

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

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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 28, 2010

Second Sunday of Lent

Daily Mass Schedule Change During Lent:

Monday - Thursday at 12 noon

Fridays at 6 PM



*Count the stars
if you can.*

Genesis 15:5

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING PERE LUCKSON, Pastor of St. Joseph in Medor, Haiti

Pere Luckson Chery will speak at each of the Masses this weekend and provide an overview of progress in Medor as a result of your generosity. A potluck dinner is planned in his honor for Saturday evening (Feb 27), after the 6 PM Mass. All are welcome and encouraged to come. Please extend a warm welcome to Pere Luckson.

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

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

OLQP will participate in the diocesan reconciliation program "The Light is 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 Wednesday evenings:

7-7:30 PM	Mar 3	Penance Service
	Mar 10	Stations of the Cross
	Mar 17	Bilingual Penance Service
	Mar 24	Children's Penance Service
	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 each Wednesday evening.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Next Sunday's readings (3rd Sunday of Lent - optional Year A readings will be used next weekend for the first of the RCIA Scrutinies):

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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: \$19,036
2nd - Black & Indian Fund: \$3,489**

Mass Intentions for the week of Feb 27-Mar 5

Sat, 6pm - for the Parish

Sun, 8am - for the Parish

9:30am - for Walter Cilinski Schuyler by Jim Schuyler Family

11:15am - for Reynaldo Deleon by the Cajulis Family

1pm - for Vimar Luna by Ardaya Guzmán Families

Mon, 12noon - for Gloria Muñóz by Roberto Muñóz & Family

Wed, 12noon - for Bryan Mills by Betty Mills

CALL FOR LAST YEAR'S PALM. 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

The BLA helps to support diocesan offices and ministries that serve tens of thousands of people each year. Please consider making a sacrificial pledge to help sustain the ministries and programs that are funded by the BLA.

A SINCERE THANK YOU to all who responded to the 2010 Bishop's Lenten Appeal. OLQP is right on target with our goal of \$40,000 with just a few more thousand dollars to go! Please support the BLA by responding to the mailing you received at home or by filling out one of the pledge envelopes in the pews and dropping it in the collection basket.



UJAMAA'S BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM

RESCHEDULED: MARCH 13, 7 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.. 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.

DEATH UNTO LIFE SEMINARS: Please see today's bulletin insert.

ATTENTION TEENS! Parish teens are asked to help make sandwiches for the Brown Bag lunch program on the first Wednesday of each month. Great way to meet OLQP students and get involved in parish life. Come to Fr.Ray Hall this Wednesday March 3, from 5:30-6:30 pm, and lend a hand. We need your help.

CHILDREN'S SHOEBOX MINISTRY MEETS THIS SUNDAY

In celebration of Black History month, Mrs.Cecilia Braveboy will share the extraordinary history of our parish at 10:30 today in classroom 1 of the Ministry Center. Our children will make a special "thank you" card to be delivered to Mrs. West, our only living founder. All are invited and welcome to attend.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REVIEW SESSION

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 4PM

All parish children, grades K-6, are encouraged to attend our monthly religious education review sessions. This month's lesson will be on the 7 Sacraments with an emphasis on the sacrament of Reconciliation. (A special children's Reconciliation service is planned for Wednesday, March 24). Please bring a notebook and pencil. Family Mass follows at 5pm.

COMMUNION TEAM, SATURDAY, MARCH 6: Father Ray Hall from 3:30 to 5:00. We will learn about the prayer that Jesus gave us, "The Our Father" and explore its meaning, with specific attention to the words about Forgiveness. You can still do everything planned for Saturday at Church—including the Spaghetti Supper and Dance scheduled to start at 6:00 that same evening. So that the Confirmation class can begin setting up for the event, we will need to be ready to exit Father Ray Hall at 5:00 precisely. We will have our complete lesson, including prayer planes and puffy hearts, but we need to make way for our next sacramental group.

