

## Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!

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Monday-Thursday — 12 Noon,

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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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### 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 31, 2019

## THE FOURTH 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.*

### Family Lent Reconciliation Service next Wednesday,

**April 3rd at 6:30 PM!**

Join us for a wonderful family opportunity Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM! All families are encouraged to attend this brief, child-friendly service, followed by an opportunity for individual confessions! This is an especially great experience for students in First Communion in preparation for the upcoming class on Reconciliation Services (May 1 & 2).

**Sung Stations of the Cross: 7 pm – April 10**

**TAIZE SERVICE – Mondays During Lent, 8 pm**

**LENTEN ROSARY PRAYER GROUP**

**Thursdays, 7 pm, March 21– April 11**



His father was  
filled with  
compassion.

*Lk 15:20*

**THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION**

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

## *A Consistent Ethic of Life Catholic Community*

### 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Next weekend's Readings: (5th Sunday of Lent)

*Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11*

### 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, Evie Brown, Lynne Burgh, Brody Carroll, Pat Carty, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claire, Jeff Cory, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Jim Davis, Adrienne DiCerbo, 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, 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 MARCH 30– APRIL 5

5:30 pm—for O. Varghese (D) by Susan Frances & Agnes Yaptenco  
8 am—for Nicholas William Staha (D) by Karen Staha  
9:30 am—for Dottie Williams (D) by Jackie & Peter Smith  
11:15 am—for Kathleen O'Connell (D) by Dee Dee Tostanoski  
1 pm—for the 50th Birthday of Indira Murillo (D) by Mateo 25  
6 pm—for John Pignatilly (D) by the Vinkenes Family  
Mon. 12:00 noon—for Coleman James Kane (D) by Sharon Kane  
Tue. 12:00 noon—for Gerri Noble-Martocci (D) by the Family  
Wed. 12:00 noon—for Dolores Valadez (D) by Bernadette Lozano  
Thu. 12:00 noon—for Kenneth Daniels (D) by the Lovo Family  
Fri. 6 pm—for Margarita Francia Villaluz by Judy & Wally Reyes

### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday Collection: \$11,059

Faith Direct (March Average): \$9,164

### WORLD CARE BENEFIT AND CELEBRATION - Friday, April 5, 7 pm,

**St. Francis Hall, DC:** The Franciscan Mission Service invites you for a night of fellowship, mission and food featuring Keynote Speaker: John Stowe, OFM Conventual, Bishop of Lexington KY and Anselm Moons Award Recipients: Jeff and Teresa Redder, OFS. Tickets available at: <https://franciscanmissionservice.org/support/worldcarebenefit/worldcare2019/>

**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](mailto:jisaac3@verizon.net), 703-979-5389.

**HOLD ON TO YOUR BOOKS!** The Latino Committee will be hosting a book sale at the end of the summer and will be asking for donations. If you need to get rid of them sooner please email Emma at: [emma\\_grayeb@yahoo.com](mailto:emma_grayeb@yahoo.com) or text 703-899-6449 to arrange a pickup. Thank you!

### 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. 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 30 - "The Hate U Give" (challenging racism)

April 6 - "Wonder" (discrimination)

### THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION FUNDRAISER

- Turns out, NONE of us is smarter than a 7th grader. Of the 109 players who 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! (If you used the credit card reader to make your donation and need a receipt, please contact Christina, [office@olqpva.org](mailto:office@olqpva.org).)

**HAITI EASTER DRIVE** - *The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.* – Dr. Seuss We read constantly, usually without thinking about it: text messages, advertisements, menus, e-mail, signs, even right now, this OLQP bulletin. Literacy and learning empower individuals and whole communities. What classes, teachers, or books have changed your life? Where has your education taken you? This week consider giving the life-changing gift of education to others. The Haiti Committee supports the education of children, teens, and adults in St. Joseph Parish, Medor. Learn more about the schools and other initiatives we support: <https://www.ourladyqueenodpeace.org/haiti-ministry.html> Pray for the teachers and students in Medor. Support the Haiti Easter Drive. Give the gift of knowing more things, going more places.

**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!

**DO YOU KNOW OR HAVE A LOVED ONE WITH PARKINSON'S?** The Parkinson Social Network and Virginia Hospital Center is offering a free Support Group for people with Parkinson's. At the same time, there will be a Parkinson Caregivers' Support Group at an adjacent room. Starting on April 10, then on every 2nd Wednesday of each month, both groups will meet at the Virginia Hospital Center Urgent Care facility at 601 S. Carlin Springs Rd, from 10:30-12:30. For more info, please contact Lilian at 703-920-3229.

