

## 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

### SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

## THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### OLQP ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC TODAY!

Sunday, Sept 15

SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE on Picnic Sunday –

Bilingual Mass at 12 noon

PICNIC at BARCROFT PARK begins at 1 pm



Because this son of mine was dead,  
and has come to life again;  
he was lost, and has been found.'  
Then the celebration began.

Lk 15:24

### THIS SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

### NEXT WEEKEND'S SPECIAL 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION HURRICANE DORIAN RELIEF

Please make checks payable to Our Lady Queen of Peace w/ Hurricane Dorian Relief on the memo line. This collection is taken up to aid Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in their efforts taking place in the Bahamas.

## *A Consistent Ethic of Life Catholic Community*

### **THE 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

### **Next weekend's Readings: (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

*Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:10-13*

### **OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Lousie Aust, Elizabeth Ball, Suri Barahona, Ronald Bashian, Gene B  tit, 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, Wil McBride, Tess McDade, Stefan McGuigan, Olga MacKenzie, Martha Gladys Medina, Maria Magdalena Medrano de Ventura, Eileen Melia, Roberto M  ndez, 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 Utley, Kate Witkowski, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata.

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 14-20**

5:30 pm— for the Parish

8 am— for the Parish

9:30 am—for Dan O'Toole (D) by Gail & Bob Meighan

12 pm— for Sonia Dias D'Souza (D) by Jude Dias

6 pm— for Sr. Sue Didomenicantonio, ICM (D) by Wally Reyes

Mon. –Fri 12:00 noon— for the Parish

### **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

Sunday Collection: \$9,617

OLQP Faith Formation: \$4,608

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

**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 LIBRARY NEWS** - This month OLQP is participating in the worldwide celebration of The Season of Creation. There is a large selection of material pertaining to creation, climate, and ecology on display in the library; included are two copies of Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si. Please take time to visit, to read and reflect on the many sustainable ways we can care for Mother Earth, the home we share with all of God's creation. *On a different note:* Notices with regard to overdue books have been sent out. However, not many of the books cited have been returned. Please search the nooks and crannies of your homes, making certain that no books belonging to the library are lurking there! Thank you. The library is open during office hours and on Sunday mornings. If the door is locked, a key is available in the parish office. Books also may be left there. Questions? Contact Michal Morsches, [mjmorsches@gmail.com](mailto:mjmorsches@gmail.com).

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** will resume September 22<sup>nd</sup> during the 9:30, 11:15, and 1pm Sunday Masses. Upcoming dates also include September 29<sup>th</sup>, October 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Children ages 4-10 are invited to listen to and reflect on the Sunday Gospel in child friendly language. Please contact the new Assistant Director of Faith Formation Christian Ruf, [cruf@olqpva.org](mailto:cruf@olqpva.org) if you have any questions or are interested in being an adult or teen leader in this important ministry.

**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. Information and registration forms will be available. Online register is also available at the parish website [www.olqpva.org](http://www.olqpva.org). Questions, contact Alex Hernandez, [ahernandez@olqpva.org](mailto:ahernandez@olqpva.org) **Please save these important dates:** 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.

**YOUTH MINISTRY TEEN NIGHT** - This weekend's teen night at 1915 Edgewood is cancelled because we'll all be meeting up at the picnic. Remember to be on the lookout for the survey – parents and youth (7<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup>), we're looking for your input. The survey will help with programming and planning efforts for the year. If you haven't received the surveys, please email Becca Grant Jenkins: [rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org](mailto:rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org)

**ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS** – be on the lookout for retreat planning survey!

### **4TH SUNDAY YOUNG ADULT POTLUCK happens next weekend.**

Plan to join us after the 6pm Mass in the Founders Room starting at 7:15 pm. Our theme for September is "Tailgating Table". Celebrate the start of fall with your favorite tailgating food or drink (without the tailgate of course). Feel free to bring heartier food choices: sliders, slow cooker meatballs, quesadillas, caprese skewers, sliced veggies + dip, or salad-on-a-stick. Or bring a dessert such as brownies, cookies, or candied popcorn to curb your sweet tooth! The Founders Room will be open and available before Mass to keep food refrigerated, heated, or plugged in before the potluck.

**MEDOR'S AGRO-FORESTRY PROGRAM** - Mr. Cantave Genetis, who is 57, lives in Medor with his wife and seven children. He has been a part of Medor's agro-forestry program for four years and has incorporated the techniques taught by Smallholder Farmers Alliance into his farming practices. Recently, he planted 12 pounds of black bean seeds and harvested 150 pounds of beans. He attributes his recent excellent harvest to his improved farming practices. He now shares farming techniques with other farmers and with members of the local farmers association, encouraging all to put these techniques into practice. He is helping to transform his community. Learn more about Medor at [Marysusancarolson.tumblr.com](http://Marysusancarolson.tumblr.com) *Please pray for our Medor family.*

**WHO DOESN'T NEED A SOLID SHOULDER ON WHICH TO LEAN WHEN FACING LIFE CRISES?** Experiences with death or dying, serious illnesses, family breakdowns, life transitions, etc. can overwhelm anyone's life balance. If a compassionate listener might ease your burden, contact parishioner Joan Brown for a confidential conversation about Stephen Ministry, 703-608-5059; [jmbrown2587@msn.com](mailto:jmbrown2587@msn.com).