MANDATORY Communion Team PARENTS MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 7:00 PM

Father Tim, Father Joe and Father Tunney will meet with parents only for an hour to help families understand and participate in their child's preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will provide a guidebook for parents on that night. You will want that book because it will be very helpful as you work with your child to help him/her get specifically ready for the sacrament, without fear or frustration...our pastors hold the key to that understanding. Do not miss this! Our service of reconciliation will be on Saturday, March 27.

The **GLFF* MINISTRY** will meet Monday, March 1, from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Ministry Center Founders Room. Join us for dialogue and advocacy on social justice issues as they affect individuals who are gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender and their families and friends. Contact Vicki Strimel, 571-257-7376, or vicki@strimel@gmail.com. *(Gays, Lesbians, Friends and Family)

HOT OFF THE PRESS -THE 2010 DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

Please stop by Fr. Ray Hall after Mass this weekend to get your copy of the new Parish Directory. For those who participated by having your picture taken, you get a free copy. Copies are also available for sale. Suggested donation: \$5.00. Proceeds will go to the OLQP Capital Improvement Fund. A big thank you to all the people who volunteered their time and talents on this project.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, May 23, 2010. 65th Anniversary Celebration of Our Lady Queen of Peace. Special Mass schedule: 8 AM, 9:30 AM and Bilingual Mass at 12 Noon. Celebration to follow the noon Mass. Watch the bulletin for more details.

JUST A THOUGHT...OR TWO

A lot of people come to church hoping to get a glimpse of God. We go through life, like Abram, trying to live decently and according to God's ways. Yet, like Abram, we find ourselves asking, "How am I to know" that God's promises are true. We long for those Transfiguration moments in our lives, when, like the apostles, we become fully awake and see Jesus' glory. Such moments happen too infrequently, but the memory of such encounters with the living God—in the birth of a child, nature, falling in love, an experience of radical forgiveness—sustain us through many difficult days. Can I recall a "Transfiguration moment" from my life? What does it tell me? *God's Blessings, Fr. Tim*

MANY CULTURES—ONE FAITH

STONE SOUP SUPPER & SPEAKER PRESENTATION

Please join us Fridays during Lent at 6:30 PM in the Ministry Center Founders Room for a simple meal of soup and bread, followed by an informative discussion on cultural diversity at OLQP.

- Mar 5 Family with Internationally Adopted Children
- Mar 12 Diverse Group of Young Adults
- Mar 19 Bi-Racial Couple
- Mar 26 Two views of the racial integration of OLQP

Friday Daily Mass Time during Lent is changed to 6 PM to accommodate Stone Soup Participants.

TODAY IS BROWN BAG SUNDAY!

Please deliver your brown bag filled with groceries for Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) to their van which is parked in front of the church this weekend. If you forgot to bring your bag, please consider purchasing a Giant gift card from the Just\$ table, on sale after Mass. Thanks for supporting AFAC!

OLQP's MATTHEW 25 USED CLOTHING OUTLET NEEDS WINTER CLOTHING DONATIONS for children, women and men. Please drop off your donations in the large blue metal bin located behind Father Ray Hall. If you need a tax receipt, come to Matthew 25 during business hours or call the parish office, 703-979-5580.

HAITI LENTEN APPEAL

Reflection: A theme of today's readings is Awe of the Lord. Abraham obeyed God, communicated with God, and yet trembled in fear and darkness. James, John, and Peter saw Jesus transfigured into a dazzling whiteness and struggled to find an appropriate response. Often events in our world have the power to make us tremble, even to question God, but we must not confuse bad things that happen with God's power to heal, to bring prosperity as He did for Abraham.

Prayer: May we seek opportunities to be—through our time, talent, and treasure—the healing power, to effect prosperity in the lives of others, especially our friends in Medor.

Life in Medor: Can you imagine what it would be like to have to walk to school for two to three hours each way over mountain paths? The children of Medor do this willingly because they are so happy to be receiving an education.

