

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,
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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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

JULY 22, 2018

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Come away by yourselves
to a deserted place
and rest a while.”

Mk 6:31

A Consistent Ethic of Life Catholic Community

THE 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Next weekend's Readings: (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

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 Claure, Jeff Cory, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Adrienne DiCerbo, Yolanda Gregorio, Ernest Donatto, Irene Fitzpatrick, Ann Flack, 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, Arthur Miller, Mary Miller, Yvonne Mockler, Carmen Montijo, Dorothy Moran, Bob Morschies, 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, Mark Pazich, Minnie Pazich, 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 Urquiza, Stephen Utley, Kate Witkowski, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JUL 21-22

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

8 am—for Paul Popernack, Sr. (D) by Margie Popernack & Family

9:30 am—for Mary Beth Keaney (D) by Joan Hartke

11:15 am—for Ken Smith (D) by Dee Dee Tostanoski

1 pm— for Maria Luuisa Bravo (D) by the Laguna Family

6 pm—for Renzel Emmanuel Lee Atienza Rosser (D)

by Peter Janssen & Bonnie Czekanski

Mon. 12:00 noon— for Ivan Jose Arango (D) by the Mendez Family

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

Sunday Collection: \$8,766

Missionary Cooperative, Banica Mission: \$4,381

Faith Direct (June Average): \$10,054

CELL SERVICE IN MEDOR - Recently we received great news that Digicel, a cell phone company, was working in remote Medor! In 2014 an OLQP parishioner began trying to contact Denis O'Brien, founder of Digicel which is one of the main cell services in Haiti, to ask that he bring cell service to Medor. It took several years before the parishioner connected with Denis. Once Denis instructed the Digicel office in Port au Prince to make this happen for Medor, there were a number of other hurdles to overcome: Digicel representatives had to come to Medor to look for acceptable sites for a cell tower, and because it is hard to get here, many Digicel workers simply would not come. Pere Luckson had to produce documents on land ownership, some of which were so old and tattered they were difficult to read. Then a government official had to come to Medor to survey the land, but he too was reluctant to do this due to Medor's inaccessibility. Finally, after all this was in place, work on the tower was begun. Check out Dr. Sue's blog on Medor at marysusancarlson.tumblr.com

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

DEAR OLQP FAMILY,

I have recently accepted a position as Northern Virginia Regional Director of Ignatian Volunteer Corps. Consequently, at the end of this month, I will be leaving OLQP as Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. There was a great deal of discernment that went into this decision, including the more time I will be able to spend with my family. I am so grateful for the opportunity to have worked with the youth and young adults at OLQP. When I arrived a little over three years ago, the Queen of Peace of community welcomed me with open arms. You supported me in my ministry focused on building relationships and building community. My belief that church is best defined as the People of God impacts this idea that we thrive in community and that we experience God in our loving relationships with one another. I believe that we are loved for who we are, not for who we "could" or "should" be. Thank you for being you. And I have a challenge to all of the youth and young adults of this community. Continue using your actions and your words to raise awareness about what "gets you out of bed in the morning and what amazes you with joy and gratitude." Whether this means making sure that Teen Nights continue, that a Young Adult Bible Study gets off the ground, that you return to Appalachia year after year, that you keep ministering to our community using your artistic gifts, or whatever else "seizes your imagination." As Pedro Arupe ends his prayer that has been quoted throughout this letter, "fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything."

Peace,

Mike Mothes

LOOKING FOR TEEN VOLUNTEERS! -- To all teens of the parish looking to fulfill service hours or simply to lend a hand in the Religious Education program: we are looking for helpers to work on First Communion binder re-stocking, craft supplies inventory, and First Communion mailings! We would love your help! If Interested, please reach out to Theresa Palmisano, Director of Religious Education, at tpalmisano@olqpva.org Thank you!

4TH SUNDAY YOUNG ADULT POTLUCK will be after the 6 pm Mass this Sunday, July 22, in the Founders Room starting at 7:15 pm. The theme is "Good Old Fashioned Potluck". All young adults from OLQP are invited to join us this Sunday night for fellowship, food, and fun.

LENDING LIBRARY/BINDER RETURN! -- To all users of the Lending Library on the 2nd floor of the Ministry Center: please return any resources you have borrowed this year back to the Lending Library! These might be books, lessons, or DVDs/videos. Please sign each item back into the library using the clipboard found on the bookshelf. Thank you! In addition, for those who were a part of the First Communion program this past year, please make sure you have returned your blue or green parent binder to the parish! These are reused each year and so we are in need of re-stocking the binders for the upcoming program! Please return them to the Ministry Center, 2nd floor in front of the Religious Education Office door. Thank you!

