

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!

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Monday-Friday — 12 Noon

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Saturdays — 5:30 pm Vigil

Sundays — 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am,

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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

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Thanksgiving Day Mass: 10 am

HELP IS NEEDED AFTER THE

8:00, 9:30, 11:15, 1:00 & 6 PM MASSES

Please come to Fr. Ray Hall after Mass today and fill a bag with food for our Thanksgiving Basket distribution which takes place on Monday. Go in the front door and follow the instructions – lots of helpers around to assist. Everyone from the oldest to youngest can help!



"Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities."

Mt 25:21

Today's Second Collection:

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for supporting CCHD, The Catholic Campaign for Human Development, today. One quarter of the funds raised remains in our diocese to assist local programs which foster low-income leadership and work for institutional change, ensuring lasting effects. As people are empowered, progress is being made in efforts to reduce poverty.

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-15, 19-21
Next weekend's Readings: (Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ)
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26,28; Mt 25:31-46

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 Gamache, 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, Kate Witkowski, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 18-24

5:30 pm—for Fidal Jose Siapno (D) by Judy & Wally Reyes
8:00 am—for Gary O'Connell (D) by Liz & Ed Ward
9:30 am—for Robert Gallagher (D) by Barbara Gallagher
11:15 am—for Kate Wholey (D) by Joe & Midge Wholey
1:00 noon—for Napoleon Martinez (D) by Daysi Martinez & Family
6:00 pm—for Sam Gardner (D) by Mary Jo Downey
Thu. 12:00 noon—for Madam Mary Chan Peng Chi (D) by Veronica Ong

IN MEMORIAM

REV. GERRY CREEDON

DIED IN THE LORD NOVEMBER 16TH

Fr. Creedon was Pastor of Holy Family in Dale City, and served as Pastor for fifteen years at St. Charles Borromeo here in Arlington. May he rest in peace.
(Arrangements have not yet been announced.)

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

Sunday Collection: \$10,952

Retired Religious: \$7,245

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

JUST\$ - Giant, Safeway and Shoppers grocery cards are available for your own grocery shopping, to donate to the Food Pantry or to donate to the Thanksgiving Food Collection.

TAX SAVINGS THROUGH A GIFT OF STOCK - You may make a gift of stock as a donation to our parish or diocese. In exchange for a gift of long-term, appreciated securities (stock), you can receive an income tax deduction and avoid capital gains taxes on stock appreciation. For more information, please call 703-841-3896 or visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/giving/gifts_stock.aspx

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

This week we welcome 2 new Christians:

Ezekiel Sonny Cooch Bell - Baptized 10 am Saturday

Lilah Sophia Rios - Baptized 3 pm Sunday

NEW, REDESIGNED PARISH WEBSITE

www.olqpva.org

Check it out!

4TH SUNDAY YOUNG ADULT POTLUCK - Join us after the 6 pm Mass next Sunday in the Founders Room starting at 7:15 pm. The theme is "Anything but Thanksgiving Food". Bring your favorite food dish or drink that you didn't have at Thanksgiving. All young adults are welcome.

EDY LESPERANCE was one of the delegates who visited Medor last month. He wrote the following about the trip:

"My first visit to Medor was an eye opener. It allowed me to see how enormous the needs are for the people there. One thing that captured my attention was the first two classrooms we visited in the secondary school. The walls of those two classes were metal sheet cladding that dissipate a lot of heat when the sun gets very hot during midday in the tropical island. In addition, the classes were overcrowded with limited spaces and with too many students per bench. I can imagine how uncomfortable it could be for the students to concentrate in their studies. But despite these inconveniences, they seemed to be very eager to learn and happy to be in school with a smile on their faces. I was very impressed with their positive attitude. I know I would be complaining myself."

Haiti Christmas cards make wonderful alternative gifts. Cards will be available at each weekend Mass between now and Christmas. Please participate!

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 info. 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.

