

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!

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Monday-Friday— 12 Noon

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Saturdays — 5:30 pm Vigil

Sundays — 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am,

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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 6, 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE

PENTECOST SUNDAY WEEKEND

May 19-20

Saturday: 5:30 Vigil

Sunday: 8 am, 9:30 am, 12 Noon Bilingual, 6 pm
(no 11:15 am or 1 pm Masses on May 20th)



"This I command you:
love one another."

Jn 15:17

Next Sunday's 2nd Collection
DIOCESAN RETIRED PRIESTS

A Consistent Ethic of Life Catholic Community

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Next weekend's Readings: **(Ascension of the Lord)**

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Jn 16:15-20

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Lousie Aust, Elizabeth Ball, Suri Barahona, Ronald Bashian, Francis Bilgera, Precious Bowens, April Brassard, Lynne Burgh, Brody Carroll, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claire, Jeff Cory, 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, Pat Johnson, 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, Bruyce 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, Janet Shirvanian, 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 MAY 5– MAY 11

5:30 pm —for William Thomas Slye (D) by Alice & Kevin Curtin
8 am—for the Parish

9:30 am—for Ray Dunn (D) by Gail & Bob Meighan

11:15 am—for Gerri Noble-Martocci (D) by John & Shari Zamarra

1 pm—for Antonia Romero (D) by Daysi Martinez & Family

6 pm— for Sr. Tessie Soriano, Rsc (D) by the Francia Family

Thu. 12:00 noon— for Marilyn Koby (D) by Tim Hickey

Fri. 12:00 noon— for Elvira Kultzow (D) by the Yabes Family

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

Sunday Collection: \$9,615

Catholic Home Missions: \$3,379

Faith Direct (April Average): \$9,235

SPECIAL PENTECOST COLLECTION: SPIRITANS

It is the custom of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans) to have a special collection on Pentecost Sunday (weekend of May 19 -20) to unite our parishioners and the people we are privileged to serve overseas. This annual collection helps the Spiritans spread the Good News "to the ends of the earth". It is a great symbol of solidarity between the Spiritans at home and those Spiritans who serve in the Missions abroad, e.g., in Mexico, the Philippines, Taiwan, Tanzania, Vietnam and the Dominican Republic. As your pastor I want to personally thank you for your sacrifice for the work of the Church and your support of the missionary efforts of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit. God bless you for your kindness.

OLQP TEEN THEATER PRESENTS ZOMBIE PROM!

The OLQP Teen Theater Program Proudly Presents: *Zombie Prom!* May 24th-26th. Performances will be at Bishop Ireton High School in Alexandria, VA (only 10 minutes away!) Tickets cost \$5.00 for children, \$10.00 for adults and \$25.00 for families of four or more. The show is suitable for all audiences. Buy your tickets today after Mass or reserve your seats by emailing Youth Minister Mike Mothes at mmoth@olqpva.org.

Performances:

Thursday, May 24th at 7:30 pm

Friday, May 25th at 7:30 pm

Saturday, May 26th at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm

This girl loves ghoul rock and roll Off Broadway musical is set in the atomic 1950s at Enrico Fermi High, where the law is laid down by a zany, tyrannical principal. Pretty senior Toffee has fallen for the class bad boy. Family pressure forces her to end the romance, and he charges off on his motorcycle to the nuclear waste dump. He returns glowing and determined to reclaim Toffee's heart. He still wants to graduate, but most of all he wants to take Toffee to the prom. History comes to his rescue while a tuneful selection of original songs in the style of 50s hits keeps the action rocking across the stage.

SOLAR ENERGY IN MEDOR, HAITI - The Medor community requested funding to provide solar energy for the church and convent. The Haiti committee applied for a grant which was denied, but we were able to fund the project through donations from OLQP parishioners. Now the community has solar panels that supply electricity to the Church, secondary school computer lab and office, rectory, convent and the parish clinic. Panasonic donated 30 solar lanterns to Medor through OLQP. Currently the solar lanterns are used in the five elementary schools, the secondary school, the student dormitory, two clinics and the tree nurseries. Students are now able to study at night and the volunteers at the tree nurseries can work prior to daybreak and after dark. Check out Dr. Sue's blog on Medor at marysusancarlson.tumblr.com

Please continue to pray for our sisters and brothers in Haiti.

BUILDING FOREVER FAMILIES MINISTRY - Next Sunday, May 13, the OLQP Building Forever Families Ministry will be collecting items for Comfort Cases. Comfort Cases provides critical support to children in crisis, whether they are entering the foster care system, removed from a home for allegations of abuse, facing homelessness, or temporarily displaced for emergencies or other reasons. They do this by providing a backpack or duffel bag filled with new items that youth can keep and call their own. The cases have pajamas, a soft blanket, toiletries, dental hygiene kits, a book, an activity, and a stuffed animal. They seek to provide these essential personal items so that kids in need have a sense of dignity during a time of crisis. Having a comfort case provides the children with the ability to use their own items to shower, sleep, and feel secure regardless of where they are. Additionally, the case itself can be used to carry personal items that may be meaningful to the child. Though this is just one of many interventions needed to bring a sense of security to vulnerable youth, we believe that dignity is the first step.

