

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!

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Regular Mass Schedule:

Monday through Friday - 12 Noon
Saturdays - 5:30 pm Vigil
Sundays - 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am,
1:00 pm (Spanish), and 6:00 pm Young Adult Mass

Baptism:

Please call or email the office to make arrangements.

Marriage Preparation:

Please contact Fr. Tim Hickey at least six months before wedding date to complete requirements.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays - 5:00 pm and by appointment.

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**BULLETIN DEADLINE
WEDNESDAYS—9 AM**

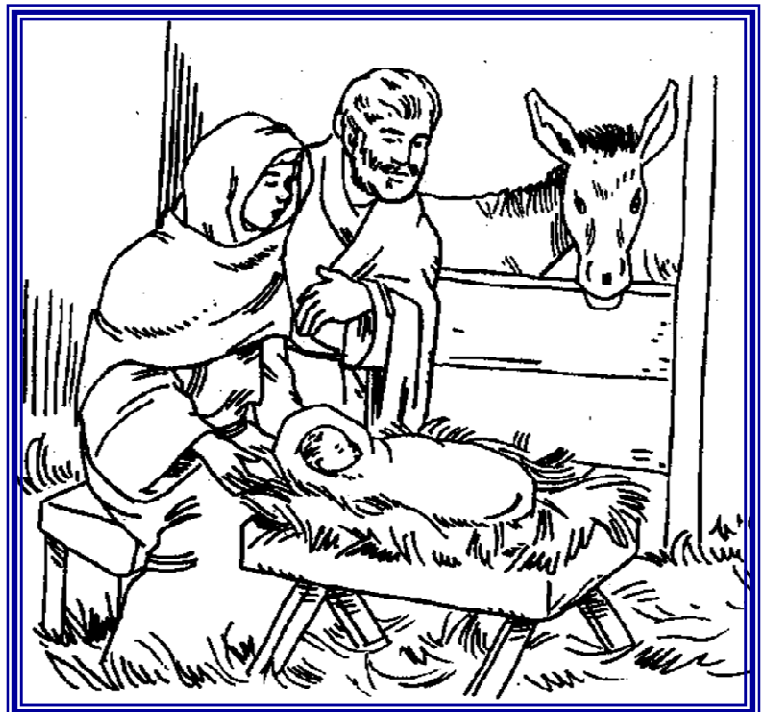
OLQP MISSION STATEMENT

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



December 25, 2011 Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord



FOR UNTO US

A SAVIOR IS BORN!

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday's readings (Solemnity of Mary)

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US BY THEIR PATIENT SUFFERING. PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Suri Barahona, Ronald Bashian, Cemil Bikcen, Francis Bilgera, Precious Bowens, April Brassard, Lynne Burgh, Brody Carroll, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claire, Ernest Donatto, Yvette Francois, Frank Fritts, Trishann Ganley, Carmen Gonzalez, Mathias Gutschmidt, Margaret Hodges, Beatriz Uribe Jaramillo, Raymond Jay, Pat Johnson, Karen Kollmansperger, Carmen Andrea Lara, Ally Winstan Ley, Maria Linares, Lidia Montero Lopez, MaryHelen Madden, Stefan McGuigan, Roberto Méndez, Mary Miller, Carmen Montijo, Dorothy Moran, Susanne Moran, Jerri O'Day, Delfima Pacheco-Choque, Catherine Parr, Mary Pasquarella, Paul Ramirez, Patricia Renschen, Kate Ring, Sally Ryan, Carolyn Santos, Deborah Schule, Jane Shepard, MaryLou Shookhoff, Kate Sinkins, Elizabeth Skocz, Mary Skocz, Jeffrey Smith, Shaw Smith, Eva Souza, Leonor Sylvester, Marguerite Thomas, Helen Tussy, Christian Ventura, Thaddenia West, Mary Woods, Maya Ann Zimmer

VISITATIONS

The OLQP Visitation Ministry is available to offer comfort to homebound members. If you or someone you know would like a visit to receive the Eucharist, for spiritual reflection, or to connect with a member of the parish, please contact Marcia Fulham at 703-519-8509, marcia.fulham@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR DEC 24 - 30

4 pm - for the Parish

6 pm - for Virginia B. Rakow (D) by Beth Meehan

8 pm - for Zoila Carballo, Victoria Barrera,

Marco Chau, and Gladys Parz (D) by Gloria Chau

12 Midnight - for Christopher Ndumu (D)

by Terri Ndumu

11 am - for George Bonneau (D) by Patricia Bonneau & Family

Mon. 12 Noon - for the Parish

Tues. 12 Noon - for Miguel Alvaro (D) by Judy & Wally Reyes

Weds. 12 Noon - Michael Noguera (D) by the Sy Family

Thurs. 7 pm - for the Souls in Purgatory by the Ngyuyen Family

Fri. 12 noon - for the Ngyuyen Family (L) by Lan Ngyuyen

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Last Week's Collection: \$17,687.50

Faith Direct Weekly Average for December: \$5,335.25

NEW ROMAN MISSAL TEXT

Inserted in the front and back cover of the Breaking Bread Hymnal, you will find the text with all the new changes to the Roman Missal. Please do not remove these cards. Take home cards have been placed in the vestibule. Please help yourself.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Monday, January 16, 11:00 AM

Prayer Service & Celebration in observance of

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Fellowship immediately following in Fr. Ray Hall.