**MASS FOR DISABILITY AWARENESS**—Join Bishop Burbidge as he celebrates a Mass for Disability Awareness Sunday, September 29 at, 10:30 am at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 8800 Braddock Road, Annandale. A reception with Bishop Burbidge will follow.

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

**JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO...** Today's Gospel focuses on the lost being found...a sheep that wandered off...a coin misplaced and finally a rebellious child who had gone far from home. By this point in the Gospel the religious leaders have become increasingly displeased at the "type of people" that Jesus has been hanging out with and eating with...sinners and tax collectors, the sick, the poor and the marginalized and "the lost." Aware of their anger he tells three short stories...each one designed to drive home exactly why he is doing what he is doing...attempting to reorient their understanding of the sinner and the tax collector... "the lost". He is trying to tell them that God's love, mercy and forgiveness is for everyone and it is not held back from anyone...regardless of their actions or status in life! Arguably, the best known of these three stories is "the prodigal son" and with good reason as it is so jarring to our sense of what is right and what is fair. Each of the three main characters has an insight into human relationships or our relationship with God. But what always seems to take center stage are the lavish actions of the father. His love for his child is so great that it overpowers any other feelings that he might have had...disappointment, sadness or anger...they are all completely over powered and blown away by his love for his child and his "thrill" at his child's return! And that is what Jesus is trying to get across to the Pharisees and religious leaders...that God's love for us is so great that there is nothing that can hold it back from being poured out upon each one of us regardless of how great a "sinner" we may be! God's forgiveness is LAVISHED upon us...the real challenge is to "live like the forgiven" ...and to lavishly offer our love and forgiveness to others. Imagine what the world might look like if all of us throughout the world who claim to be disciples of Jesus were "lavish" in our love of the marginalized, "the lost", the refugee and the immigrant...how different this humanitarian crisis at our southern border might look. Imagine if we lavished our love on those who are different from us, different by the color of their skin, different by their politics or religion or country of origin or sexual orientation or gender or age or economic status...imagine if we were all lavish with our love and forgiveness...just imagine! What would I need to let go of...or begin to do in order to better "live like the forgiven"? Who are "the lost" in my country, my neighborhood, my school, my family?...Who most need me to lavish love and forgiveness upon them?

Blessings,  
Fr Tim

### **ARLINGTON COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION (ACFCU)**

would like to thank everyone at OLQP for their warm welcome since the merger with QPFCU. 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!

**BORDER AWARENESS EXPERIENCE** - Have you followed the news coverage of the humanitarian crisis at our southern border and want to experience it for yourself and learn more about what you can do? Annunciation House in El Paso offers a week long "Border Awareness Experience" (BAE). The objective of the BAE is to facilitate face to face meetings and encounters between BAE participants and people and groups on both sides of the border. Participants may visit a local detention center, observe immigration court proceedings, tour the border fence, visit with local organizations that work with the immigrant community, etc. Cost is \$90 a day plus flight. The trip will take place around the week of January 20, 2020. Contact parishioner Lisa Soronen lisasonen@gmail.com for more information.

**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. Please pick up your container or take a container without a name to use; in the double-door closet near the Founders Room kitchen. Thank you!

**JUST\$** -- Giant and Safeway, as well as some Shoppers, cards are available after masses for your weekly shopping or to donate to the OLQP Food Pantry.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP** - Are you available to help pick up food orders at the Capital Area Food Bank in Lorton? Please consider volunteering one Monday a month. Training is available. Please consider helping this vital part of our ministry. Questions/interest, contact Sally Diaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org or 703-979-5580

**GLEANNING FOR OLQP** -- Gleaning is back! This process from biblical times is to gather leftover grain or other produce after a harvest. The proceeds would help our food pantry. Come out to glean with the Society of St Andrews Saturday, Sept. 21. Interested, contact Sally Diaz-Wells, sdiazwells@olqpva.org or 703-979-5580. Marker-Miller Orchards 3035 Cedar Creek Grade, Winchester, VA (540) 662-1391

**'TIS THE SEASON OF CREATION:** Lift our voices in prayers of gratitude for all engaged in acts of justice on behalf of planet earth, including youth on climate strike; indigenous peoples and missionaries protecting land; fair trade growers & buyers; scientists; innovators searching for solutions; Catholic Climate Covenant; Global Catholic Climate Movement; our diocesan and parish community of environmental activists. SEASONofCREATION.org

**INTERGENERATIONAL GATHERING** - Come out to help those coming to our southern border by making bags so that they can take their few belongings from the detention centers. We are sending the bags to Sr Norma in Brownsville, Texas who has a respite center. Saturday, September 21, Father Ray Hall, 10 until 1 pm. Come out and sew, cut, pin and the children are encouraged to come help decorate the bags. Questions, please contact Emma Grayeb, emma\_grayeb@yahoo.com

### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) JOIN US!**

-- Seeking to be baptized?

