

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!

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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.

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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

MAY 26, 2019

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE

PENTECOST SUNDAY WEEKEND

June 8-9

Saturday: 5:30 Vigil

Sunday: 8 am, 9:30 am, 12 Noon Bilingual, 6 pm
(no 11:15 am or 1 pm Masses on June 9)



"Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you."

Jn 14:27

**NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:
CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

A Consistent Ethic of Life Catholic Community

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Next weekend's Readings: (The Ascension of the Lord)

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Lousie Aust, Elizabeth Ball, Suri Barahona, Ronald Bashian, Francis Bilgera, Cindy Bianga, Precious Bowens, April Bras-sard, Evie Brown, Lynne Burgh, Brody Carroll, Pat Carty, Louise Cham-bers, 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, Chel-sea Murray, Mario Amel Najarro, Bruyce Niligis, Patrick Ogden, Michelle O'Keefe, Delfima Pacheco-Choque, Roy Paco, Catherine Parr, Mary Pasquarella, Mark Pazich, Minnie Pazich, 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, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 25-31

5:30 pm— for John Vincent Doyle (D)

by Tamar Peli, Barbara & Theresa Forster

8 am— for Jim Fowler (D) by Frances Michalkewicz

9:30 am—for Bernard E. De Lury (D) by Ken & Mary Moffett

11:15 am— for Debra & Ralph Johnson (L) by Bernadette Lozano

1 pm— for Laura Patino Mora (D) by Rigoberto Martinez & Family

6 pm— for Ephraim Reyes (D) by Susan Francia & Agnes Yaptenco

Mon. 12:00 noon— for Mary M. Kearney (D) by Francesca Kearney

Tue.-Fri. 12:00 noon— for the Parish

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday Collection: \$8,351

Diocesan Retired Priests: \$3,925

Faith Direct (April Average): \$9,932

SISTER NORMA'S WORK AT THE BORDER

We are very grateful to all who one way or another made the solidari-ty concert possible. We had a very enjoyable evening listening to Sister Norma speak of her daily life of service to the asylum seekers. It was extremely moving. We are hoping to be able to have her with us again and we are looking into finding ways to continue to help. If you would like to make a contribution, you can write a check to OLQP with "Sister Norma" on the memo or donate directly to: <http://bit.ly/sisterpimentel>. Thank you.

MINKISI MINISTRY invites you to celebrate the Easter season in quiet prayer and scripture reflection at 7:15 pm, Monday, June 3, in the Discussion Room/Parish Office. Tyra Newman will lead the medita-tion on Psalm 34:9. For more information contact Cecilia: 703-979-5389 or jisaac3@verizon.net

DO YOU HAVE A GRADUATE THIS YEAR? Each year, OLQP proudly honors parish members who are recent graduates by publishing their picture in the Graduation Bulletin. We include middle school, high school and college. If you would like your graduate's picture in the bulletin, please email the photo to office@olqpva.org and include a notation with the graduate's name and school. Please indicate "graduation bulletin" in the subject line of your message. Deadline is June 23 for publication in the June 29-30 Graduation Bulletin.

REMINDER TO PARENTS - **Children's Pew Bags** are now in the church, and will be available on a rack in the church vestibule. The Pew Bags are filled with faith-related activities and entertainment for kids to use DURING mass. Please use one per family, as we have a limited supply, and return them to the rack after mass. **Please don't take them home!** We hope you enjoy! Please direct any questions and feedback (or donations) to Helen Boucher, 703-536-2266.

OLQP TEEN THEATER PRESENTS SEUSSICAL: the Musical! The OLQP Teen Theater Program returns home to OLQP this year for our production of *SEUSSICAL!* Performances will be in Father Ray Hall. Tickets cost \$5.00 for students, \$10.00 for adults and \$25.00 for fami-lies up to 5, and \$5 for additional. The show is suitable for all audienc-es and a heartwarming, fun, and funny story for all ages! Buy your tickets today after Mass or reserve your seats by emailing the OLQP Teen Theater Ministry at OLQPtheater@gmail.com Performances: Friday, June 7 at 7:30 pm; Saturday, June 8th at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm; and Sunday, June 9th at 2:00 pm.

About the show: *The Cat in the Hat tells the story of Horton, an ele-phant who discovers a speck of dust that contains the tiny world of the Whos, and Jojo, a Who child sent off to military school for think-ing too many "Thinks." Horton, Jojo, and the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz face a double challenge: not only must they protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, but they must guard an abandoned egg, left in Horton's care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although they face ridicule, danger, kidnapping and a trial, through the power of friendship, loyalty, family and community, Horton, Jojo, Gertrude, and the Whos emerge triumphant, proving once and for all that "A person's a person, no matter how small!" Filled with rollicking music and delightful Dr. Seuss charac-ters, Seussical is a charming, magical confirmation of the power of the imagination and the dignity of all persons.*

MEDOR'S LAZY RIVER - The river that runs through the Medor com-munity is nicknamed the "Lazy River". Most of the year the riverbed is completely dry. It only looks like a river after heavy rains. But the wa-ters recede quickly, usually a day after substantial precipitation. Peo-ple of Medor joke that the river is so lazy it does not stay around long enough to do them any good. Thanks to the agro-forestry program started in the community, participants have planted hundreds of thousands of trees. With time, they hope the tree cover will enable the river to run on a more continuous basis and provide an important resource to the community. Learn more about Medor: Marysusancarlson.tumblr.com

Please pray for our Medor family.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

This week we welcome 3 new Christians:

Grant Arthur Olson & Ryan William Salinas

Baptized 10 am Saturday

Ashley Benita Abanto - Baptized 3 pm Sunday

Striving to right our relationships with God, Others and Creation

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO...

