

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!

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Monday-Thursday— 12 Noon; Friday— 6 pm (During Lent)

Weekend Mass Schedule:

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.

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Please contact the parish office at least six months before wedding date to complete requirements.

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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

MARCH 25, 2018

PALM SUNDAY

PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY

Please note Mass Time Changes and Additional Masses

Holy Thursday, March 29:	Bilingual Mass, 7 pm
Good Friday, March 30:	Reconciliation 10:30-12 pm, Communion Service, 3 pm; Stations of the Cross in Spanish, 6 pm; Tenebrae, 8 pm
Holy Saturday	
Easter Vigil, March 31:	Reconciliation 10:30-12 pm, Bilingual Mass, 8:30 pm
Easter Sunday, April 1:	8 am, 9:45 am, 10 am (Hall), 12 noon, 12:15 pm (Hall), 2 pm (Spanish), 6 pm



**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION— 3 PM SERVICE
HOLY LAND SHRINES**

A Consistent Ethic of Life Catholic Community

PALM SUNDAY

Procession— Mk 11:1-10

Mass— Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

Next weekend's Readings: (Easter)

Acts 10:34A, 37-43; 1 Cor 5:6B-8; Mk 16:1-7

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Lousie Aust, Elizabeth Ball, Suri Barahona, Ronald Bashian, Francis Bilgera, Debra Billings, Precious Bowens, April Brasard, Lynne Burgh, Brody Carroll, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claire, Jeff Cory, Ginny Cox, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Adrienne DiCerbo, Ernest Donatto, Mike Dorsey, Irene Fitzpatrick, Yvette Francois, Anne Fullerton, Karen Gammache, Trishann Ganley, Carmen Gonzalez, the Harris Family, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Dee Hickey, Margaret Hodges, Beatriz Uribe Jaramillo, Rodrigo Jaramillo, Lillian Jay, Raymond Jay, Pat Johnson, Coleman Kane, Tom Kenefake, Cindy Kernick, Carmen Andrea Lara, Patrick Lawrey, Maria Linares, Lidia Montero Lopez, Mary Helen Madden, Wil McBride, Stefan McGuigan, Olga McKenzie, Martha Gladys Medina, Roberto Méndez, Mary Miller, Yvonne Mockler, Carmen Montijo, Dorothy Moran, Bob Morsches, Clem Munno, Chelsea Murray, Indira Murillo, Bruce Niligis, Nicholas, Denise Noland, Patrick Ogden, Mary Rose Orecchio, Delfima Pacheco-Choque, Roy Paco, Catherine Parr, Mary Pasquarella, Patrick, Catherine Peake, Paul Ramirez, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Wally Reyes, Michael Rodgers, Maritza Roldan, Carolyn Santos, Susan Savage, Jane Shepard, Mary Shookhoff, Jeffrey Smith, Mary E. Smith, Eva Souza, Paul Steinmetz, Nina Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Rose Trujillo, Fr. Tom Tunney, Nancy Urquizo, Stephen Utley, Kate Witkowski, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 24-30

5:30 pm—for Richard Long (D) by Lois M. Haubold

8:00 am—for the Parish

9:45 am—for Desmond Clarke (D) by Tony Clarke

12 pm—for Mary Brocco (D) by Jack & Karen McHale

2 pm—for the Parish

6:00 pm—for Lope Dysangco (D) by Lilian Sy

Tue 12:00 noon—for Demetrio Yabes (D) by the Yabes Family

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

Sunday Collection: 10,720

Faith Direct (February Average): \$9,997

JUST\$ Giant, Safeway and Shoppers cards are available this weekend for your grocery shopping or to donate to the OLQP Food Pantry. The net proceeds are used to feed the hungry in our community and to address the many emergency and educational needs of orphans of AIDS in Mweiga, Kenya. Thanks for your continued support of this program.

THEOLOGY ON TAP – Tuesday, March 27, 7:00 PM - Join fellow parishioners for a lively and interesting discussion of topics related to our faith in a relaxed setting at Lost Dog Café (2920 Columbia Pike, Arlington). Free underground parking is available off Walter Reed Dr., (use steps or elevator to exit to Walter Reed Dr., and then walk to Columbia Pike).

HAITI EASTER DRIVE - Jesus said, "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."—and we know this is the mission of Our Lady Queen of Peace. It is essentially the mission of the Haiti Ministry as well. We embraced St. Joseph's in Medor—remote, rural, deeply impoverished—when other U.S. parishes would not. We help to provide a good education, clean water, food, a healthy and hygienic environment. As you journey from Palm Sunday to Good Friday, remember our friends in Haiti in your Lenten practices: pray for them, consider a donation to the Haiti Easter Drive, and fast from another activity to spend time learning about the vibrant life happening in Medor.

CRS RICE BOWLS - This week we encounter our neighbors. Our sacrifices help people who are far and near, including people in the United States. Did you know that 25% of Rice Bowl funds collected stay in our own Diocese? Grants are given to projects that assist people who are hungry. Lent is almost over, our journey will be complete, our world has been stretched. Rice Bowls will be collected beginning the weekend of April 7-8. If you must bring in your bowl before that, place it in the collection basket. Also, checks for your donation can be made payable to OLQP with CRS Rice Bowl on the memo line. Thank you.