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

This week we welcome new Christian:

Makenzie Isabella Hernandez - Baptized 11 am Saturday

Striving to right our relationships with God, Others and Creation

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO... The Gospel of Mark presents a harried, hurried Jesus, constantly on the move from one location to the next. There are stories inside of stories, like the healing of the woman with a hemorrhage which takes place in the midst of another story about the raising of Jairus' daughter. Jesus is constantly on the move from village to village, preaching and healing and teaching, proclaiming the lavishness of God's love and forgiveness for all peoples. Today in the midst of our hurry, Jesus invites us to come away for a while and rest. The disciples had been sent out by Jesus, two by two, to teach and heal and to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and now they have just returned...filled with the Gospel excitement, and Jesus invites them to come away for a while and rest. Whenever I read this passage I imagine that this time away was meant for the disciples to reflect on what they had experienced and to allow the meaning of it all to settle into their hearts. There are many references in all four of the Gospels that Jesus often went off to deserted places to pray. It seems that he was training the disciples to do the same. He knew firsthand the dynamism of the Good News and the energy it takes to proclaim it. And so, like the disciples, we too are invited to "come away for a while and rest." But this is no easy thing to do in the midst of our harried and hurried lives...the 24 hour news cycle that bombards us and assails our sense of justice and Christian ethical behavior across the political and social spectrum of our society. So many of us stand amazed and appalled at the total lack of care and compassion of our fellow human beings being demonstrated not only by our elected officials but by ordinary citizens who feel emboldened to disrespect the human dignity of our sisters and brothers whom they look down upon and believe to not belong here or that someone has less value and therefore does not deserve their respect. In the midst of all of this inhumanity and unchristian activity we are called to action but like Jesus called the disciples to take time "to come away for a while". We need to come away and pray in order to keep ourselves centered in Christ. By making time in our day for prayer and meditation we can keep centered and not be overwhelmed by the vitriol and violence and thus paralyzed into non-action. On the contrary by remaining centered in Christ through our prayer and meditation we are moved to loving action, reaching out to the victims and the perpetrators, to be a healing presence in a wounded world. When was the last time I stepped out of the rush of my life to just sit and pray and meditate? Did I gain any insights, did I feel refreshed afterwards? What do I need to change in my schedule, so I can spend more time resting with God?

Blessings,

Fr. Tim

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! **OLQP ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC**

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

EARLY CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS who have an SUV, Truck or Van – We are looking to secure this important piece of picnic logistics as we begin our planning. Help is needed in transporting equipment and supplies to the picnic site. If you can commit to helping with either AM delivery from parish to park or PM pickup at park returning supplies to parish, please call Bernadette Lozano as soon as possible, 571-236-7664.



OLQP's BACK PACK DRIVE - With your generous help, OLQP will provide at least 300 back packs to local families. Families are counting on our support! Please place your donations of new or gently used school supplies in the box at the back of church by August 1st. For questions, please contact Pat Vinkenes : patvinkenes@yahoo.com

JUST\$ - According to the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC), food insecurity affects a great many Arlington County residents, even though it is one of the wealthiest counties in the nation. Food insecurity is measured by limited or uncertain access to food, reduced food intake, and disrupted eating patterns. AFAC goes on to say that slightly more than 4 in 10 Arlington residents in the \$60,000 and under income group are experiencing food insecurity. Your use of Just\$ grocery cards that are available after mass enables OLQP to run a Food Pantry that serves on average over 200 families a week through your generosity.

"2,000 LIBROS" Help detained children separated from their parents through the "2,000 Libros" initiative which is a donation campaign and book drive that sends bilingual and Spanish language books to the undocumented children. Parishioners may deliver new and gently-used bilingual/Spanish books to OLQP – look for the container at the back of church marked "2,000 Libros". Selected books can also be bought and delivered via the Amazon wish list: <https://tinyurl.com/2000librosAmazon> or Politics and Prose: <https://www.politics-prose.com/wishlist/984>. For more information, check out: <http://dc.bookstoprisoners.org/libros>

JUST FAITH - JustFaith is designed for people who want a deeper faith, a greater sense of purpose, and a practical understanding of how to make a difference in the world. Participants engage in reading, prayer, and thought-provoking dialogue. They encounter the world, each other, the Gospel, and build lasting relationships. Interested in joining the group that will begin in the fall? Contact Sally Diaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) - What difference can God make in my life? The RCIA is a gradual process of formation for those seeking a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of the Catholic faith. Whether you are just beginning your faith journey, are already baptized in another Christian tradition and want to explore Catholicism, or are seeking sacramental preparation, RCIA is the pathway. The journey begins with a "no-strings" inquiry session on Thursday, Sept. 20, at 7 pm in Founders Room. Join us! For information, contact Kevin and Alice Curtin at acurtin947@aol.com or 703-461-3082.

