

## 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.

### **Marriage Preparation:**

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

### AUGUST 18, 2019

## THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**"There is a baptism  
with which I must be baptized,  
and how great is my anguish  
until it is accomplished!"**

*Lk 12:50*

### THIS SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE PLAN

### SHOW PEOPLES EVANGELIZATION OF CATECHISTS

Please join us in welcoming Sr. Dorothy Fabritze, MCS, representing the Circus Ministry, who will be speaking at each of the Masses this weekend about her work among the itinerant communities of the circus.

## *A Consistent Ethic of Life Catholic Community*

### **THE 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53*

#### **Next weekend's Readings: (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

*Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30*

### **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, Sharon Jourdan, 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 Urquizo, Stephen Utey, Kate Witkowski, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata.

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 17-23**

5:30 pm— for Shannon Donohue Little (D) by Tamiko M. Donohue  
8 am— for Sharon Jourdan (L) by OLQP Friday Christian Meditation  
9:30 am— for George & Bette Mehalko (D) by their Children  
11:15 am— for Beatrice R. Francia (D) by Judy & Wally Reyes  
1 pm— for the Virgin de Urcupina by the Parish  
6 pm— for Guada Francia (D) by Judith Francia-Reyes & Family  
Mon. –Thu. 12:00 noon— for the Parish  
Fri. 12:00 noon— for Shreya Khetarpaul (L) by Jude Dias

### **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

Sunday Collection: \$8,991  
Faith Direct (July Average): \$9,700

### **2019 MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE COLLECTION BENEFITS**

#### **SHOW PEOPLES EVANGELIZATION OF CATECHISTS**

Sr. Dorothy Fabritze, MCS, representing the Circus Ministry, will be speaking at each of the Masses this weekend about her work among the itinerant communities of the circus. The Catholic Church in the USA has a history of reaching out to these communities since the 1920's. These often neglected traveling communities have the same spiritual needs to be educated in their faith, receive the sacraments and be spiritually fed. Unfortunately, because they do not have roots in any geographical location they do not have the physical structures that would provide for this need. Sr. Dorothy will be here to speak about her experiences of traveling with the circus people for 19 years, her ministry to these people, and some exciting plans for the future.

**CLW** is taking a summer break, but will return September 22<sup>nd</sup>!

### **CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION**

#### **Sunday, August 18 and 25, after all Sunday Masses**

Registration for the 2019-2020 Faith Formation program continues each Sunday through Sept 27 after all Masses (except Labor Day weekend). Please plan to stop by the FF Table after Mass within the next couple of weeks. Information and registration forms will be available. Online register is also available at the parish website [www.olqpva.org](http://www.olqpva.org). Contact our new Director with any questions, Alex Hernandez: [ahernandez@olqpva.org](mailto:ahernandez@olqpva.org)

#### **Please save these important dates:**

FAMILY CIRCLES Info Session Wed, Sept 11, 7 pm, Founders Room  
FAMILY CIRCLES Training Thurs, Sept 26, 7 pm, Fr. Ray Hall  
CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS starts Sat, Oct 5, 2:15 pm  
FIRST COMMUNION Parents' Meeting Thurs, Sept 19, 7 pm, Fr. Ray Hall  
CONFIRMATION Parents' Meeting Wed, Sept, 25, 7 pm, Founders Room

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY YOUNG ADULT POTLUCK**— join young adults (21-40) from the parish for a monthly potluck each 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the 6 pm Mass (7:15 pm). They meet in the Ministry Center Founders Room. August's theme is "end of summer BBQ". Food/drink can be delivered to the Founders Room kitchen before Mass.

**MEDOR'S PARISH CHAPEL SCHOOLS** serve the most disadvantaged children in the area by providing them a good primary school education and a daily hot lunch; for many, the main meal of the day. Nearly half of the students currently attending the three chapel schools of St. Joseph of Medor parish are girls. This is important, since, according to the World Bank, educating girls is key to eradicating global poverty. Together they enroll approximately 900 students. The parents are the poorest of the poor. The pastor charges families only \$6 per year tuition. Families pay what they can. Learn more about Medor at [Marysusancarlson.tumblr.com](http://Marysusancarlson.tumblr.com)

*Please pray for our Medor family.*

### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

Are you ready to take your next steps on your journey of faith? RCIA provides a personal journey leading to transformation of mind and spirit, in which we consider and deepen our relationship with God and consider how we can serve others. 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, you are invited and encouraged to participate. The journey begins on Thursday, September 19. For information, contact Kevin and Alice Curtin: 703-461-3082 [acurtin947@aol.com](mailto:acurtin947@aol.com)

