

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!

Address: 2700 19th Street South
Arlington VA 22204
Phone: 703-979-5580
Email: office@olqpva.org
Website: www.olqpva.org



Pastor:

Fr. Tim Hickey, CSSp., thickey@olqpva.org

Parochial Vicar:

Fr. Martin Vu, CSSp., mvu@olqpva.org

Ministerio Latino:

Fr. Joseph Nangle, OFM, j.nangleofm@yahoo.com

Deacon:

Deacon Tony Remedios, tremedios@olqpva.org

Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday-Friday— 12 Noon

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.

Marriage Preparation:

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

Reconciliation:

Sat, 4:45-5:15pm; by appointment

Business Manager:

Christina Kozyn, ckozyn@olqpva.org

Office Receptionist / Hispanic Liaison (bilingual):

Thelma Molina, tmolina@olqpva.org

Office Administrative Assistants:

Jeannette Gantz Daly, jgantzdaly@olqpva.org

Michele Chang, mchang@olqpva.org

Faith Formation Director:

Theresa Kennedy Palmisano, tpalmisano@olqpva.org

Faith Formation Assistant (bilingual):

Cecilia Lopez Oetgen, clopez@olqpva.org

Faith Formation Consultant:

Katie Remedios, kremedios@olqpva.org

Youth Minister:

Mike Mothes, mmothes@olqpva.org

Social Justice and Outreach Minister (bilingual):

Sally Diaz-Wells, sdiazwells@olqpva.org

Outreach Assistant (bilingual):

Lyzbeth Monard, lmonard@olqpva.org

Maintenance Supervisor:

Michael Hill, mgdvet53155@yahoo.com

Evening Custodian:

Joe Martocci, jmartocci@olqpva.org

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Wednesday—9 AM, office@olqpva.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

JUNE 17, 2018

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"To what shall we compare
the kingdom of God
or what parable
can we use for it?"

Mk 4:30

A Consistent Ethic of Life Catholic Community

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ez 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

Next weekend's Readings:

(Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist)

Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

Sunday Masses: Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66,80

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Lousie Aust, Elizabeth Ball, Suri Barahona, Ronald Bashian, Francis Bilgera, Precious Bowens, April Brasard, Lynne Burgh, Brody Carroll, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claire, Jeff Cory, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Adrienne DiCerbo, Yolanda Gregorio, Ernest Donatto, Mike Dorsey, Irene Fitzpatrick, Yvette Francois, Anne Fullerton, Karen Gammache, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, 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, Kathy Martin, Wil McBride, Stefan McGuigan, Olga MacKenzie, 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, Mary Terlep, Rose Trujillo, Fr. Tom Tunney, Nancy Urquizo, Stephen Utey, Kate Witkowski, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 16-22

5:30 pm —for Maribeth Murphy (L) by Margarita Rios

8 am—for Paul Kuczkowski (D) by Dan Larkins

9:30 am—for William Collins (D) by the Collins Family

11:15 am—for Julie & Isidro Reyes (D) by Judy & Wally Reyes

1 pm— for Buenaventura Alfaro (D) by Julia Alfaro

6 pm— for the Parish

Tue. 12:00 noon— for Laura G. Bernabe (D) by the Family

Wed. 12:00 noon— for Luis R. Francia (D) by the Francia Family

Thu. 12:00 noon— for Mr. Paul Christy (D)

by Fr. Tim Hickey, CSSp.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

Sunday Collection: \$10,436

Faith Direct (May Average): \$10,055

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

OLQP ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, September 16, 1-5 pm, Barcroft Park

MEDOR'S PROGRESS...

Pere Daniel, the first resident priest in Medor, accompanied us on a recent trip and marveled at the development that has occurred there over the last 20+years. In 1997, there were about 300 children in Medor's primary school, and there was no secondary school in the vast 74-square-mile parish. Pere Daniel told us that the school children wrote on their legs or on stones because there was no paper in the school. Now St. Joseph parish educates 3,000 children in five primary schools and one secondary school. All the students have workbooks or notebooks. The secondary school students even have access to solar powered computers! To date, seven classes have graduated from Medor's secondary school. Dozens of graduates now attend university. One, who has completed her university classes and is writing her thesis, now teaches economics, social studies and civics in Medor's secondary school. Check out Dr. Sue's blog on Medor at marysusancarolson.tumblr.com