-- Already baptized in another faith tradition and considering joining the Catholic Church?

-- Interested in adult confirmation?

RCIA is a place to ask questions and seek understanding of how God acts in our lives and how our faith motivates us to serve others. A new group is forming, and the journey begins with a "no-strings" inquiry session Thurs., Sept. 19, at 7 pm in the Founders Room. We are also seeking parishioners to support our candidates on their journey as sponsors or Companions on the Journey. Companions support our RCIA candidates through prayer and messages of support. Sponsors serve as guides and mentors to individual candidates on their faith journeys. This is a very rewarding ministry and a wonderful way to deepen your own faith as you share it with others. For further info., contact: Alice and Kevin Curtin: acurtin947@aol.com 703-461-3082

# Essay on Public Protest/Civil Disobedience

By Fr. Joe Nangle, OFM

In the past six weeks large groups of Catholics have gathered in two very public places to protest our government's treatment of immigrant families, particularly children, on our southern borders. Each venue was consciously chosen: the Russel Senate Office Building in Washington and the Federal Building in Newark, New Jersey.

The U.S. Senate was selected to underscore our legislators' total failure to enact a just immigration policy for our country; Newark, because it houses one of the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) offices.

The reasons for these public protests are well known. Due to a draconian immigration policy known as "zero tolerance", instituted in 2018, every adult crossing the border into our country without proper documentation is subject to detention and deportation; meanwhile their children are separated from their parents and held in other facilities. In May and June of this year some 2000 children have been held in horrendous conditions - some even in cages - for weeks and now months beyond the 1997 (Flores) regulation that obliges immigrant agents to free children from detention after 72 HOURS!

Quite appropriately, this stain on our government's soul has aroused the indignation of most Americans, including of course the Catholic groups mentioned above. Our actions at these two venues were vivid examples of the Gospel mandate to "speak truth to power" both as American citizens and as followers of Jesus.

The Archbishop of Newark, Cardinal Joseph Tobin, affirmed the validity and indeed the necessity for such public actions when on the streets of his city he cited American free speech and bib-

lical mandates as reasons for the action taking place. The Cardinal was particularly forceful in mentioning God's word in the Book of Leviticus "you shall treat the alien ... no differently than the natives born among you... for you too were once aliens..." (Leviticus 19:34) He spoke of Jesus' own judgement recorded the 25th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel: "Blessed are you by my Father... for I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matt:25:35). [He might also have spoken of Jesus' further judgement: "you accursed... I was a stranger and you gave me no welcome". (Matt 25:43)] The Cardinal stood with the protesters for two hours signaling that he approved and blessed this action.

These two events were entirely Catholic. People of other faith traditions joined us but both actions clearly reflected Catholic Social teaching, especially the spirituality which underscores it. The key moments of each protest were enveloped in the recitation of the rosary. For the various Sorrowful Mysteries specific cases were cited of little ones whose horrendous experiences of this "zero tolerance" policy have traumatized them. It was almost amusing to note that warnings by the police to those of us committing civil disobedience were mixed with choruses of "Our Father who art in heaven...; Holy Mary, Mother of God..."

Personally, I found that participating in these events was a wonderful meditation on the call to a preferential option for the poor and truly a holy action. In fact at one moment I reflected that what we were doing was sacramental - a gesture, a sign that pointed to something quite more than itself. Our simple act of blocking a passageway in a hall of Congress or traffic on a cross street in Newark to protest the violation of vulnerable human beings on our southern borders clearly directed attention to that totally larger picture of children

ripped from their parents and herded into holding pens like little animals. Sacraments in the public square.

And there was Civil Disobedience - a further dimension of sacrament: willingness to undergo arrest and incarceration in a public way to underscore the unlawful situation of parents and children held like felons, separately and against their will and with disregard for all humane considerations.

Civil Disobedience follows the example of the arrest of disciples for public actions, described often in the Acts of the Apostles; or of St. Francis making a very public effort to forestall a crusade; of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. or Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer protesting also publicly the evils of their times.

These actions by our Catholic population will continue as long as this Administration continues its "zero tolerance" policies which are doing untold harm to our immigrant sisters and brothers and especially to their children. The next such action is to take place on site of border between El Paso, Texas and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

A final reflection. Franciscan presence especially in Newark was quite evident and appreciated. And so as the six OFM provinces of the United States continue the process becoming one entity, part of their stated objective of the Order's Revitalization in this country surely must be such public actions when called for - written, proclaimed (especially in our pulpits) and acted out - actions that speak Gospel truths to power. We simply cannot be absent from participation in such public sacramental moments.

"I have done what is mine to do, may you do what is yours." St. Francis of Assisi.