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Monday-Friday — 12 Noon,

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1:00 pm (Spanish), and 6:00 pm (Young Adult Mass)

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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

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The Season of Creation”

Prayer for the Season of Creation

God of all creation,
At the beginning of time
You placed a single mandate on humankind--
To be stewards of creation,
to replenish and nurture through all generations
What you have made.

We stand today amid that same creation--
A world that is, in many ways,
more splendid than ever.
But, in too many ways, scarred beyond recognition.

Turn us from our unmindfulness,
Help our touch be light,
help us renew the world that supports us,
So that we may once more know creation
As it was in the beginning. Amen. (CRS)

THIS SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION
OLQP FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS
NEXT SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

A Consistent Ethic of Life Catholic Community

THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 9:13-18B; Phmn 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Next weekend's Readings: (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

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, Marty Butner Covington, 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, Delfina 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 Utle, Kate Witkowski, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 7-13

5:30 pm— for Sonia Dias D'Souza (D) by Jude Dias

8 am— for Barney Cochran (D) by Debbie & Steve Hand

9:30 am—for Dominic DeLotto (D) by Gardner/Beaty Families

11:15 am—for Thomas Saporito (D) by Karen & Jack McHale

1 pm— for Celso Cobos (D) by Liliana Angel

6 pm— for Ofella L. Vitek (L) by Judy Francia Reyes & Wally Reyes

Mon. 12:00 noon— for Barbara McDonnell (D) by Susan Bruns

Tue.12:00 noon— for Anne Carey Welch (D) by Ann Johnson

Wed. 12:00 noon— for Vicente Pagara (D) by Marlyn Caldo

Thu. 12:00 noon— for Rita, Juderica Dias, & Amit Khetarpaul (L)
by Jude Dias

Fri. 12:00 noon— for the Parish

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday Collection: \$11,071

Faith Direct (August Average):\$9,693

MESSAGE FROM SR. DOROTHY FABRITZE, MSC

It was a joy for me to be present at the Sunday liturgies the weekend of August 17-18. My message to all of you was one of sharing the joy of the Good News with the itinerant people of the circus community. I am grateful for your hospitality during my visit, for the opportunity to meet so many new friends, and for your generosity in the second collection. I return to the circus and I will share with them my experience in your Catholic Community. Thank you and God bless.

FATHER ED KELLY SERIES "Ed Talks" will begin with Ageism on Friday, September 13, at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center's Founders Room. A representative from the Arlington Aging Commission will be coming to discuss this difficult topic. Come learn something new and join in the conversation.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION - Registration for the 2019-2020 Faith Formation program continues each Sunday through Sept 27 after all Masses. 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.olqpv.org. Contact our new Director with any questions, Alex Hernandez: ahernandez@olqpv.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 Wed, Sept 18, 7 pm, Fr. Ray Hall; CONFIRMATION Parents' Meeting Wed, Sept, 25, 7 pm, Founders Room.

THEOLOGY ON TAP - Join us at Lost Dog Cafe, Monday, Sept. 9, 7 pm. Discussion open to any topic. Lost Dog is 2920 Columbia Pike, Arlington. Free underground parking around the corner on Walter Reed Dr.

MEDOR GRADUATES CHOOSE RELIGIOUS LIFE - Pere Frantz told us that there are two nuns, Sister Mona and Sister Mireille, and three seminarians, Abbot Jeff, Abbot Faniel, and Abbot Jean Louiné John, who are from Medor! Each completed their primary and secondary school education in the Medor schools. What a wonderful blessing for St. Joseph parish of Medor! Awesome! Learn more about Medor at Marysusancarlson.tumblr.com Please pray for our Medor family.

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: jgantz Daly@olqpv.org. For more information visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.

MINKISI MINISTRY invites you to their quiet prayer and reflection session, at 7:15 pm, Mon., Sept 9 (instead of Sept 2), in the Discussion Room/Parish Office. Jackie Smith will lead the meditation on Hebrews 6:13-14, 17-19. ***Save the date*** for the 22nd annual retreat: "In Total Praise!", Sat., Nov. 9, 9 am - 3 pm. For more info, contact Cecilia Braveboy: 703-979-5389 or jisaac3@verizon.net

THE ADVOCATE, our parish newsletter, is seeking a new layout and design person. The quarterly publication spotlights OLQP members, ministries, and social justice issues. Contact: Paula Cruickshank, Editor (703-533-7355). Please go to <https://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/news-and-bulletins.html> to see our newsletters.

OLQP ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC – Sunday, Sept 15!!

SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE on Picnic Sunday –

Bilingual Mass at 12 noon

PICNIC at BARCROFT PARK begins at 1 pm

See today's bulletin insert for all the details!!

Volunteer Sign-up Sheet at back of church –

great way to meet everyone!

A THOUGHT FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION: God's world is interconnected. Plastics traced back to South Dakota were found in the remains of the Laysan albatross on Midway Island in the Pacific. We live in a complex web of life connecting even very distant elements, some enhancing and others destructive.