### **SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH**

This weekend we welcome new Christian:

**Dante Quiroga Miranda**

Baptized 2:30 pm Sunday

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

**JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO...** The readings this weekend are filled with challenge and excitement at the same time. It seems like we are revisiting the question of “the cost of discipleship” once again! In the first reading we have “the reluctant prophet” Jeremiah who when God calls him to speak a prophetic word to the people, responds with “truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy”. Jeremiah eventually finds his voice but it almost costs him his life when his prophecy leads to his being thrown into a cistern to die. Then in the second reading St. Paul reminds us that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses but there is a race that lies ahead of us and that running that race may cost us our lives. And in the Gospel Jesus recognizes that not everyone who has heard his word or seen his miracles will believe in him. He also recognizes that faith in him will be the source of division on all levels, both communal and familial. And yet his zeal and excitement for preaching the Reign of God is like a blazing fire already setting the world afire! Jesus knows that discipleship comes at a cost and he wants his disciples to understand just what they may have to pay for their discipleship. Putting our discipleship into action and standing against unjust political policies that hurt the immigrant, the poor or the marginalized, speaking out for gun control any of these realities may get us labeled unpatriotic. Questioning the ethics behind a particular practice at our work place may get us labeled difficult or insubordinate. Standing up to a bully at school on behalf of another may get us labeled all kinds of nasty things meant to shun us. Living our discipleship is no easier for us than it was for Jeremiah or for Paul, we need to remember that we do not run the race alone but that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses and filled with the vary presence of the Risen Christ...thus are we able to set the world ablaze by manifesting the Reign of God by what we say and do! What is the cost of my discipleship? How will I show forth my discipleship this week?

Blessings,

Fr Tim

### **USHER MINISTRY -- URGENT REQUEST & TRAINING**

We have an urgent need for Ushers at all the Masses. Please consider joining the team. Serve your community while you attend Mass either weekly, bi-weekly or monthly -- whatever fits your schedule. Attend a brief training session with Fr. Tim in the Church on Saturday, Sept 21, at 11:30 am. Experienced Usher are expected to attend as well. If you have questions, contact Ginny Franco: 703-751-7110 or vfranco1@verizon.net

### **OLQP Annual PARISH PICNIC**

**Sunday, September 15, 1-5pm, Barcroft Park**

**Watch for volunteer signup board this weekend!**

Special Mass schedule on Picnic Sunday – 12 noon bilingual Mass takes the place of 11:15 and 1 pm Masses so everyone can come out to enjoy the picnic. Join us for delicious barbecue, fellowship and lots of fun at Barcroft Park Pavilion behind the ball field from 1-5 pm. Consider biking, walking or carpooling as parking gets tough with all the other park activities.

### **CELEBRATING A SILVER OR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?**

Were you married in 1969 or 1994? If so, please join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the 2019 Mass for Jubilarians, Sunday, October 13th at 2:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Arlington. Please contact Jeannette in the parish office to register no later than September 30th: jgantzdaly@olqpva.org. For more information visit: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM).

**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. By using these cards for your weekly shopping, you are helping support the Brothers of St. Joseph in Kenya who are currently providing technical training to youth who are in need of employment. With OLQP help, ninety percent of the students who completed training earlier this year are now employed and another 33 students are currently being trained.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP** - Do you have a large vehicle and are you available to pick up food orders at the Capital Area Food Bank in Lorton? Please consider volunteering one Monday per month. Training is available during the months of August and September. Please consider helping this vital part of our ministry. Questions/interest? Contact Sally Diaz-Wells: [sdiazwells@olqpva.org](mailto:sdiazwells@olqpva.org) or 703-979-5580

### **JUSTFAITH: Choose how you want to make a difference!**

JustFaith is a small group program of JustFaith Ministries that invites participants into a process of learning and discovering how to live more simply and compassionately. A representative of JustFaith will be available to answer questions after every mass this weekend. Interested/questions? Contact Sally Diaz-Wells: 703-979-5580 or [sdiazwells@olqpva.org](mailto:sdiazwells@olqpva.org)

**SAVE THE MONTH** - THERE'S A TIME FOR EVERY SEASON under heaven.... Watch and wait...the *SEASON of CREATION* is coming.

**SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH (HAM)** - Please join me in helping end food insecurity. During the month of September, we will be having several different activities revolving food and food insecurity. You will find a calendar in the back of the church {Optional is that you will find an insert in next week's bulletin} that will help make you aware of what small and big things that can be done to help end hunger in our community. There will be parish wide opportunities to engage in and there will be things that you can do with your families at home.

