

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 -- Mon & Thurs 6-8 pm & Tues & Thurs 11-12 noon

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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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



May 2, 2010

Fifth Sunday of Easter

See, I make all things new.

Revelation 21:5



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Next Sunday's readings (6th Sunday of Easter):

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

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, Michael Duchen, Jim Fowler, Barbara Green, Mathias Gutschmidt, Joseph Herbert, Margaret Hodges, Raymond Jay, Pat Johnson, Karen Kollmansperger, Mary Helen Madden, Teofila Manzo, James McCloskey, 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: \$13,068

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1-7

Sat, 6pm - for Ann and Joseph A. Gregos by Kris Gregos

Sun, 8am - for Charles Schaeffer by Craig Turner

9:30am - for Lt. Col. John J. by Alice Leonard

11:15am - for Corazon Yabes by the Yabes Family

1pm - for The Martyrs of The Slaughter

by (Rev.) Joseph Nangle, O.F.M

Wed, 12noon - Blessed Virgin Mary by the Onguda Family

ELECTRONIC OFFERTORY GIVING WITH FAITH DIRECT

This month we are introducing a new and exciting way for you to support our parish offertory: Faith Direct. Faith Direct enables your family to make your parish contributions through either direct debit to your checking account or through your Visa, Master Card, American Express or Discover credit cards. (A fee of 1.78 - 2.53 is charged to the parish for credit card use; none for direct debit.) No more writing checks or searching for envelopes on the way out the door. Now you can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you may now use it to make your mortgage, car or tuition payments. With Faith Direct, Our Lady Queen of Peace Church will gain predictable cash flow that will help us with planning our parish needs and programs. Faith Direct also offers you personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket. Of course, enrollment is voluntary, but many parishes and their members around the country have experienced a win-win with Faith Direct. If you find this program to be appropriate for your family, please visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely on line or take a registration pamphlet from the back of church. Our parish code is VA271.

LUAU FUNDRAISER FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 6:00 PM

Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington

Hawaiian buffet of kalua pork, katsu chicken, 4 side dishes, dessert, Hula dancer and ukulele player, Lei greeting, Tasting table offering Hawaiian snacks; Tiki hut offering Kona coffee and fruit smoothies; Three raffles. Adult - \$25; Youth (17 and under) - \$15. Great fun, Great food, Great cause! Tickets go on sale this weekend!

2010 CONFIRMATION LITURGY

Friday, May 7th at 7:30

All are welcome!

A **mandatory rehearsal** for all those being confirmed is scheduled for Monday, May 3rd at 7pm in the church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

WILL BE EXTENDED THROUGH JUNE AND JULY!

The very popular CLW program will be extended this year to include the beginning of the summer months. More volunteers will be needed to bring the "Good News" to our children. Please sign up in the back of the Church to assist with this program. Two adults are required for each session. Instructions and teaching suggestions provided.

PARISH TEENS NEEDED

Parish teens are asked to assist with making lunches for the Day Laborers on the First Wednesday of each month. Please come Wednesday May 5th at 5:30 to assemble 50 sandwiches and snacks. This service takes place in the Hall and the activity lasts about 45 minutes – 1 hour. Turn out has been very low. We need you to help out!

MINKISI MINISTRY, open to all, holds its monthly quiet prayer and scripture reflection session, Mon., May 3, 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Discussion Room. Cecilia Braveboy will lead the discussion on Luke 8:42-48 & "Just a Little Talk With Jesus". For information, call 703-979-5389 or jisaac3@verizon.net.

LIFE IN MEDOR...

The delegation to Medor left for Haiti last Tuesday. The people on the delegation include Liza Karlin, Kezia and Keren Charles, Lynn and Neil Parent, Dave and Sue Carlson and Fr. Tim Hickey. Please keep them in your prayers. On Sunday May 2, the delegation will participate in the Mass, where 80 young people will receive the sacrament of Baptism and in 2011 they will receive the sacrament of First Communion. Pere Luckson has asked that Fr. Tim prepare the homily for the Mass. A typical Sunday Mass in Medor lasts over three hours – it is the event of the week. In Medor there is no television or movie theaters – Sunday Mass is the main social gathering. Note: Some recent donations have sent the Haiti Lenten Appeal over \$91,000! Your generosity is breath-taking!!

Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers!

