

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 down-trodden everywhere. In this we strive for our parish community to be a caring, sharing, and loving family.

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!
¡Bienvenidos a OLQP Iglesia Católica!

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Masses / Misas:

Weekdays / Días laborables:

Mon-Fri, 12pm / lunes a viernes 12pm

Weekend Mass Schedule /

Horario de misas de fin de semana:

Saturday Vigil — 5:30pm

Misa de vigilia sábados - 5:30 pm

Sundays — 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am,

1:00pm (Spanish) & 6:00pm (Young Adult)

Domingos - 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am,

1:00 pm (español), y 6:00 pm (Misa de jóvenes adultos)

Palabra y Eucaristía /

Word & Eucharist Missalette

Today's readings can be found on page 308 of the Word & Eucharist missalette.

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 309 en el misal Palabra y Eucaristía.

DECLARACIÓN DE MISIÓN DE OLQP

La parroquia de la iglesia católica Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz se dedica a dar testimonio de las enseñanzas de Jesucristo, especialmente el Evangelio de San Mateo, Capítulo 25:21-46. Nuestra misión es nutrir el espíritu y alentar el potencial de aquellos a quienes servimos a través de la celebración litúrgica, labores educativas y ministerios sociales. La parroquia continuará identificándose con su origen como una comunidad afro-americana, pero reflejando una congregación multi-étnica y continuará promoviendo la armonía racial y la justicia social. Si bien es cierto que nuestro enfoque principal es la vecindad comunitaria, continuaremos trabajando para proveer por el bienestar de los más necesitados en general. Es así como nos esforzamos para hacer de nuestra comunidad parroquial una familia que comparte y se preocupa por sus miembros.



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH

February 15-16, 2020

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ash Wednesday, February 26

Masses & Services:

8 am, 12 noon, 5 pm Family Mass, 7 pm Bilingual Mass
9 pm Prayer Service w/Distribution of Ashes

Miércoles de Ceniza, 26 de febrero

Misas y Servicios:

8 am, 12 pm, 5 pm Misa de familias, 7 pm Misa bilingüe
9 pm Servicio de oración y distribución de cenizas

"Let your yes mean yes,
and your no mean no."

Matthew 5:37



Digan simplemente sí, cuando es sí;
y no, cuando es no.

Mateo 5,37

ASH WEDNESDAY 2nd COLLECTION:
CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE
SEGUNDA COLECTA DEL MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA:
LA IGLESIA EN EUROPA CENTRAL Y DEL ESTE

NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ
15-16 de febrero 2020
Sexto Domingo en el Tiempo Ordinario

***We are pleased to offer this new bilingual format giving witness to our ever-present Hispanic population.
Nos place ofrecer este nuevo formato bilingüe que da testimonio de nuestra siempre presente población hispana.***

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION /
PREPARACIÓN SACRAMENTAL**

Baptism / Bautizo:

Please email Baptism Coordinator Cecilia Lopez Oetgen,
clopez@olqpva.org.

Por favor mande un correo electrónico a la coordinadora de los
bautizos, Cecilia López Oetgen, clopez@olqpva.org.

Marriage Preparation/ Preparación para el matrimonio:

Please contact the parish office at least six months
before wedding date to complete requirements.

Por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia seis meses antes
de su matrimonio para completar todos los requisitos.

Reconciliation / Reconciliación—Confesión:

Sat, 4:45-5:15 pm & by appointment.

Los sábados: 4:45 - 5:15 pm. y por cita previa.

**SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH /
VIDA SACRAMENTAL DE LA PARROQUIA**

CONGRATULATIONS! / ¡FELICIDADES!

Manuela Marilú De León & Hugo Santos Maldonado

Married February 15 / Casados el 15 de febrero

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS / COLECTAS DEL DOMINGO

Sunday Collection / Colecta del pasado domingo: \$9,149

Faith Direct (January Average /
promedio del mes de enero): \$10,112

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEXTO DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

Sirach 15:15-20 (76A); 1 Corinthians 2:6-10;

Matthew 5:20-22A, 27-28, 33-34A, 37

Eclesiástico 15,15-20 (76A); 1 Corintios 2,6-10;

Mateo 5,20-22A, 27-28, 33-34A, 37

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SÉPTIMO DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 (79A); 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

Levítico 19,1-2, 17-18 (79A); 1 Corintios 3,16-23; Mateo 5,38-48

MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 15-21

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

15-21 DE FEBRERO

SEXTO DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

5:30 pm— for the Parish

8 am— for Tessie De Laney (D) by Carolyn Bonilla

9:30 am— for Gildado Rios (D) by Margarita Rios

11:15 am— for Mary Nash (D) by Friends who were her Family

1 pm— por Rodrigo Jaramillo (D) de Maria Linares

6 pm— for Thanksgiving and Healing of Fr. Tim Hickey (L)
by Jude Dias

Mon. 12:00 noon— for the Lopez Garcia Family (D) by the Family

Tues. 12:00 noon— for George Shia (D) by Rita Dias

Wed. 12:00 noon— for Gerri Noble-Martocci (D) by the Family

Thu. 12 noon— for the Parish

Fri. 12:00 noon— for James Dansereau (D) by Carolyn Bonilla

Bulletin Deadline / Plazo para el boletín Wednesday / miércoles —9 AM office@olqpva.org

