

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!

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Saturdays — 5:30 pm Vigil

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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 18, 2018

THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

November 22 - 10 am



In those days the power
in heaven shall be shaken

Mk 13:24-25

**This Sunday's 2nd Collection
CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

A Consistent Ethic of Life Catholic Community

THE 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

Next weekend's Readings: (**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**) *Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37*

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Lousie Aust, Elizabeth Ball, Suri Barahona, Ronald Bashian, Francis Bilgera, Precious Bowens, April Brassard, Lynne Burgh, Brody Carroll, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claire, Jeff Cory, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Jim Davis, Adrienne DiCerbo, Yolanda Gregorio, Ernest Donatto, Irene Fitzpatrick, Yvette Francois, Anne Fullerton, Iva Futrell, Karen Gammache, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, Carmen Gonzalez, the Harris Family, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Dee Hickey, Margaret Hodges, Beatriz Uribe Jaramillo, Rodrigo Jaramillo, Lillian Jay, Pat Johnson, Cindy Kernick, Carmen Andrea Lara, Patrick Lawrey, Bertie Leahy, Lidia Montero Lopez, Mary Helen Madden, Kathy Martin, Wil McBride, Tess McDade, Stefan McGuigan, Olga MacKenzie, Martha Gladys Medina, Roberto Méndez, Arthur Miller, Mary Miller, Yvonne Mockler, Carmen Montijo, Dorothy Moran, Bob Morsches, Clem Munno, Chelsea Murray, Indira Murillo, Mario Amel Najarro, Bruyce Niligis, Patrick Ogden, Delfima Pacheco-Choque, Roy Paco, Catherine Parr, Mary Pasquarella, Mark Pazich, Minnie Pazich, Catherine Peake, Paul Ramirez, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Wally Reyes, Michael Rodgers, Maritza Roldan, Marco Cristiaan Rufolo-Roger, Carolyn Santos, Susan Savage, Jane Shepard, Janet Shirvanian, Mary Shookhoff, Jeffrey Smith, Mary E. Smith, Eva Souza, Paul Steinmetz, Nina Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Mary Terlep, Rose Trujillo, Fr. Tom Tunney, Nancy Urquizo, Dolores Valadéz, Stephen Utley, Kate Witkowski, Matt Wixon, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 17-23

5:30 pm —for Catherine Thorry (D) by Nancy Donahue
8 am—for John Clifford (D) by John & Nikki Clifford
9:30 am—for All Family Members (D) by Benedict & Maria D'Costa
11:15 am—for Christopher Ndumu (D) by Mary Manga
1 pm— for Luis & Zoe Munuz 50th Wedding Anniversary (L)
by their Children & Family
6 pm— for Peggy Finan (D) by Susan Bruns
Mon. 12:00 noon— for Dolores Valadez (D) by Bernadette Lozano
Thu. 12:00 noon— for Madam Mary Chan Peng Chi (D)
by Veronica Galk-Chin Ong

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday Collection: \$10,634
Fund for Retired Religious: \$5,621
Faith Direct (October Average): \$9,492

eGIVING – CONSIDER ENROLLING IN RECURRING GIVING

OLQP's *Discipleship In Action* Stewardship program provides us an opportunity to thank God for all of the blessings that he has bestowed upon us during the year and to look within ourselves to see how we can best use our talent and treasure to help others. This year, OLQP is building upon that feeling of generosity and compassion by asking our parishioners to prayerfully consider enrolling in eGiving for your recurring weekly offering -- ensuring your support even when you are away. Enrolling in eGiving is a safe and secure way to give to our parish and getting started is easy—just visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: VA271.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

This week we welcome 2 new Christians:

Thomas James Neyland - Baptized 10 am Saturday

Jackson Thomas Krug - Baptized 11 am Saturday

4TH SUNDAY YOUNG ADULT POTLUCK after 6 pm Mass next Sunday, November 25. Meet us in the Founders Room starting at 7:15 pm. Our theme: "Anything but Thanksgiving Food". Bring your favorite food dish or drink that you didn't have for Thanksgiving. All young adults are welcome. The Founders Room will be open before Mass if anybody needs to keep their items refrigerated, heated, or plugged in before the potluck.

