Our Lady Queen of Peace Church
March 3, 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!
¡Bienvenidos a OLQP Iglesia Católica!

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Office Hours
Horas de oficina
Monday-Friday — 8:30am to 4:30pm
Lunes a viernes – 8:30am a 4:30pm

Website /* sitioweb*:
www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org

Live Stream Mass Schedule:
Horario de Misas de transmisión en directo:
March 2-3— 11:15am and 1pm Spanish
2-3 marzo— 11:15am y 1pm en español

Masses / Misas:
Weekdays / *Días laborables*:
Mon-Thu 12pm / *lunes a jueves 12pm*
Fri. 6pm / *viernes 6pm*
Weekend Mass Schedule /
Horario de misas de fin de semana:
Saturday Vigil — 5:30pm
Misa de vigilia sábados - 5:30 pm
Sundays — 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm (Spanish) & 6:00pm (Young Adult)
Domingos — 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am, 1:00 pm (español) y 6:00 pm (Misa de jóvenes adultos)

DECLARACIÓN DE MISIÓN DE OLQP

La parroquia de la iglesia católica Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz se dedica a dar testimonio de las enseñanzas de Jesucristo, especialmente el Evangelio de San Mateo, Capítulo 25:21-46. Nuestra misión es nutrir el espíritu y alentar el potencial de aquellos a quienes servimos a través de la celebración litúrgica, labores educativas y ministerios sociales. La parroquia continuará identificándose con su origen como una comunidad afro-americana, pero reflejando una congregación multi-étnica y continuará promoviendo la armonía racial y la justicia social. Si bien es cierto que nuestro enfoque principal es la vecindad comunitaria, continuaremos trabajando para proveer por el bienestar de los más necesitados en general. Es así como nos esforzamos para hacer de nuestra comunidad parroquial una familia que comparte y se preocupa por sus miembros.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU LENTEN RECONCILIATION PROGRAM
The Sacrament of Penance is offered
each Wednesday evening during Lent from 6:30 to 8pm.
At the same time, Reconciliation Service or Sung Stations of the Cross
will be offered in the church beginning at 7pm.
Sung Stations of the Cross (in English): 7 pm – March 6 & 20
Family Reconciliation Service: 6:30 pm -- March 13
Holy Hour: Thursday, March 21 - 7:00 pm

LA LUZ ESTÁ ENCENDIDA PARA TI PROGRAMA DE RECONCILIACIÓN DE CUARESMA
El Sacramento de la Penitencia se ofrece todos los miércoles
por la noche durante la Cuaresma de 6:30 a 8pm (excepto el 27 de marzo).
Al mismo tiempo, se ofrecerá el Servicio de reconciliación o el Vía Crucis
cantado en la iglesia empezando a las 7pm.
El Vía Crucis cantado (en inglés): 7 pm — 6 y 20 de marzo
Servicio de reconciliación para familias: 6:30 pm — 13 de marzo
Hora santa: 21 de marzo - 7:00pm

Stop making my Father's house a marketplace.
John 2:16

No conviertan en un mercado la casa de mi Padre.
Juan 2,6

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
COLECTA DEL FIN DE SEMANA PRÓXIMO:
SERVICIOS CATÓLICOS DE AYUDA (CRS)

Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz
3 de marzo de 2024
Tercer domingo de Cuaresma

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION / PREPARACIÓN SACRAMENTAL

Baptism / Bautizo:

Please email Baptism Coordinator Mary Ann Suhocki, baptism@olqpva.org.
Por favor mande un correo electrónico a la coordinadora de los bautizos, Mary Ann Suhocki, baptism@olqpva.org.

Marriage Preparation/ Preparación para el matrimonio:

Please contact the parish office at least six months before your wedding date to complete requirements.
Por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia seis meses antes de su matrimonio para completar todos los requisitos.

Reconciliation / Reconciliación—Confesión:

Fr. Ray Hall Library
Biblioteca Fr. Ray Hall
Sat, 4:45-5:15 pm, Wed, 6:30-8 pm during Lent & by appointment.
Los sábados: 4:45-5:15 pm, Los miércoles: 6:30-8 pm durante la Cuaresma y por cita previa.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS / COLECTAS DEL DOMINGO

Sunday Collection / Colecta del pasado domingo: $6,244
Faith Direct (February Average / promedio del mes de febrero): $13,667

WORD & EUCHARIST MISSALETTE/ MISAL PALABRA Y EUCARISTÍA

Today's readings can be found on page 178
Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 179

BULLETIN DEADLINE / PLAZO PARA EL BOLETÍN

Wednesdays 9am — office@olqpva.org

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US / NUESTROS ENFERMOS Y CONFINADOS NOS FORTALECEN

PLEASE PRAY FOR / POR FAVOR OREMOS POR: Suri Barahona, Sheila Betit, Grace Bialecki, Cindy Bianga, Francis Bilgera, Joseph Leopold Bissonnette, Precious Bowens, April Brassard, Dave Brassard, Evie Brown, Lynne Burgh, Brody Carroll, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claure, Chris Comer, Jeff Cory, Adele Crump, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Jim Davis, Adrienne DiCerbo, Patricia "Pat" Dowd, Calista Downey, Tim Felker, Irene Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth (Bunny) Foster, Yevette Francois, Allison Fratus, Anne Fullerton, Joseph Junk, Iva Futrell, Karen Gammache, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, Jean Giambalvo, Fred Gladbach, Nancy Gormley, Yolanda Gregorio, Melanie Guitreaux, Joe Harrington, Harris Family, Sally Harrs, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Dee Hickey, Patrick Hynes, Lillian Jay, Pat Johnson, Sharon Jourdan, William Kahl, Ruth Klarman, Carmen Andrea Lara, Patrick Lawrey, John Lawyer, Kathleen Love, Lidia Montero Lopez, Olga MacKenzie, Wil McBride, Stefan McGuigan, Martha Gladys Medina, Maria Magdalena Medrano de Ventura, Eileen Melia, Frances Mierzwa, Arthur Miller, Mary Miller, Yvonne Mockler, Carmen Montijo, Dorothy Moran, Rosemary Morrisey, Luis R. Muñoz, Chelsea Murray, Dorothy Myrtle, Mario Amel Najarro, Julie O'Brien, Peggy O'Brien, Patrick Ogden, Carol Pacello, Roy Paco, Neil Parent, Catherine Parr, Mary Pasquarella, Mark Pazich, Minnie Pazich, Paul Ramirez, Santos Ramirez, Jeanna Reynolds, Jacob and Jaxson Rivera, Maritza Roldan, Marco Cristiaan Rufolo-Roger, Josefina Salgado, Carolyn Santos, Jane Shepard, Mary Shookhoff, Donna Smith, Jeffrey Smith, Mary E. Smith, Lora Smolenski, Eva Souza, Grace Starbird, Nina Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Carmelita and Roy Tucker, Nancy Urquizo, Stephen Utley, Alma Reyes Valentin, Carina Vaquez, Robin Vogel, Robert & Maureen Wallace, Kate Witkowski, Lauren Wolfe, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata, Kate Zopp.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Exodus 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 (29B); 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25
Éxodo 20,1-3, 7-8, 12-17 (29B); 1 Corintios 1,22-25; Juan 2,13-25

