

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:

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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

NOVEMBER 12, 2017
THE THIRTY-SECOND
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Therefore, stay awake,
for you know neither the day
nor the hour."

- Mt 25:13

This Sunday's 2nd Collection
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Next Sunday's 2nd Collection
CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13

Next weekend's Readings: (**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**)

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-15, 19-21



MAKE – TAKE – AND BAKE!

Join us on Saturday, Nov. 18th to make holiday pies for the hungry — Stop by the Hall between 9:00 and noon to create a

homemade pie. Each pie is given to a family in need. This is a parish wide-no experience necessary - intergenerational activity. We provide the pie tins and crust fixings, you bring the filling. (Bringing your own mixing bowl is helpful, and a box to carry home your creation if possible. Parishioners are asked to take a pie home for baking if possible, and return it to Fr. Ray Hall on Sunday when you come back for Mass.) Questions? Contact Katie – kremedios@olqpva.org

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 11-17

5:30 pm—for Luis R. Francia (D) by Judy & Wally Reyes

8:00 am—for John Clifford (D) by John & Nikki Clifford

9:30 am—for Karen Greene (D) by Michelle Hill

11:15 am—for Gerri Noble-Martocci (D) by Bernadette D'Agostino

1:00 noon—for Gregorio Zeballos (D) by Felipe Montano & Family

6:00 pm—for Jannet DeLuck (L) by Kathy Kostka & Helen Baum

Thu. 12:00 noon—for Jonathan Lovo (L) by the Lovo Family

Fri. 12:00 noon—for Joanna Hargrove (L) by Emma Grayeb-Hargrove

IN MEMORIAM: MARYE EMBREY

Mrs. Embrey passed away on Nov. 2 at the age of 96. She was the mother of Aleta Embrey and mother-in-law of Bill Larme. Please remember the Embrey Larme family in your thoughts and prayers. A note of condolence may be sent to the family at 6214 Berlee Dr, Alexandria VA 22312. A Mass of Christian Burial is scheduled for Monday, November 13 at 11 am, preceded by visitation in the church beginning at 10 am.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

Sunday Collection: \$12,567

Faith Direct (September Average): \$9,533

THEOLOGY ON TAP – Monday, Nov. 13, 7:00 PM - Join fellow parishioners for a lively and interesting discussion of topics related to our faith in a relaxed setting at Lost Dog Café (2920 Columbia Pike, Arlington). Free underground parking is available off Walter Reed Dr., (use steps or elevator to exit to Walter Reed Dr., and then walk to Columbia Pike).

OLQP'S ISIDORE'S GARDEN - The garden on the church grounds had a very good harvest this summer! The 11 volunteer gardeners report the following yield for the summer of 2017: 59 cucumbers, 106 large tomatoes, 14 eggplant, 12 zucchini, (38) 1 gallon bags of lettuce, (15) 1 gallon bags of spinach, 27 bunches of kale, 22 bunches of Swiss Chard, 8 quarts (estimated) green beans, 175-200 estimated tomatillos, 250 estimated cherry tomatoes, and many bell and banana peppers. Thanks to all of the garden team who helped harvest and carry these fresh foods to our brothers and sisters at the weekly food pantry distribution.

DURING RECENT TRIP TO MEDOR, the OLQP delegates attended the dedication of the new tree nursery in the chapel area of Marinette. Because it was in a more remote area than Medor, the delegates had to make a difficult hike /mule ride, and in one case, one person was bucked off her mule and when she remounted it, the mule refused to proceed. The nursery dedication was a remarkable experience. Women had decorated the entrance with palm leaves and lovely flowers. The several hundred people who attended were told about the kindness of a woman, who had spent her life helping others. When she died last year and left some money to her brother, an OLQP parishioner, he decided to use the funds to continue his sister's life work of doing good. It was her money that funded the new tree nursery in Marinette. The dedication was filled with song, prayer, sprinkling of the participants and the nursery with holy water, and a blessing. The leader of St. Joseph's agro-forestry program talked about how the tree nursery is a gift of life for the community. Check out Dr. Sue's blog on Medor at marysusancarolson.tumblr.com