Striving to right our relationships with God, Others and Creation

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO... On this sixth Sunday of Easter we hear one of the foundational beliefs of our Christian faith: Jesus proclaims to his disciples that just as the Father has loved him so he loves them and that there is no greater love than for someone to lay down their life for a friend (which, of course, is exactly what he is about to do!). In the second reading St John tells us clearly that God is love itself! And Jesus calls us to abide in that love, to dwell in it, to live from it. During this Easter season we are invited to reflect on this amazing deep and passionate love that God has for each one of us, that we are loved even in the midst of our brokenness and sinfulness. Jesus was willing to lay down his life to show us that boundless love of which he spoke to his disciples. This deep and passionate love that God has for us is for all people and even St Peter comes to realize this, and we hear him recognize that God shows no partiality. And we are called to love one another as Christ loves us, and we are empowered to do this in and through the grace of the Eucharist which not only empowers us but emboldens us to reach out to embrace "the other", especially those most in need -- those most despised and dejected, those marginalized by ourselves and by the broader society. Just as St Peter came to recognize that God's love stretched beyond the people of Israel so too we are called to see God's amazing and transformative love for all peoples and allow it to change our hearts and minds that we might draw near to all those who suffer and are in need and whom others dehumanize and distance themselves from. This then shapes and impacts our world view and how we see other people, other cultures and other countries and how we are called as disciples to interact with them. Reaching out and embracing "the other", the one who is different, is difficult but it is precisely what we are called to do as Jesus' disciples. What can I do to better accept God's love for me in my life that I might share it with others? To whom is God's love calling me to love and accept, in my family, my school, my community, my country, the world?

Easter Blessings,
Fr. Tim

PLEASE BEWARE -- Many of you have received bogus email messages from what appears to be Fr. Tim asking for assistance in one way or another. These messages are not legitimate -- please know that messages from Fr. Tim will only come from his parish email account "thickey@olqpva.org"; not from aol, gmail, yahoo, or Hotmail. Please do not respond to these messages and do not act on them. Thank you. Pastors throughout the diocese and the archdiocese of Washington are being targeted similarly.

GREAT NEWS!!! -- We are very pleased to announce that Bishop Burbidge has given approval to begin renovation of the church. We will soon have a timeline to share when the church will close and the Hall will become our temporary place of worship. Stay tuned. If you have not yet made a pledge to the Capital Campaign Phase II and would like to do so, you can find green pledge cards at the back of church. Thank you!

PLASTIC BAGS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOOD PANTRY - We use them for many things and we are very low. Please drop off your plastic bags after mass in Father Ray hall near the food pantry doors or in the food bin.

CARPENTERS SHELTER DINNER, THURSDAY, MAY 17

OLQP has the pleasure of preparing and serving dinner for Carpenter's residents on Thursday, May 17. Our menu is fried chicken, potato salad, vegetable, salad and dessert. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office in advance (Mon-Fri, 8:30-4:30) or delivered to Fr. Ray Hall on May 17 between 4 and 5. Thanks for helping! Questions, contact Mary Resnick: mary.resnick@gmail.com

PLEASE SUPPORT THE OLQP FOOD PANTRY

Our very busy food pantry will be collecting food next week. Please give generously (list of items needed is in the back of the church) as we are supplementing the food needs of about 200 families per week. Any questions, please contact Sally Diaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org

VOTER REGISTRATION AT OLQP:

Responsible citizenship is a virtue and participation in political life is a moral obligation

The Labor & Income Inequality Team is making voter registration available May 12/13 following each Mass. Register for the first time or update your address. We will also have voter ID information and absentee ballot applications. If you have any questions or would like to assist with this effort contact Laura Bandini: htlaura1@gmail.com

OLQP'S WEDNESDAY MORNING NURSERY is a happy place for children to hang out while their families visit our Food Pantry and Matt 25. A playful volunteer team of parishioners organizes, supervises and then stores all the equipment that keeps the little ones busy. Two caregivers are moving away soon, so there is an immediate need for replacement players. Volunteers must be highly skilled in peaceful games and youthful outlook and available on Wednesdays from 9:15-11:30 am. Are you ready to pretend cook, glue feathers and ribbons, build block structures, experiment with play dough, race matchbox cars, toss ping pong balls, share veggie straws, all in an effort to provide healthy fun for delightful children? Young mothers with little ones at home can bring their own children for a family social justice experience. Grandma's with distant grandchildren can practice their skills. Folks who never outgrew their ability to be silly are also invited. The role comes with the promise of a quiet morning spent in ministry with amazing children and grateful mothers. Tears are shed only when the children are told it is time to "Vamos"! Questions...email Ann Felker, gr8est9@gmail.com SOON!

