

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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BULLETIN DEADLINE

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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

AUGUST 4, 2019

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”

Lk 12:21

A Consistent Ethic of Life Catholic Community

THE 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Next weekend's Readings: (19th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:35-40

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Lousie Aust, Elizabeth Ball, Suri Barahona, Ronald Bashian, Gene Bétit, 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, Maria Magdalena Medrano de Ventura, 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, Paul Ramirez, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Wally Reyes, Michael Rodgers, Maritza Roldan, Marco Cristiaan Rufolo-Roger, Josefina Salgado, 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 Urquiza, Stephen Utley, Kate Witkowski, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 3-9

5:30 pm— for Dolores Valadez (D) by Bernadette Lozano

8 am— for Daniel Brzezinski (D) by Allen Brzezinski

9:30 am—for Rita Mackay (D) by her Family

11:15 am—for Patricia McHale (D) by Donna & John Hansen

1 pm— for the Divine Savior of the World (D) by the Parish

6 pm— for Dr. Cornello de la Cruz (D)

by Judy Francia Reyes & Wally Reyes

Mon. 12:00 noon— for the Parish

Tue. 12:00 noon— for Timothy Ahern (D) by Dee Dee Tostanoski

Wed. 12:00 noon— for the Parish

Thu. 12:00 noon— for the Parish

Fri. 12:00 noon— for Jose Gregorio Barrios (D) by Odalis Barrios

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday Collection: \$7,654

Faith Direct (July Average): \$9,700

THREE CHAPEL SCHOOLS in the outlying Medor region were eventually established after parents repeatedly pleaded with the pastor to provide a schoolhouse that was closer for their children. These chapel schools now educate about 900 students! With the guidance of Smallholder Farmers Alliance, one of the schools has a student garden where children are learning improved farming techniques. The students recently harvested beans for their school lunch program and returned some beans to the community "seed bank," for use in the next planting cycle. Learn more about Medor at Marysusancarlson.tumblr.com

Please pray for our Medor Haiti family.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

We are happy to announce that registration for the 2019-2020 Faith Formation program will begin August 11th. Information and registration forms will be available after the 9:30 am, 11:15 am, 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm Masses. Online register will also be available, and on some select Sundays you will be able to register at the Faith Formation Office. Please watch the bulletin for details.

Additionally, we will offer an information session on Wednesday, August 14th, 7 pm in Founders Room. Come and learn more about our programming: Family Circles, Foundations, First Communion, Confirmation and Children's Liturgy of the Word. Please contact Alex Hernandez, ahernandez@olqpva.org, with any questions.

YOUTH MINISTRY REMINDER - Youth Ministry, including Teen Night is on summer break, this Sunday, August 4th, as most of the attendees will be on the ASP mission trip. Youth Ministry will be back in action on Sunday, August 11th.

OLQP ANNUAL BACKPACK & SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

OLQP Faith Formation Families are collecting new backpacks and school supplies for parish and local children, kindergarten through high school. Thank you for all the donations!

Current needs if you can help: backpacks for middle and high school students, glue sticks, composition notebooks, highlights and notebook paper.

We do NOT need any more of the following: binders, pencil sharpeners, pencils or erasers. School supplies can be brought to mass and placed in boxes marked "backpacks" in either the church or Father Ray Hall. If you have questions or would like to provide an entire backpack, please contact Pat Vinkenes: patvinkenes@yahoo.com

MINKISI MINISTRY invites you to a meditation, scripture reflection (Romans 8:28-30), and a reading from the Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman at 7:15 pm, Monday, August 5, in the Discussion Room/Parish Office. Cecilia Braveboy will lead, and you can contact her for more information: jisaac3@verizon.net or call 703-979-5389

JOIN PAX CHRISTI at BUSBOYS AND POETS DISCUSSION on "PLOUGHSHARES ACTION"

Join Pax Christi Sunday, August 11th at the Busboys and Poets (2021 14th Street NW) from 5 -7 pm will be a fascinating couple of hours discussing their "ploughshares action" on April 4th, 2018 at the Trident Submarine base in Kings Bay, Georgia. They are facing 25 years in jail and will be discussing their nonviolent action. They symbolically disarmed illegal and immoral Trident II D5 nuclear weapons that threaten all life on Earth. Defendants Liz McAlister (Phil Berrigan's widow), Fr. Steve Kelly and Mark Colville, whose messages will be shared, wait in jail for trial this fall. Speaking at D.C.'s Busboys and Poets Cafe will be KBP7 defendants Clare Grady, Martha Hennessy (Dorothy Day's granddaughter), Carmen Trotta, and Patrick O'Neill, all out on bail. The seven were arrested on April 5, 2018, following their action that began earlier that evening on April 4th, the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination. For more information, please text or call Jack McHale: 703-772-0635