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

CALL FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - Please consider a commitment to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharistic. Training is provided by the diocese after which ministers receive a mandate from Bishop Burbidge. Fr. Tim then provides in-house training. Volunteers are needed for this ministry of care and service to distribute the Eucharist at Mass once or twice a month. If you are interested please plan to attend the meeting on Saturday, December 9 at 11 am in the Church. Please contact Keren Charles, kerencc@gmail.com, to learn more and to let her know you plan to attend.

A CALL FOR NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS - OLQP is seeking up to 10 new ministers to provide Christ-centered care to parishioners who struggle with difficult situations, such as loss of a loved one, chronic or terminal illness, job loss, transition or retirement, separation, divorce or loneliness, or similar life challenges. Stephen Ministers meet once-a-week with assigned Care-Receiver in order to listen, pray with, and support them, but they do not offer any kind of professional services (financial, physical or mental). The entire process is confidential. Commitments include a 50-hour training program and a twice-a-month peer supervision session. Contact one of the following Stephen Ministry leaders for an application and more information. Applications are due by December 4, 2017. Joan Brown: 703-971-2975; jmbrown2587@msn.com Bill Casey: b13909@comcast.net; 703-568-3438; Donna Davis: davis.donna55@gmail.com 571-331-0133.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

This week we welcome 6 new Christians:

**Henry Drude, Virginia Drude, Hazel Drude,
Luca Campos, & Morgan Koval** - Baptized 12 pm Saturday

Axel Aaron Polunto Valencia - Baptized 3 pm Sunday

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO... The Gospel calls us to be ready for when the “bridegroom” comes! It is an obvious metaphor for the second coming of Christ. And the message is to live our lives “ready” for that day! As I was getting ready to make my final vows in the Spiritan Community I was expected to make a “memory card”, a card not unlike the ones made for funerals! But it is meant to mark a special occasion and for the front of the card I chose a quote for Dag Hammarskjöld; “For all that has been, thanks. For all that will be, yes.” I chose it because I believe it speaks of a profound gratitude to God for all that has been in life and of an openness toward God and toward whatever lies ahead in life and in death. November is traditionally a time in which we remember the dead. In Latin America many of the people set up little home altars on which they place photos and mementos of their loved ones who have died and gone ahead of them to that which we call the afterlife, heaven. We do not know what lies ahead yet we are part of it, promised resurrection through our Baptism. As we careen toward the end of the liturgical year our readings turn toward “the last things”. This is not meant to cause us to be gloomy or sad; on the contrary, it is meant to offer us an opportunity to reflect on the transitory reality of this life in the context of the gift of the promise of eternal life. While none of us really know what it will be like, and the speculation has made for good reading over the centuries, some theologians today talk of it as something analogous to a glorious and knowable uniting, a joining with God in a new and spectacular way, beyond our wildest hopes and dreams! Heaven! What do I think about heaven and the afterlife? Do I fear death or dying? If I built a little home altar, whose photos and mementos would I place on it?

*Blessings,
Fr Tim*

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES: *The Book of the Names of the Dead*... The month of November is traditionally a time of remembering and giving thanks for the many blessings God has given us in our lives. In this light, we call attention to the *Book of the Names of the Dead* in our sanctuary. The book is placed near the baptistery to remind us of our own dying and rising with Christ through baptism. We invite anyone who has experienced a loss this past year to add the name of that person to our *Book of the Names of the Dead* at the end of Mass. This will be a year-round reminder of those who have gone before us marked with the sign of our faith and the need to reach out to those who have suffered a recent loss.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR VICTIM SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

A retreat will be held on Saturday, November 18, at Saint Agnes Catholic Church (1910 N. Randolph St., Arlington). The retreat will be from 9 - 3 pm and will be a day of spiritual reflection. Lunch will be included. Please contact the Office of Victim Assistance 703-841-2530 by November 14 if you plan to attend. Due to the nature and sensitivity of discussions, the retreat is open to victims/survivors and a support person only.