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
CUARTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 (32B); Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21
2 Crónicas 36:14-16, 19-23 (32B); Efesios 2,4-10; Juan 3,14-21

MASS INTENTIONS, MARCH 2-8
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 2-8 MARZO
TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Saturday, March 2nd
5:30 pm Bob Wilson (D) by 8:00 AM Mass Group
Sunday, March 3rd
8:00 am for the parish
9:30 am for the parish
11:15 am for the parish
1:00 pm Rufino Villca (L) by Lourdes Villca
6:00 pm Patrick & Frank Verderese (D) by the Strimel family
Monday, March 4th
12:00 pm Fray César Estuardo Macal Muñoz (L) by the Muñoz family
Tuesday, March 5th
12:00 pm Teodorico Reyes (D) by the Reyes family
Wednesday, March 6th
12:00 pm Juana Laguna (D) by Milagros Lovo
Thursday, March 7th
12:00 pm Marlene Kimutis (D) by Brigid Hobbs
Friday, March 8th
6:00 pm Matthew Kimutis (D) by Brigid Hobbs

IN MEMORIAM
MALCOLM YOUNG
Died in the Lord February 20, 2024

Malcolm and his wife Ann have been faithful, active members for nearly a decade. Please keep Ann and family, and their friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, April 6, at 12noon.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH / VIDA SACRAMENTAL DE LA PARROQUIA

This weekend we welcome one new Christian. Este fin de semana le damos la bienvenida a *un nuevo cristiano.*

Rheid Abbott Egbert

Baptized March 2 / *Bautizado* el 2 de marzo

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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JUST A THOUGHT...OR TWO…

As we careen towards the halfway point of our Lenten journey, I think it is good to take a moment and step back, take a deep breath and ask: What am I looking for this Lent?

To get closer to God? To clean up my act, so to speak? To feel more religious? Or, just to lose a few pounds? We have to be frank about our objective for this Lent because we're bound to find what we seek.

The right answer might not be what we think it is. We don't have to try to get closer to God. We can't -- God's right here! God dwells within us; temples of the Holy Spirit! Getting closer to God's 'will' might be a better goal because that alignment is often very far off. It's what many of us struggle with.

If we find ourselves thinking that Lent is not working -- that the enchantment of "feeling our religion, feeling God" isn't happening this year, then maybe the answer is to practice a new consciousness.

What if we all tried to spend one hour a day trying to be consciously aware of God in every person we meet and every place we go; to keep searching with our eyes, our mind and our heart?

If we practice believing what we profess—that God is in our midst—then we are much more likely to awaken to the presence of the Divine, in us and all around us!

At the very least it will begin to change how we see and relate to other people as we practice seeing and believing the Divine presence within each one of them, regardless of how they may treat us!

This is what Pope Francis is hoping will happen as we draw near to immigrants and refugees, to all those who are marginalized. That as we draw near to the one who is "other" to us, by God's grace, our biases and preconceptions about them will dissolve and we will come to know them as sister and brother, as images of the Creator, as children of God.

So this Lent, let us ask ourselves, in whom is it most difficult for me to see the presence of God? What deeper reality is God calling me to this Lent? To whom am I being called to "draw nearer"?

And let us continue to hold the people of Palestine and Israel in our thoughts and prayers. Let us pray for a swift end to the war being raged between Israel and Hamas and for an end to the war by Russia against the people of Ukraine and for the U.S. and other countries of the world to increase their combined efforts -- to intercede to bring about peace in all the places wars are being waged around the world.

May our Lenten prayer be for peace. Peace in our hearts, in our families, our friendships, our schools, our workplaces, our nation and throughout the world. May the shalom of our God, in all of its fullness, be upon you all and upon all of the earth.

Lenten blessings,
Fr. Tim

2024 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA)
BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW

This weekend each household is asked to make a BLA pledge or gift. This appeal provides an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family to support programs, ministries and services helping tens of thousands of people. After reflecting upon God's blessings to you, please consider a pledge to the BLA.
Each donation is vital to the success of the appeal and the important work that it funds. You may complete a pledge card at Mass, mail in your pledge, go online to
www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA
or scan the QR code.

SCAN ME

LA PETICIÓN CUARESMAL DEL OBISPO DE 2024
HE AQUÍ QUE YO HARÉ NUEVAS TODAS LAS COSAS

Este fin de semana se pide a cada familia que haga una promesa de contribución o una donación a la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo. Esta Petición nos ofrece la oportunidad de unirnos como familia católica para apoyar las programas, ministerios y servicios de ayuda a decenas de miles de personas. Después de reflexionar sobre las bendiciones que Dios les ha dado, piensen en la posibilidad de hacer una promesa de contribución a la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo. Para hacer una ofrenda pueden llenar la tarjeta correspondiente durante la Misa, enviarla por correo postal, hacer la ofrenda en línea en www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA o escanear el código QR que aparece a continuación:

ESCANÉAME

SAVE THE DATE:
Confirmation Lasagna Dinner, March 16th

Dinner will include salad, lasagna, rolls, and dessert. Proceeds will go towards school supplies and water treatment buckets for our sister parish community at St. Joseph's in Medor, Haiti. We're also looking for Lasagna dinner variety show entertainment. Please contact Rebecca, Youth Ministry Director if interested in performing: rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org.

RESERVE LA FECHA:
Cena de Confirmación de lasaña el 16 de marzo

La cena va a incluir ensalada, lasaña, panecillos y postre. Lo que se recaude se usará para comprar materiales escolares y cubos para el tratamiento de agua para nuestra parroquia hermana en St. Joseph en Medor, Haití. También estamos buscando espectáculos de variedades para la comida. Por favor contacte a Rebecca, Directora del Ministerio de adolescentes si está interesada/o en participar. rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org

FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND is next weekend, March 9-10, to stock the parish pantry. Please pick up some or all these items: canned/pouch tuna, Instant yellow corn tortilla flour (not corn meal), cereal (low sugar), can of fruit in its own juices, can of corn, can of sweet peas, 1 lbs. bags of white rice, 1 lbs. bags of black, pinto, lentil beans, 1box of macaroni and cheese, 24 oz. of oil, 1lbs. box of pasta and pasta sauce. Thank you for your continued support.