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

Pastor / Párroco: Fr. Tim Hickey, CSSp, thickey@olqpva.org

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OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US /

NUESTROS ENFERMOS Y CONFINADOS NOS FORTALECEN

PLEASE PRAY FOR / POR FAVOR OREMOS POR: Lousie Aust, Suri Barahona, Ronald Bashian, Gene Bétit, Cindy Bianga, Francis Bilgera, Joseph Leopold Bissonnette, Precious Bowens, April Brassard, Evie Brown, Lynne Burgh, Marty Butner Covington, Brody Carroll, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claire, Jeff Cory, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Jim Davis, Adrienne DiCerbo, Ernest Donatto, Patricia "Pat" Dowd, Irene Fitzpatrick, Deborah Forczek, Yvette Francois, Iva Futrell, Karen Gammache, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, Fred Gladbach, Yolanda Gregorio, the Harris Family, Sally Harris, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Dee Hickey, Margaret Hodges, Beatriz Uribe Jaramillo, Lillian Jay, Pat Johnson, Caecilie Jones, Sharon Jourdan, Cindy Kernick, Carmen Andrea Lara, Patrick Lawrey, Bertie Leahy, Lidia Montero Lopez, Olga MacKenzie, Wil McBride, Stefan McGuigan, Martha Gladys Medina, Maria Magdalena Medrano de Ventura, Eileen Melia, Roberto Méndez, Arthur Miller, Mary Miller, Yvonne Mockler, Carmen Montijo, Dorothy Moran, Bob Morsches, Chelsea Murray, Dorothy Myrtle, Mario Amel Najarro, Bruyce Niligis, Julie O'Brien, 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, Nina Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Mary Terlep, Rose Trujillo, Fr. Tom Tunney, Nancy Urquizo, Stephen Utley, Kate Witkowski, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata, Kate Zopp.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY /

NORMAS ANTE LA INCLEMENCIA DEL CLIMA

Evening and weekend activities (except scheduled Masses): OLQP follows the decision of Arlington Public Schools for cancellation of evening and weekend activities. Those traveling outside the local school district should use their best judgment. For the most up-to-date information for Arlington Public Schools, please call 1-866-322-4277 or visit www.apsva.us/post/inclement-weather-announcements/

Parish Office Staff and Weekday Activities, 8am-5pm: Office and weekday activities follow the decision of the Federal Government. Tune in to your local radio and tv stations for updated information or visit www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/snow-dismissal-procedures/

Masses: The decision to cancel Masses within the Diocese of Arlington is made by Bishop Burbidge and broadcast on local radio and tv stations.

Las actividades nocturnas y de fin de semana (con excepción de las misas programadas): OLQP sigue la decisión de las Escuelas Públicas de Arlington para la cancelación de actividades nocturnas y de fin de semana. Las personas que estuvieran fuera del sistema escolar local deben utilizar su mejor juicio. Para obtener la información más actualizada sobre las Escuelas Públicas de Arlington, por favor llame al 1-866-322-4277 o visite www.apsva.us/post/inclement-weather-announcements/

Personal de la Oficina Parroquial y Actividades de Días Laborables, 8am-5pm: Las actividades de la Oficina y del día siguen la decisión del Gobierno Federal. Sintonice las emisoras de radio y televisión locales para obtener información actualizada o visite www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/snow-dismissal-procedures/.

Misas: La decisión de cancelar las misas dentro de la Diócesis de Arlington es hecha por el obispo Loverde y transmitida por las estaciones de radio y televisión locales.

Translated notices that are of interest to the entire community.

Noticias traducidas que son de interés para toda la comunidad.

2020 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

STEADFAST IN FAITH AND JOYFUL IN HOPE

The 2020 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Commitment weekend is next weekend! Once a year we are asked to make a commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries which provide services that no single parish could provide on its own. This important effort is a means by which we work together by sharing the gifts God has bestowed upon us. Our parish goal is 100 % participation. Through the BLA, may we seek to imitate the steadfast faith of the Blessed Virgin Mary and joyfully reveal our gratitude for our many blessings!

HAVE YOU RECENTLY LOST A LOVED ONE? Or perhaps you are experiencing another painful situation of some kind such as a broken relationship or loss of job. Call Joan Brown at 703-608-5059 who will put you in touch with one of our Stephen Ministers who are compassionate and confidential listeners, and available to meet with you on a regular basis.

OLQP'S 2020 PARISH ADVISORY BOARD (PAB) ELECTION

The Parish Advisory Board Election will be held February 29/March 1 during each of the Masses. Absentee ballots will be available next weekend, if you plan to be away election weekend.