Pretty much everyone has felt lonely, abandoned by friends or loved ones at some point in their lives. Most of us have felt fearful; wondering how we will make it through rough times with our children or parents or siblings. We suffered personal loss or illness and wonder if we will be able to go on. Today's Gospel tells us that in the very midst of our "lost-ness"...suffering...fear or sense of abandon that we are never truly alone, we are not abandoned, we are not orphans....for the Risen Christ remains with us. When I was little I used to think that Christ was with me....but only when I'm doing something good....or only in holy or sacred places. Oh...how wrong I was! Jesus proclaims to the disciples that no matter what they "feel"....not matter where they go, he will be with them...and even more....the Holy Spirit will be given to them and find a resting place within them. We are the inheritors of this same promise. We are never alone, never abandoned! Our God is with us always...even when we can't feel that presence or sense it... God is with us. Even in the midst of our worst moments, our most selfish actions...even in the midst of our greatest sin...God is present and loving us through that dark moment. How do I respond to being loved so deeply and passionately by God? How do I share God's love with others? When was the last time I heard the Holy Spirit calling me to something...or away from something? What was or will my response be?

Easter Blessings,
Fr Tim

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Annual Parish Picnic **Sunday, September 15, 1-5 pm, Barcroft Park**

CRS RICE BOWL - Congratulations! Through our combined prayer, almsgiving and fasting, we raised \$4,928 with our Rice Bowls. 25% of that money will stay here in our diocese to fund local programs. Thank you to all who participated. We did make a difference with those Bowls on our tables and we learned a lot!

PENTECOST NOVENA - Begin Friday, May 31 - for 9 days - end of Vigil Pentecost Sunday with the Prayer for the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Pamphlets at the back of church or go to www.Spiritans.org click on Resources, choose "Prayers of the Holy Spirit", scroll down to Holy Spirit Novena and click on either the long version or the condensed version and download the pdf and print it out to receive an electronic version.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR VOICE ACTION – Now, on Sunday, June 9, at Wakefield High School from 4-5:45 pm. Come out in support of VOICE. They will be revealing plans to get AMAZON to help with housing, equity in education and access to opportunity for all. This is right here in our backyard and we are a founding member of this organization and need 50+ people to commit. Please contact Nicole Spence Goon at nickkiluv@yahoo.com to RSVP.

SHEPHERD'S CENTER REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS - Volunteers wanted- an hour of your time can make a huge difference! The Shepherd's Center of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church invites you to become a volunteer to drive senior adults to and from their medical appointments, pharmacies and grocery stores. No specific time commitment is required as you can choose the ride convenient for your schedule. SCMAFC has insurance coverage and miles driven are a charitable deduction on federal and state returns. Please call 703-506-2199 or visit our website at www.scmafc.org. Your help is greatly appreciated and your life will be enriched.

JUST\$ -- Giant, Safeway and Shoppers grocery cards are available this coming weekend for your Memorial Day celebrations. By using these cards, you are helping support the OLQP Food Pantry and orphaned and vulnerable children in Kenya. You can also purchase and donate a card directly to the Food Pantry.

JUSTFAITH PROGRAM invites participants to look at contemporary issues through the lens of Christian faith by engaging in reading, prayer, thought-provoking dialogue, encounter, and by building lasting relationships with a small group. JustFaith is now available as a 24-week program or in three eight-week phases that can be done individually or together. Interested, contact Sally Diaz-Wells at 703/979-5580 or sdiazwells@olqpva.org

IS PEACE POSSIBLE? A Catholic Perspective on International Conflict and Peacemaking on Tuesday evening, May 28, Marie Dennis, Co-President of Pax Christi International. Listen to insights and current developments regarding the ongoing **Catholic Nonviolence Initiative** dialogue with the Vatican and other peace-related issues of concern to the Church, including Israel-Palestine and nuclear disarmament. Come for refreshments and fellowship at 6:30 pm. Program will begin at 7. For planning, RSVP to Bob more, rmore.paxchristi@gmail.com if you are coming. Location: Brown-McCarthy Auditorium, St. John Neumann Church, 11900 Lawyers Road, Reston.

WALK FOR GUN SAFETY – City of Falls Church Memorial Day Parade and Festival, Monday, May 27 (Rain or Shine). To walk in the parade, please arrive by 1 pm to line up. Please wear orange. If you are interested in participating, please contact Sally Diaz-Wells, 703/979-5580 or sdiazwells@olqpva.org

The **BUILDING FOREVER FAMILIES** ministry for adoptive/foster families and children who have been orphaned will hold its monthly gathering on Sunday, June 2, in Father Ray Hall after the 11:15 Mass. For more information please contact Rebecca.e.carpenter@gmail.com or debralpholqp@gmail.com.