EL FIN DE SEMANA DE RECOGIDA DE ALIMENTOS es el próximo fin de semana, 9-10 de marzo, para abastecer nuestra despensa de alimentos. Por favor compre algunos de estos artículos o todos: Tuna en latas o en sobres, harina instantánea de maíz amarilla para tortillas (NO corn meal), cereal (de baja azúcar), fruta en latas en su propio jugo, lata de maíz, lata de guisantes dulces, bolsas de 1lb. de arroz , bolsas de frijoles negros, pintos, lentejas, 1 caja de macarrones y queso, botellas de 24 onzas de aceite, caja de 1 lb. de pasta y salsa para pasta. Gracias por su continuo apoyo.

MATTHEW 25 is asking that you please review your outerwear and donate any gently used or new items, especially jackets. Donations are accepted Saturday – Thursday from 9am to 12noon. We do not accept donations on Fridays. Thank you.

MATEO 25 pide que por favor revise sus abrigos y done uno nuevo o que ha tenido poco uso, especialmente chaquetas. Se aceptan las donaciones de sábado a jueves, de 9am a las 12 del mediodía. No aceptamos donaciones los viernes. Gracias.

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION -- For 10+ years on the 14th of every month a cadre of advocates for justice form a witness line in front of the National Rifle Association (NRA) headquarters on Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax. All are welcome and encouraged to join us on Thursday, March 14 at 10:00am. Many of us wear orange to show our support for gun safety laws. Because thousands are maimed or killed in the US each year due to readily available guns, we advocate for state and local legislation to curb access to guns. Our Christian ideals and values call us to advocate for life, especially the life of our brothers and sisters. We welcome the presence of others, especially people of faith. We meet on the sidewalk at 11250 Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax 22030

PREVENCIÓN DE LA VIOLENCIA CAUSADA POR ARMAS DE FUEGO – Por más de 10 años todos los días 14 del mes, un grupo de personas que abogan por la justicia forman una línea de testimonio frente a la sede de la National Rifle Association (NRA) en Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax. Les damos la bienvenida y les animamos a unirse a nosotros el jueves, 14 de marzo as las 10:00am. Muchos de nosotros vestimos ropa de color naranja para demostrar nuestro apoyo por las leyes sobre la seguridad de las armas de fuego. Debido a que miles de personas acaban mutiladas o muertas en los Estados Unidos cada año porque personas tienen fácil acceso a las armas de fuego, abogamos por legislación estatal y local para limitar el acceso a las mismas. Nuestros ideales y valores cristianos nos llaman a abogar por la vida, especialmente la vida de nuestras hermanas y hermanos. Acogemos la presencia de otras personas, especialmente, personas de fe. Nos reunimos en la acera en 11250 Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax 22030.

2024 PARISH ADVISORY BOARD (PAB) ELECTION

Voting begins this weekend for the Parish Advisory Board (PAB). Parishioners are highly encouraged to vote electronically via the QR code (below) or the link https://forms.gle/Vavcf8ZDyBWyjyDi7, or by paper ballot, which can be found in the sanctuary. Please vote only once, for up to six candidates. Candidate profiles are in the Feb 24-25 bulletin online at the parish website. Voting will continue next weekend, both electronically and via paper ballot. If you cannot vote electronically or in-person via paper ballot, please call or email Christine Ng (chrisbng@gmail.com; 617-869-5671) to receive a mail-in ballot.

NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ 2024 PARISH ADVISORY BOARD (PAB) ELECCIÓN

La elección de la PAB va a ser los fines de semana del 2-3 de marzo y del 9-10 de marzo. Usted puede usar esta boleta o votar en línea empezando el sábado, 2 de marzo a las 4:00 pm hasta el domingo, 10 de marzo a las 7:30 pm. El enlace va a estar disponible en https://forms.gle/Vavcf8ZDyBWyjyDi7 o puede escanear este código QR con su teléfono inteligente:

Se les pide a los feligreses que voten por hasta SEIS (6) candidatos en línea o usando una boleta de papel en Misa.

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

Lenten Retreat in Spanish by Father José Nangle, OFM

Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm with light refreshments

HAITI EASTER DRIVE

Most of us don't think twice about using trees for shade and buying the abundant produce in the grocery store. Our connection and access to trees and plants is relatively simple. In Medor, Haiti, many families consume what farmers grow on trees and they need the trees to build structures and as fuel for cooking. Trees and crops are essential for life in Medor, but deforestation and natural disasters have left Medor with poor soil and decreasing water tables. Medor's agroforestry program works with farmers, empowering them to plant fruit trees and coffee for food and income, to find sustainable sources of fuel, and to learn and implement modern farming techniques that protect and renew the land. Farmers in Medor are even experimenting with new crops (macadamia nuts/cabbage/cotton) that can potentially thrive in the difficult terrain! This week, as you shop for produce or share a meal with your family, consider the farmers in Medor. Support the Haiti Easter Drive so that farmers can continue planting to supply the necessities of livelihood in St. Joseph's Parish.

OLIVEWOOD HANDMADE CARVINGS FROM THE HOLY LAND

On the weekend of March 16-17 there will be a display of beautiful olivewood handmade carvings from the Holy Land in our church. These carvings are made by the Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their main source of income. These brothers and sisters of ours are enduring hardships especially now because of the volatile situation in their home country. Christians in the Holy Land used to be more than 37% of the population. There is less than 1% now! As Christians of faith, it is our duty to support our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. You can support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after mass. For more information, please visit www.BethlehemCarvings.org.

BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY S.T.A.R., Share, Teach, and Reflect Corner!

On the road to canonization, **Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman** was born c1937 in Canton, Mississippi. She attended Catholic school and appreciated the teachers' (priests/nuns) work on behalf of the poor. She became Catholic and entered a Franciscan order at age 15 as the only Black student in her convent. She worked tirelessly to incorporate African American literature, culture, traditions, and songs into lessons and liturgies. She was a university educator, the Director of the Office for Intercultural Awareness--Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi, a liturgist, and the co-founder of Xavier University's Institute for Black Catholic Studies. While battling cancer, Sr. Thea even spoke about enculturation to the US Catholic Bishops at their 1989 annual meeting. From her wheelchair, she also finished a recording of spirituals, *Songs of My People*. She died on March 30, 1990, and her canonization process began in November 2018.