Watch this space in the coming weeks for more details.

FUN-DAMENTAL FACTS FOR CATHOLIC KIDS OF ALL AGES

1. You know the name of the first Pope was Saint Peter, but do you know the name of the second Pope?
2. What do an epistle and apostle have to do with a pulpit?
3. The dove is the sign of the Holy Spirit, but what other two unusual looking birds are used as symbols of our faith?

Give up? Come to our "church tour" on Saturday, January 7th from 3:30-4:30pm. Spend an hour with the RE teachers, as we explore church objects and some fun and interesting facts about our tradition. All are welcome!

MESSAGE FROM PERE LUCKSON

On behalf of the people of Medor, I wish to each of the faithful of OLQP a wonderful HAPPY NOEL. The child is the true Emmanuel, God With Us, who embodies life. May God in his grace grant you plenitude. May the humanity of Jesus, his poverty and humility, guide you on the way to true conversion!

Please know that you can rely on the humble prayers of the parish of St Joseph Medor.

Thank you for all you do for us.

Love, Pere Luckson

Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers!

MESSINGER: THE LEGACY OF MATTIE J.T. STEPANEK AND HEARTSONGS BOOK GROUP SELECTION FOR JANUARY

The OLQP Book Group's next meeting will be Thursday, January 19, 7:00 PM, in the Peace Room (basement of the Ministry Center), to discuss Messenger: The Legacy of Mattie J.T. Stepanek and Heartsongs, by Jennie Stepanek, Maya Angelou & Larry Lindner. Mattie, a young poet who died at age 13, inspired the world with his courage and love for all people. If the selected book is unavailable, please come and report on any other book you are reading. New members are always welcome in the Book Group! For more information, contact Chuck Moran at 703-892-4154. or chuckmoran@verizon.net.

MINKISI MINISTRY

Come celebrate the Epiphany with Minkisi ministry at its monthly small group scripture prayer session, open to all, on Jan. 9, 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Discussion/Parish Office. The reflection on Luke 1:51-55 will be led by Cecilia Braveboy, jisaac3@verizon.net, 703-979-5389.

FAITH DIRECT, the parish's electronic giving program now offers two date choices for you to make your weekly gift of support – either the 4th or the 15th of month. Manage your electronic giving account at www.faithdirect.net or log on to learn more. OLQP's code: VA271

LISTEN TO FR. HEALY'S HOMILIES

Long-term parishioners may be interested in hearing Fr. Jim Healy's passionate homilies once again. Newcomers to the parish may enjoy hearing the homilies for the first time and learn more about the history of the parish and the beginning of our commitment to addressing the needs in Haiti, among other social justice issues.

January 10th marks the 15th anniversary of Jim Healy's passing. He was OLQP's pastor from 1983 to 1995, a passionate liturgist, and an outspoken supporter of the poor and marginalized. Each week via the web, you can hear a homily in Fr. Healy's voice which matches the current liturgical calendar. This week please take a few minutes to visit: www.fatherhealy.com.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

Certain images inspire awe and wonder. They're powerful beyond the simple contents of the scene.

In the nativity scene we have such an image: a serene new mother, a concerned father, and a vulnerable newborn child. Beleaguered travelers, forced to take refuge in a stable, and the child is lain in a manger— a food trough. The rude surroundings leave the new family barely protected from the elements, open to any and all who come their way. And yet it inspires wonder and awe! I believe that the purpose of wonder is to open our hearts. It's to help us to see that there is more to life than we have come to expect. It tells us that coursing through human life there are elements of the divine. The manger scene is both an invitation and a promise. The invitation is to leave our pursuit of worldly things behind and instead to enter into the Mystery. To be as vulnerable as this child and these parents. To be as open as these shepherds and as generous of heart as these kings. To praise like the angels and pay attention like the townspeople. The resulting promise is that we will meet God. We will discover not only that Jesus is God, but that we too share in God's life—not only in the afterlife, but right here and right now.

AND SO HERE'S my invitation to you in days to come. It's an invitation I will take up myself. It's an invitation to us to open our hearts to the wonder of this Christmas moment. Let us all say a prayer of gratitude for the gift of love that God has for each and everyone of us...just as we are! Let us not squander this moment of wonder. May it instead impel us to reach out to those who are suffering...to the stranger and alien...to follow ever more closely in the footsteps of this child who we know as the Christ!

I pray you have a "wonder-filled" Christmas and come to know how deeply you are loved by God...just as your are,
Fr. Tim

A **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP** meets every Friday from 10:30 am to 11:45 am in the church. For information, contact Nicole nicolemeister@gmail.com or 703-752-0917.

VOLUNTEERS FOR OLQP FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY NEEDED!