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

OLQP ANNUAL BACKPACK AND SCHOOL SUPPLY

DRIVE - OLQP Religious Education Families are collecting new and gently used backpacks and school supplies for parish and local children, kindergarten through high school. We need: backpacks, pencils, notebooks, rulers, crayons, markers, glue, colored pencils, scissors, highlighters, erasers, pocket folders, notebook paper, etc. We expect to serve over 250 children and really need your help. School supplies can be brought to mass and placed in the box at the back of church, marked "school supplies" on the landing of the loft staircase. (The Matt 25 blue bins are being renovated this week and will not be open for dropping off donations.) If you have questions or would like to provide an entire backpack, please contact Pat Vinkenes: patvinkenes@yahoo.com

FATIMA-SPAIN-LOURDES-PARIS PILGRIMAGE

September 25-October 5, 2018

Father Peter and Deacon LaDuca (Holy Spirit Parish, Annandale) invite OLQP members on an amazing journey of faith to visit Fatima, Portugal, home to the 100-year-old apparition of Mary. Then experience the City of Salamanca in the beautiful country of Spain with a visit to Avila, in the footsteps of St. Teresa. Finally, reaching Lourdes, France where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette. Lourdes is the true place of healing and miracles. Followed by two days/nights in Paris to visit Notre Dame and St. Catherine Laboure (Miraculous Medal). See this special webpage for information on costs: www.JMJTours.com/HolySpirit

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO... Once again this week Jesus speaks to us in parables... multifaceted gems that once tumbled around in our hearts and ruminated upon, yield unbelievable insights into the Reign of God. While the disciples certainly preferred straightforward answers...Jesus obviously preferred parables. Of the comparisons of the reign of God to a field, a mustard seed or the leaven in bread...I have always liked the comparison of the mustard seed to the Reign of God. This tiny, tiny little seed grows into a great bush...so large that the birds of the air make their nests in it. If you take the parable at its face value it all seems quite lovely. However there is a dark side that farmers know well: the mustard bush is an invasive plant, it grows wildly and rapidly, quickly overtaking a garden, ruining the plants that had been planted with care and reducing their yield, if not completely choking them out. Mustard bushes are uncontrollable and rapidly spread across a farm if not quickly uprooted before going to seed. Surely this reality was not lost on Jesus...nor on those who heard him tell the parable. It seems that perhaps Jesus is presenting an image of the expansion of the Reign of God as something uncontrollable, invasive and fast growing! Looking through the lens of this image...the Reign of God is not something that can be domesticated or controlled...by its very nature it grows uncontrollably and burst forth offering refuge. I believe that most of us though would prefer something that we could contain and control... domesticate! But the truth is that the Reign of God is just that..."God's Reign"...not ours. We are part of it by our baptism and we are called to help water it so that it continues to grow and "invade" every crevice and furrow of this earth... but we don't get to tame it. Two thousand years ago Jesus' vision of the bursting forth of the Reign of God was nothing less than radicaland it still is today. We are called to be part of that radical vision...to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and imprisoned, to welcome the stranger -- to love one another as Christ loves us and to reach out and to care for "the other", to proclaim the deep and passionate love of God for all peoples! And wasn't it just this radical vision of the reign of God that Jesus preached that got him crucified? As his disciple, just how radical of a life am I willing live? In a world that proclaims a "gospel of personal prosperity"...tax cuts for the rich at the cost of healthcare cuts for the poor, in a nation where overt acts of racism and discrimination are on display daily across the country, in a nation that legally allows babies and young children to be snatched from the arms of their parents who are seeking asylum or immigrating looking for a better life and puts them into detention centers...to what lengths am I willing to go in building up this radical vision of the Reign of God that Jesus preached? What concrete action can I take today to "water" the Reign of God? Where and how do I see the Reign of God bursting forth in imaginative and radical ways?

Blessings,
Fr. Tim

CARPENTER'S SHELTER SUPPER – Thursday, June 21

This month the shelter is moving to a temporary home at the Landmark Macy's while their original home is being re-developed. We'll be bringing meals to a warming station with plenty of options for heating, chilling and serving dinner. This month's menu is **bean and ham soup, vegetarian soup, French/Italian bread, salad and dessert**. Please sign up at the board in back of church. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office in advance (Mon-Fri, 8:30-4:30) or delivered to Fr. Ray Hall on June 21 between 4 and 4:45. Thanks for helping! Questions, contact Mary Resnick: mary.resnick@gmail.com

DO YOU HAVE A GRADUATE THIS YEAR?