DE LAS TINIEBLAS HACIA LA LUZ

Retiro cuaresmal en español por el Padre José Nangle, OFM

martes, 12 de marzo , 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Incluye un pequeño refrigerio

CAMPAÑA DE PASCUA PARA HAITÍ

La mayoría de nosotros no piensa dos veces en usar los árboles para disfrutar la sombra y comprar los productos abundantes en el mercado. Nuestra conexión y acceso a los árboles y plantas es relativamente simple. En Medor, Haití, muchas familias consumen lo que los agricultores cosechan en los árboles y necesitan los árboles para construir estructuras y como combustible para cocinar. Los árboles y las cosechas son esenciales para la vida en Medor, pero la deforestación y los desastres naturales han dejado a Medor con un suelo pobre y con disminución de las tablas de agua. El programa agroforestal de Medor trabaja con agricultores, capacitándolos a sembrar árboles frutales y café para consumir y como un ingreso, a buscar fuentes sostenibles de combustibles y a aprender e implementar técnicas modernas de cultivo que protegen y renuevan la tierra. ¡Los agricultores en Medor hasta están experimentando con nuevas cosechas (nueces de macadamia/repollo/algodón) que potencialmente pueden prosperar en un terreno difícil! Esta semana, al ir de compras en el mercado o compartir una comida con su familia, piense en los agricultores en Medor. Apoye la Campaña de Pascua para Haití para que los agricultores puedan continuar sembrando para suplir las necesidades de subsistencia en la parroquia St. Joseph.

TALLADOS DE MADERA DE OLIVOS DE LA TIERRA SANTA

El fin de semana del 16 al 17 de marzo va a haber una exposición en nuestra iglesia de tallados de la Tierra Santa de madera de olivos muy bonitos hechos a mano. Estos tallados son la forma de ganarse la vida de las personas cristianas de Belén. Estas hermanas y hermanos están pasando por malos momentos por la situación volátil de su país. Las personas cristianas en la Tierra Santa solían ser más del 37% de la población, ¡y ahora son menos del 1%! Como personas cristianas de fe, les animamos a apoyar a nuestras hermanas y hermanos en Belén. Pueden apoyarlos comprando algunos de estos bellos tallados después de Misa. Para obtener más información, por favor visite www.BethlehemCarvings.org.

MINISTERIO CATÓLICO NEGRO S.T.A.R. ¡Comparta, enseñe y reflexione!

En el camino hacia la canonización, la Sierva de Dios, la Hermana Thea Bowman nació aproximadamente en el 1937 en Canton, Mississippi. Asistió a una escuela católica y apreciaba el trabajo de los maestros (sacerdotes/monjas) a favor de los pobres. Se hizo católica y entró en la orden franciscana a los 15 años como la única estudiante negra en su convento. Trabajó incansablemente para incorporar la literatura, la cultura, las tradiciones y las canciones afroamericanas en las lecciones y liturgias. Fue educadora universitaria, directora de la Oficina para la Conciencia intercultural de la Diócesis de Jackson, Mississippi, liturgista y cofundadora del Instituto de Estudios Católicos Negros de la Universidad Xavier. Mientras luchaba contra el cáncer, la hermana Thea inclusive habló sobre la enculturación a los obispos católicos de Estados Unidos en su reunión anual en el 1989. Desde su silla de ruedas, también terminó una grabación de espirituales, Canciones de Mi Pueblo. Falleció el 30 de marzo de 1990 y su proceso de canonización se inició en noviembre de 2018.

WHAT IS A RICE BOWL?

A small cardboard basket from Catholic Relief Services that sits on your table and connects you with people around the world who are struggling to survive. This week, learn about Sandra raising chickens in El Salvador to keep her children healthy and succeeding in school. You and Sandra's family are in it together. Thanks for caring. Visit crsricebowl.org.

¿QUÉ ES UN PLATO DE ARROZ?

Es un cesto pequeño de Servicios católicos de ayuda que está en su mesa y le conecta con personas alrededor del mundo que se esfuerzan por sobrevivir. Esta semana, aprenda sobre Sandra que cría gallinas en El Salvador para mantener sanas a sus niñas y niños y para que tengan éxito en la escuela. Usted y la familia de Sandra están juntos en esto. Gracias por preocuparse. Visite crsricebowl.org.

SUNG STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Come refresh your soul during Lent with the Sung Stations of the Cross. In the musical style of Taize, these unique stations invite you to pray along with thoughtful reflections on the Via Crucis and join in a meditative refrain. The Sung Stations will be offered on three Wednesdays -- March 6, and March 20 -- at 7 pm in the church and live streamed at **YouTube** and **FaceBook page**. Reconciliation will be offered from 6:30-8 pm. For more information, contact Monica Perz-Waddington at monica.perz@verizon.net.
Here's a link to an article that was written in 2018:
https://www.catholicherald.com/news/arts/
sung_stations_of_the_cross_at_our_lady,_queen_of_peace/

VÍA CRUCIS CANTADO

Venga a refrescar su alma durante la Cuaresma con el Vía Crucis cantado. En estilo musical de Taize, este Vía Crucis le invita a orar el Vía Crucis con reflexiones profundas y un estribillo meditativo. El Vía Crucis cantado se va a ofrecer tres miércoles – 6 de marzo y 20 de marzo – a las 7 pm en la iglesia y en transmisión en directo en YouTube y FaceBook page**.** Se va a ofrecer la_Reconciliación de 6:30 a 8 pm. Para obtener más información, contacte a Monica Perz-Waddington – monica.perz@verizon.net.

COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

Jesus rose from supper and took off his outer garments…Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel from around his waist….Then he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you? I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do." -- John 13

During the upcoming season of Lent, commit to following Jesus' example of service. Please take a purple Commitment to Service card from the back of church and reflect on how you plan to serve. Keep your card in a place where you will be reminded daily and then bring it back on Holy Thursday (March 28) as your offertory gift.

COMPROMISO AL SERVICIO

Jesús se levantó mientras cenaba, se quitó el manto…echó agua en un recipiente. Luego se puso a lavarles los pies a sus discípulos y se los secaba con la toalla. …y dijo '¿Entienden lo que he hecho con ustedes? Les he dado un ejemplo, para que hagan lo mismo que yo hice con ustedes'". – Juan 13

Durante la temporada de Cuaresma, comprométase a seguir el ejemplo de servicio de Jesús. Por favor lleve una de las tarjetas moradas de Compromiso al servicio que están en la parte trasera de la iglesia y reflexione sobre como planea servir. Ponga su tarjeta en un lugar que sea un recordatorio diario y entonces tráigala el Jueves santo (28 de marzo) como su ofrenda del ofertorio.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

We invite you to remember a deceased family member with an Easter Flower Memorial, to be published in the Easter bulletin, March 31. Please send an email request to Christina at office@olqpva.org with the information below (Easter Flower Memorial in the subject line) or 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) by Monday, March 25. Donations can also be made through Faith Direct — please remember to also send an email to office@olqpva.org. (FaithDirect.net, parish code VA271, select "general donation" with notation "flower memorial".) Remember the deadline is Mon., March 25.