GREEN NOVA BAG PROGRAM - Is seeking volunteers for their bi-monthly food collection program that provides non-perishable food products to Northern Virginia Community College 6 food pantries. Follow link for sign ups, go to: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdtiR2o7HJ_IRp1HnkGC0nldBakw1uJVkdkiWm8pyt9mc9HA/viewform. Once you have signed up they will bring a bag to your home. When you shop you place one or two nonperishable items in the bag. 10 days before pickup they will send an email. Have your bag outside by 8:30 in the morning on the designated day and they will pick it up and leave you with an empty bag. Pick up days are as follows: Jan. 13, March 10, May 12, July 14, Sept 8 and Nov 10.

CARPENTER'S SHELTER SUPPER - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 This month we'll serve ham slices, mac and cheese, cooked greens, cornbread, salad and dessert. Sign up board is at back of church. Recyclable containers are available for use in the Ministry Center Justice Room closet, bin labeled Carpenters Shelter. Please deliver food to the Parish Office kitchen during office hours, labeled "Carpenters Shelter". Bring to Ministry Center Founders Room if delivering on Thursday between 4 and 4:45. Questions: mary.resnick@gmail.com, 703-462-4841. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

OLQP will provide hundreds of Thanksgiving meals to those in need. The majority of our neighbors in need are from Spanish speaking countries and Thanksgiving is not part of their tradition. We share this Thanksgiving food with them in the spirit of sharing something of our U.S. traditions. Some of the foods seem unusual to them. Below is a list of items needed. Please wait until November 20 to drop off your turkeys. The other items can come anytime.

THANKSGIVING FOOD LIST: Canned vegetables, gravy (jar or can), boxed stuffing mix, canned pumpkin or fruit pie filling, canned cranberries, box of mash potatoes, 10-15 lb. Turkey (no large turkeys, please!).

VOLUNTEERS FOR THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS - Seeking volunteers to help sort and give direction to those who will be dropping off food items for the Thanksgiving Food baskets on Saturday, November 18. We are looking for help in the early evening or to cover the 5:30 mass before and after. Please contact Sally Diaz-Wells at sdiazwells@olqpva.org to sign up and for more information.

HELP WITH GROCERY SHOPPING - The OLQP Food Pantry needs a few more volunteers to buy groceries from local grocery store to supplement the food donated by parishioners and purchased from the Capital Area Food Bank. This can be a monthly commitment or as little as 6 times per year and takes about 3 hours of your time. Please contact Sally Diaz-Wells for more information at sdiazwells@olqpva.org

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR — November 19: *Disciples in Action* are challenged to respond to Pope Francis' call for the 1st World Day of the Poor. Please be generous in the **Nov. 19 second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. *In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects.* Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about this collection can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

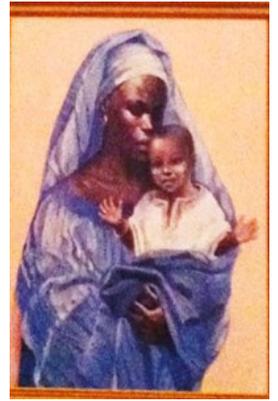
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MATTHEW 25 - Matt 25 located on the first floor of the Ministry Center provides clothing and household items to those in need. To make our ministry successful we require volunteers to sort, store and work the store. To learn more about volunteering/ for more information contact Anne Marie or Maureen at phillygirl7925@gmail.com or maureen.c.lucas@gmail.com; or call Anne Marie at 703 929 1375. We are so blessed to have this opportunity to serve God in this way!

