

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!

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Monday-Friday — 12 Noon,

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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)

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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

NOVEMBER 10, 2019

THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**“He is not God of the dead,
but of the living,
for to him all are alive.”**

Lk 20:38

This Weekend's 2nd Collection:
ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA

A Consistent Ethic of Life Catholic Community

THE 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thes 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27, 34-38

Next weekend's Readings: (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Mal 3:19-20A; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

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, Ernest Donatto, Patricia "Pat" Dowd, Irene Fitzpatrick, Yvette Francois, Iva Futrell, Karen Gammache, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, Yolanda Gregorio, 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 Méndez, Arthur Miller, Mary Miller, Yvonne Mockler, Carmen Montijo, Dorothy Moran, Bob Morsches, Clem Munno, Chelsea Murray, Dorothy Myrtle, 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, Kate Zopp.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 9-15

5:30 pm— for Joan Hamman Potts (D) by Kathleen Weiss

8 am— for Sarah Hogan (D) by her Sisters

9:30 am— for R.C. Cooper (D) by the Minkisi Ministry

11:15 am— for Barbara Pike (D) by Mike & Mary Ray

1 pm— for Lina Maria Bernal de Samaniego (D) by Rosa Elvira Hernandez

6 pm— for John Kirby (D) by Dee Dee Tostanoski

Mon. 12:00 noon— for Luis Rivera Francia (D) by the Francia Family

Tue. 12:00 noon— for the Parish

Wed. 12:00 noon— for the Parish

Thu. 12:00 noon— for Marie Louise Chang (D) by Michele Chang

Fri. 12:00 noon— for Magdalena Herrera (D)

by Fran Kearney & Cathie Rein

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday Collection: \$13,887

Retirement Fund for Religious: \$6,617

Faith Direct (October Average): \$9,934

COME AND SEE BISHOP IRETON HIGH SCHOOL'S FALL SHOW: LITTLE WOMEN

- Many of the show's featured performers recently participated in Seussical here at OLQP! The show opens on Friday, Nov. 15 at 7 pm, with additional performances at 7 pm Nov. 16th, 22nd, and 23rd and a 2 pm performance on Nov. 17. Bishop Ireton HS: 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria. For tickets: www.bishopireton.org/tickets or at the door. Little Women is a great show for all ages!

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

This weekend we welcome 5 new Christians:

Warren Bao Vu - Baptized 11:15 am Saturday

Eleanor Ruth Salle & Camden Alene Rosenberg

Baptized 12 pm Saturday

Santiago Flores - Baptized 2 pm Saturday

Diego Rafael Salazar - Baptized 2:30 pm Sunday

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: There will be a 2020 work camp mission trip information session on Wednesday, November 20 at 7:00 pm, in the Founders Room.

MEDOR'S SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM - Père Frantz Aime, pastor of St. Joseph parish, Medor shared the good news that Medor's primary school and the 3 chapel schools will again be included in the World Food Program (WFP) for school lunches. Because of the political unrest in Haiti, the WFP could not meet until recently to finalize the list of participating schools this school year. When the unrest quiets and the lunch food can be transported from Port au Prince to the parish food depot, the parish lunch program will commence. The children will be so happy! More info: marysusancarlon.tumblr.com or facebook.com/OLQP.Haiti Please keep our Medor family in your prayers.

GROWING YOUR FAMILY? Becoming a parent is the biggest transition of your life, yet we don't talk about the important stuff. We focus on the materialistic things and the birth. Unfortunately, having the perfect stroller doesn't equal successful parenting. Neither does solely focusing on the birth. Birth is an episode; parenting is a lifetime. Come together as a couple / single parent to learn, be empowered and make choices you and your partner want for your growing family. Join other OLQP parents on Saturday, November 16, from 10 am - 12 pm when we will cover topics that couples should consider when preparing for baby so they stay connected, communicate well and have the support they need. Having a baby is a blessing, but it's also hard work. This workshop will help you feel more confident and prepared for life as parents. To sign up and for questions, contact Angela Usas: 571-215-1773, angela@radiantheartcenterva.com

OLQP LIBRARY NEWS - This November, the library joins in the celebration of Black Catholic History Month. There are several books on display pertaining to this topic. As well, there is also a selection of titles about saints, canonized and otherwise: The Communion of Saints. Please take time to visit and browse. In addition, new books are on order and will be available in mid-November. For example: one is a new work by Jim Wallis, Christ in Crisis; another is titled The Radical Gospel of Bishop Thomas Gumbleton by Peter Feuerherd. A reminder: there are still some books that remain in the unreturned category, two of which were borrowed in 2018. The library operates on the honor system. Please check your shelves at home. Thank you. Questions? Contact Michal Morsches: mjmorsches@gmail.com

THEOLOGY ON TAP - Join us at Lost Dog Cafe, Monday, November 11, at 7 pm. Discussion open to any topic. Lost Dog: 2920 Columbia Pike, Arlington. Free underground parking on Walter Reed Dr.