MEMORIALES DE FLORES DE PASCUA DE RESURRECCIÓN

Les invitamos a recordar a un familiar fallecido con un Memorial de la Flor de Pascua, que se publicará en el boletín del Domingo de Pascua el 31 de marzo. Envíe una solicitud por correo electrónico a Christina a office@olqpva.org con la información a continuación (Easter Flower Memorial en la línea de asunto) o complete este formulario, cheque pagadero a Our Lady Queen of Peace Church (la cantidad de la donación queda a su discreción) y envíelo a la oficina parroquial (atención Christina) antes del lunes, 25 de marzo. Las donaciones también se pueden hacer a través de Faith Direct, pero recuerde enviar también un correo electrónico. (FaithDirect.net, código parroquial VA271, seleccione "general donation" con la anotación "flower memorial".) Recuerde que la fecha límite es el lunes, 25 de marzo.

Honoring / En honor de: _____

Requested by / A petición de: _____

Donation / Donativo: $_____

LENTEN CHALLENGE -- ***Buying Local and Eating in Season*** Grocery stores give us the false impression that seasonal foods are available all year long. Almost all of our food is imported from warmer regions, accounting for roughly 10% of global emissions.

We can reduce this footprint by choosing to eat locally produced foods that require less transportation and also support our local economy. Virginia boasts thousands of farms to choose from, leaving us little excuse for importing foods. Consider joining a community-supported agriculture (CSA) program or shopping at a local year-round farmers market (e.g., in Old Town, Alexandria; Westover, Arlington; downtown Falls Church, etc.) rather than the grocery store.

My wife and I transitioned to shopping locally and in-season two years ago. We can attest to the initial challenge of seasonal fluctuations when you are used to constant availability in grocery stores. Simple dietary changes like replacing tropical fruit with local fruit (e.g., blueberries, apples, pawpaw, and peaches), canning and freezing, and expanding your culinary horizons (have you ever baked spaghetti squash?) can transform a local and seasonal diet from drab to exciting and fulfilling. On top of it all, learning to wait for your favorite foods to come into season can help you appreciate them even more, and can prompt you to be truly thankful when enjoying "our daily bread."

As the Lenten season transitions to the Easter season, consider trying to immerse yourself in both the ecological and liturgical seasons by being open to the gifts that God gives us here and now, such as local and seasonal food.

Dan Herrera, Integrity of Creation Team

ADVOCATES for JUSTICE

On March 9, the 2024 Virginia General Assembly will conclude the 60 day session. A scant number of bills are still being debated and votes will continue to be taken during this coming week. At the same time, negotiations are underway in the Senate and the House to craft *A* balanced budget that must be adopted by the start of the new fiscal year on July 1. An agreed upon budget must be submitted for a vote in both chambers prior to the end of the Session. Then the budget will advance to the Governor's desk where he has line item veto power. A Session will convene in April for our elected Members to vote on any amendments the Governor offers.

Our task as advocates for justice is to apply a moral lens as we study the features of the proposed budget. Remember that every budget (*yours, mine, the Church, our government)* is a moral document since it establishes the goals for operating by the proposed funding of the activities. To do that we must focus on the issues to which the budget attends and apply the lens of our moral teachings. Our Church teaches that there is a moral obligation to support human rights, seek the common good for all and protect the planet. The state budget gives us an opportunity to act for justice. We must speak up in defense of those who are most likely to be adversely impacted. Stay alert! Stay informed! Pray that we are not misled by false idols.

STONE SOUP SUPPER SERIES -- Our annual series continues Friday, March 8, with 6pm daily mass followed by a modest meal and a speaker beginning promptly at 7pm. Our speaker this week is none other than our pastor, Timothy Hickey, CSSp who will talk about prayer. If you need a refresher or just want to hear a different take on what Lent has to offer, come join us for a wonderful evening. We will have the series this year in Father Ray Hall.

YOUR CHANCE TO HELP REFUGEE FAMILIES...

Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services seeks your help to secure desperately needed household goods for our new arrivals. Donations directly benefit refugees settling inside our Diocese by outfitting their apartments with basic household necessities. Using our Amazon Gift Registry (https://a.co/3CwyIQ9), linens, kitchen, bedding, or other household items can easily be purchased, as well as additionally collecting these goods at your parish through a donation drive. For more information on how to set up a donation drive, please contact Lourdes Iglesias at 703.719.8971 or lourdes.iglesias@ccda.net.

WANT TO GIVE TO OUR COMMUNITY DURING LENT?

This Lenten season the OLQP Knitters are making a renewed commitment to knit or crochet either a baby blanket or scarf, maybe one or hopefully more. In addition, this year we are inviting all parishioners, your friends and neighbors to also knit or crochet. All of our items support several church ministries. Knitting can be a contemplative experience when done in silence or relaxing while traveling or watching TV.

Don't know how to knit or crochet? Not a problem, we'll teach you basic stitches to get you started and we have some supplies. Do you have something you started but don't know how to finish? Concerned it won't look beautiful or finished? The important thing is, it will keep a child or adult warm and surrounded by your care and effort. We will host a daytime learning session over one weekend soon if there is interest. Email Marilena at: mamoni530@gmail.com

Want to knit or crochet on your own? Here are the dimensions we need: adult scarf - 6-8" wide; 55- 58" long; adult hat - use your head as a guide; baby blanket should be 24"x 36" more or less; toddler blanket - a bit larger; child scarf - use your own judgment since the kids come in all sizes; child hat - plan for a 6 month old. When you finish, please drop them off in the large OLQP Knitters bin in the

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Our Lady Queen of Peace Church/UJAMAA

Black History Month Program

Saturday, March 9, 2024

7:00 PM, Founders Room

2700 S. 19th Street, Arlington, VA 22204

2024 THEME: African Americans in the Arts

Program Focus: Writers

Featured Speaker:

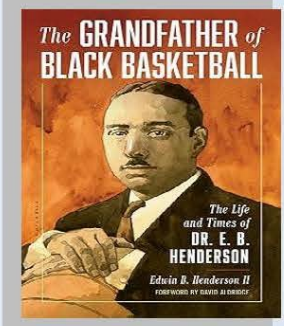
Edwin B. Henderson II

President & Founder, Tinner Hill Heritage Foundation

Grandson of Dr. Edwin Bancroft Henderson &
Author of: *"The Grandfather of Black Basketball: The Life and Times of Dr. E.B. Henderson", Pub. 2024*

Dr. Edwin Bancroft Henderson

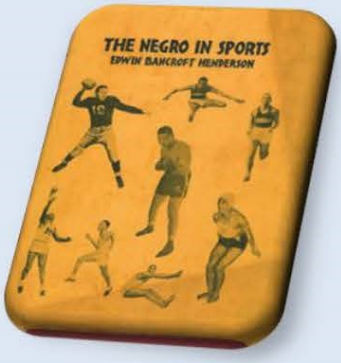
Dunbar High School Basketball Team, Dr. Henderson, far right, Circa 1922



Nov. 24, 1883-Feb. 3, 1977
Born in Washington, D.C.