INTEGRITY OF CREATION MEETING - Join us as we discuss the Sunrise Movement and the Green New Deal, a conversation led by a recent college grad and member of the parish. We will also review upcoming summer and fall activities. Monday, June 3, 7 pm, Ministry Center. All welcome, especially teens.

4TH ANNIVERSARY OF LAUDATO SI - On May 24, the Church remembered the issuance of Pope Francis's environmental Call to Action. Hundreds of thousands of supporters of all ages took to the streets around the globe calling on governments to take climate action. "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue. It is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience. (Laudato Si 217)

ECO-CHALLENGE - Honoring our Holy Father's wishes, make a commitment to do specific eco-actions each day. Pick up refuse, shorten showers, shop at a second-hand store, eat more plant-based foods, avoid single use plastics, support enviro friendly candidates. **Did You Know?** Our parish solar panels have been producing electricity since late February? To view up-to-the-minute production, go to bit.ly/olqpchurchsolar. Think green!

Francis Follows Through — Assessing the New Motu Proprio

By The Editors

When the Vatican summit on clerical sex abuse concluded in February, the editors of this magazine argued that its effectiveness would be demonstrated by what happened after it was over. Would it prove more than a public-relations exercise? Would the searing testimony of abuse survivors send bishops home determined to undertake the work of accountability and reform? Would Pope Francis actually deliver the “concrete measures” he indicated were forthcoming? Not all of these questions can be fully answered yet. But just three months after the summit’s conclusion, Francis has proved that at least his own words were not empty promises, handing down *Vos estis lux mundi* (“You Are the Light of the World”), a *motu proprio* that establishes universal laws for reporting and investigating sex abuse.

The first section of the document states that bishops, priests, and members of religious orders must report to church officials both abuse and the cover-up of abuse. This applies to the abuse not only of minors, but also of vulnerable adults, including those forced “to perform or submit to sexual acts” through threats or “abuse of authority”—a clear reference to seminarians preyed on by those with power over them. The *motu proprio* takes effect this month, and within a year, “public, stable, and easily accessible” systems for submitting reports of abuse must be instituted in dioceses where they do not currently exist.

The document also provides protections for those who report abuse. Any retaliation or discrimination against whistleblowers is prohibited. The document underscores that reporting abuse does not violate “office confidentiality,” and that those who submit a report have no obligation to “keep silent” about their claims.

The second section of the *motu proprio* sets forth guidelines for investigating

bishops or religious superiors who commit abuse or cover up abuse, following the so-called “metropolitan model” proposed by Chicago Cardinal Blase Cupich. In these cases, a bishop would be investigated by the metropolitan of his ecclesiastical province; in cases where the metropolitan himself has been reported, the investigation would be undertaken by the Vatican. And all such claims must be handled without delay—an investigation must be opened within thirty days of receiving a report and concluded within ninety days.

Taken together, these new rules amount to a significant step forward in the church’s handling of sex abuse. But is it enough?

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Anne Barrett Doyle, a co-director of BishopAccountability.org, acknowledged that the decree makes important changes, but laments that it does not specify penalties for those found guilty of abuse: “[I]t’s still entirely possible for a bishop to punish a child-molesting priest with a slap on the wrist and to keep his name hidden from the public.” The Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP), while admitting the *motu proprio* includes “some good things,” also issued a statement criticizing it for not mandating that bishops report abuse to law enforcement, though it does require bishops to comply with the relevant civil laws in their jurisdictions. “We would have been far more impressed if this new law required church officials to report to police and prosecutors instead,” SNAP said. “Oversight from external, secular authorities will better protect children and deter cover-ups.” Others have complained that the document does not demand lay involvement in investigations, and so matters are left to church officials.

These criticisms are not without merit. But reporting abuse to the police, for example, should not be required everywhere. In places where Catholics are a persecuted minority, it would do little to ensure justice—and perhaps put the lives of priests at risk. And greater lay involvement would no doubt be a good thing, though the mechanisms for such involvement are not nearly as developed in other parts of the world as they are in the United States.

What’s essential to keep in mind is that Francis’s *motu proprio* is a necessary and constructive next step when it comes to handling sex abuse and its cover-up. It provides fundamental rules that apply to the entire church rather than a patchwork of procedures tailored to every diocese worldwide. This is in keeping with the “healthy decentralization” Francis has encouraged since the start of his papacy. Nothing prevents local bishops or bishops’ conferences from doing more than the document requires—it is a floor, not a ceiling. In the United States, lay involvement has generally been deemed an important part of the Dallas Charter’s success, a key element of transparency and accountability in handling accusations of abuse against the lower clergy. When the USCCB meets in June, they certainly should consider the use of qualified lay people to investigate bishops accused of wrongdoing.

Vos estis lux mundi should be received with neither cynicism nor complacency. It is one of the most decisive actions Rome has taken since the emergence of the sex-abuse crisis decades ago. We can acknowledge this while regretting that it took so long, and insisting that there is still much more work to do.

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