SHOEBOX: An innocuous word, unless it is late fall at Queen of Peace where there is a 40 year tradition of filling a comfort care shoebox for a homeless, or more recently tenuously housed, person in our community. Yup, time to dig out your shoeboxes, a discreet indicator of how comfortable we actually are. Time to save those coupons and watch for bargains on personal care items because Shoebox Sunday is scheduled for December 8. Basically, shop for shampoo, lotion, socks, nail clipper, toothbrush, tooth paste, comb, brush, deodorant, gloves, soap, note paper, pen, candy. Then save some time to pitch in at the all-day Wrapping Station in the Founders Room on Sunday, December 8. Deliver either contents (lots of any one item) or unwrapped boxes or random bags which need a shoebox and they will be turned into gracious gifts that provide dignity, surely a Christmas goal. One reminder...there is no storage at the parish level for your gifts until the weekend of Dec 7-8, but the rush of Christmas spirit that weekend is very welcome. Questions, Ann Felker: gr8est9@gmail.com

Striving to right our relationships with God, Others and Creation

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO... "For all that has been, thanks. For all that will be, yes." I chose this quote from Dag Hammarskjöld to be on the memory card from my religious profession. It speaks of a profound gratitude to God and an openness toward God and towards whatever lies ahead in life and in death. November is traditionally a time in which we remember the dead. In some cultures people set up little home altars on which they place photos and mementos of their loved ones who have died and gone ahead of us to that which we call the afterlife, heaven. We do not know what lies ahead but yet we are part of it, promised resurrection through our Baptism. As we careen towards the end of the liturgical year and towards Advent, our readings turn toward "the last things". This is not meant to cause us to be gloomy or sad; on the contrary, it is meant to offer us an opportunity to reflect on the transitory reality of this life in the context of the gift of the promise of eternal life. While none of us really knows what it will be like, and the speculation has made for good reading over the centuries, some theologians today talk of it as something analogous to a glorious and knowable uniting, a joining with God in a new and spectacular way, beyond our wildest hopes and dreams! Heaven! Down through history this belief of the resurrection has motivated many people to stand up and resist oppression and evil, not unlike in the first reading. What do I believe about heaven and the afterlife? Do I fear death or dying? If I built a little home altar whose photos and mementos would I place on it? What oppression and evil do I need to stand up to?
God's Blessings, Fr. Tim

OLQP'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY DIRECTORY - Please join in celebrating our 75th anniversary in 2020 by having your picture in our special anniversary directory. Time slots for portraits are filling fast so sign up here: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b2gkv9g/> Parishioners that have their picture in the directory will receive a free directory and complimentary 8X10 portrait. Questions, please contact Patrick Julius: patjulius@verizon.net

OLQP's THANKSGIVING "ADOPT A FAMILY" Food Program - Sign up forms are in the back of the church along with shopping kits. The "kits" are made up of two bags – insulated and non-insulated -- and a shopping list. Please take one kit for each family you adopt. Last week over 100 families were adopted! We know we will be serving close to 500 families for Thanksgiving and it's right around the corner so please sign up! If you cannot shop, we can do that for you -- the cost of our complete meal for Thanksgiving is \$50. Be sure to write "Thanksgiving Family" on the check memo line or donate through faithdirect.net using the same notation (OLQP's code is VA271). If you cannot buy a complete meal, sign up, but place an asterisk near your name with a note "food only" or "turkey only". We are grateful for all donations to this wonderful tradition. Do you want to volunteer? Contact Sally Diaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org