Introduced Basketball to Blacks in D.C., 1904

Authored "The Negro in Sports", 1939



Inducted into Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, 2013

Sports Center at University of the District of Columbia Named for Dr. Henderson, 2023

Palm Sunday ~ Holy Week ~ Easter

Palm Sunday Weekend—March 23-24
Special Mass Schedule
5:30pm Vigil Mass, Saturday
8am, 9:45am *live-streamed*, 12noon,
2pm in Spanish *live-streamed*, 6pm

Holy Thursday — March 28
7pm Mass *live-streamed*

Good Friday — March 29
Passion of the Lord, Communion Service, 3pm *live-streamed*
Stations of the Cross in Spanish, 6pm
Tenebrae (Service in darkness), 8pm *live-streamed*

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil — March 30
8:30pm *live-streamed*

Easter Sunday—March 31
Special Mass Schedule
***Church:* 8am, 9:45am, 12noon *live-streamed*, 2pm in Spanish *live-streamed*, 6pm**
***Fr. Ray Hall:* 10am and 12:15pm**

Fin de semana del Domingo de ramos – 23-24 de marzo
Horario especial de Misas
5:30pm Misa de vigilia, sábado
8am, 9:45am *transmisión en vivo,* 12 del mediodía, 2pm en español *transmisión en vivo*, 6pm

Jueves Santo – 28 de marzo
7 pm, Misa *transmisión en vivo*

Viernes Santo – 29 de marzo
Pasión del Señor, Servicio de comunión, 3pm *transmisión en vivo*
Vía Crucis en español, 6pm
Servicio en tinieblas, 8pm *transmisión en vivo*

Sábado Santo, Vigilia de la Pascua – 30 de marzo
8:30pm *transmisión en vivo*

Domingo de Pascua – 31 de marzo
Horario especial de Misas
***Iglesia:* 8am, 9:45am, 12 del mediodía *transmisión en vivo,* 2pm en español *transmisión en vivo,* 6pm**
***Fr. Ray Hall:* 10am y 12:15pm**

Our Lady Queen of Peace

2024 Parish Advisory Board (PAB) Election

The PAB Election is being held the weekends of Mar. 2-3 and Mar. 9-10.

Registered parishioners are highly encouraged to vote electronically via the QR code (below) or this link https://forms.gle/Vavcf8ZDyBWyjyDi7, or by paper ballot, which can be found in the sanctuary.

Registered parishioners are asked to vote either online OR using a paper ballot at Mass for up to SIX (6) candidates.

PLEASE VOTE ONLY ONCE.

Katie Balestra

I began attending OLQP in 2002 after moving from Youngstown, Ohio, to Arlington, VA. I was immediately struck by the openness and inclusion that I witnessed, the diversity of the congregation, and the commitment to social justice. I began playing my violin with the 11:15 choir. After getting married and giving birth to twin sons, who were baptized at OLQP, we pursued adoption for our third child, in part after seeing the large number of parishioners at OLQP who grew their families this way. More recently, I have been involved in setting up joint musical events with a historic DC African American congregation and OLQP. When not at church, I have a job working for the government, and I spend a lot of time driving my boys to their activities. I would be extremely honored to serve on the board of this amazing parish that has been such a central part of my faith and relationship with Christ.

Empecé a asistir a OLQP en el 2022 después de mudarme de Youngstown, Ohio, a Arlington, VA. Inmediatamente me impresionó la apertura e inclusión que presencié, la diversidad de la congregación y el compromiso a la justicia social. Empecé tocando mi violín con el coro de las 11:15. Después de casarme y dar a luz a un par de gemelos que se bautizaron en OLQP, proseguimos la adopción de un tercer hijo, en parte después de ver el gran numero de feligreses que habían aumentado su familia así. Más recientemente, he participado en organizar eventos musicales conjuntos con una histórica congregación afro americana en DC y OLQP. Cuando no estoy en la iglesia, trabajo para el gobierno y paso mucho tiempo llevando a mis hijos a sus actividades. Me sentiría muy honrada sirviendo en la junta de esta parroquia maravillosa que ha sido un elemento central de mi fe y mi relación con Cristo.

Tommy Joe Bednar

I first joined OLQP in the Fall of 2019, drawn to this spiritual home by its example of the Gospel through love and service. My anchor in this parish was cemented by the commitment to protecting each other and others during the height of the pandemic. I've had the wonderful opportunity to serve as both an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion and a lector. I've previously served on the parish council for the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond, VA, where I worked to increase the use of technology to make communications and livestreaming more accessible to parishioners. In my spare time, I enjoy jogging near Huntley Meadows Park and playing D&D. I hope to have the opportunity to contribute my time and talents to the continuous building of our parish community.

Vine por primera vez a OLQP en el otoño del 2019, atraído a este hogar espiritual por su ejemplo del Evangelio mediante el amor y el servicio. El compromiso de protegerse mutuamente y proteger a otras personas durante los momentos más difíciles de la pandemia fue mi ancla en esta parroquia. He tenido la oportunidad maravillosa de servir como ministro de la comunión y de lector. Anteriormente serví en el consejo parroquial para la Catedral del Sagrado Corazón en Richmond, VA, donde trabajé para aumentar el uso de tecnología para que la comunicación y la transmisión en directo para hacerlas más accesibles a los feligreses. En mi tiem-

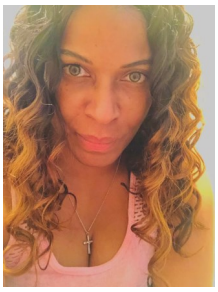
Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz

2023 Parish Advisory Board (PAB) elección

Animamos a los feligreses encarecidamente a votar electrónicamente por medio del código QR (abajo) o por el enlace https://forms.gle/Vavcf8ZDyBWyjyDi7 o por boleta de papel que puede encontrar en el santuario.

Votar por un máximo de SEIS (6) candidatos.

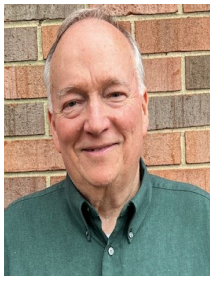
po libre me gusta hacer jogging cerca de Huntley Meadows Park y jugar DyD. Espero tener la oportunidad de contribuir mi tiempo y talentos a la continua edificación de nuestra comunidad parroquial.



Nishia Cairo

(Idanishia, go by nickname Nishia) My husband and I have been married for 25 years and we have 3 children. We have lived all over the world. After serving in the Air Force, my family and I discovered this awesome parish community OLQP in 2019. We all gravitated to OLQP because we immediately felt like it was home. All the characteristics that I strive to display such as being a loving and caring person I felt in OLQP. I love that the parish is committed to making our community better and helping those that are marginalized. I also like how diverse OLQP parish is. Previously, I served under the Archdiocese for Military as a Reader and led the Catholic youth ministry. Currently, I am a Senior Financial Manager at the Dept of Homeland Security and hold a Master of Arts degree. I also serve on the Fairfax School board HRAC and I am VP for Mclean High Boosters. I'd be honored to serve on the OLQP board.