VISIT ISRAEL, OCTOBER 5 – 15, 2010: Parishioner Nick Kuhn and his wife Sharon Core, pastor at Arlington Presbyterian Church, are leading a trip to Israel for 10 days in October with Educational Opportunities Tours. Travel through the land Jesus called home—Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Jerusalem, walk the Sea of Galilee shore, stand atop the Mount of Olives, and walk the stations along the Via Dolorosa. Cost: \$3362. Contact Nick at 703-671-5225 or nkuhn98@yahoo.com. View brochure: http://www.eo.travelwithus.com/find_trip/detail.aspx?tour=hl10/A&d=10-05-2010&group=52379.

THE ADVOCATE, the quarterly parish newsletter, will publish its Spring issue in mid-May. All issues of the newsletter are available on the OLQP website. (www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org). We are encouraging parishioners to read the paper-free version. It's good for the environment and the church budget! Look for a bulletin insert soon that will include a simple checkbox to let us know your preferred choice for reading: website, email or hard copy.

The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story, by Diane Ackerman BOOK GROUP SELECTION FOR MARCH

The OLQP Book Group's will meet Thursday, March 18 at 7 PM in the Ministry Center Peace Room, to discuss *The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story*, by Diane Ackerman. For more information, contact Chuck Moran at 703-892-4154. or chuckmoran@verizon.net.

GABRIEL PROJECT – HELP PREGNANT WOMEN AND NEW BABIES

OLQP's Gabriel Project has a need for new or gently used cribs, crib sheets, and baby clothes (to 6 months) for 3 mothers. Small items can be placed in Gabriel box at the back of church. Larger items should go to designated corner in Fr. Ray Hall – look for Gabriel sign. Contact Shari Zamarra 703-323-9367 or sharizamarra@yahoo.com

"ONCE ON THIS ISLAND" Join our Unitarian friends for this musical directed by OLQP parishioner Elena Velasco. A Caribbean version of "The Little Mermaid" which weaves a tale of how the power of love can conquer prejudice. Performances: 7:30pm, March 5 & 6; 3pm Feb 28, March 6 & 7 at Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington in partnership with Keegan Theatre. Tickets: \$20 Adults; \$15 Students and Seniors; group discounts available. Order: 703-892-0202 ext. 6.

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". Contact: 301-977-5077 or ccnacontact@yahoo.com.

THE BLACK HERITAGE MUSEUM of Arlington is seeking new members interested to learn about the people who lived in Freeman's Village and their decedents, and who can provide oversight and participate in fund raising. Please look for membership applications at the back of church.

The CONTINUING CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (CCDI) will offer two, 4-week courses starting Thursday, March 4. At *Church of the Nativity*, Burke: "Jesus: God and Man, and His Church" by Dr. William J. Tobin, Director of the CCDI and *Corpus Christi School* (St. Anthony of Padua Church), Falls Church: "The Suffering of Jesus, The Innocent and Righteous One, In the Old and New Testaments" by Dr. Joseph Jensen, Catholic Biblical Association and Georgetown University. Contact CCDIofVA@aol.com or 703-941-4329.

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 Church, Arlington, both 6pm-8pm. Contact kperkins@some.org or 202-797-8806 ext. 1131 for information.

VIRGINIANS ORGANIZED FOR INTERFAITH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (VOICE) INTRODUCTORY TRAINING SESSION

For those new to or curious about VOICE, this introductory session will cover our work, and the history, organizing philosophy and practice of the Industrial Areas Foundation. Monday, March 1st, 7:00pm - 9:00 pm Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 318 South Royal Street, Alexandria, VA (Parking Lot on 400 block of S. Royal)

Black History Month 2010 -- Theme: Black Economic Empowerment

The National Urban League Celebrates 100 Years



Marc Morial, President & CEO
National Urban League

for change by encouraging collective action to bring change to entire communities and urban areas...”

Morial encouraged the audience to take the following I AM EMPOWERED pledge 3/:

“I pledge to responsibly commit my time and talent to ensure that the nation is empowered to achieve the following goals by 2025:

Every American child is ready for college, work and life.

Every American has access to jobs with a living wage and good benefits.

