

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!

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Monday-Thursday — 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:

Please call or email the office to make arrangements.

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Please contact the parish office at least six months before wedding date to complete requirements.

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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

MARCH 24, 2019

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

LENTEN RECONCILIATION PROGRAM:

The Sacrament of Penance is offered each Wednesday evening during Lent from 6:30 to 8:30 pm (except April 17th). At the same time, Reconciliation Service or Sung Stations of the Cross will be offered.

Sung Stations of the Cross: 7 pm – March 27 and April 10

Reconciliation Services: April 3 Family Service (at 6:30 pm and open to all)

TAIZE SERVICE – Mondays During Lent, 8 pm

LENTEN ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays, 7 pm, March 21– April 11



Leave it for
another year;
then perhaps it
will bear fruit.

Lk 13:9

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

A Consistent Ethic of Life Catholic Community

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ex 3:1-8A, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Next weekend's Readings: (4th Sunday of Lent)

Jos 5:9A, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Lousie Aust, Elizabeth Ball, Suri Barahona, Ronald Bashian, Francis Bilgera, Cindy Bianga, Precious Bowens, April Brassard, Lynne Burgh, Brody Carroll, Pat Carty, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claire, Jeff Cory, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Jim Davis, Adrienne DiC-erbo, Yolanda Gregorio, Ernest Donatto, Irene Fitzpatrick, Yvette Francois, 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, Caecilie Jones, 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, Eileen Melia, Roberto Méndez, Arthur Miller, Mary Miller, Yvonne Mockler, Carmen Montijo, Dorothy Moran, Bob Morsches, Clem Munno, Chelsea Murray, Mario Amel Najarro, Bryce 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 Cristiano 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 MARCH 16-22

5:30 pm —for Rachael Over (L) by Jude Dias

8 am—for Tony Fusarelli (D) by the Fusarelli Family

9:30 am—for Dessie Clarke (D) by Tony Clarke

11:15 am— for Mary Nash (D) by Mike & Mary Ray

1 pm— for Dulce Elena Montano (L) by Felipe Montano & Family

6 pm— for Lope Dysangco (D) by Lilian Sy

Mon. 12:00 noon— for Mary Henkels (D) by Betty Mills

Tue. 12:00 noon— for the Parish

Wed. 12:00 noon— for Demetrio Yabes (D) by the Yabes Family

Thu. 12:00 noon— for the Parish

Fri. 6 pm— for the Parish

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday Collection: \$9,584

Faith Direct (February Average): \$9,569.50

PARISH MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RETREAT: April 12-14, 2019 at Loyola on the Potomac, a Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, MD. This year's retreat theme is God's Dream. To reserve your space, contact Thea Barron, 703-354-0580, theabarron@yahoo.com or register online at <http://www.loyolapotomac.com>. A deposit of \$115 and registration form are required to secure your room. The retreat fee for the weekend is \$245. (\$195 for first timers and/or young adults 30 and under.) Give a weekend to God - "Come Away and Rest Awhile".

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

This week we welcome 4 new Christians:

**Josephine Awbury Ann Kennedy, Ryan Patrick Martin,
Evelyn Claire Henry, & Razel Reign Rodrigo.**

Baptized 10 am Saturday.

4TH SUNDAY YOUNG ADULT POTLUCK will be after the 6 pm Mass on March 24 in the Founders Room starting at 7:15 pm. The theme this month is "Food From Around The World". Please bring your favorite food or drink from around the world to share. All young adults (21-40) are welcome. The Founders Room will be open and available before Mass if anybody needs to keep their items refrigerated, heated, or plugged in before the potluck.

LENTEN REFLECTION OPPORTUNITY -- MOVIE WITH A MESSAGE

Parishioners are invited to join us on Saturday evenings at 7 pm to view some powerful, award winning films, that will serve to start conversations in your mind and heart. Selected and hosted by the OLQP Girls High School Circle, each film stirs conscience and challenges you to do and be more. Free to all, but first 2 films are not appropriate for students under 13. After film facts and discussion starters will be led by the H.S. girls. The movies will be viewed in the parish hall nursery.

March 23 - "Period. Not the end of a Sentence." (women, sexism, and education)

March 30 - "The Hate U Give" (challenging racism)

April 6 - "Wonder" (discrimination)

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION FUNDRAISER.

Turns out, NONE of us are smarter than a 7th Grader. Of the 109 players that completed our parish-wide online quiz, **7thStripes** came out on top. Kudos to the four others that also scored 100%: **Em, Amadan, PepperMary** and **Annie**. Thanks to everyone that donated to the effort (our goal was met!), and an especially big thanks to all of our not-so-tech-savvy parishioners who embraced the help of our 7th graders and successfully maneuvered through all of the questions. A truly wonderful inter-generational experience!

