## Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!


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**Daily Mass Schedule:**
**Monday-Friday– 12 Noon**

**Weekend Mass Schedule:**
**Saturdays — 5:30 pm Vigil**
**Sundays — 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am,**
**1:00 pm (Spanish), and 6:00 pm (Young Adult Mass)**

***Baptism:***
Please call or email the office to make arrangements.
***Marriage Preparation:***
Please contact the parish office at least six months before wedding date to complete requirements.
***Reconciliation:***
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**Wednesday —9 AM, office@olqpva.org**

**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

## December 16, 2018

## Third Sunday of Advent

**Whoever has two coats**
**Should share with the**
**Person who has none.**

*Lk 3:11*

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Zep 3:14-18A; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18*

Next weekend's Readings: **(Fourth Sunday in Advent)**

*Mi 5:1-4A; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45*

**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, Pat Carty, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claure, Jeff Cory, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Jim Davis, Adrienne DiCerbo, Yolanda Gregorio, Ernest Donatto, Irene Fitzpatrick, Yevette 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, 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, Michelle O'Keefe, 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 DECEMBER 15-21**

5:30 pm —for John Moran (D) by Michael Toth
8 am—for Cecilia & Alexander Kostka (D) by their Children
9:30 am—for Louis & Blanche Roy (D) by John Roy
11:15 am—for Pauline Hurd (D) by the Harrington Family
1 pm— for Celso Cobos (D) by Liliana Angel
6 pm— In Thanksgiving for the healthy birth of Elise Alexandra Young (L)
Mon. 12:00 noon– for Ariana Lozano (L) by Bernadette Lozano
Tue. 12:00 noon– for Sylvie Cachay (D) by the Cabrera Family
Wed. 12:00 noon– for the Parish
Thu. 12:00 noon– for Nathan Rom (D) by the Cabrera Family
Fri. 12:00 noon– for Drew Bonner (D) by Susan Bruns

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

Sunday Collection: $9,708
Catholic Charities Christmas Collection: $7,723
Faith Direct (November Average): $8,858

**SEEKING "TEACH" TRAVELERS FOR FEB 2019 -** TEACH is organizing a delegation to visit Guatemala. The mission of TEACH is to actively respond to the schooling needs of underserved children in Maya communities in Guatemala. Visit www.teacham.org for more information. Our 2019 dates are approximately Jan 31-Feb 13. These could vary slightly as we look for the best airfare. We are seeking a group of about 10 travelers. Our purpose is to visit all 13 TEACH sites, to be present to the people we serve, and to enjoy the beauty of the country. Accommodations are modest but not luxurious. Interested or have questions? Please contact me soon: shari.zamarra@gmail.com, 703-323-9367.

**SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH**

This week we welcome 3 new Christians:
**Lillian Freya Carlson, Alessandra Louise Ardovini, &**
**Nathan James Reynolds -** Baptized 9 am Saturday

**HOLIDAY MASSES AND SERVICES SCHEDULE**

*(Schedule assumes Church renovations will be done in time for Christmas Masses)*

Christmas Eve, December 24th
4 pm Family Mass
4:15 Family Mass, in Fr. Ray Hall
6 pm Christmas Eve Mass
8 pm Christmas Eve Mass in Spanish
12 pm Midnight Mass, begins at 11:30 w/Lessons and Carols
Christmas Day, December 25th
11 am
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day -- January 1, 2019
5 pm Vigil Mass, Dec 31
11 am Mass, Bilingual, Jan 1
Epiphany of the Lord, January 6, 2019
Special Weekend Mass Schedule
5:30 pm Vigil Mass Saturday
Sunday: 8 am, 9:30 am, 12 noon Bilingual Mass and
6 pm Young Adult Mass
*(12 noon Mass replaces the 11:15 am and 1 pm Masses)*
Prayer Service Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, --
Monday, January 21, 11 am
Holy Hour, 4th Monday of the Month - January 28, 8 pm

**HELP MAKE A SOFT CRIB FOR BABY JESUS -** The Nativity scene is now set up in the courtyard between the church and Fr. Ray Hall! Please help make a soft crib for baby Jesus by placing a piece of straw in the manger for each good deed that you have done. Continue to do this until Jesus is born on Christmas!