OLQP KNITTING GROUP - Christmas is coming! Knitters, Christmas time is almost upon us and it's time for you to turn in your creations. Wrapping day is December 8 and we'll be preparing the scarves and hats for distribution to A-SPAN, SEEC, Doorways for Women and Children, and OLQP Food Pantry families, along with the Shoeboxes. Please drop off your creations **before** December 6 so we have an accurate inventory and supplies on hand. Bring items to Fr Ray Hall - either the basket outside the Food Pantry door in the entrance or our closet in the Library. If you have baby blankets or prayer shawls, please drop them off as soon as they are finished since they are distributed to OLQP Visitation, Project Gabriel, baptismal families, and Comfort Cases. Interested in volunteering to wrap? We will be downstairs in the Ministry Center Peace Room at 10:30 on Sunday, December 8. Questions: Marilena Amoni: mamoni530@gmail.com (*This group is formerly known as Scarves for the Homeless.*)

OLQP OPEN POSITION: ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT, part-time

Join the staff at OLQP! The ideal candidate is a thoughtful, compassionate, dedicated and caring OLQP with excellent written communication skills, computer proficiency and a minimum of two years bookkeeping or related field experience. Ability to exercise good judgment and respect confidentiality a must. Excel, QuickBooks or payroll experience a plus. We offer a flexible, friendly and busy work environment in the parish office during regular business hours. Excellent opportunity for someone looking to return to work, with little ones in preschool or recently retired. Please submit a letter of interest and resume to Christina at office@olqpva.org. Deadline for application is November 20.

CARPENTERS SHELTER DINNER- THURSDAY, November 21

- Our menu this month is pasta salads, green beans, brownies and lemonade. Sign up at the back of church, or contact Mary Resnick (mary.resnick@gmail.com or 703-462-4841). Contributions can be brought to 1) the Parish Office kitchen Mon – Fri, 8:30am-4:30pm 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.) 2) Father Ray Hall on day of dinner between 4pm – 5pm or 3) If bringing food directly to Carpenter's Shelter (located temporarily at Landmark Mall) label clearly "OLQP, Dinner, Thursday November 21. 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, Founders Room Kitchen. Thank you!"

JUST\$ -- This is food collection Sunday, and Giant and Safeway cards are available after Masses (including the 1:00 pm Mass) for your weekly shopping, or to donate directly to the Food Pantry. Next weekend (the 16th and 17th), Brother Haron Kamau Mbuchi, Program Officer of the St. Joseph's Community Based Organization (CBO) in Nyeri, Kenya, will be visiting OLQP. The CBO receives funds from the Just\$ program to help minister to orphaned and vulnerable children, most recently by mobilizing community resources for vocational training and business start-up kits for children from poor households. Brother Haron will introduce himself and then be available to meet parishioners at the Just\$ table after most Masses. Brother Haron will welcome your free-will offerings (checks drawn to OLQP) for the CBO program.

MAKE, TAKE, AND BAKE THANKSGIVING PIE MAKING -- Come join the Faith Formation program in supporting the Thanksgiving Food Collection by making fresh homemade pies for our neighbors in need! We will gather to Make pies on Nov 23rd in Fr. Ray Hall from 9am-Noon. Please bring your favorite pie fillings and pie making utensils. We will provide pie tins, crust ingredients, holiday atmosphere and light refreshments. Take your pies home with you to Bake and remember to bring them back on Sunday, Nov 24th with the rest of your Thanksgiving Food Collection donations. Contact Christian Ruf (cruf@olqpva.org) or the Faith Formation Office to RSVP or scan this code with your phone's camera app to go to the sign-up form.



SOCKTOBER - Thank you to all who gave so generously to our collection of socks for the homeless served by SOME. We have received over 200 pairs!

SMILE.AMAZON.COM - Support OLQP when you shop at Amazon. Go to "smile.amazon.com" enter "Our Lady Queen of Peace Church" select Our Lady Queen of Peace **Arlington** from the list and start shopping. Then each time you shop at Amazon and you use "Smile.amazon.com" to login, it remembers OLQP is the charity you want to support. You must use "smile.amazon.com" for the parish to benefit. Same products, same prices, same service – with an added bonus to the parish (.05 % of your purchase).



November is Black Catholic History Month

In Total Praise! Rejoice in the Lord Always!