ADVENT IS COMING SOON--- time for the reminder of our annual **SHOEBOX PROJECT** for gifting homeless men and women in the community and the hardworking, caring mothers and grandmothers in our Food Pantry community. A Christmas shoebox is a biodegradable, conveniently sized container for our gifts. Suggested fillers include: Socks, gloves, shampoo, tooth brush, tooth paste, soap, lotion, comb, nail clippers, razor, candy bar, a street spoon or fork, small salt and pepper shakers, small flashlight. Since there are only about 30 homeless women on our list, feel free to adapt the gifts for women to regular size products. If you do not like to make decisions, just buy a bulk package of any of the listed items and the wrapping team will fill a box for you. We need shoeboxes only, empty or filled, on Sunday, December 10 from 9 am till 7:30 pm. On that date, we will have our jolly, spiritually uplifting wrapping event. All are welcome to participate...we have jobs for even the little ones in the family. Sign up for one hour shifts starting at 11:15 am in the Founders Room. Wrapping paper, tape, cards and scissors will be provided. Contact Melissa Crawford to reserve a time slot: melissa.a.crawford@gmail.com

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO... As we continue to move to the end of the liturgical year our readings remind us that one day the world will end...Christ will return...but when? Some Christians routinely (and wrongly) announce the return of Christ...they seem to forget that Jesus clearly said that no one, not even "He", knew when it would happen! And yet there are those who continue to claim to know the date and time. Remember the "Jesus is coming on May 21st" billboards that dotted the highways a few years ago? In today's 2nd reading, St Paul warns that the end will come like a "thief in the night" and "knowing" when Christ will come is not the point...but rather it is all about being ready when Christ returns! Am I ready? At the center of the readings is a message of total reliance upon the mercy and love of God. It is about keeping our hearts and minds open to God's presence in our daily lives and in the world around us! The psalmist reminds us that God is our portion and cup, our inherence and therefore our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice...for we are God's beloved! By keeping God at the center of our daily lives we indeed will be ready if the world were to end in our times. Because of the love and mercy of our God we need not fear "the end" for we will be transformed into beings that shine like the stars in the heavens! Through Christ we have inherited eternal life and each of us is a part of "the great cloud of witnesses" who give glory to God. We find ourselves in a moment of an avalanche of disclosures of outrageous, inappropriate and unacceptable abuse by men, often in positions of power, towards women, children and even other men. Part of "being ready" is standing up to injustices, speaking out against misogyny and bigotry, recognizing the dignity of all women, children and men! And I believe we best can do that when we keep God at the center of our daily lives. When we stand with our sisters, our children and our brothers who have been abused and exploited, we actively build up the Reign of God in the here and now, "we stand ready", we more fully live out our identity as the Body of Christ!

Blessings, Fr Tim

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Tuesday, November 28, 7 pm

Please join us in remembering and honoring children who were lost through miscarriage, SIDS or early death. It is especially fitting that we honor these lives during the month of November when we recall all those who have gone before us in faith. This Mass is especially intended to console parents, families and friends of those who have lost a young loved one.

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 baptism 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.

ACTION ALERT: POSTCARD SIGNING AFTER MASS TODAY!!

Congress needs to pass a bill to protect the status 690,000 unauthorized immigrants who were protected from deportation and allowed to work in the US under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Today after Mass you are invited to sign post cards to urge Congress to urgently pass a CLEAN DREAMERS ACT.

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!).

PAPER AND PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED - The OLQP Food Pantry needs your paper and plastic grocery store bags. Please bring them to Fr Ray Hall. Thank you.

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

MATTHEW 25 USED CLOTHING STORE - Winter jackets needed for men, women, and kids. Please, no long coats. We are still in need of volunteers. Volunteering with Matt 25 allows OLQP parishioners (and others) an opportunity to walk alongside our brethren. Give it a try! Tell a friend and come together. For more information, contact Annmarie Chester: phillygirl7925@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - On December 2, OLQP will host a Christmas Bazaar. This event will support five aspiring students that want to become first in their family to go to college. It will take place in Fr Ray Hall from 9:30-2:30 pm. Vendor table cost is \$10 and set up begins at 8 am. Come out and support this great cause and get some Christmas shopping done in the meantime! For more details, please contact Sally Diaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org

FRIDAY, DEC 1, ST MATTHEW'S CATHEDRAL will be commemorating World AIDS Day with a candlelight prayer vigil from 6:00- 6:30 pm (following the 5:30 bilingual Mass). Come and pray for all who are suffering, especially because of AIDS, addictions, or the loss of loved ones. Please visit their website for more information. <http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/events>
Give thanks for the gift of God's creation -- mountains, oceans, flowers and wildlife. Do your part to protect and preserve it.