Each year, OLQP proudly honors parish members who are recent graduates by publishing their picture in the Graduation Bulletin. We include middle school, high school and college. If you would like your graduate's picture in the bulletin, please email your graduate's photo to office@olqpva.org and include a notation with the graduate's name and school. Please indicate "graduation bulletin" in the subject line of your message. **Deadline is June 24** for publication in the June 30/July 1 Graduation Bulletin.

FOOD PANTRY BAGGERS - Our very busy food pantry needs baggers to bag the groceries on Mondays from 8:30 to about 11 am. Please consider helping this very important ministry. Questions, please contact Sally Diaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org

VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE NETWORK - Last weekend we asked that you sign up for the VA Catholic Conference Network. If you took a card home, please return it and place it in the collection basket. If you want to sign up, there are cards in the vestibule of the church. You can turn those cards into Sally Diaz-Wells, Social Justice and Outreach Minister. Questions, please contact Sally Diaz-Well at sdiazwells@olqpva.org You can also sign up at: **www.vacatholic.org**

OLQP's PAX CHRISTI MEETING & FILM VIEWING

Save Wednesday, June 27th at 7 pm in the Ministry Center for a special showing of "Unmanned: America's Drone Wars", a compelling 65 minute documentary that has been lauded as "essential viewing if you want to understand what's going on." Pax Christi, Pentagon Area (your Pax Christi chapter at OLQP for the last 12 years) has been witnessing against the US armed drone program every 2nd Saturday since November 2012, the first 4 years at the gates of the CIA, the last year plus in front of the White House. We will have a discussion afterwards. Text Jack McHale at 703-772-0635 for more information.

Pope Francis calls us all to holiness, for all life

by **Tony Magliano**

Rejoice and be glad, Jesus is calling you to be holy!

Ah, but you might say, "Holiness is for saintly people like the pope." But the pope says holiness is for you and me, and that everyone is called by God "to be holy and blameless before him in love" (Ephesians 1:4).

In his new apostolic exhortation *Gaudete et Exultate* ("Rejoice and Be Glad"), Pope Francis reminds us that the Lord has set the bar extremely high for you and me: "He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence."

The Holy Father writes, "The important thing is that each believer discern his or her own path, that they bring out the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts."

But common to all forms of holiness must be a deep special love for the vulnerable and poor — near and far.

Pope Francis writes that the various miseries experienced by countless human beings should cause Christians to feel "a constant and healthy unease" that should inspire us to deeply pray and tirelessly work to help all those who suffer.

This love must be passionate, consistent and unconditional. It cannot exclude anyone, not even our enemies.

But many Catholics and other Christians think that their one life issue — to the detriment of all other life issues — is the most important one of all. The Holy Father calls this mentality a "harmful ideological error."

Rather than ranking the life issues, Francis links them. He instructs us to see them as essential parts of an integral whole.

He powerfully insists that "Our defense of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection."

Pope Francis is clearly insisting upon what the late courageous Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago coined "the consistent ethic of life," which calls for the total equal protection of the life and dignity of every human being from conception to natural death, and everyone in between — no exceptions.

Unfortunately, multitudes of Catholics are not committed to this centrally important teaching.

I have encountered many Catholics who are deeply committed to

ending abortion, but often have no hesitancy about going to war — which always involves killing countless innocent people.

And on the other hand, I have encountered many deeply committed Catholic peace activists who are indifferent to the war of abortion waged against innocent unborn babies.

But Pope Francis is in neither camp. Rather he is crystal clear that we are not to subjectively rank the life issues, but rather to objectively link them all together.

The resurrecting of this ancient teaching of the early Catholic Church — insisting on absolutely no blood-spilling — is both the most moral and the most logical position to hold. It proclaims to governments, corporations, society and the whole world that no one is expendable! And that each person made in God's image and likeness is to be cherished and protected.

[Tony Magliano is an internationally syndicated social justice and peace columnist. He is available to speak at diocesan or parish gatherings. Tony can be reached at tmaq@zoominternet.net.]

Published on
National Catholic Reporter
(<https://www.ncronline.org>)
May 30, 2018