Striving to right our relationships with God, Others and Creation

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO... A real deal breaker...in today's Gospel we hear Jesus utter the words that no doubt sent a flood of people walking away from him; walking away from discipleship! Not only did he tell them that they had to renounce their family and all their possessions but, that they would have to suffer as well and carry their cross! How this must have stung their ears because in their culture family was everything. Family gave you your "identity" ...you knew your place in the society and how to act and interact with others based on your identity which was rooted in your family. So to renounce your family would be tantamount to renouncing your identity...which it seems is exactly what Jesus was attempting to do... to help his disciples to let go of the old identity and to develop a new identity as disciples of Jesus Christ...as members of a new family. To do this Jesus wanted them to leave behind their old life and all its trappings and to be willing to walk with him, knowing that it would be a difficult journey. It was all about living their discipleship, putting it into action each and every day...full on, all the way! Membership in this "new family" would now be the source of their new identity; the source of knowing how to act and interact with others, and during this "Season of Creation" we have to examine our relationship with the earth as well!

How we live on the earth and how we "use" the earth, how we consume and what we consume. Being good disciples means being good stewards of "our common home". How does my membership in "the family of disciples of Jesus" inform my daily actions and interactions with others and with the earth? How do I keep God at the center of my busy daily life?

Blessings,
Fr Tim

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF OUR NEIGHBORS when parking on the street. Do not block driveways or park too close to intersections. Thank you!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) How can I develop a deeper relationship with God through prayer? How can I integrate faith and work responsibilities? If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and practices, the RCIA is for you!

Inquirers: The process is open to all those interested in learning about the Catholic tradition and considering joining the church, and those who are seeking to be confirmed. A new group is now forming, and our journey begins with a "no-strings" inquiry session on Thursday, Sept. 19, at 7 pm in Founders Room.

Sponsors and Companions on the Journey: We are seeking members of our community who are willing to support our candidates during the RCIA journey. This can take several forms: journeying with a specific individual during the coming year as a sponsor or supporting one of our candidates through prayer and periodic messages of support. Companions are not required to attend our weekly RCIA sessions. For additional information about becoming an inquirer and/or to volunteer to serve as a sponsor or companion, please contact Alice or Kevin Curtin: 703-461-3082 or acurtin947@aol.com

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION (ACFCU) would like to thank everyone at OLQP for their warm welcome since the merger with QPAFCU. All members of OLQP are eligible and welcome to apply for membership at ACFCU, whose mission is to empower the financial lives of all credit union members. The staff at ACFCU is looking forward to providing remarkable service and additional access to financial services such as mortgage loans, debit and credit cards, and mobile and online banking. For information about joining, please stop by Sundays 10 am-1 pm or reach out at 703-526-0200 or ACFCU@ArlingtonCU.org. We look forward to serving you!

CARPENTER'S SHELTER DINNER- THURSDAY, September 19 - Our menu this month is pasta salads, green beans, fruit salad, brownies and lemonade. Please email mary.resnick@gmail.com (or call 703-462-4842) to offer contributions or access signup online. (We *are* working on returning the back-of-church sign-up for October.) 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 Founders Room kitchen or Fr. Ray Hall kitchen. If delivering on 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 Sept19" and let Mary know. For reusable, spill-proof delivery: Please pick up your container or take a container without a name to use; they're in the double-door closet near the Ministry Center kitchen, Founders Room. 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. By using these cards for your weekly shopping, you are helping sustain the OLQP Food Pantry, which is currently serving about 200 families each week. You can also purchase a card to donate directly to the Food Pantry.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP - Do you have a large vehicle and are 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 month of September. Please consider helping this vital part of our ministry. Questions/interest, contact Sally Diaz-Wells at sdiazwells@olqpv.org or 703/979-5580

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION VIGIL Saturday, September 14, 10-11 am -- A vigil will be held at the NRA headquarters (11250 Waples Mill Rd, Fairfax). Is God calling you to be a witness? Please contact Sally Diaz-Wells at sdiazwells@olqpv.org if interested in going as a group.

HAM/FOOD PANTRY -- September is Hunger Action Month. Have you been following the calendar that was in the August 25th bulletin? Have you figured out what things you want to commit to doing? This weekend is the parish food collection for OLQP's community food pantry. Please drop off food in the bin in front of the church. If you were unable to bring food this week, please consider a Just\$ gift card or a monetary donation. Thank you for your generosity!