Striving to right our relationships with God, Others and Creation

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO... Today's Gospel parable asks us to consider our wealth and how we use it. 1st Century Palestine was a "limited goods" society; so amassing great quantities of "stuff" meant that someone else did not have enough. It was not a capitalist society of consumers in the same way as we are today. The parable is about the rich man who focuses his life on acquiring more and more for himself while ignoring the Reign of God and the needs of others. He has ignored what is important to God and focused only on himself and his possessions. The second reading also warns against greed and calls for us to focus on Christ and the Reign of God. Whereas the first reading cries out that all of life is suffering and empty and is written through the eyes of someone who lives as if God didn't matter. But Jesus has called us to live with God at the center of our lives. And so the meaning in our lives is found in God and not in the possessions we accumulate. Often we hear of people whose lives are burdensome under the weight of their possessions, as if they are "owned by what they own". Our consumeristic society tells us that we need to consume, to buy more and more "stuff" and in and through having more "stuff" we will find happiness. But we all know the truth, happiness is not found in "stuff" but rather through relationship with God and with one another. Academic study after study has shown that the accumulation of wealth does not make people happier; on the other hand, clearly poverty causes great suffering. And this is ultimately Jesus' point about the man in today's Gospel -- instead of thinking of God (who commanded that the poor be cared for), instead of thinking of his neighbors and those who labored in his fields, he thought only of himself. Do my possessions ever get in the way of my relationship with God or with others and my ability to care for the poor and those in need? How do I keep God at the center of my day? What is the difference in my life between what I want and what I need?

Blessings,
Fr Tim

APPALOOSA MUSIC FESTIVAL - Enjoy three days of music and family fun this Labor Day weekend in the Shenandoah Valley! Appaloosa is an award-winning festival with Catholic soul. Five percent of all festival profits go to The Little Sisters of the Poor. Sunday Mass is celebrated on grounds for attendees. Free admission for kids 12 and under. Our Lady Queen of Peace parishioners receive 20% off festival tickets when the promo code MARY is used at checkout! Come enjoy roots music (a style incorporating early blues, country, folk, rhythm and blues, and rock influences), local craft beer and fare in the beauty of the Blue Ridge mountains. For more details visit: www.appaloosafestival.com

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Searching for a spiritual home? RCIA provides a personal journey leading to transformation of mind and spirit, in which we consider and deepen our relationship with God. Guided by the Gospel and by the examples provided by church members and fellow journeyers, you can be baptized or become fully integrated into the Catholic community of believers through the RCIA process. If you are looking into fully realizing your faith walk and learning about the Catholic tradition, you are invited and encouraged to participate. The journey begins on Thursday, September 19. For information, contact Kevin and Alice Curtin (acurtin947@aol.com or 703-461-3082).

CARPENTERS SHELTER DINNER- THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

Our menu this month is fried (or baked) chicken, macaroni salad, green and fruit salads, brownies and lemonade. Please sign up online at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_R5eqmy5hSFToBMnqXKYFy-nXNoz363pDKabjRMQr48/edit?usp=sharing. (See parish website www.olqpva.org - parish bulletin - for hot-link address.) Contributions can be brought to the Parish Office kitchen Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30 labeled "Carpenter's Shelter" and placed in refrigerator, freezer, or counter. Please do not leave food in the Founders Room kitchen or Fr. Ray Hall kitchen. If delivering on the day of dinner, we'll gladly receive it at Father Ray Hall between 4 and 5 pm. If bringing food directly to Carpenter's Shelter (located temporarily at Landmark Mall) label clearly "OLQP, Dinner, Thursday, August 15". For reusable, spill-proof delivery: Please pick up your container, or container without a name, to use; they're in the double-door closet near Ministry Center kitchen, Founders Room. For August's dinner, please contact Jen Vigarario with any questions: jmvigarario@gmail.com Thank you!

JUST\$ - Giant, Safeway and Shoppers cards are available after masses for your weekly shopping. OLQP purchases the cards at a discount, makes them available to you at face value, and you redeem them at face value when you make purchases at the related grocery store. Half the net proceeds are currently helping the St. Joseph Community Based Organization's relief programs that target vulnerable communities across Kenya, particularly helping older teenagers needing technical education training. You can also purchase and donate a card directly to the OLQP Food Pantry.

FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND is August 10-11 to stock our very busy Food Pantry. Please pick up a grocery bag and/or a list to fill and return next weekend. Please bring any (or all!) of the following: Instant Yellow Corn Tortilla flour (NOT cornmeal), 48 oz. Canola or Corn Oil, Cereal, Canned Tuna, and Canned Fruit and Pasta Sauce, Canned Vegetables, Rice, Dried Beans, and Macaroni and Cheese. Thank you for your donations!

OLQP GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION TEAM meets Tuesday, August 13, at 7 pm, in classrooms 1 & 2 of the Ministry Center, second floor. For more information, contact Gerry Laporte: G.Laporte@verizon.net or 703-527-6783

JustFAITH - Choose how you want to make a difference! JustFaith is a small group program that invites participants into a process of learning and discovering how to live more simply and compassionately. Through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching, JustFaith will help you explore today's issues as you open your heart and mind to the Spirit of God in our midst, and dialogue together about how you can make a difference. Interested/questions contact Sally Diaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org or 703-979-5580

ECO-TIP: Meat production accounts for about 15% of climate warming greenhouse gas emissions. Cutting back on beef and changing the mix of meats you eat can have an impact on the environment and improve your health.

Jesus tells us to become fire. Here's how to claim your flame.

Be who God made you to be.

By **Jessie Bazan**

The desert fathers tell this story:

Abba Lot came to Abba Joseph and said, "Father, according as I am able, I keep my little rule, and my little fast, my prayer, meditation, and contemplative silence; and, according as I am able, I strive to cleanse my heart of thoughts: Now what more should I do?"

The elder rose up in reply and stretched out his hands to heaven, and his fingers became like 10 lamps of fire. He said:

Why not become fire?

God ignites our fires at baptism. We are, after all, made in the image of the triune God—burning bush, pillar of fire, light of the world, flaming tongues. Clearly our God is not a weak flicker. Our God is a consuming blaze of all that is good and right and just. The church commissions us at baptism to keep this flame of faith alive in our hearts. We are called to embody the divine blaze.

But what does it mean to become fire?

Jesus offers some insights in his parable of the lamp under a basket. "You are the light of the world," he declares to the crowds then and now (Matt. 5:14). Name it and claim it: You are light. You, yes you, with all your flaws and foibles. In the words of St. Catherine of Siena, "Be who God made you to be, and you will set the world on fire."

To become fire is to claim your flame.

Jesus continues, "No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket" (Matt. 5:15). It sounds silly—a lamp under a basket? But how often do we do just that? How often do we allow the bushel baskets of doubt, despair, and division to suffocate our flames? As if our flames are only a flicker. As if the bushel baskets hold all the power.

As if.

The truth is the blaze of our triune God can burn any basket. Moses thought he was too impeded to speak to the Israelites. God burned his basket of doubt. Mary Magdalene wept in agony over the death of her friend. The risen Christ burned her basket of despair. The earliest Christians weren't sure how to come together. The Holy Spirit burned their baskets of division.

This same God ignites our fires today. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket. Why? Because the bushel basket doesn't stand a chance against the force of our flames.

To become fire is to burn your baskets.

In Matthew 5:15 Jesus calls out: Put the light on the lampstand where it gives light to all in the house. Find those lampstands—people, places, positions, prayers—that support your fire. Then thrust your light atop their sturdy foundation. Fan your flames as big as they'll go.

"Let your light shine before others," Je-

sus implores, "so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). This is fire's call. This is our call.

To become fire is to shine wildly.

Rage and roar with divine energy. Radiate the warmth our world so desperately needs. Imagine yourself becoming fire—really imagine it. Where do you shine brightest? What values do you illuminate? Whom do you hope your sparks kindle?

The embers are already aglow within you.

Why not become fire?

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FAITH IN REAL LIFE

Join Peace Actions to Commemorate U.S. Nuclear Bombings of Japan and Abolish Nuclear Weapons

When and Where: Tuesday, August 6 at Pentagon from 7:30-8:30 AM (August 6th is the anniversary of the U.S. nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and the Feast of the Transfiguration. 8:15AM is the time the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima). There will be a Prayer Service of Repentance and Nonviolent Witness at the Pentagon. See paxchristi.org / For details.

Friday, August 9 at White House from Noon – 1:00 PM: There will be a Prayer Service of Repentance outside the White House— As you face the north side of the White House from Lafayette Park we will be on the street to the left of the fenced off area. This is due to construction of new White House Fence. A Hiroshima survivor has been invited to join us and we hope she will be able to come and offer a short message.