THE GLFF* MINISTRY will hold a business meeting on Monday, May 3, 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. This will be our last business meeting of the 2009/2010 year, and we will discuss plans for upcoming parish breakfasts, leadership for next year, summer activities, and the parish-wide retreat to be led by Fr. Joe Nangle on May 22nd. For further information, please contact Vicki Strimel, 571-257-7376, or vickistrimel@gmail.com. *(Gays, Lesbians, Friends and Family)

JUST A THOUGHT...OR TWO...

Fr. Tim is in Medor with the 2010 Haiti Delegation who are due to return Tuesday evening. Please pray for their successful mission and safe travels.

SAVE THE DATE -- ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 1:30 - 5:00 PM AT BLUEMONT PARK

IT'S A BABY SHOWER! The Gabriel Project will be taking donations the weekend of May 15/16 to benefit pregnant women in need. Gift ideas include baby clothes (infant to 6 months) – especially for baby girls – receiving blankets or the basic necessities, such as diapers (sizes 0, 1, 2). Gift cards, checks and cash are also welcome! Look for a special table in Father Ray Hall following Sunday Masses and at the back of the church on Saturday the weekend of May 15/16.

THE FAIRFAX-FALLS CHURCH AND ARLINGTON LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEES are recruiting applicants for membership. This is a committee of five or more community volunteers appointed by the Commonwealth of Virginia's State Human Rights Committee to protect the rights of individuals receiving mental health, intellectual disability and substance use services. This is achieved by reviewing complaints, restrictive programs, and the policies and procedures of agencies that provide services. A state human rights advocate provides training for new members. LHRC meetings are held monthly. Applicants who are themselves or have a familial relation with substance abuse are of particular need. For information, or to submit an application for consideration, please contact Deb Lochart, Regional Human Rights Advocate, Deb.Lochart@NVTC.dmhmrsva.virginia.gov or 703-323-2098.

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Office Hours: Sunday, 10:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Saturday 5:00 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (before the 6:00 p.m. Mass), the first Thursday of the month, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., and by appointment. The office is located in the Ministry Center, first floor, main entrance to building.

Your Credit Union Account and Electronic Parish Giving: Credit Union members may use their credit union account to participate in the parish's electronic giving program through Faith Direct, if they choose to do so. Faith Direct can use a credit union account as the source of the regular parish monthly donation. Because credit union accounts are savings, rather than checking accounts, there are a few details that may be different when using a credit union account. Please contact Treasurer Dan Morrisey at the credit union for details.

VISA Gift Cards and Reloadable Mastercard Debit Cards Available: We now have VISA Gift Cards available to credit union members for a fee of \$3.00 per card. See us for details. We also still are offering the Mastercard Prepaid Debit cards as well, for a one-time fee of \$5. The Mastercard Prepaid Debit cards are reloadable, while the VISA Gift cards are not.

Savings Federally Insured to at least \$250,000 by NCUA, a US Government Agency, and backed by the full faith and credit of the US Government.

SAVE THE DATE: OLQP's 65th Anniversary Sunday, May 23, 2010

Bilingual Mass at 12:00 Noon with celebration to follow until 4 pm. There will be a 6 PM Mass on May 22; 8 AM and 9:30 AM on Sunday May 23. **No 11:15 or 1:00 mass on Sunday.** Watch for more details soon.



If you are a videographer and willing to donate your time to capture the activities of this special day please contact Peg Butner at 703-875-8933 or peg.butner@gmail.com.

COME, LEARN, AND DISCUSS with a longtime leader in our social justice and parish mission ministry. **OLQP's own Fr. Joe Nangle** will provide all with a stimulating and informative 4-week adult faith formation, spring course on Thursdays starting May 6th, 7:30-9:30 PM at St. Anthony, Falls Church in Room 13 of the school. Cost: Special Reduced Tuition: \$ 180. To register, contact Dr. William J. Tobin, Director of the CCDI at CCDIofVA@aol.com, or (703) 941-4329.

JOINT CHOIR CONCERT on May 2nd at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd. Choirs from OLQP, Mt. Zion Baptist Church and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington will be performing. Reception to follow the concert. Free will offering will be appreciated to benefit the Habitat for Humanity project at Perry Hall. Please contact thecurnyns@gmail.com for more information."

LONGITUDE, BY DAVA SOBEL

IS BOOK GROUP SELECTION FOR MAY

The OLQP Book Group's next meeting will be Thursday, May 20th at 7:00 PM in the Peace Room (basement of the Ministry Center), to discuss Longitude: The True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time (1995, 175 pages), by Dava Sobel. (Ms. Sobel is also the author of Galileo's Daughter, published in 2000.) New Book Group members are always welcome! For more information, contact Chuck Moran at 703-892-4154. or chuckmoran@verizon.net.