HAITI EASTER DRIVE - *A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost.* -- Saint Basil

What have you eaten this week? Where do you get your food? Many of our friends in Medor eat only one meal a day—and most eat only what they themselves grow. They don't have access to grocery stores or aisles and aisles of products. Our Parish Twinning Program supports an agro-forestry program. Through the program, men and women have planted trees, including some that produce fruit which, in turn, nourish the people of Medor. Your good deed—perhaps eating more simply this week and donating some of the savings to the Haiti Easter Drive—could provide a tree that feeds a family for decades. Pray for our brothers and sisters in Haiti before a meal; your support will only help our good works grow.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) - Over the next three weekends, our parish will celebrate the Scrutinies with those preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. These Rites are meant to uncover, then heal, the weaknesses that lead to personal and societal failing and sin. As our catechumen and candidates prepare for the sacraments, may we be united to them in prayer and join in this journey of self-searching and repentance, evaluating our lives and the need for conversion. The First Scrutiny will be celebrated this Sunday at the 9:30 am Mass.

RUN OR WALK FOR A GREAT CAUSE – Join the Bishop O'Connell

High School community in Arlington for the "Better Together" 5K and Family Fun Run on Saturday, April 13, 9 am. This professionally-timed race begins and ends in the stadium and passes through the neighborhood streets. Proceeds benefit Expanded Services for students with cognitive and intellectual disabilities at the school. Find out more and register at: www.bishopoconnell.org/5K

Striving to right our relationships with God, Others and Creation

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO... Each year the Lenten season calls us to take a good long look at our lives. The point Jesus is trying to make in the parable in today's Gospel is that sometimes our Christian lives are like that tree that doesn't bear fruit. The tree is clearly alive but yet it fails to bear fruit. The owner wants it cut down. The man responsible for the tree asks the owner to give it one more year...he will fertilize it and cultivate the ground around it and then if it still bears no fruit, it can be cut down. Lent is a time for us to cultivate and fertilize our lives so that we will bear more fruit! Lent calls us to do more than "just hang in there"...to do more than just resist being mean or selfish or nasty... more than to just resist sin! Lent calls us to open up our hearts to God... to be transformed by God's unconditional love and thus to bear amazing fruit. Lent calls us to new growth...to grow into a more loving person... more loving of God and neighbor. This is the fruit that God desires us to bear! All of our almsgiving, fasting and prayer ultimately are meant to help us in our transformation. Ideally through these Lenten practices we become more aware of how we are living in the world and how we are living our discipleship of Jesus Christ. Are we empathetic to the pain and suffering of others and do we reach out to help them in some way? Lent offers us an opportunity to slow down and reflect on how we live our lives on a daily basis in light of how the Gospel calls us to live. It provides us time to ask ourselves is there anything I need to change or to do differently in my life so it might bear more fruit? What are the "fruits" of my life? How does the way I live my life impact others...both positively and negatively? How could my impact be greater? How do I "fertilize and cultivate" the lives of others so they too may bear more fruit?

Lenten Blessings,
Fr Tim

2019 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL TOGETHER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST - The BLA is critical to our diocesan needs and we are asking every household in our parish to support this appeal to the extent that they are able. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and furthers the Gospel mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese. Let us join together to do the Lord's work - works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people. For one-time or recurring monthly payment for a BLA pledge, go directly to: www.arlingtondiocese.org Thank you!

OLQP IN THE MEDIA - The story of our parish "Going Green" and our solar panels have attracted recent news stories. See "Seeking sun, wind energy" Arlington Catholic Herald, Mar.14, page 7; "Nauck Church Looks to Cut Back on Emissions with Large Cross Shaped Solar Panels", March 6, Arlington Now; and "Changes in State Law Pave the Way for More Solar Jobs", WVTF, VA Public Radio and NBC Telemundo in Spanish. Check them out!

HOLY WEEK DISCERNMENT RETREAT - A vocational discernment retreat for young women 18-33 years old held April 17-22 at the Daughters of St. Paul Motherhouse in Boston, MA. Includes conferences, Triduum celebrations, silent retreat day, recreation, and more. Please contact Sr. Emily Beata at vocations@paulinmedia.com or 703-549-3806 for more information.

CRS RICE BOWL -- Bowls are still available if you haven't begun your journey. The prayers and learning in the calendar keep us focused for Lent. This week we encounter the Dhathcroos family who returned home after fleeing violence and were able to build a prosperous farm with the help of CRS. Your support is good news for them and for many others around the world and here at home. Thank you. More at: www.crsricebowl.org

INTERNATIONAL EARTH HOUR begins at 8:30 pm, Saturday, March 30th. Learn details at EarthHour.com.

CARE CREATION CARE CORNER - *Fast from Water Waste*: World Water Day on March 22 was a reminder to conserve water and to support clean water programs like the one in Medor, Haiti. 850 million people globally do not have safe water. Conserve water at home: shorten your showers or even skip one per week, install low flow showerheads and toilets, collect water as shower warms to flush toilet, water lawns early in the AM, install a rain barrel. Think of other ways to preserve this precious gift.

MATT 25 NEEDS DONATIONS - Thinking of spring cleaning this weekend or anytime soon? We'd be grateful for your seasonal gently used clothing and small household items. We also accept children's book but have very limited space so no computer/office equipment or large items. Thanks so much for sharing what you cannot use. Questions, contact Meade Jones Hanna: meadejoneshanna@gmail.com

SHARE THE JOURNEY - An Asylum Seeker is a person who has left his/her country of origin, in accordance with the definition of "refugee" and formally presented him/herself at or within the border of another country for asylum.