PAUL VI BOYS SOCCER CAMP 2018 - Come join us at the Paul VI Boys Soccer Camp this summer July 30-Aug 3, 2018! PVI has a proven history of both team and individual successes. We won the VA Independent Boys State Championship in Fall 2015 and had previously won it in Fall 2010. In addition to numerous All WCAC, All Met, and All State honors, we had NSCAA All Americans in both 2014 and 2015. Please visit us at <https://paulvi.jumbula.com/>. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Ed Aponte at eaponte@pvipanther.net or 703-929-9151.

California bishops: The mental health care system is broken

Jim McDermott

The Catholic bishops of California on May 1 released “Hope and Healing,” a pastoral letter on the care of those who struggle with mental illness. “People who suffer from severe and persistent mental illnesses are among the most misunderstood, ignored and unjustly stigmatized members of our society,” the bishops write in the passionate and strongly worded statement. “For them, our communities and parishes should be places of refuge and healing, not places of rejection or judgment.”

Their letter comes at an important moment. According to the most recent statistics from the National Institute on Mental Health, almost 20 percent of American adults experienced a mental health issue of some kind over the course of 2016 alone. One in 25 suffered serious mental impairment, as have 1 in 5 American children aged 13-18 at some point in their lives.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have likewise reported a 24 percent increase in suicides between 1999 and 2014. The rise extends across men and women of every age group from 10 to 74, with the greatest increases among women aged 10-14 and men aged 45-64.

“There seems to be something going on in our society that’s causing more and more people to struggle with anxiety, depression and other mood disorders,” says Dr. Aaron Kheriaty, professor of psychiatry at the University of California Irvine and co-author of *The Catholic Guide to Depression*. At the same time, “there’s a lot of folks that don’t have what they need.”

So in Orange County, “a county with a lot of resources, we have no county hospital where unfunded patients with mental health problems can go,” says Dr. Kheriaty.

“We regularly have patients that are suicidal or acutely psychotic basically boarding in our emergency rooms for days, waiting for an in-patient bed to open somewhere.”

“The mental health care system in California is broken,” write the bishops. “Our jails and prisons—indeed, our city streets—are filled with individuals who suffer from mental illness.....This is unacceptable.”

Dr. Kheriaty welcomes the bishops’ letter for the spotlight it shines on the problem. He notes its sense of empathy: “This is the pastors and leaders of the church in a very visible and public way saying that the church cares about you and what you’re dealing with.

“I haven’t seen anything like this from the bishops of the church before.”

“We clearly proclaim that there is no shame in receiving a diagnosis of a psychiatric disorder,” the bishops write. “To suffer from a psychiatric disorder is not a sign of insufficient faith or weakness of will.”

In the Diocese of Orange, Bishop Kevin Vann has made mental health care a major element of the church’s work, offering conferences with evangelical pastor Rick Warren and dozens of forums for parishioners. The diocese has trained over 30 parishioners to become mental health leaders in their parishes.

Bishop Vann’s commitment comes from his own experience. As a parish priest and later a pastor in downtown Springfield, Ill., Bishop Vann frequently met people struggling with mental health issues. He learned that what they needed from him was not diagnosis but companionship. Our first question, he says, “is not ‘What are you suffering from?’ but ‘Who are you?’”

That call to friendship is a main thrust of “Hope and Healing”: “We Christians have to get to know people, to befriend them, to listen generously to them, to walk with them,” the bishops write. And we do so, they say, not out of any expectation that we can fully comprehend the struggles of those with mental health issues or fix them, “but simply because these encounters—these small acts of love and compassion, understanding and friendship—are precisely what people need most.”

Dr. Kheriaty emphatically agrees. “The suffering that people deal with when they’re struggling with mental illness is compounded by a sense of isolation, marginalization or stigma. If Catholics can open up spaces at their parishes to learn about these issues, talk about them or support one another, it would be a tremendous step.”

“Hope and Healing” also attends to the

issue of suicide, noting that the church today understands that “mental illness can impair a person’s capacity to reason clearly” and quoting *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*: “We should not despair of the eternal salvation of those who have taken their own lives.”

Father Paul Vu, S.J., a psychologist who works in Student Affairs at Loyola Marymount University, praises the letter for its “compassion” on this point: “No one knows what it must be like to feel in such a dark place that you feel like you have no other option.”

At the same time, he wishes the church could take one further step. He finds among his Catholic students that mental health struggles like suicide are often intertwined with the church’s teachings on homosexuality. “For them,” Father Vu explains, “according to the teaching of the church they’re going to go to hell.” That is not to say pastors or bishops are preaching such things, he qualifies, but people have developed these impressions. “They’re misinformed,” he says.

Speaking about these issues in the context of this conversation on mental health is a “great opportunity for the church to debunk or at least talk about that.”

At the end of “Hope and Healing,” the bishops acknowledge the humbling mystery of human suffering. “We do not know the reasons why there is so much suffering in the world,” they write. “We are living in a fallen, broken world; and each of us is broken to some degree. And yet we know that God never allows us to suffer alone.”

And in the promise of our faith, they find hope. “In eternity with God, every beautiful thing in our lives that is now unfinished will be completed, all the good that is scattered will be gathered together, everything that is lost will be found, all hopes that are now thwarted will be realized, and all that is broken will finally be restored.”

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