**4TH SUNDAY YOUNG ADULT POTLUCK** cancelled for December. See you on January 27th after the 6 pm Mass.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** - no December gathering. Next meeting at Lost Dog Cafe will be Monday, January 14, 7 pm. See you then!

**HAITI CHRISTMAS CARDS - MAKE WONDERFUL ALTERNATIVE GIFTS!** Cards will be available at each weekend Mass between now and Christmas. Please participate! The clean water program in Medor began in 2006, when OLQP arranged for a volunteer hydrologist to assess Medor's water sources. The Medor community elected a water committee with representatives from each of the 12 chapel areas. Samples of each of the 30+ water sources in Medor's 74 square miles tested positive for fecal bacteria. The Klorfasil clean water program addresses water contamination and improves health. Families who participate acquire a five-gallon bucket with a spigot as well as a container of bleach powder, which dispenses the amount that purifies five-gallons of water with one twist of the cap. Thirty minutes after adding the bleach, the water is free of bacteria. Each family pays a small amount for the bleach dispenser and OLQP provides the funds for the bucket systems.

**SMILE.AMAZON.COM -** Support OLQP when you shop at Amazon. Go to "smile.amazon.com" enter "Our Lady Queen of Peace Church" select **Our Lady Queen of Peace Arlington** from the list and start shopping. Then each time you shop at Amazon and you use "Smile.amazon.com" to login, it remembers OLQP is the charity you want to support. You must use "smile.amazon.com" for the parish to benefit. Same products, same prices, same service – with an added bonus to the parish (.05 % of your purchase).

**JUST A THOUGHT…** **Rejoice! Exult! Be Glad!…**for your God rejoices over **you!** The prophet Zephaniah extols us to "shout for joy", to be glad and exult with all our hearts for our God has removed all our guilt and we have nothing to fear! The prophet boldly proclaims that our **God is in our midst** and that God rejoices over us and sings joyfully **because of us!** This Sunday is known as "Gaudete Sunday" and we light the rose colored candle on the Advent wreath as a sign of our joy. And we are joyful because of the love our God has for us. In the Gospel we hear that when the people responded to John the Baptist's call to repent, they asked "what should we do?" John's response was "if you have two cloaks, share with the person who has none…and whoever has food should do likewise." So as we rejoice, repent and prepare we do so by turning our attention to the poor, the marginalized, the immigrant and refugee. In the midst of all of the vitriolic, hateful and racist language we are called to stand up and speak out and act on behalf of our sisters and brothers who are being maligned and victimized by supposed "Christians"! Our baptism, by water and the Holy Spirit, calls us to prioritize our lives around our discipleship of Jesus Christ. By keeping Christ at the center of our lives we find direction and are emboldened to become, more and more, manifestations of Christ's presence in the midst of a wounded world to which we reach out, in love, to all those who are suffering and rejected or despised…we call them our sisters and brothers! Let us rejoice, repent and prepare by living our discipleship by reaching out to "the lest ones"….speaking out and acting out on their behalf….and thus we will be ready for Christ's coming. What will I do this week to rejoice, repent and prepare? With whom will is share an extra cloak, if I have one?
Advent Blessings,
Fr Tim

**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED DEC 24 – JAN 1 -** All parish and ministry activity is cancelled during the week between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day. Daily Mass is scheduled for Dec 26 and Dec 28. A funeral Mass is scheduled for Thursday, Dec 27, and takes the place of daily Mass. Please see the Holiday Mass and Services Schedule in today's bulletin for more details on the Masses during our closing.