GLEANING FOR OLQP -- Gleaning is back! Gleaning is the process of gathering leftover grain or other produce after a harvest. Come out and join in this intergenerational activity to glean with the Society of St. Andrews on Saturday, September 21. Interested? Contact Sally Diaz-Wells for details: sdiazwells@olqpv.org or 703-979-5580

SHARE THE WORD Bible Study - OLQP will be offering a study of Galatians and Romans beginning September 14th. We will use the Little Rock Scripture Study as our guide. The program does require some reading before each class, but nothing too time consuming. There are no prerequisites. The heart of the program is in the shared discussion that allows us to bring our own experience to bear on the scriptures. Each lesson consists of a short reading plus video and then group discussion. Study materials will be provided at the cost of \$17 per person. We meet in the Ministry Center Peace Room from 9:30 am - 11 am on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. Please join us as we study and reflect on the Word of God at the present moment of our lives. Contact Pat Fitzgibbons: pfitzgibbons@cox.net

A Catholic worker devotes her energy to environmental activism

How one activist's faith inspired an act of nonviolent resistance against a power company.

By **Jeannine M. Pitas**

"If there is a building on fire with a child trapped inside, but outside the building there's a 'No Trespassing' sign, anyone in their right mind would go in to save the child," says Brenna Cussen Anglada, a Catholic Worker who resides at St. Isidore Catholic Worker Farm in Cuba City, Wisconsin and an environmental activist.

Inspired by rising sea levels and disappearing species, Cussen Anglada and three other Catholic Workers—known as the Four Necessity Valve Turners—decided to make a radical statement. On February 4, 2019, they entered an Enbridge Energy valve site in northern Minnesota, locked themselves in, and called the company to inform it they were about to turn off the valves, stopping the flow of crude oil in pipeline three, which extends from the Alberta Tar Sands to northern Wisconsin.

As a result, these activists were arrested, jailed, and charged with a misdemeanor and a felony. If convicted, they could face five years in prison.

"We believe it is necessary to shut down the flow of this oil. Otherwise we're all going to be facing catastrophic results from climate change," says Cussen Anglada. "We're hoping to use the necessity defense in court. Our world is on fire and we need to shut down these pipelines and put our money and energy behind alternative solutions."

While environmental activism has often been associated with secular social justice movements, for Cussen Anglada and her fellow Valve Turners, this movement relates directly to her Catholic faith. "Jesus and the prophets call us to stand up for and with the most marginalized, the ones whose rights mainstream society has ignored," she says. For her, concern for the Earth and faith in God go hand in hand, and her decision to engage in such a dramatic action came after a long process of prayerful discernment.

Cussen Anglada has spent her entire adult life as a Catholic Worker and tries to live out the Christian call to stewardship of

the Earth. Her choice to participate in an act of civil disobedience and shut off Enbridge's pipeline three in February 2019 was inspired by a vocation to care for the Earth and act in solidarity with indigenous peoples to make amends for the harm done by colonialism.

Her commitment to environmental justice is inspired by Genesis; according to Cussen Anglada, the Bible expresses the holiness of the Earth. "Growing up Catholic, it was clear that the elements of the Earth—bread and wine, wax candles, incense—are sacred. We are all in this together and don't have the right to use and abuse the Earth," she says. "Pope Francis has called caring for the Earth as a work of mercy. The Earth is one of the least among us, because it is the most abused. This is not a sideline activity for a Catholic. It stands at the core of our faith."

She adds that *Laudato Si'* (On Care for Our Common Home) is especially important to her. "Francis reiterates over and over that we need to reform our relationship with the Earth. It's not just something we care for, but someone with whom we have a relationship. Humanity has broken that relationship and we need to restore it," she says, also remarking that Francis has declared that indigenous communities around the world should be our primary dialogue partners.

As a European American who grew up in Plymouth, Massachusetts—the site where the pilgrims first landed—she also feels a special obligation to work side by side with indigenous peoples. "My own white community has done so much harm in the process of colonization," she says. "If indigenous peoples are fighting for their land and communities, I want to be fighting alongside them to repair that harm." Cussen Anglada says that, although the risks involved are high, her desire to "struggle together with indigenous communities and follow their lead" pushes her to participate in nonviolent actions that may result in imprisonment.

Cussen Anglada acknowledges that nonviolent protest through turning the valves

off, while an act of resistance and witness, will not necessarily yield practical results in halting climate change. But for her that fact does not diminish its impact. "The United Nations says humanity has only 11 years to take urgent, unprecedented action to change the current fossil fuel system to revert the effects of climate change," she says. "We felt we wanted to do something urgent but nonviolent that would be a wake-up call."

Cussen Anglada does not know what will happen next for the Four Necessity Valve Turners. While it is possible that the charges against them could be dropped—or increased—she is eager to see the case go to trial. "We want to bring the urgency of climate change into the courtroom, to prove our actions were justified before a 12-person jury. It would be a huge win if the jury could acquit us."

The Valve Turners will be defended by a team of lawyers who are working pro bono to raise awareness of the need for climate justice. While Cussen Anglada often gets discouraged by the realities of climate change, her faith grounds her in hope. "I don't think we will be able to turn climate change around without a miracle," she says. "Maybe humanity won't do so well, but I believe God is infinite and this Earth, which has been here for billions of years, will survive and regenerate herself as she has always done. I want to be a part of a community of people who are doing the right thing."

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