Every American lives in safe, decent, affordable and energy efficient housing on fair terms.

Every American has access to quality and affordable health care solutions.”

Though this pledge ended Marc Morial’s speech at the ASALH luncheon, the goals he outlined are most certainly worthwhile and achievable when all like-minded people become actively involved in their implementation. Let’s take the pledge.

1/ NUL website: <http://www.nul.org>

2/ To read more about NUL’s history visit <http://www.nul.org/who-we-are/mission-and-history>

3/ Take the pledge at: <http://org2.democracyinaction.org/o/5666/t/5580/signUp.jsp?key=1339>

NOTE: The OLQP 2010 Black History Month program was postponed due to the weather. The program, which is sponsored by the UJA-MAA Committee, has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 13, 2010, at 7:00 PM in the Founders Hall. The 2010 theme is *Black Economic Empowerment*, and the featured guest speaker is OLQP member Mrs. Lisa Jones, President and Chief Operating Officer, TLJ Hospitality, LLC, Owner of Bear Rock Café Restaurants in Arlington.

At its annual luncheon on Saturday, February 20, 2010, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), honored the National Urban League (NUL) on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. (ASALH is the organization founded 95 years ago by Carter G. Woodson, the “father” of Negro History Week, now Black History Month.)

The luncheon keynote speaker was Marc Morial, current President of the National Urban League. Morial is best remembered as the successful mayor of New Orleans, Louisiana from 1994 to 2002. During his luncheon address he first recalled the mission and history of the Urban League which is formally described at the NUL website 1/, and states in part:

“The mission of the Urban League movement is to enable African Americans to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights. . . .

“The National Urban League, which has played so pivotal a role in the 20th-Century Freedom Movement, grew out of that spontaneous grassroots movement for freedom and opportunity that came to be called the Black Migrations. When the U.S. Supreme Court declared its approval of segregation in the 1896 Plessy v. Ferguson decision, the brutal system of economic, social and political oppression the White South quickly adopted rapidly transformed what had been a trickle of African Americans northward into a flood.

“Those newcomers to the North soon discovered they had not escaped racial discrimination. Excluded from all but menial jobs in the larger society, victimized by poor housing and education, and inexperienced in the ways of urban living, many lived in terrible social and economic conditions.

“Still, in the degree of difference between South and North lay opportunity, and that African Americans clearly understood. But to capitalize on that opportunity, to successfully adapt to urban life and to reduce the pervasive discrimination they faced, they would need help. That was the reason the

Committee on Urban Conditions Among Negroes [later the National Urban League] was established on September 29, 1910 in New York City. Central to the organization’s founding were two remarkable people: Mrs. Ruth Standish Baldwin and Dr. George Edmund Haynes, who would become the Committee’s first executive secretary. “ 2/

At the ASALH luncheon, current NUL President Morial went on to eloquently describe the challenges Black people faced during the post slavery and Reconstruction period, and subsequently through two World Wars, the depression and the civil rights movement. He then outlined the steps the Urban League and other similar organizations took to address those issues going forward. He spoke of the gains made in education and political involvement by African Americans since the civil rights era of the 1950’s and ‘60’s, and the contrasting difficult challenges of continued disproportionate poverty and unemployment which foments crime and dysfunction in the community.

Despite the challenges, Morial ended on a hopeful note, pointing out that this journey toward equality and justice does not end with the election of a President—it actually begins a new phase in the journey. Because no one person can make a difference by himself, the President needs not only support, but he also needs to be constantly reminded to respond to the specific needs of a community that still has a long way to go.

Finally, Morial announced a new initiative launched by the NUL on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. As stated on the NUL website, “...the I AM EMPOWERED initiative [is] instilling a message of hope and individual empowerment to make a lasting difference. Focused on four aspirational goals for America, in the areas of education, employment, housing and healthcare, I AM EMPOWERED is galvanizing millions of people to take a pledge to commit to help achieve the goals by 2025!

I AM EMPOWERED reminds everyone of the power of the individual to become a force