Cross

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered from 6:30 to 7 PM and again from 7:30 to 8 PM on all six evenings.

Black History Month 2010 -- Theme: Black Economic Empowerment

Madam C.J. Walker, c. 1916

"I am a woman who came from the cotton fields of the South. From there I was promoted to the washtub. From there I was promoted to the cook kitchen. And from there I promoted myself into the business of manufacturing hair goods and preparations....I have built my own factory on my own ground." --

Madam Walker, July 1912

National Negro Business League Convention

The above quote taken from the official website ^{1/} of Madam C.J. Walker, encapsulates the life of the entrepreneur and philanthropist thought to be the first woman in U.S. history to become a self-made millionaire. Yet, except for one notable exception, her accomplishments are rarely heralded anywhere, including in the mainstream press or in our history books. The exception was a U.S. postage stamp bearing her name and image issued as part of the Black Heritage collection in 1998. Even at that, few people really knew who she was.

Madam Walker should be an example to not only Black Americans who strive for excellence, but for all Americans, especially women. Her business acumen was one of the earliest successes in what is now a beauty and cosmetics industry that is worth billions of dollars. Not only that, but that industry employs thousands and—just as Madam Walker did a hundred years ago—opens up entrepreneurial opportunities to countless small business people. Any telling of the American story of pursuit of the dream of beginning with nothing and achieving great wealth and stature, should certainly include the story of the woman who became known as Madam C.J. Walker.

There have been several books written about Madam Walker's life, including the seminal account written by her great, great granddaughter, biographer A'Lelia Bundles, entitled, *"On Her Own Ground"*. ^{2/} Following is an excerpt from the book:

"Born Sarah Breedlove on December 23, 1867 on a Delta, Louisiana plantation, this daughter of former slaves transformed herself from an uneducated farm laborer and laundress into one of the twentieth century's most successful, self-made women entrepreneurs.

Orphaned at age seven, she often said, "I got my start by giving myself a start." She and her older sister, Louvenia, survived by working in the cotton fields of Delta and nearby Vicksburg, Mississippi. At 14, she married Moses McWilliams to escape abuse from her cruel brother-in-law, Jesse Powell. Her only daughter, Lelia (later known as

A'Lelia Walker) was born on June 6, 1885.

When her husband died two years later, she moved to St. Louis to join her four brothers who had established themselves as barbers. Working for as little as \$1.50 a day, she managed to save enough money to educate her daughter in the city's public schools. Friendships with other black women who were members of St. Paul A.M.E. Church and the National Association of Colored Women exposed her to a new way of viewing the world.

During the 1890s, Sarah began to suffer from a scalp ailment that caused her to lose most of her hair. She experimented with many home-made remedies and store-bought products, including those made by Annie Malone, another black woman entrepreneur. In 1905 Sarah moved to Denver as a sales agent for Malone, then married her third husband, Charles Joseph Walker, a St. Louis newspaperman. After changing her name to "Madam" C. J. Walker, she founded her own business and began selling Madam Walker's Wonderful Hair Grower, a scalp conditioning and healing formula, which she claimed had been revealed to her in a dream. Madam Walker, by the way, did NOT invent the straightening comb or chemical perms, though many people incorrectly believe that to be true.

To promote her products, the new "Madam C.J. Walker" traveled for a year and a half on a dizzying crusade throughout the heavily black South and Southeast, selling her products door to door, demonstrating her scalp treatments in churches and lodges, and devising sales and marketing strategies. In 1908, she temporarily moved her base to Pittsburgh where she opened Lelia College to train Walker "hair culturists."

By early 1910, she had settled in Indianapolis, then the nation's largest inland manufacturing center, where she built a factory, hair and manicure salon and another training school. Less than a year after her arrival, Walker grabbed national headlines in the black press when she contributed \$1,000 to the building fund of the "colored" YMCA in Indianapolis.

In 1913, while Walker traveled to Central America and the Caribbean to expand her business, her daughter A'Lelia, moved into a fabulous new Harlem townhouse and Walker Salon, designed by black architect, Vertner Tandy. "There is nothing to equal it," she wrote to her attorney, F.B. Ransom. "Not even on Fifth Avenue."

Walker herself moved to New York in 1916, leaving the day-to-day operations of the Madam C. J. Walker Manufacturing Company in Indianapolis to Ransom and Alice Kelly, her factory forelady and a former school teacher. She continued to oversee the business and to work in the New York office. Once in Harlem,

she quickly became involved in Harlem's social and political life, taking special interest in the NAACP's anti-lynching movement to which she contributed \$5,000.

In July 1917, when a white mob murdered more than three dozen blacks in East St. Louis, Illinois, Walker joined a group of Harlem leaders who visited the White House to present a petition advocating federal anti-lynching legislation. As her business continued to grow, Walker organized her agents into local and state clubs. Her Madam C. J. Walker Hair Culturists Union of America convention in Philadelphia in 1917 must have been one of the first national meetings of businesswomen in the country. Walker used the gathering not only to reward her agents for their business success, but to encourage their political activism as well. "This is the greatest country under the sun," she told them. "But we must not let our love of country, our patriotic loyalty cause us to abate one whit in our protest against wrong and injustice. We should protest until the American sense of justice is so aroused that such affairs as the East St. Louis riot be forever impossible."

By the time she died at her estate, Villa Lewaro, in Irvington-on-Hudson, New York, she had helped create the role of the 20th Century, self-made American businesswoman; established herself as a pioneer of the modern black hair-care and cosmetics industry; and set standards in the African-American community for corporate and community giving. Tenacity and perseverance, faith in herself and in God, quality products and "honest business dealings" were the elements and strategies she prescribed for aspiring entrepreneurs who requested the secret to her rags-to-riches ascent. "There is no royal flower-strewn path to success," she once commented. "And if there is, I have not found it for if I have accomplished anything in life it is because I have been willing to work hard."



**Madam C. J. Walker
1867-1919**

^{1/} Official Website:

www.madamcjwalker.com/

^{2/} A'Lelia Bundles,

On Her Own Ground: The Life and Times of Madam C.J. Walker
(Scribner, Lisa Drew Books)