**FR. JOE'S UPDATE -** Fr. Joe continues to recover from his fall has begun rehabilitation. He has a fairly grueling schedule and has asked for no visitors at this time. Please send cards and get well notes to the parish office (2700 19th St S, Arlington VA 22204). Please keep Fr. Joe in your prayers.

***The ADVOCATE* Parish Newsletter -** The fall 2018 issue of The Advocate is on the parish website: www.olqpva.org! If you would like to receive a copy in your inbox as it's published (every 4-5 months), please send a message to Jeannette in the parish office: jgantzdaly@olqpva.org

**THE GIVING TREE – Support SEEC Day Laborers!** We invite you to support the parish in providing lunch for 35 SEEC day labors. Each week a group of volunteers shop, prepare and package lunches for Shirlington Day Laborers through the Brown Bag Lunch Program. The Giving Tree supports this effort: take a 'brown bag angel' ornament from the basket under the giving tree in the sanctuary, place your donation inside the ornament and hang it on the tree. The tree will be in the sanctuary through the Christmas season.

**ECO TIP:** Be creative with your holiday gift wrapping. Recycle from the past, decorate bags, repurpose newspaper with a festive bow or ribbon. Save gift bags and ribbons for next year.

**CARPENTERS SHELTER DINNER, THURSDAY, DEC 20 -** This month's dinner is chicken chili, veggie chili, salad, green beans, cornbread, fruit salad and homemade cookies. Items still needed are underlined. Servers welcome. Sign up at mary.resnick@gmail.com, 703-462-4841. Food can be brought to the Parish Office kitchen Monday through Friday between 8:30-4:30 labeled "Carpenters Shelter" and placed in refrigerator, freezer, or on counter. If delivering Thursday, bring to Father Ray Hall between 4 and 5 pm. Reusable, spill-proof delivery: Please pick up your containers, or take and use a container without a name on it, from the double door closet in Ministry Center, Founders Room. Thanks you!

**JUST$ CARDS MAKE PRACTICAL HOLIDAY GIFTS** for neighbors, teachers, co-workers, friends, etc. By purchasing cards through OLQP, you are helping feed the hungry through the weekly Food Pantry, and supporting vocational training for children in Kenya who are unable to afford or qualify for secondary education. Purchasing and donating a card to the Food Pantry is also another way to support the needy in our parish community.

**EXHIBIT: LOSS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN ARLINGTON -** Mr. Tom Dickinson, long-time OLQP member, local historian and photographer, currently has a documentary photograph exhibit on display at the Westover Library in Arlington. It is the culmination of 40 years of photo documentation of the rampant destruction of older, low cost homes and other structures in Arlington, and the much larger, much more expensive buildings that replaced them. The photos are displayed in a side-by-side comparison, using old window frames saved from the lost homes. This exhibit is Tom's personal lament for the loss of "affordable" housing in Arlington, and a commentary on the lack of preservation of historically significant properties in Arlington. In addition, this exhibit addresses the environmental impact from the loss of green cover and plants, tree canopy, permeable soil, etc. Tom is a past President of the Arlington Historical Society, current member of the Board of Directors, and founding Director of Preservation Arlington. View the exhibit through January 15th (1644 N. McKinley Road).

**SHOEBOX WEEKEND WRAP-UP -** Since launching the Shoebox effort for the homeless thirty-four years ago, the parish has provided an astounding number of Christmas gifts targeted to provide dignity and comfort in a handy-dandy recyclable container. From 25 boxes back in 1984 to **484 in 2018**, the generosity and empathy of the parish has been obvious. Equally exciting is the steady stream of families and individuals streaming through the doors of the Founders/Wrapping Room for hands-on involvement in the name of the parish. Combined with a complementary 479 hand made scarves, it can be declared that Matt 25 is in full force at Our Lady Queen of Peace. Special gratitude to Pat Vinkenes, Susan Scott and Lindsay Enochs who coordinated last Sunday's marathon. Thanks for every bar of soap, every pair of socks, donated with love.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS**