STONE SOUP SUPPER SERIES -- Friday, March 29, learn more about *New American*, those who have come to this country and have done well. Our own Fr. Martin will be on the panel along with other parishioners.

MAKE A STAND FOR LIFE IN VA!!!

JOIN US ON THE BUS TO RICHMOND!

Please join us for the Virginia March for Life on April 3rd in Richmond. The rally begins at 11:00 am in Capitol Square with the March to follow at 12 noon. Thea Barron will be joining a group from St. Charles who will be going on a bus provided by St. Raymond's. If anyone is interested in joining her on this trip, please contact her directly: theabarron@yahoo.com or 703-354-0580 or 703-409-0581 (cell).

MINKISI MINISTRY invites you to their Lenten quiet prayer and reflection session, Mon., April 1, 7:15 pm, in the Discussion Room/Parish Office. Jackie Smith will lead the meditation on Philippians 4:4-7. For more info, contact Cecilia: jisaac3@verizon.net, 703-979-5389.

LENTEN ROSARY PRAYER GROUP - The Respect Life Ministry is sponsoring a rosary prayer group for Lent on Thursdays, March 21st - April 11th at 7 pm in the Church. Please come join us. If you have any questions or would like to lead the group in prayer, please contact Julie Bolton at 508-360-1082.

VIA CRUCIS EN VIVO - FRIDAY, APRIL 19th - Mark your calendars and plan to join the 1 pm community, Good Friday, April 19, for their annual *Via Crucis En Vivo*. This live reenactment of the Stations of the Cross takes place in the OLQP parking lot at 6 pm. All are welcome. Contact Carmen Rios: mrsccarmenrios@yahoo.com or 703-989-0645.

TASTE OF ISLAM ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE - At Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center (3159 Row St, Falls Church) featuring, Food, Exhibits, Talent Shows, and Informational Sessions. Sunday, April 7, noon until 5 pm. Free. Sign up by email to Outreach@hijrah.org

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS - We invite you to remember a deceased family member with an Easter Flower Memorial, to be published in the Easter bulletin, April 21. Please 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) or drop in the collection by the deadline: Monday, April 15th.

Honoring: _____
Requested by: _____
Donation: \$ _____

Lent is a Wake Up Call to Live a Life Devoted to the Gospel

by **Tony Magliano**

Imagine you're sitting in front of your doctor, and he says that your health definitely needs to improve. He then looks you square in the eyes and says, "If you wish to live a healthy long life, you must stop eating junk food and living a sedentary lifestyle, and start eating plenty of healthy foods and exercise every day."

Your doctor's wake up call to you here would demand a radical physical lifestyle change. That is, if you wish to live a healthy long life.

At Lent's beginning on Ash Wednesday, many of us were signed on our foreheads with a cross of ashes and told to "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."

That sign, and those words, from the Divine Physician are a radical spiritual wakeup call to all of us who wish to live healthy spiritual lives now in this world and to prepare well for the next world in eternity.

Being crossed with ashes is meant to alert us that our bodies will soon be much like the ashes on our foreheads. It should be a sober reminder that this life is coming to a quick close and that we have no time to lose in turning away from the evil of sin, that is, all that hurts and separates us from God, others, creation and ourselves. And to be faithful to the Gospel!

In this year's papal Lenten message

(see: <https://bit.ly/2EfKGYc>), Pope Francis warns us that "Once God's law, the law of love, is forsaken, then the law of the strong over the weak takes over. The sin that lurks in the human heart (Mk 7:20-23) takes the shape of greed and unbridled pursuit of comfort, lack of concern for the good of others and even of oneself. It leads to the exploitation of creation, both persons and the environment, due to that insatiable covetousness which sees every desire as a right and sooner or later destroys all those in its grip."

But more than any other time, Lent is the season for conversion – a radical change of mind and heart, a time to walk out of the darkness of sin and into the merciful, peaceful, joyful, loving light of Christ Jesus! And the sacrament of reconciliation (confession) is a wonderful heavenly gift to help us advance along the life-long process of conversion.

Additionally, the three holy practices of fasting, prayer and almsgiving – especially stressed during Lent – are indispensable to our growth in the life of the Spirit – which is the Kingdom of God.

"Fasting," Pope Francis astutely says, is about "learning to change our attitude towards others and all creation, turning away from the temptation to 'devour' everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts.

"Prayer, which teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy.

"Almsgiving, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves"

Every day several thousand children die from hunger and hunger related diseases. This is completely preventable. The anti-hunger/anti-poverty Christian organization Bread for the World is asking us to email and call (capitol switchboard: 202-224-3121) our two U.S. senators and representative urging them to support \$250 million for global malnutrition programs.

And please consider a Lenten donation to our starving brothers and sisters in South Sudan (see: <https://bit.ly/2H7wt5w>).

"Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel!"

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