MINKISI MINISTRY invites the Easter people to celebrate a scripture meditation on Philippians 4:13, Alleluia! Held on Mon., April 2, 7:15 pm, in the Parish Discussion Room/Parish Office. For more details, contact Cecilia Braveboy: jisaac3@verizon.net, 703-979-5389.

OLQP ELDERS BRUNCH from 9 am – 1 pm at the home of one of our fellow elders who lives near Ballston, about 10 minutes from the Church. Street parking available. Contact: Jo Marie, 202-277-9390 or jomariegriesgraber@yahoo.com for address/directions. (No Sunday breakfast in Fr. Ray Hall on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.)

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT – On April 7 St. Mary of Sorrows will host a Bingo and Silent Auction to support TEACH, a non-profit organization that supports education for underserved children in Maya communities in Guatemala. Doors open at 6 pm and everyone is invited to play and win great prizes. Questions?: Shari.zamarra@gmail.com, 703-323-9367

PAX CHRISTI, PENTAGON AREA is showing a documentary entitled: "The Nuns, the Priests and the Bombs" Wednesday, March 28th, 7 pm in Classroom 1 of the Ministry Center. It is a must-see film about several nuns, priests and people, just like us, who challenge the legality and security of America's nuclear weapons. Are they criminals or prophets, sending a wake-up call to the world? A short dialogue will be held after the movie. Call/text Jack McHale, 703-772-0635 for information.

ANNUAL BREAKFAST FOR OAR - OAR, a community based restorative justice organization, blends compassion and accountability to assist offenders in leading productive and responsible lives, to the benefit of all. The 10th Annual Breakfast will be held Tuesday, April 24th. If you have any interest in attending, or learning more about OAR, please contact Kate Miner: kobminer@comcast.net

Striving to right our relationships with God, Others and Creation

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO... Today's readings carry the sorrows and the weight of the world. The false accusations, denials, betrayals, injustice and beatings Jesus faced are heartbreaking. Today's Eucharist begins with great joy with palm branches in hand, we sing victorious hymns to commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Like the crowds, we too welcome and rejoice in his reign. Similar to the disciples, we are also excited and filled with wonderful expectations. However when we listen to the passion of Jesus Christ, the mood of the crowds as well as that of the disciples changes swiftly. The crowds are fickle, cheering for Jesus one day and shouting "crucify him" the next day. Even many of his closest friends and followers sheepishly denied their knowledge of and association with him, and in cowardly fashion, abandoned him out of fear for their own safety. Jesus, on the other hand is resolved to faithfully carry out his mission; the proclamation of the advent of the reign of God and of God's lavish love and forgiveness poured out for each one of us, and for the earth itself..."for God so loved the world". Through the suffering and death of Jesus we have been saved, forgiven, our sins and guilt put as far from us as the East is from the West! We may wonder at times if God really loves us... and just how much...today we are reminded how much...as Christ spread his arms wide upon the cross...this is how much we are loved by God! How do I live out my identity as the "beloved of God"? How can I share this message of God's love and forgiveness with others? To whom am I being called to open wide my arms to embrace them in the midst of their need? Who are being crucified today...the millions of refugees, people, because of the color of their skin, people crucified for their immigration status, who they love, what language they speak, what part of the world or country they were born in, their age, their gender, their intellectual or physical abilities? As I enter this Holy Week, whose burdens will I help to shoulder to the foot of cross as I journey with Jesus this week, and meditate upon the gift of love and forgiveness which he has so lavishly poured upon me, and upon all of humanity?

Lenten Blessings,
Fr. Tim

BIG NEWS FOR SPIRITANS AT OLQP!!!

Just in case you missed the announcement – Fr. Brandon has been assigned to a Spiritan parish in Mexico where he will be learning Spanish! Fr. Martin Vu will be joining us here at OLQP as the new Parochial Vicar. A farewell reception is planned for Fr. Brandon on Friday, April 6, from 6:30- 8 pm in Fr. Ray Hall.

FR. JOE'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION!

Join us for a celebration of Fr. Joe's 60th anniversary on Saturday, April 21st. Mass at 2 pm followed by lunch in Fr. Ray Hall. Please RSVP by April 10th to Melvyn Mendez, melvyn.mendez@gmail.com, 571-278-492, or Emma Grayeb 703-899-6449, emma_grayeb@yahoo.com

GIVE A WEEKEND TO GOD! -- Ignatian Weekend Retreat - The men and women of our parish go on retreat each year at Loyola on the Potomac, a Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, MD. This year's theme is "Come Follow Me" and is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. It is conducted in silence and includes generous amounts of time for prayer, personal reflection and the cultivation of a deeper relationship with God. It is open to anyone who desires to grow in their relationship with God through prayer. It will begin Friday evening, April 20th, and will conclude with lunch on Sunday, April 22nd. Brochures in back of church. For more details or to make a reservation, call Thea Rossi Barron, 703-354-0580, theabarron@yahoo.com. Fee: \$245 (\$195 for first time retreatants and/or young adults up to age 30). You can also reserve online at www.loyolaonthepotomac.com. A deposit of \$115 and a registration form are required to secure your room.