**“ED TALKS” – FR. ED KELLY SERIES BEGINS SOON** - We will be tackling difficult topics. Do you want to talk about ageism, sexism and racism? Come learn and join in the conversations. Watch this space in upcoming bulletins for more details.

**WITNESSES NEEDED FOR ASYLUM CASE** – Cal and his family attended Mass at OLQP last summer, mostly at 6 pm. Please look for flyer at back of church to see if you recognize him so you can help his family. Thank you!

**SISTERS IN THE SPIRIT**, Archdiocese of Washington, invites you to attend the commemoration of the Triumph of the Cross Saturday, September 14, at Holy Family (12010 Woodmore Rd., Mitchellville, MD). This inspiring event is from 10 am to 3 pm (registration: 9 am). Cost \$35/person (includes continental breakfast and lunch). Registration deadline: September 3. For information, contact Cynthia Morris (202-271-7253), Althea Holland (301-390-0813) or email: [sistersinthspirit@gmail.com](mailto:sistersinthspirit@gmail.com).

**ECO-TIP:** Reduce waste by being a mindful consumer. Before buying, ask yourself how this item will impact the environment. Avoid products with excess packaging. Don't buy what you don't need.

# The Assumption of Mary tells us who we are meant to be

By Terrance Klein

In “Pietà” the Welsh poet and Anglican priest R. S. Thomas (1913-2000) echoed the deep union of mother and son, which Michelangelo so famously sculpted. The bond between a mother and son is one of earth’s strongest, yet already in the Gospels, the church was insisting that another bond was the stronger: the deep adherence of Mary the disciple to the mission of her Son the Savior.

St. John presents Mary as the model disciple, who teaches us to “do whatever he tells you” (Jn 2:5). St. Luke insists that the Holy Spirit infused both mother and son at the very moment of the child’s conception.

Father Thomas’s poem expresses the constant conviction of the church that Mary is not a mere instrument nor are the sacred events recorded in the Gospels some of what were many possible scenarios. The incarnation of the Son in the womb of the virgin was the preeminent work of God. As such, it exceeds chance, possibility, even fate.

Here are the two small stanzas of the poem. The scene is Calvary, but the time is decades before the death.

Always the same hills  
Crown the horizon  
Remote witnesses of the still scene.

And in the foreground  
The tall Cross,  
Sombre, untenanted,  
Aches for the Body

That is back in the cradle  
Of a maid’s arms.

Doctrines and dogmas do not exist to provide esoteric data. Their purpose is always to tell us who we are, to proclaim who we can be in Christ. In 431 C.E., it was not piety or devotion that led the Council of Ephesus to declare Mary to be the Mother of God. Once the priest Arius, always quoting from sacred Scripture, had declared that Jesus had not always been the Son of God, the church responded by rooting his identity, and therefore that of his mother, in the pure plan of God. There was never a moment when he was not the Son of God. Therefore, even in the womb and at his birth, the Virgin was the God-bearer, the Mother of God.

Belief in the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary also arises very early in the history of the church, though, like so many foundational beliefs of all Christians, it would take time and meet with some resistance before its truth would be clear.

Resurrection from the dead was not a divine expedient to respond to Christ’s death upon the cross. No, it surpasses chance, possibility and fate. It is the design and the deed of God. It is this not only for his beloved Son but for all those who come to believe in him. Resurrection from the dead is our destiny.

To say that the Virgin was conceived immaculately is to insist that our salvation was preordained by the will of the Almighty. To say that she left this earthly life and entered into resurrected glory, body and soul,

much as her son had before her, is to say that God’s deepest design for Mary, his creature, was to be given fully, absolutely and without corruption back to her creator.

Because both belong fully to God, nothing separates mother and Son. Her assumption is the clear echo of his resurrection. But all of this is proclaimed to teach us that only sin—and whatever measure of us it has claimed—limits our life in Christ. Christ did not need death to free him from sin. He chose the dread for us. His mother did not experience death as we do because Christ had given her the grace to stand free of sin.

Sin brought death, as we experience it, into the world. Calvary overturned its direction. Everlasting death was the fruit of sin. Now, death is the portal that sets us free from the very possibility of sin. Mary was inseparable from Jesus in the plan of God. Soon enough, when death sets us free from sin, we will be as well.

#### Readings:

Vigil: 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16: 1-2 1  
Corinthians 15:54b-57 Luke 11:27-28  
Mass during the Day: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1  
-6a, 10ab 1 Corinthians 15:20-27 Luke 1:39-  
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