LITTLE SISTERS OF ST. THERESE, a Haitian order of nuns, serve in Medor. These women are strong leaders and role models for the Medor Community. They show the children of Medor what can be done with education, determination, and perseverance. They serve as 1) primary school principal, 2) director of the trade school that teaches young women who did not have the opportunity to receive an elementary school education how to cook and sew, and 3) the parish clinic nurse. The Sisters of St. Therese began their service in Medor 50 years ago, 27 years before the community had a resident priest. They are AWESOME! **Haiti Christmas Cards** are available after the Masses. They support our Medor family and make wonderful alternative Christmas gifts.

PARISH ADVISORY BOARD ELECTION

New this year — online balloting available Nov 24—Dec 2, in addition to paper balloting the weekend of December 1-2

'Meet the candidates' next weekend — a bulletin insert will be available with candidate photos and a brief biography, both a hardcopy in the bulletin and an electronic version on the parish website. For voting, we will offer an online ballot *in addition* to paper ballots at all masses. The online ballot will be open from November 24th, 5 pm through December 2nd, 7:30 pm; paper ballots will be available the weekend of Dec 1-2. The link for the online ballot will be available on the homepage of www.olqpva.org and will be published in the bulletin. Paper *absentee ballots* will be available the weekend of November 25th. Parishioners are encouraged to utilize *only one* voting option of their choosing - all online and paper materials will be available in English and Spanish. Please contact PAB Chair Jennifer Vigario with any questions: jmvigario@gmail.com

STEPHEN MINISTRY - In the immediate aftermath of the death of a loved one, or a serious medical diagnosis, or a significant loss in a relationship, OLQP Stephen Ministers can offer a period of Christian and confidential care-giving to support you through a difficult transition. Stephen Ministry is not just for long-term challenges. If you want to explore whether a Stephen Minister is a good fit for your circumstances, contact Stephen Leader Joan Brown for a confidential conversation (703-608-5059; jmbrown2587@msn.com).

SCARVES FOR THE HOMELESS WRAPPING DAY - We will be wrapping on Saturday, Dec 1 beginning at 9:30 am in the Peace Room downstairs in the Ministry Center. Distribution to men, women and children in our community through ASPAN, SEEC and our pantry families will happen before Christmas. Doorways for Women and Families distribution was done a few weeks ago. If you are interested in volunteering or have scarves to drop off, please contact Marilena at: mamoni530@gmail.com

JUST\$ CARDS are available at the front entrance of Father Ray Hall after Masses this weekend. If you were unable to provide an "Adopt a Family" Thanksgiving basket, you can purchase and donate a \$20 Just\$ grocery card for inclusion in one of the baskets. By doing this, you also are benefitting the OLQP Food Pantry and orphans of AIDS in Africa.

Striving to right our relationships with God, Others and Creation

JUST A THOUGHT... The liturgical year is coming to an end and so we start to ponder the reality that one day the world will end and 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 the world would end! And yet they 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? Today's Gospel is not about "knowing" when Christ will come...but rather about being ready when Christ does come! 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 inheritance 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 time. 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. When and where was the last time I felt the presence of God in my life? How do I actively engage in keeping God at the center of my life? How do I give glory to God in my life?

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.

LISTENING SESSION – Friday, November 30 - Join with us for an opportunity to share some of your feelings regarding the abuse crisis within the Catholic Church. We cannot guarantee solutions or fixes, but we can listen and let you know that you are not alone in your sadness and anger. We will gather in Fr. Ray Hall Church for light food/drink, an hour of moderated listening and end with a prayer service, Friday, November 30, beginning at 7 pm (Social 7 pm, Listening Session 7:30 pm, Prayer Service 8:45 pm). Please consider attending and **let us know if you plan to attend – an rsvp link is available on the home page of the parish website.**

Today is NATIONAL ADOPTION SUNDAY, Members of the **Building Forever Families** ministry and representatives of Arlington County and UMFS will be outside after Mass with information--stop by to drop off your items for children aging out of the Foster Care system in Arlington and Comfort Cases and to find out how you can make a difference in the lives of these children.