(Idanishia, pero mi apodo es Nishia) Mi esposo y yo hemos estado casados por 25 años y tenemos 3 hijos. Hemos vivido por todo el mundo. Después de servir en la fuerza aérea, mi familia y yo descubrimos esta maravillosa comunidad parroquial, OLQP, en el 2019. Nos atrajo OLQP porque inmediatamente sentimos que era nuestro hogar. En OLQP sentí todas las características que aspiro a demostrar como ser una persona cariñosa y bondadosa. Me encanta que la parroquia se compromete a ser una mejor comunidad y a ayudar a las personas marginadas. También me gusta la diversidad que hay en OLQP. Anteriormente, serví bajo la Arquidiócesis para las fuerzas armadas como lectora y dirigí el ministerio de jóvenes católicos. Actualmente, soy una directora financiera senior en el departamento de Homeland Security y cursé una Maestría en Artes. También sirvo en el Consejo escolar de Fairfax School HRAC y soy vicepresidenta de McLean High Boosters. Me sentiría honrada de servir en la junta de OLQP.



David Carlson

My family joined OLQP around 2000. Since joining the Parish, I've served several terms on the Finance Committee (as it was called at the time) including a couple times as Chair. I've been active in the OLQP Haiti Committee, having visited Medor nine times with OLQP delegations, and once with Howard University Professor Efimba and seven of his engineering students. I've served on the Parish Advisory Board (PAB) for the last two years, and as PAB President for the last year. I recently retired as an Ameriprise Franchise Financial Advisor. I still maintain my CFP certification and serve as a mentor and counselor for Financial Literacy through Britepaths. I've been part of the Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families for 12 years, serving as co-chair for the past two years. I've been an active Scouter in Arlington for about 30 years.

Mi familia se unió a OLQP alrededor del 2000. Desde que nos unimos a la parroquia he servido varias veces en el Comité de finanzas (como se le llamaba entonces) inclusive un par de veces como presidente. He participado activamente en el Comité de Haití de OLQP, inclusive he visitado Medor nueve veces con delegaciones de OLQP y una vez con el Profesor Efimba y siete de sus estudiantes de ingeniería de Howard University. He servido en la Junta Consultora de la Parroquia (PAB por sus siglas en inglés) los últimos dos años y como su presidente el año pasado. Recientemente me jubilé de asesor de Ameriprise Franchise Financial. Todavía mantengo vigente mi certificación de asesor financiero certificado y sirvo como maestro y consejero para Financial Literacy through Britepaths. He formado parte de del Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth and Families por 12 años, sirviendo como copresidente por los últimos dos años. He sido un Scouter activo en Arlington por alrededor de 30 años.

Michael Hill

My family and I moved to Virginia in August of 2005, after several months of searching for a welcoming parish we found Queen of Peace. After the first Mass, we knew we found a home. A month later, I was asked to run for the PAB, I wasn't elected, but it showed me how welcoming the church was. I volunteered with the social justice minister because I had 20 years work experience with the homeless before coming to VA. I was hired here at OLQP as a part-time assistant to the plant manager. Then I accepted a full-time position as maintenance supervisor in 2009. Eleven years later, I retired and continue working part-time with the parish facilities crew. Currently I'm an usher/ Mass coordinator at the 8:00 am Mass and a member of the picnic committee. I'm grateful for the nomination for the PAB and, if elected, I hope I can be an asset to the board and the church.

Mi familia y yo nos mudamos a Virginia en agosto del 2005, después de varios meses de buscar una parroquia acogedora encontramos Reina de la Paz. Después de la primera Misa, nos dimos cuenta que habíamos encontrado un hogar. Un mes más tarde, me pidieron que me postulara para la PAB. No me eligieron, pero me demostró cuán acogedora era la iglesia. Me ofrecí de voluntario para el Comité de justicia

social porque tenía 20 años de trabajar con las personas que no tienen hogar antes de venir a Virginia. Me dieron un trabajo a tiempo parcial aquí en OLQP como asistente del jefe de planta. Después en 2009 acepté una posición a tiempo completo como supervisor de mantenimiento. Once años más tarde, me jubilé y sigo trabajando a tiempo parcial con el personal de instalaciones de la parroquia. Ahora soy un ujier/coordinador de Misa en la Misa de las 8:00am y un miembro de comité del picnic. Agradezco la nominación para la PAB y, si me eligen, espero poder ser una ventaja para la junta y la iglesia.

Milagros Lovo

We have been coming to OLQP since the 1990s, after my mom and my aunts invited us to join them. The feeling of attending that first mass is something I will never forget. I felt like I was back in Peru again. Everything felt so familiar and welcoming. OLQP offered a very sincere way of preaching the word of the Lord and they are a true reflection of what St. Matthew stands for. We have had the opportunity to watch our children grow at OLQP for the past 30 years. I was a member of the Parish Advisory Board and I gave classes in baptism preparation.

My husband and I gave classes in marriage preparation in Spanish. Currently, I am a Lector and a Eucharist Minister. I am always eager to offer my services to OLQP and it would be an honor to serve this amazing parish and community.

Hemos estado viniendo a OLQP desde los años 90, después que mi mamá y mis tías nos invitaron a unirnos a ellas. Lo que sentí cuando asistí a la primera Misa es algo que nunca olvidaré. Sentí que estaba en Perú de nuevo. Todo me pareció muy familiar y acogedor. OLQP ofreció una manera muy sincera de predicar la palabra del Señor y es una verdadera reflexión de lo que San Mateo representa. En los últimos 30 años hemos tenido la oportunidad de ver a nuestras hijas e hijos crecer en OLQP. Fui miembro de la Junta consultora de la parroquia y di clases de preparación para el bautismo. Mi esposo y yo dimos clases de preparación matrimonial en español. Actualmente soy lectora y ministro de la Eucaristía. Siempre estoy dispuesta a ofrecer mis servicios a OLQP y sería un honor servir a esta increíble comunidad parroquial.

Joe Martocci

My family has been blessed to be part of the OLQP community for over fifteen years. I was honored to serve on the Parish Advisory Board (PAB) for the years 2018 through and including 2021. The Board members were all some of the most faithful, supportive and dedicated individuals with whom I have had the honor to be involved. I have worked on the Parish Directory Committee, am a Eucharistic Minister, and was a consistent attendee at Theology on Tap. Outside of the parish, I also serve as the president of the Lorton Heritage Society. I would appreciate your support of my candidacy for a two-year term on the PAB to assist Father Tim as he guides OLQP on its spiritual journey.