As you know, every Wednesday morning, OLQP provides supplementary food to over 100 families in our community. This important ministry needs you! We are in need of volunteers for Wednesday morning food distribution from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. We also need individuals for purchasing food to supplement what parishioners bring in during our monthly food drives. Both of these volunteer opportunities would be approximately a once a month commitment. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Greg Staff at gstaff@olqpva.org or 703-979-5580.

QUEEN OF PEACE ARLINGTON FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

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Serving the Queen of Peace Community 1964-2010

Office Hours: Sunday, 10:45 a.m. - 1 p.m., Saturday 4:30 p.m. - 5:25 p.m. the first Thursday of the month, 7:30 - 9 p.m., and by appointment. The office is located in the Ministry Center, first floor, main entrance to building. The credit union will be OPEN special Christmas Eve Hours Saturday, December 24 from 3:30 - 8 pm and will be CLOSED Christmas Day, Sunday December 25. The office will be OPEN normal hours Saturday December 31 and Sunday January 1.

Holiday Schedule

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24 -- Masses

Family Masses, 4 pm and 6 pm

Family Mass in Spanish, 8 pm

Midnight Mass begins w/ Lessons & Carols, 11:30 pm



Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25 – Mass: 11 am

New Year's Day

Sunday, January 1 – Regular weekend Masses, Including 5:30 pm Vigil Mass on Sat, Dec 31

Epiphany

Sunday, January 8 – Special Mass Schedule

5:30 pm Saturday Vigil, 8 am, 9:30 am,

12 noon Bilingual and 6 pm Young Adult Mass

(No 11:15 am or 1 pm Masses on Epiphany)

MERRY CHRISTMAS PARISH FAMILY!

The 2012 Josephite Calendar is available in the church vestibule. Printed by the Josephite Pastoral Center, this calendar celebrates the African American history and heritage of Catholics in the US. Please take one for your family as a gift from OLQP.

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 judgment. To find out the most up-to-date information, please call 1-866-322-4277.

JUST \$ -- Please help ensure that the OLQP Food Pantry is not bare during this Christmas Season by donating food products or purchasing and donating a Just \$ gift card.

MATTHEW 25 THRIFT STORE NEWS

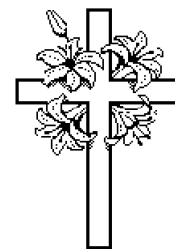
Matt 25 is now open on Thursdays from 12 - 3 pm in addition to 9 a m - 12 on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. The winter clothing inventory at Matt 25 is very low. Please go through your closets after the holidays and donate the clothes you know you will never wear. Matt 25 also needs large paper shopping bags with secure handles. We prefer the large department store paper bags instead of the grocery paper bags. If you have never been to Matt 25, please stop by and check out the store. It is located in the Ministry Center. Thanks for your generosity and support of Matt 25.

SOCIAL ACTION LINKING TOGETHER (SALT)--All are invited to join people of faith from throughout the diocese to learn first hand what social justice issues are on the agenda for advocacy in the General Assembly, and to learn how to respond. SALT urges your support for our Priority #1: VA Prisons to Ban Shackling of Pregnant Women - SALT supports the prohibition of shackling pregnant inmates in Virginia's prisons. This practice violates the dignity of the human person, a foundational principle of Catholic Social Teaching.

Join with SALT, and be an advocate for Social justice on behalf of the poor and vulnerable. Write letters, make phone calls and visit legislators.

Find Your Virginia Legislators: <http://legis.state.va.us/>. Learn how to make a difference. For more information contact SALT at jhorejsi@cox.net and visit the SALT web site at www.S-A-L-T.org

Christmas Flower Memorials
In Loving Memory



Lena Alfred
by Alfred Family

George Knight
by Kathy Desmond

Vivian and Normand Benoit
by Denise and Bill Loveless

Corry Kozyn
by the Kozyn Family

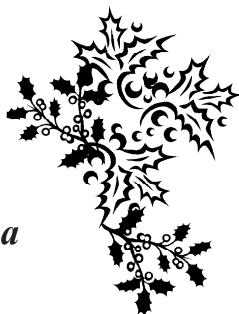
Tom Browne
by Jennifer Browne

Joane Liffrig and Frances Molife
by Nicole, Siphon and Louis Molife

Olinda Charles
by Kezia Charles

Neil and Emma Loveless
by Denise and Bill Loveless

Jacqueline Consoli
by Johanna McKenna



Granpa Jack McFarland
by the Stratman Family

Lawrence Dias
by Jude, Rita and Amit

Helen Nichols
by Kathy Desmond

Jerome Antonio Donatto
by Ernest Donotto and Family

Phi Phan
by Moi Phan and Family

Madeline B. Godfrey
by Carolyn Bonilla

Walter Ragland
by Carla Ragland-Rose

Peaches and Tony Kastner
by Adele Kastner Crump

Joachim and Toni Sowislo
by The Sowislo Family

Mary J. and James Kearney
by Kearney & Rein Families

Jim Randall, beloved son
by Claire Randall



Mary M. Kearney and Noreen Quirk
by The Rein and Kearney Families

Virginia Wheeler
by Bob and Gail Meighan