(Phil. 4:4)

On Sunday, November 10, we continue highlighting November as Black Catholic History Month. The OLQP parish theme is: In Total Praise! Rejoice in the Lord Always! (Phil. 4:4). We celebrate this month with a series of articles in the parish bulletins written by Black Catholic leaders, as well as with the 22nd Annual Minkisi Mini-Retreat that was held on November 10. In this article we will learn about Sr. Desire' Finlay's faith story as she took her final vows with the Felician Sisters this summer. May Sr. Desire's reflection help us to remember that we can all share the abundance of God's grace and love in all that we do. Let us pray for vocations.

"The End of Doubt" - Sr. Desiré Finlay, CSSF.

After nine years of prayer, formation and formal discernment, I made my final vows with the Felician Sisters on August 15, 2019. Those years flew by like clouds on a windy day, but they were meaningful and packed to the brim with experiences and people who helped to shape me. Even after those very full nine years, I still couldn't be 100% sure that I was ready to say "yes" forever. I was about 90% sure, however, that I didn't want to say "no". I had been living this religious life for nine years and I couldn't imagine myself doing or being anything different.

In preparation for the big day, we spent several weeks throughout the year in prayer and conversation. It was a year of reflection, but even the day before *the day* I thought to myself, "This final vow ceremony is pretty much just a formality. I've been living the vows for six years already, and nothing changes after this. I'll still be doing what I've been doing and living where I've been living. It's no big deal." Oh, but it was a big deal.

When we processed into the chapel at the start of Mass, joy flooded my heart with wave after wave of smiling faces. Parents, siblings, family from miles away, friends, sisters from other congregations, sisters from my own congregation, people from my Pomona family - they were all there, and they were there to support and encourage me as they had all along the way. I was so excited I couldn't even cry, but I'm crying now just recalling that moment. All these eyes connected with mine, but our hearts had been intertwined long ago. Almost 100 people came to celebrate, and Jesus was certainly in our midst. Not just another body in the crowd, He was the pulse of it - the branch connecting all the vines with mutual love and excitement.

I don't remember much else, but I do remember that I wholeheartedly enjoyed the music. I'm a dancer by nature, but I fervently sang along to songs that had been a part of my journey from the beginning and songs that had connected me with my sisters over time. Basically I was just enjoying a rather fancy and personalized Mass; but then came the reception of the ring. I stood at the front of the chapel while the priest held up a simple silver ring. I'm sure he said something very profound and I probably responded with "Amen" but all I really know is that as soon as the ring made its way onto my finger, a sudden and slow explosion began to go off in my mind.

About 50 different thoughts came at me as soon as I received that ring. For one, I realized that I had been subconsciously keeping myself aware of all the options still available to me prior to that very day. Up until that moment, I had subconsciously been saying to myself, "This isn't forever yet. I can still choose to pursue anything. I could travel, get married, have kids, anything." However, as I watched that little silver ring slide onto my finger something else became apparent: out of all the options out there, I chose this one. I could have chosen anything else, but I didn't.

As I continue to reflect on that moment, I realize that I was not only living with an awareness of other options, I was living as if I might choose one of them instead. I loved my community from the beginning, and felt all along that God had been inviting me here, but even then I hadn't fully given myself all of those years. Not only was I holding onto those other options subconsciously, but I was living them subliminally. I was not going on dates or flirting, of course, but neither was I 100% invested in my call to religious life. I was living it knowing that it could potentially be temporary, halfheartedly showing up to prayers and never giving a thought to how it affected others. That ring changed everything.

It makes me think of the Catholic Church's firm stance on couples not living together before they get married. I always knew it was important, but I never really paid attention to why it mattered so much. With this new understanding of commitment, I'm finally "getting it". When two people live together before marriage, they know in the back of their minds that the person they're with is still just one option out of many. They may not say that out loud, but it's subconscious, and so at some level they will live that way, too. It may not come in the form of physical betrayal, but it's hard to invest oneself fully in a commitment when it still just remains an option. At the same time, the other person knows that they remain simply one option out of many. Thus, marriage becomes a way for a couple to say to one another, "Out of all the options out there, I choose you. I choose to give myself fully to you and to nothing and no one else."

My little ring has become a symbol of just that. On August 15th I said to God, "Out of all the options out there, I choose you. I choose to give myself fully to you and to nothing and no one else." So here I am, committed to no one and everyone all at once, serving through the charism of my beloved congregation. Where will it lead me? I have no idea, but I am content in knowing that "I have found the One whom my soul loves" (Song of Solomon 3:4).

(This article was taken from an Oct. 3, 2019 blog of the Felician Vocation Team.)