Eco-Challenge: Be appreciative this Thanksgiving of the bounty on your table and don't let anything go to waste. Be creative with leftovers: soup, hash, sandwiches, and freeze for future.

ADOPT A FAMILY THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET PROGRAM

Volunteers are available before and after Mass to receive your family's food donation. Or, you can drive up to the Ministry Center to have a volunteer receive your donation.

On behalf of those we serve, thank you for your generosity and kindness in caring for those in need. Happy Thanksgiving!!

REUSE THOSE GROCERY BAGS! -- Please donate your **brown paper bags** that you may have collected to the OLQP food pantry. These help volunteers package our foods and give the bags a second life before recycling. Thank you for working to reduce waste.

OLQP's GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION TEAM will meet on Mon., November 19, at 7 pm in Fr Ray Hall, classroom 3/nursery. If you cannot attend but would like to join the team, or for information, please contact Gerry Laporte, G.Laporte@verizon.net, 202-805-2467.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: SHOEBOX WEEKEND is very early this year--December 8-9. The Dec 15 A-SPAN Christmas party will allow us to deliver our gifts of warmth and dignity just as the season turns cold. The longstanding Queen of Peace tradition of turning a simple shoebox into a light weight, biodegradable container for items to upgrade a homeless person's existence is nearly three decades old. Locate that shoebox that was too handy to recycle. Shop for bargains in socks, mittens, flashlight, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, nail clipper, soap, shampoo, lotion, lip balm, note pad and pen, gum, and Christmas candy. Plan on bringing the filled box (or a bag of some of those items) to church on December 8-9. We will have our wrapping station helpers working all day to transform the shoebox into a festive display of our love for those who have less than we do. Questions? Ask Ann Felker, gr8est9@gmail.com or Melissa Crawford, melissa.a.crawford@gmail.com

JOIN THE L'ARCHE GWDC COMMUNITY to celebrate Advent and to take time away from the busyness of Christmas preparations. Reflecting and learning from the spirituality of L'Arche as lived out around the world and here in the DC area. A shared lunch will be part of the day so please bring a dish to share. St Mary's Episcopal Church (2609 N Glebe Rd, Arlington), Saturday December 1st, 10 am-2 pm – RSVP: info@larche-gwdc.org

MARKETING VOLUNTEER NEEDED -- TEACH, a non-profit organization that supports education for students in eastern Guatemala, is looking for a volunteer with marketing expertise to design a campaign to recruit sponsors for our program. This one-time effort would utilize various resources that we know of but would require some creative energy and techniques to get out our message. We can work closely with the volunteer and would like to begin as soon as possible. Details about TEACH: www.teacham.org. Please contact Shari Zamarra, 703-323-9367, shari.zamarra@gmail.com

CURSILLO GATHERING -- All are invited to an evening of reflection in preparation for Advent on Nov 30 from 6:30-9 pm in the Founders Room. The evening will include readings, prayers and songs reflecting on Jesus as the Light of all Lights and how we can carry that light of the newborn Christ into the world during Advent and every day afterwards. The OLQP Cursillo community welcomes you.



November is Black Catholic History Month

*"I Have the Strength for Everything Through Him that Empowers Me."
(Phil 4:13)*

Our Lady Queen of Peace celebrates with a series of articles in the bulletins, as well as with the 21th Annual Minkisi Mini-Retreat held on November 10, 2018. During the Nov. 12-14 meeting of U.S. Bishops Conference, the bishops endorsed a pastoral letter against racism, and also recommended Sr. Thea Bowman's cause for canonization. For those who knew Sr. Thea or know about her life (1937- 1990), she's already a saint in our own time!

An excerpt of an article -- "Ain't That Good News"

by Dawn Arau-Hawkins in a Global Sisters Report

It's been nearly 30 years since Sr. Thea Bowman famously declared to a gathering of the U.S. Catholic bishops that her "black self", with all the black songs, dances and traditions she'd imbibed while growing up in Canton, Mississippi, was a gift to the church.

That doesn't frighten you, does it?" she asked them, her eyebrows raised. By the time Bowman, a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration, took the stage in front of the bishops, she was already something of a celebrity. The dashiki-wearing, gospel-singing black nun had been preaching the legitimacy of black religious expression in the Catholic church since the early 1960s. For that work she'd been featured on "60 Minutes" and the "700 Club" and invited all over the country to speak. Bowman was black and proud. And authentically Catholic.