ECO TIP: Check electrical outlets, especially on outside walls, for air leaks. Add foam gaskets to stop leaks.

November is Black Catholic History Month,

**"My Soul Does Magnify the Lord, and My Spirit Sings of God, my Savior!"
(cf Lk 1:46-47).**

Our Lady Queen of Peace will celebrate with this second in a series of articles on the back page of the bulletins and with the 20th Annual Minkisi Mini-Retreat held on November 11, 2017.



Who Is Mary in the Life of a Social Justice Advocate?

By Valerie D. Lewis-Mosley

When you enter into my home you are confronted with various Marian icons: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Mother of the Oppressed, Mother of the Streets, (a Black Madonna) Our Lady of Czestochowa, Our Lady of Montserrat, and Our Lady of Guadalupe adorn the entrance foyer. The most prominent is the portrait of Mary, Mother of Sorrows.

One might ask, what do these icons or Marian devotions have to do with my mission and ministry of social justice? It is all centered in my love of Mary's Magnificat. As a young Catholic girl, I was led to embrace Mary as the Blessed Virgin, the Mother of God, Mary Most Holy One, who was pure and innocent. My first encounter from kindergarten is my attendance at a Catholic school named Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Yet as I matured into my late teens and early twenties, "the age of being a revolutionary," I challenged the images that reflected Mary in most of our churches. The images of purity and innocence were not always the context of many. So how could they relate to the image, this example so difficult to emulate?

Yet it was when I began to identify with the suffering Mary, that I was able to identify with her. The Mother of Sorrows, who witnessed her Son, a Man of Color, being dragged through the street; a mother, who witnessed her son being vilified, tortured and mocked by an unjust legal system; a mother, who heard the verdict of capital punishment, a death sentence for her Son, even though he was innocent; a mother, who had pondered the prophesy of her heart being pierced with a sword. A mother faced with the reality of that prophesy. Her Son of her very flesh was to be subjected to the cruelest of all circumstances. She would be left to witness the humiliation and suffering of his death on a cross—Crucifixion. A mother, who surely must have asked, cried out in anguish: "Does not the life of my Palestinian son matter to the state?"

Mother Mary certainly must have recalled the prophesy of her being the favor of the Lord, blessed of all women. Surely, she must have recalled the proclamation from her very lips "My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit finds joy in God my Savior...."

Certainly, she had to ponder what could this current event, which seemed to contradict the earlier prophesy mean? One must believe that the words of the Angel Gabriel must have echoed even then in her ear, "Be Not Afraid!" "So be it!" could have been her only affirmation even at that most horrific time.

Mother Mary in that moment, and even now, is not a helpless woman without any "recourse". Her prophesy and proclamation was for all times to come. Mother of Perpetual Help leads her children on in hope. She provides the promises of what will come to be for those who persecute and those who are persecuted. Mother Mary--the *Theotakis* (the Godbearer)--ushers in a time of Justice and an Ordered Social Advocacy. She proclaims that God is on the side of the oppressed, the disenfranchised, and the hungry, the poor, and the broken hearted. She reveals the promise of the mercy of God. Mother Mary is impregnated with the Incarnate and inculturated Word of God in her spirit, in her mind and in her body. She is the embodiment of throwing down rulers from their thrones and lifting up the lowly because she embodied the King of Justice--Christ the King.

So when I reflect on social justice and the call to advocate for those who have no voice, no action and no agency, I think of Mother Mary. I hear her Song of Justice echoing in my ear, piercing my heart. It is the food for the journey... the battle to empower the *anawim*... they are the people without money and power. The mission is to provide them with the good things, the Good News for the poor. Mother Mary is a revolutionary spirit who models the Catholic Social Thought of Preferential Options for the Poor.

Mother Mary in her Magnificat sings the praises of the Lord. She challenges us, and confronts us as well, to be that advocate, that voice for those who are considered the least by society but looked upon as favored by God.