Ser parte de la comunidad de OLQP por más de quince años ha sido una bendición para mi familia. Tuve el honor de servir en la Junta consultora de la parroquia (PAB) desde el 2018 hasta el 2021. Las personas de la junta eran algunas de las más fieles, de apoyo y dedicadas con quienes he tenido el honor de trabajar. He trabajado en el Comité del directorio parroquial, soy un ministro de la Eucaristía y fui un participante constante de Theology on Tap. Fuera de la parroquia, también sirvo como presidente del Lorton Heritage Society. Agradecería su apoyo de mi candidatura para un período de dos años en la PAB para ayudar al Padre Tim mientras guía OLQP en su jornada espiritual.

Onyebuchi Lazarus Medani

My Family and I began coming to OLQP in September 2021. We were immediately enveloped with a warm, friendly community that welcomed us. Since then, we have gotten more involved in the parish, first volunteering in the food pantry, then as part of the Children's Liturgy of the Word. My family serves in different capacities in the church – my wife as part of EMHC and my two kids as altar servers. When not at OLQP, I work as a dispatch for a courier company at Fairfax. I spend my spare time with family, catching up on the daily activities or taking the kids to after-school activities, including soccer and swimming. I am so grateful for the relationships I have formed within our parish community and have been inspired by several outreach projects by the Parish. I will be honored to serve on the board of such a wonderful parish.

Mi familia y yo empezamos a venir a OLQP en septiembre 2021. Inmediatamente nos rodeó una comunidad calurosa y amistosa que nos dio la bienvenida. Desde entonces, nos hemos envuelto más en la parroquia. Primero fuimos voluntarios en la Despensa de alimentos, después como parte de la Liturgia de la Palabra para las niñas y niños. Mi familia sirve en la iglesia de diferentes formas – mi esposa como parte de EMHC y mis dos hijos como servidores del altar. Cuando no estoy en OLQP, trabajo como despachador para una compañía de mensajería en Fairfax. Paso mi tiempo libre con la familia, poniéndome al día con las actividades del día o llevando a los niños a las actividades después de las clases, que incluyen soccer y natación. Agradezco mucho las relaciones que he formado en la comunidad parroquial y varios proyectos de alcance por la parroquia. Me

sentiré honrado de servir en la junta de una parroquia tan maravillosa.

Melvyn Mendez

Born and raised in Guatemala, I began my journey with Our Queen of Peace on a Good Friday in 1990, when my family and I immigrated to the United States. From the moment we arrived, we were warmly welcomed by the community, who embraced us with open arms. Currently, I am honored to serve as a first communion teacher, guiding young children in their faith journey and helping them prepare for this sacred sacrament. Outside of my involvement in the church, I am a dedicated real estate agent and a proud full-time grandmother. Given my deep commitment and passion for our church, I would be humbled and honored to serve on the advisory board, contributing my knowledge, experience, and dedication to the betterment of our community.

Nací y me crié en Guatemala y empecé mi jornada en Nuestra Reina de la Paz un Viernes Santo en 1990 cuando mi familia y yo inmigramos a los Estados Unidos. Desde el momento que llegamos, la comunidad nos dio una calurosa bienvenida, que nos recibió con los brazos abiertos. Actualmente, me siento honrada de servir como maestra de Primera comunión, guiando a niñas y niños en su jornada de fe y ayudándolos a prepararse para este sacramento sagrado. Fuera de mi participación en la iglesia, soy una dedicada agente de bienes raíces y una orgullosa abuela a tiempo completo. Dado mi profundo compromiso y pasión por nuestra iglesia, me sentiré honrada y humilde de servir en la Junta consultora, contribuyendo mis conocimientos, experiencia y dedicación para el mejoramiento de nuestra comunidad.

Mary Ann Suhocki

I began attending OLQP in 2003 and I was immediately taken with the warm and welcoming atmosphere of this diverse community and the members' dedication to the parish mission. As my children grew and married, I became more involved in various ministries such as the Food Pantry, the EMHC ministry, the Lector ministry and more recently, as Coordinator of the Baptism Ministry. I retired in 2022 as a Case Manager and RN. Over 35 years of nursing and case management practice, I have often witnessed unspeakable mental and physical suffering, as well as spiritual suffering. But on many occasions, I have also witnessed the indomitable strength of the human spirit in people young and old, regardless of race, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status. I have been blessed with wonderful family and friends. I enjoy time with my children and their beautiful families. And my grandchildren provide immense joy and inspiration. I would be honored to serve on the PAB of this amazing parish.

Empecé a asistir a OLQP en 2023 e inmediatamente sentí el calor y el ambiente acogedor de esta diversa comunidad y la dedicación de sus miembros a la misión de la parroquia. Cuando mis hijas e hijos crecieron y se casaron, participé más en varios ministerios como la Despensa de alimentos, el ministerio EMHC, el ministerio de lectores y recientemente, como coordinadora del Ministerio del bautismo. Trabajé como administradora de casos y enfermera antes de jubilarme en 2022. Durante más de 35 años de práctica en ambas prácticas, a menudo he sido testigo de indescriptibles sufrimientos mentales y físicos como también espirituales. Pero en muchas ocasiones también he sido testigo de la fortaleza indomable del espíritu humano en personas jóvenes y mayores, sin importar su raza, orientación sexual o estatus socioeconómico. He recibido bendiciones – mis hijos y sus hermosas familias. Y mis nietas y nietos me dan una alegría inmensa e inspiración. Me sentiré honrada de servir en la PAB de esta increíble parroquia.

Joy Womack

My son and I attend the 9:30am mass. I joined OLQP years ago and love the welcoming, faith filled community which I am now proud to share with my son. I have enjoyed my first term on the PAB collaborating on church activities and supporting Fr. Tim. Over the years I have participated in many activities including food and school supply drives, support for Haiti, Building Forever Families (BFF) group and the annual Thanksgiving basket collection. I've also enjoyed working on the annual picnic committee with PAB members. I live in Burke and work as the director of operations for meetings at the Association of American Medical Colleges. If elected to serve on the PAB I commit to supporting the missions and groups that make up the vibrant and active OLQP parish. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Mi hijo y yo asistimos a la Misa de las 9:30 am. Me uní a OLQP hace años y me encanta la comunidad acogedora y llena de fe que ahora me siento orgullosa de compartir con mi hijo. He disfrutado mi primer mandato en la PAB, colaborando en las actividades de la iglesia y apoyando al Padre Tim. A través de los años he participado en muchas actividades incluyendo campañas para recoger alimentos y materiales escolares, apoyo para Haití, Ministerio de Creando familias para siempre (BFF) y la colecta anual de cestas para el Día de acción de gracias. También he disfrutado trabajando en el comité del picnic anual con miembros de la PAB. Vivo en Burke y trabajo como directora de operaciones para reuniones en la Association of American Medical Colleges. Si me eligen para servir en la PAB me comprometo a apoyar las misiones y grupos que forman la parroquia dinámica y activa OLQP. Gracias por su consideración en oración.