The idea that black religious expression isn't truly Catholic was and is pervasive, said C. Vanessa White, an assistant professor at Catholic Theological Union who teaches black spirituality, including a course on Bowman's writings. Some white Catholics are quick to dismiss as non-Catholic anything—like Bowman's gospel songs and Negro spirituals—that seem too black.

"People say, "Oh you're being Baptist; this is not Catholic," White said.

But what those people fail to understand, and what Bowman sought to explain, White continued, is that spirituality—the ways believers exist and act—is inherently cultural. "If the leaders are all white, then that spirituality is going to be shaped by that cultural group," she said. European expressions of Catholicism aren't dominant in the United States today because they're the neutral standard; rather, they're dominant because for centuries, only men of European descent were allowed to lead parishes.

Meanwhile enslaved Africans and their descendants weren't waiting for white churches to accept them as fully functioning members of the body of Christ. Confronted with the truth of the cross, they instead developed their own ways of thinking about and worshipping the God of deliverance. Black people, of course, are not a monolith. However the shared experience of enduring the United States' systematic brutality against them has left a real and observable mark on how black communities across denominations experience God.

"African American spirituality is the result of the encounter of a particular people with their God," writes Catholic womanist theologian Diana Hayes in Forged in the Fiery Furnace: African American Spirituality. "The spirituality of African Americans expresses a hands-on, down-to-earth belief that God saw them as human beings created in God's own image and likeness and intended them to be a free people."

The so-called slave religion that developed in the United States syncretized the belief in a liberating Jehovah Jireh with the rituals and cosmologies carried over from the motherlands in West and Central Africa. However, because enslaved blacks were barred from institutional

churches, this distinctly black expression of Christianity was cultivated in secret worship spaces known as hush harbors. The hush harbors are where we find the foundations of more contemporary articulations of black spirituality. It's where we find the roots of black gospel music, the black shouting tradition and black Christians' proclivity to "catch the Holy Ghost." In the hush harbors are the genesis of the black emphasis on communal worship and ministry, and—as Bowman explained in a 1984 interview with St. Anthony Messenger—the spirituality nurtured in the hush harbors laid the foundation for the eternal optimism of black eschatology and liberation theology. "Black people, in ages past, have traditional ways of teaching the children to rejoice in grief, in adversity, in oppression, in slavery," Bowman told the reporter at the time. "It's that kind of joy that helps a person keep going in faith."

Some Africans were already Catholic when they were trafficked to the United States between 1619 and 1860. Others were outfitted with Catholicism when they became the property of Catholic slaveholders in Maryland and Louisiana. But the majority of black Catholic families in the United States became Catholic after the Great Migration that began in 1915. Forsaking the South, black people began moving en masse into the urban centers of the North, filling the vacancies in formerly white Catholic schools and churches created by white flight into the suburbs. And, as Hayes told Global Sisters Report, this period marked a change in black religious expression.

Two things happened in the 1960s that would electrify black spirituality in the Catholic Church. First, a swelling black-pride movement convinced many young black Catholics that being black was nothing to be ashamed of. Second, the Second Vatican Council document Gaudium et Spes confirmed what some black Catholics, had come to suspect: Black spirituality was just as valid an expression of Catholicism as the European-born spiritualities they'd been taught—that, in fact, they ought to reclaim black spirituality for themselves. [In 1968, two organizations were established, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus and the National Black Sisters' Conference.]

Bowman was one of the founding members of the National Black Sisters' Conference in 1968 and remained an active member until her death from bone cancer in 1990. In 1980, Bowman became a charter faculty member of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans, where she taught liturgical worship and preaching. Just before Bowman died, a group of students from the Institute for Black Catholic Studies visited her at her Canton home. White was among those students, and she recalls that although Bowman had, by that point, largely lost the ability to vocalize, at the end of the visit, she expressed a desire to sing one of her beloved gospel songs. "For me, that was a testament to the power of black spirituality as a source of healing," White said. "To heal not only wounds, but to help one cope through times of trouble and immense pain."