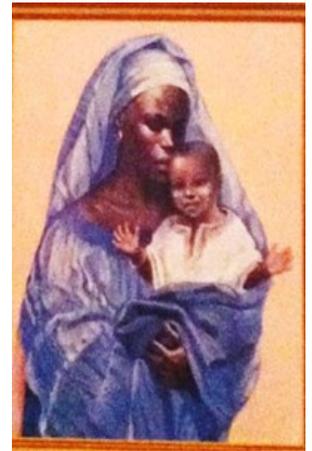
PRE-ADVENT TAIZE PREPARATION - All, please join us for two hours of learning and praying chants for the Advent season. In order to deepen our musical prayer during the liturgies of the Advent season, we will gather to learn the chant songs we will use in our Sunday liturgies, learn how to sing them in four-part harmony and have the chance to pray them together. Part workshop/part prayer service we will prepare our hearts and our voices to enter the Advent season. All are welcome Saturday December 2, 9:00 to 11:00 on the stage in Fr Ray Hall.

ECO TIP: Give thanks for the gift of God's creation -- mountains, oceans, flowers and wildlife. Do your part to protect and preserve it.

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 third 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.



Catholics of Color are Keeping the U.S. Catholic Church Alive

by Mary C. Curtis

As an African-American Catholic, I often feel like the unnamed black man from Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man*, present but not really seen.

I was raised steeped in Catholicism—from my name, Mary Cecelia, to my education. I grew up in Maryland in the 1960s and '70s. I attended the now-shuttered St. Pius V Catholic School, where I was taught by teachers from the Oblate Sisters of Providence, an order founded in 1829 to educate and care for African-American children. I wore my faith proudly, even when the bonds of it were strained. When my classmates and I got the side-eye from the white Catholic school kids at citywide field day games held in Patterson Park, or when some members of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent dePaul at the predominantly white Seton High attributed my high test scores to divine intervention rather than intellect, I remained proud of both my heritage and my faith.

My Catholic education continued at Fordham University, where the Jesuits offered a fine education. It was at Fordham where I met my husband, and though he has strayed from the fold, our son would not have been baptized in any other faith.

My faith has also played a role in my career, which, for me, is akin to a vocation. I became a journalist because I wanted to illuminate the lives of those so often dismissed as not worthy of notice or respect, despite the full, complicated and generous lives they—my friends, family and neighbors—lived. This is evident in my writing and in the work I do with the OpEd Project. We work with individuals and institutions across the United States, from universities to corporations, and encourage underrepresented experts and thought leaders (especially women) to influence the important public conversations of our time.

The bonds of my faith have once again been strained, even tested, by the partisan infighting of today's U.S. political scene, which finds very little cooperation and compromise.

During the 2016 presidential election, Catholic voters were split between Hillary Clinton and Donald J. Trump. Throughout President Trump's first year in office we have seen the chasm among many U.S. Catholics grow even wider, on issues that range from health care to immigration. In my diverse but mostly white parish, we have long since stopped talking politics and justice, sticking instead to the ministries for the homeless, hungry and disabled and spiritual relationships that have kept us close.

The truth is, the Catholic Church in the United State is being transformed by its black and brown parishioners, whose numbers and voices are rising. They and priests from around the world are keeping the church alive. When the National Gathering for Black Catholic Women met in Charlotte a few years ago, I connected with my sister, still holding strong in her Baltimore parish—transformed from white to black and offering services with hymns, praise dance and more emotion than the services of our youth. Yet the parishioners are as devout when it come to the celebration of the Mass.

After a right-wing gathering turned to tragedy and death in Charlottesville, Va., this summer, some evangelical Christian leaders sought to make excuses for the president's failure to forcefully denounce white supremacists and neo-Nazis. U.S. Catholic leaders, on the other hand, forcefully reacted on the side of those marching and, yes, dying, against hate and for justice. There was some comfort in a church that looks to the future, though not without the stumbles that will hurt and sow doubt. It is a new day in an old faith, with more voices sharing their concerns and their joy—and there is no going back for Catholics of every color if we are to live our faith.

We were never invisible.

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