**IF YOU HAPPEN TO BE MAKING PURCHASES...** Remember to use **AmazonSmile.com** and choose Our Lady Queen of Peace, Arlington as your charity. Last quarter (Oct-Dec) OLQP received \$193.02! Thank you for taking advantage of one more way to support OLQP!

**DO YOU HAVE A SEWING MACHINE** that you no longer use? Please consider donating it to the Latino Committee. Contact Sally Diaz-Wells at the parish 703-979-5580. Thank you.

## *Striving to right our relationships with God, Others and Creation*

### **JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO...**

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them!!! What an accusation leveled against Jesus ...tax collectors...they worked for the "oppressors"...they worked for Caesar and as if it wasn't enough that they worked for "the Empire"....on top of that, they cheated their own people, collecting more tax than was required by Caesar who was squeezing the very life blood out of their own people. Let's be clear, the accusation was not wrong...the people Jesus was in fact welcoming and eating with were sinners...that was not a misrepresentation or a twisting of the facts. This is the context of the story of the "Prodigal Son" or perhaps better name the story of the "Lavish Parent"...it is about the magnanimous and unrestrained nature of God's forgiveness! And to be honest, it's all a bit absurd! Who could seriously be convinced to forgive those who have abused them, cheated them and caused them more misery than anyone else could imagine? But there it is! That is precisely what Jesus is suggesting! Jesus is claiming that no matter how great our sin...no matter how far we have strayed from goodness and kindness we are all redeemable, all forgivable and all loved by God. But, make no mistake about it, it is in no way giving us "a pass" on reprehensible and sinful behavior! It is really speaking of the possibility of transformation and redemption through the power of forgiveness!

We've seen it in South Africa... we've seen it in Kosovo...and we've seen it in the lives of thousands of nameless victims who have chosen to forgive their perpetrators of unspeakable atrocities and crimes! How is it possible to forgive those who have raped, murdered and destroyed the lives of innocent people? Forgiveness does not in any way imply a lack of guilt...but rather it is about refusing to allow the perpetrator to continue to inflict pain and suffering upon those they have abused. As long as our anger and rage control our emotions we are not free of our bondage to them! The violent need to be brought to "justice" and to pay for their sins, but true justice is not revenge! Forgiveness ultimately frees the victim from the clutches of the perpetrator...it in no way says "it didn't happen"...it in no way says "it didn't matter"...it in no way says "they are not guilty". So what does this all mean for us as disciples of Jesus Christ? Jesus was so kind and forgiving...but how are we to forgive those who are guilty of unspeakable sin? How do we forgive those who wound us and hurt us and the ones we love? Jesus clearly states that it is "Godly" to forgive. But that in no way means that we do not stand up against violence! It does not mean that we fall silent in the face of violence nor turn our back on seeking justice in the wake of violence...not vengeance but justice. How do we forgive those who are guilty of violence, especially when it impacts us personally...when it is done in our name or in the name of our church, or in the name of our country? As you can see, it is not so easy...do we really believe in the transformative reality of forgiveness? Who am I called to forgive? How do I deal with forgiveness for those guilty of truly atrocious crimes? What do I personally, and we as a nation, need to be forgiven for? How do we forgive and demand "justice" at the same time?

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](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org) Thank you!

**CARE CREATION CARE CORNER - Fast from Food Waste:** In the U.S., 63 million tons of food is wasted each year. The biggest single source of waste is in our homes. Buy what you need and use what you buy. Put older fruits and vegetables into smoothies, soups and stews. Take restaurant leftovers home. Be creative with home leftovers or freeze for future use.

**MOBILE FOOD PANTRY** -- Consider volunteering once per month on the third Thursday of each month. The next one is on Thursday, April 25, from 8 am until 11:15 am in Fr Ray Hall. For more information, contact Sally Diaz-Wells: [sdiazwells@olqpva.org](mailto:sdiazwells@olqpva.org) or 703-979-5580

**REUSE THOSE GROCERY BAGS!** Please donate your **plastic and brown paper bags** 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.

**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. **Everyone has the right to seek asylum.**

**STONE SOUP SUPPER SERIES** -- Friday, April 5, come out to see the film "Francis, A man of his word", a documentary on the first three years of Pope Francis' papacy. This film is in Spanish and Italian with English subtitles. A wonderfully moving film for everyone.

**CRS RICE BOWL** -- How are you doing with the Rice Bowl on your table? Can you locate the countries on a world map? Have you tried the recipes? This simple bowl on your table will remind you that what we do here in Virginia with our prayer, almsgiving and fasting affects people around the world. Did you know that 25% of Rice Bowl funds collected stay in our own Diocese? Grants are given to projects that assist people who are hungry. This week we encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone who attends a CRS sponsored school and want to become a nurse. Girls' education is a priority.