OLQP LECTOR MINISTRY – NEW LECTOR TRAINING! Do you want to lector on a regular basis at our parish weekend Masses? Sign up for the new lector training to proclaim the Word. High school students are needed, too. For more info, contact Lector Ministry coordinator Cecilia Braveboy, jisaac3@verizon.net.

GUERRILLA THEATRE WORKS: A NEW NATION - Who have we become as individuals and a nation? *Guerrilla Theatre Works: A New Nation* is a new theatre performance/community engagement event that journeys through the lives of those whose definition of home is forever changing and challenged by borders, immigration status and politics. Directed and choreographed by OLQP parishioner Elena Velasco and produced by social justice performance collective Convergence Theatre, audiences witness how "home" has changed for many because of poverty, war and political instability. All performances are followed by Converging Minds, a community engagement and advocacy event. Performances are held at the Anacostia Arts Center, 1231 Good Hope Rd SE, Washington, DC 20020 now through July 29. For ticket information and more on Convergence Theatre's mission, please visit us at www.convergencetheatre.org

Forget apologies, give the sign of peace instead

A sign of peace, genuinely given, brings Christ into a situation.

By Annemarie Scobey

I've always liked the sign of peace. As a child, it was my favorite part of our all-school liturgies. The sign of peace provided an excuse to move around a little—to stretch across pews and vigorously shake hands with as many classmates as I could before the teacher reined us in for the Lamb of God. In college, when I attended daily Mass at Marquette University's tiny Joan of Arc Chapel, the sign of peace was a chance to hug a friend who had an exam the next day or a roommate whose mom was ill.

It wasn't until I was married, however, and my husband, Bill, and I had the Big Camping Fight, that I started integrating the sign of peace into my daily life.

I don't remember exactly how the Big Camping Fight started. It was late on a Friday night, and we were scheduled to leave for a camping trip early the next morning. Bill couldn't find the poles for the tent, I had forgotten to buy batteries for the flashlights, and our toddler Jacob had ripped into our food bag like a hungry baby raccoon. There were marshmallows everywhere. As it got later, more things went wrong and Bill and I each thought the other was at fault. We both yelled. I cried. And by the time we put Jacob to bed and started tying our duffel bags onto the roof of the car, we weren't speaking at all.

We packed in silence for an hour. I was so upset I couldn't think of anything to say.

While I knew that I should say I was sorry, I felt that Bill should apologize first, because while I hadn't behaved perfectly, he was more in the wrong. The longer we went without talking, though, the bigger the gulf between

us seemed. By the time my anger had cooled enough for me to begin thinking of apologizing, the words didn't seem large enough to cover an entire evening ruined.

"Peace be with you," is what I finally said, extending my hand to Bill. He looked surprised, but returned my handshake with an embrace.

"Peace," he said. "I'm sorry."

In the years since that night, we've gotten much better at packing for camping; we're also better at navigating the more stressful parts of married life. But we've continued to use what we learned about the sign of peace. Sometimes Bill initiates, sometimes I do, but regardless of who is the first to extend the hand, our signs of peace in the kitchen, the family room, and the garage have brought more meaning to our signs of peace in church.

What I've discovered about the sign of peace is that it offers more to the other person than does a simple apology. Peace, as given by Christ, is a gift. An offer of peace does not so much seek to retract angry words as seek to establish something new and better. A sign of peace, genuinely given, brings Christ into a situation. While smaller disagreements warrant a quick apology and equally quick forgiveness, larger or more hurtful arguments should remind us that we have, at least momentarily, moved away from God's love. And as we realize that we have separated ourselves from God, we understand that we must rebuild. Jesus' first words to his disciples after his crucifixion and resurrection were "Peace be with you." Jesus' starting point can be our own.

In the liturgy, the prayer that directly

precedes the sign of peace asks Jesus to "look not on our sin, but on the faith of your church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever."

Essentially, in this prayer, we're asking Jesus to look past our sins, to focus on our good parts—our faith—and to give us a slice of heaven on earth. It's a gutsy request. But it's a request that also requires action on the part of the congregation. After the prayer, the presider says, "Let us offer each other the sign of peace."

With that sentence, our bold prayer for the peace and unity of Christ's kingdom is tied inextricably to our own offering of peace to one another.

And so we turn to our neighbors and offer peace, believing that somehow Christ is present in these handshakes and hugs. We offer each other peace believing that the kingdom has already begun. A kingdom not just of stained glass and songbooks and statues, but also of tents and poles and spilled marshmallows.

Peace.

Annemarie Scobey is a contributing editor at U.S. Catholic. She is also the author of Discovering Motherhood: An Extraordinary Journey through Everyday Life (Ambassador Books, 2006; discoveringmotherhood.com). She lives in Glendale, Wisconsin.

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