WALK THROUGH LENT WITH POPE FRANCIS: A GUIDE FOR LENT BASED ON LAUDATO SI'

The Integrity of Creation committee invites parishioners to "right our relationship" with each other and with God's creation. Each week, we feature a quotation, prayer, and reflections for actions corresponding to a chapter of *Laudato Si'* ("Praise be to you, my Lord,"), Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment. You are invited to observe Lent by: *Reading* the chapter of *Laudato Si'* that corresponds with that week in Lent (found on the OLQP website); *Learning* of God's love through the living world, and working effectively toward sustainability of all life; *Praying* for "Our Common Home;" *Fasting* to transform ourselves and to be responsible caretakers of our Earth; *Acting* to build sustainable habits and move toward "an ecological conversion" — a transformation of the heart that shifts our view of our relationship with nature and people.

WEEK 6

CHAPTER 6 of *Laudato Si'*: Ecological Education and Spirituality

"Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little." (#222)

PRAY: Be merciful, O God, for I have sinned. Forgive me for pursuing a consumerist lifestyle, for wanting what I do not need, and for not considering the harm to the earth in feeding my desire for things. Guide me towards a simpler lifestyle and help me to make time for prayer and reflection.

ACT: This week, how can I contemplate the beauty of creation and thank God for all that he has created? How can I offer thanks for food, for those who provided it, and for the cycles of nature that brought it into existence?

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER NEEDED to pick up sweets from Panera Breads at Pentagon City Mall. This is a once a month obligation. We would like to have at least two people who are able to commit to picking up the leftover treats from Panera on a Tuesday evening and bring them to Father Ray Hall by 10 pm. Please contact Sally Diaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org

LABOR TEAM MEETING Saturday 4/7 at noon in the Founders Room -- Join the Labor Team for its big semi-annual potluck meeting. We will discuss upcoming events, focusing on our voter registration and GOTV efforts around the 2018 midterm elections. All are welcome. Email Laura Bandini to RSVP: HTLAURA1@gmail.com

UNITED TO END RACISM - On Wednesday, April 4, 2018 A.C.T. Now will be on the National Mall to mark the 50th Anniversary of the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. They will be having an inter-faith service and a rally to end racism. For information contact Sally Diaz-Wells at sdiazwells@olqpva.org

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS - We invite you to remember a deceased loved one with an Easter Flower Memorial, to be published in the Easter bulletin, April 1. Please complete this form, check payable to Our Lady Queen of Peace Church (donation amount is at your discretion) and send to the parish office (attention Christina) or drop in the collection by the deadline: Monday, March 26th (this weekend). Email requests with "Flower Memorial" in the subject line accepted thru Monday, March 26: office@olqpva.org

Honoring: _____

Requested by: _____

Donation: \$ _____

PRO-LIFE MEANS PRO-SOCIAL JUSTICE

By Fr. James Martin, SJ

I am pro-life.

That means that I'm also pro-social justice.

That means that I am not only for the dignity of the human being from the moment of conception, but also for the dignity of the human being until the natural end of life. For life does not end with birth. A person who is truly pro-life is pro-all life, pro-every stage of life, pro-every stage of life for every person. For all life is sacred, because all life is created by God.

That means that I support anything that helps a person live a full, healthy and satisfying life, in every part of the world. So I am for care for the poor, for a living wage, for affordable health care, for adequate housing, for a humane work environment, for equal pay for women, for generous child care, for the support of the aged and the infirm.

That means I support caring for the marginalized among us: the refugee, the migrant, the displaced person, the homeless, the unemployed, the person with disabilities, the single mother, women who are abused, minorities of every kind who are persecuted, and all those who feel left out, mocked, lonely, ignored or frightened.

That means that when any particular group is targeted, as refugees and migrants have been recently, I feel a responsibility to speak out, as much as I can. I know that I am just one voice, but I need to raise it. I am against silence in the face of injustices visited on others.

That means that I am against torture, because it is an affront to human dignity. I am against the death penalty, the most serious affront to an adult life. I am against abuse and mistreatment in prisons. I am against war as a way to solve problems.

That means I respect the lives of all creatures, and am therefore for the care of the world in which we live, for the environment in the broadest sense.

That means I am pro-peace, pro-justice and pro-reconciliation.

The longer I am a Jesuit, the longer I am a priest, the longer I live, and the more I pray and listen and observe, the more convinced I am of the sanctity and beauty of life.

So, yes, I am pro-life. Pro-all life.

I hope you are too.

James Martin, SJ, is a Jesuit priest, editor at large of America magazine and author of many books, including Jesus: A Pilgrimage, The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything and Seven Last Words.