We invite you to remember a deceased loved one with a Christmas Flower Memorial. Memorials will be published in the Sunday bulletin on the weekend of December 22-23. Please complete this form, make your donation payable to Our Lady Queen of Peace Church (donation amount is at your discretion) and send to the parish office (attention Christina) or drop in the collection basket by Sunday, December 16th. *Please be sure to meet the deadline of 12/16! - TODAY!*

**Christmas Flower Memorial**

Honoring: _____
Requested by: _____
Donation: $_____

# Gun Violence Prevention Sabbath Weekend

On this National Gun Violence Prevention Sabbath Weekend (Dec. 14-16), faith communities across our nation are holding vigils, commemorations, and other events in observance of the sixth anniversary of the December 14, 2012 mass shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT. They are remembering those who have lost their lives to gunfire, praying for those whose lives have been forever changed because of gun related injuries or the loss of a loved one, and educating one another on proven strategies to reduce gun violence.

In March 2018, the Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued a background paper advocating a mercy and peacebuilding approach to gun violence. The paper is summarized below. The full text is available at http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/criminal-justice-restorative-justice/upload/Backgrounder-on-Gun-Violence-March-2018.pdf.

The paper reminds us the Church has been a strong advocate for the reasonable regulation of firearms and that Christ's love and mercy must guide us in this area. The Church recognizes that recourse to self-defense is legitimate for one's own safety. In today's world, however, weapons that are increasingly capable of inflicting great suffering in a short period of time are simply too accessible.

Recalling the words of Pope Paul VI, "if you want peace, work for justice," the U.S. bishops issued a pastoral message in 1994, *Confronting a Culture of Violence: A Catholic Framework for Action*. The bishops stated, "We have an obligation to respond. Violence -- in our homes, our schools and streets, our nation and world -- is destroying the lives, dignity and hopes of millions of our sisters and brothers."

With this reality in mind, the USCCB supported the assault weapons ban initially passed in 1994, but which expired in 2004. In 2000, the U.S. bishops issued their pastoral statement, *Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice*, calling on all people to work toward a culture of life and do more to end violence. Regarding gun violence prevention, the bishops wrote, "We support measures that control the sale and use of firearms and make them safer . . . and we reiterate our call for sensible regulation of handguns."

In addition to several statements and testimony offered to Congress on gun violence following several of the tragedies in recent years, the USCCB formed a Special Task Force to Promote Peace in Our Communities in response to the violence of the summer of 2016, which issued a Final Report and Recommendations in the fall of that year. The USCCB has consistently urged policy changes in the wake of violent tragedies, which have become far too frequent in our cities and towns.

For many years, the USCCB has supported a number of measures to address the problem of gun violence. These include:

- A total ban on assault weapons, which the USCCB supported when the ban passed in 1994 and when Congress failed to renew in 2004;
- Measures that control the sale and use of firearms, such as universal background checks for all gun purchases;
- Limitations on civilian access to high-capacity weapons and ammunition magazines;
- A federal law to criminalize gun trafficking;
- Improved access to and increased resources for mental health care and earlier interventions;
- Regulations and limitations on the purchasing of handguns;
- Measures that make guns safer, such as locks that prevent children and anyone other than the owner from using the gun without permission and supervision; and
- An honest assessment of the toll of violent images and experiences which inundate people, particularly our youth.

The USCCB also supports recent proposals to set a more appropriate minimum age for gun ownership, and to ban "bump stocks." In addition, the USCCB supports wholistic measures, such as the promotion of mercy and peacebuilding in our communities through restorative justice policies and practices, ongoing encounters and discussions at the parish level regarding violence in communities.

***Prepared by OLQP's Gun Violence Prevention Team.***

***Please contact Gerry Laporte for more information and to learn how you can become part of the solution: g.laporte@verizon.net***