FRIENDLY REMINDER...Please be mindful of parking signs designating reserved space for those who are physically challenged. There are three parking spaces reserved behind Fr. Ray Hall kitchen that allow for unobstructed access to the ramp entrance to the church. Parking spaces directly in front of the church on 19th Street are reserved for elderly parishioners. Please respect all parking signage and choose only to park in properly striped spaces. (The un-striped area of the east lot – far side of Fr. Ray Hall – is a no parking zone.) There is ample street parking on 18th Street. Please be kind to our neighbors by not obstructing driveways, corners and fire hydrants.

TEEN MINISTRY KICKOFF

Calling all high school students! On Sunday, May 9 from 6:30-8pm join Mike Sheehan on the stage of Fr. Ray Hall to kick off a vibrant, new youth ministry at Our Lady Queen of Peace. There will be food, icebreakers, brainstorming and fun. Call Mike at 571 218-0345 or e-mail him at msheehan@ourladyqueenofpeace.org to let him know that you are coming or for more details.

Virginia's high cost of housing highlighted in 2010 housing affordability report

According to a national report released today that provides data on the cost of rental housing for every county, metropolitan area and state in the nation, the Housing Wage for Virginia is \$19.63. The Housing Wage is the hourly wage a family must earn - working 40 hours a week, 52 weeks a year - to be able to afford rent and utilities in the private housing market. Virginia's Housing Wage has increased 54% since 2000, the 10th largest increase among the states.

The report, **Out of Reach 2010**, was jointly released by the **National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC)**, a Washington, DC-based housing policy organization, and the **Virginia Housing Coalition (VHC)**. The report provides the Housing Wage and other data for every state, metropolitan area, combined non metropolitan area, and county in the country.

"Again the Out of Reach data demonstrates that it is becoming more difficult for low income families to find decent homes they can afford in Virginia," said

Orlando Artze, President of the Virginia Housing Coalition. "The recession has only made a bad situation worse. We must act now to ensure that low income families have access to the safe and affordable housing they so desperately need."

Working at minimum wage, a family must have 2.7 wage earners working full-time - or one full-time earner working 108 hours/week at Virginia's minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour - to afford a modest two-bedroom apartment. The typical renter in Virginia earns \$15.22 per hour, which is \$4.41 less than the hourly wage needed to afford a modest unit.

In Northern Virginia, the numbers are even worse. The Housing Wage in that part of the state is a whopping \$28.73, while the typical renter in the area earns only \$20.54 per hour.

An estimated 46% of renters in Virginia do not earn enough to afford a two-bedroom unit at the Fair Market Rent.

This year, Virginia is the twelfth most expensive state in the nation for renters. The National Housing Wage is \$18.44 in 2010.

The Virginia Housing Coalition (www.vahousingcoalition.org) supports organizations and individuals working to provide affordable housing options in Virginia by influencing and developing public policy, recognizing exemplary achievement, and providing education, training and services that will make its members more effective in attaining their goals.

For additional information, visit <http://www.nlihc.org/oor2010/>

The Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance is a broad-based regional organization dedicated to the creation of successful communities through affordable housing education and advocacy.

To support the Alliance, click <http://nvaha.org/NVAHA/GetInvolvedDonate.html>

Easter moments

"Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy" (John 16:20)

Remember the times you thought you couldn't endure the pain or the loss any longer? It seemed too much to bear. Maybe you are in a situation like that now.

At such time it's difficult to believe that grief and suffering will be turned into joy. Others can assure us that the pain will pass with time, but usually everything in us doubts this. That's why we need to celebrate Easter continually. We need to recall and welcome the Easter story much more than just once a year. We celebrate Easter every time we look closely at the little surprises of joy in our lives. Each time we announce these joys to ourselves or to others, we are like the angels at the empty tomb announcing resurrection.

I know a woman who is never without the pain of four metal rods pressing into her back. Yet she has found joy beyond her daily pain. She relishes happiness in her relationship with her spouse, delights in her grandchildren, enjoys the beauty of the passing seasons. She is an Easter person who daily chooses to believe that she does not have to stay in the tomb of pain and discouragement.



Risen Christ, lead me to my own Easter moments. Clear my mind and open my heart so I can see the surprising little joys that are waiting to greet me today.

From *Inviting God In: Scriptural Reflections and Prayers Throughout the Year* by Joyce Rupp
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