**L'ARCHE GREATER WASHINGTON DC INVITES OLQP FRIENDS** to their annual breakfast on Wednesday, May 8th at the Key Bridge Marriott. "A Place at the Table" is a chance to share breakfast and enjoy a program that highlights the people and mission of L'Arche through stories from their life together. Coffee and mingling is at 7:30, breakfast 8:00-9:00 (yes, just one hour!) This breakfast fundraiser is an opportunity to find out about the great work L'Arche is doing to provide life-long homes for people who have intellectual disabilities. If you can attend, please contact either Jack McHale ([jjmchale@verizon.net](mailto:jjmchale@verizon.net), 703-772-0635), DeeDee Tostanoski ([ddtmagnolia@gmail.com](mailto:ddtmagnolia@gmail.com), 703-548-9060), or Mary Resnick ([mary.resnick@gmail.com](mailto:mary.resnick@gmail.com), 703-462-4841) to reserve a place at the table. Thank you!

**Come "Encounter L'Arche"**, Sunday, April 14th from 3:30 pm -4:30 pm at Sixth Street House in Arlington to hear about the work they do. Meet the assistants and core people who make L'Arche a community. RSVP at [www.larche-gwdc.org/encounter](http://www.larche-gwdc.org/encounter), and receive address details. If you cannot attend either event, and would like to learn more and donate, go to <https://larche-gwdc.org/donate/>

**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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Youth Leading on Climate Justice

## See the Interconnectedness of All Life

By **Melody Zhang**

On Mar. 15, hundreds of thousands of youth in over 100 countries around the world skipped school to demand real governmental action towards a healthy and clean future. In D.C., I witnessed hundreds of young people on the Capitol grounds, holding up colorful signs and wearing a bold new version of moral leadership. There was singing, dancing, and a palpable *joy* in the atmosphere, even while students unabashedly spoke truth to power in the midst of such an urgent crisis. I think of the courage which led 16-year-old Greta Thunberg to begin striking alone back in August, and am amazed that this movement has since swept the globe.

Motivated by their faith and supported by their teachers, many students from Christian schools joined that Friday and put their faith into action. I asked students what inspired them to be there.

"I don't think people are paying enough attention to climate change," 11-year-old Vivian Cronenberg, who attends a local Christian school, told me. "It's an understated problem and I'd like to bring that out into the light more." She added that her faith motivates her "because *everything* comes from one place." Standing by her friend, 10-year-old Sophia Weiss agreed. "A lot of people are affected by [climate change]," she said. "People are dying. We shouldn't stand for that."

Listening to them, it strikes me that many young people are motivated by an instinctive understanding of the deep interconnectedness of all life. This energy and inherent understanding which young people bring to

the movement is refreshing; I think of the many ways in which young people are often dismissed as impatient and immature, but in this case it seems they are the only ones moving and asking for action on climate that truly rises to the urgency and the scale of the climate crisis.

I also met Christian university students who were among the leaders at the strike. Jan Jan Maran, a student at George Mason University, told me that "we have to do everything we can right now." Jan Jan explained that her climate activism is informed by her understanding of Scripture. "I believe that God actually put us on earth to be *caretakers*," said Jan. "We have to take care of the resources that God has given us, [we] can't just go around destroying it."

Isra Hirsi, the 16-year-old daughter of Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn), was one of the lead organizers of the U.S. Youth-led Climate Strike movement. Isra brought the story close to home. "In Minneapolis, the polar vortex hit us hard. I had four snow days in one week and at least three people died," she said.

Rep. Omar spoke on how the climate crisis exacerbates current issues of race and immigration. "It is our responsibility to invest directly in areas that have been affected by environmental racism," Rep. Omar asserted. "The U.S. should be offering *protections and support* for refugees who are affected by climate."

Eight-year-old activist Havana Chapman-Edwards, also known as the Tiny Diplomat, closed that day with a powerful statement on climate justice intersectionality. "I am here today because climate justice issues are

not separate from other justice issues. It's not right that wildfires, droughts and other climate disasters are being ignored. Black, indigenous, and people of color are doing the least damage to the planet but we are the ones who are paying the price first."

Havana gave voice to how important it is to educate and empower girls as one of the most effective strategies for mitigating climate change. She explained that the girls in her neighborhood had to stop reading whenever it got dark because they didn't have electricity and kerosene was too expensive. "[Now] imagine what these strong and brilliant girls could do if they had access to solar power and a public library," she said.

Havana bore witness to the hope she sees in young people rising all over the world to demand and enact concrete solutions that match the scale of climate crisis. "I have been to 26 countries, and today all 26 are striking with us," she told us.

I believe that God is speaking a new word through this young generation. And although news cycles have moved on, the students at this march keep fighting for climate justice.<sup>1</sup> Timothy 4:12 says, "Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers *an example* in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." These kids are doing just that.

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