Go Green and Vote Online starting Saturday, 2/22 at 4pm through Sunday, 3/1 at 7:30pm. We'll give you the link next weekend or use the QR code with your smartphone. Parishioners are asked to vote either online or using a paper ballot at Mass for up to SIX (6) candidates.

PETICIÓN CUARESMA DEL OBISPO DE 2020

FIRMES EN LA FE Y ALEGRES EN LA ESPERANZA

¡El fin de semana de compromiso a la Petición Cuaresma del Obispo (BLA por sus siglas en inglés) de 2020 es el próximo fin de semana! Se nos pide que una vez al año nos comprometamos a apoyar la labor de nuestros programas y ministerios diocesanos que proveen servicios que ninguna parroquia por sí sola podría proveer. Este esfuerzo importante es una manera de trabajar juntos al compartir los dones que Dios nos ha dado. La meta de nuestra parroquia es un 100% de participación. ¡Qué por medio de la BLA busquemos imitar la fe firme de la Virgen María y alegremente revelar nuestro agradecimiento por nuestras tantas bendiciones!

¿PERDIÓ RECIENTEMENTE A UN SER QUERIDO? O quizá está pasando por otra situación dolorosa tal como una relación que ha terminado o la pérdida de su trabajo. Llame a Joan Brown al 703-608-5059 y ella la/lo pondrá en contacto con uno de los Ministros Esteban que escuchan con compasión, de manera confidencial y están dispuestos a reunirse con usted regularmente.

ELECCIÓN DE LA JUNTA CONSULTORA

DE LA PARROQUIA (PAB) DE OLQP DE 2020

La elección de la Junta Consultora de la parroquia se llevará a cabo el 29 de febrero/1ro de marzo durante cada una de las Misas. Papeletas para personas ausentes estarán disponibles empezando el sábado, 22 de febrero hasta el domingo 1ro de marzo a las 7:30pm. Les daremos el enlace (link) el próximo fin de semana o use el código QR con su teléfono inteligente/smartphone. Se les pide a los miembros de la parroquia que voten por hasta SEIS (6) candidatos o en línea o usando una papeleta de papel en la Misa.

A Consistent Ethic of Life Catholic Community

THE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM - Families who participate in the clean water program acquire a five-gallon bucket with a spigot as well as a container of bleach powder, which dispenses the amount that purifies five-gallons of water with one twist of the cap. Thirty minutes after adding the bleach, the water is free of bacteria. Each family pays a small amount for the bleach dispenser and OLQP provides the funds for the bucket systems. The people of Medor are grateful for the opportunity to participate in a clean water program to keep their families healthy, and grateful for the many blessings received through the twinning of St. Joseph parish and Our Lady Queen of Peace. Learn more about Medor at [Marysusancarlson.tumblr.com](https://marysusancarlson.tumblr.com)

Please pray for our Medor family

MATTHEW 25 – At this time, only Men's and women's winter clothing are needed. We have gone through all our saved winter inventory and the store will not change over to warmer season clothing until April. Please bring only winter clothing for adults. We are grateful for all the children's clothing donations and have plenty on hand.

ECO-TIP: PLASTICS 101 -- Plastics degrade very slowly, (some taking hundreds of years) while polluting rivers, oceans and endangering wildlife. Avoid single-use plastic bottles, straws and plastic utensils. Bring your own bags when shopping, recycle all that you can.

CARPENTER'S SHELTER DINNER-- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY

20—Our menu this month is fried or baked chicken, side dish, salad, biscuits, brownies and lemonade. Contributions can be brought to the Parish Office kitchen Mon – Fri, 8:30am-4:30pm labeled "Carpenter's Shelter" and placed in refrigerator, freezer, or counter or to Father Ray Hall on day of dinner between 4pm –5 pm. If delivering directly to Carpenter's Shelter (located temporarily at Landmark Mall) label clearly "OLQP, Dinner and date of dinner". Sign up: board is at the back of church or contact Jane Oates, Janeoates113@gmail.com, to sign up. For reusable, spill-proof delivery: please pick up your container or a container without a name – they are in the double-door closet near the kitchen in the Ministry Center Founders Room. About 60 residents and families are always appreciative of OLQP dinners, and about 20 folks at David's Place & Winter Shelter enjoy dinner and breakfast "leftovers"!

TWO VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - Two elderly members of OLQP need ride assistance. One, who uses a walker and lives in the lower half of North Arlington would like a weekly ride to Mass. The other lives near OLQP and needs a ride twice monthly to do grocery shopping. Team-up with a friend and share the weekly responsibility or volunteer for a couple Sundays a month. Thank you for your prayerful consideration with this request. If you can help, please contact Sally Diaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org

JUST\$ GIANT AND SAFEWAY CARDS will be available this weekend, for your Presidents' Day shopping, or to donate to the OLQP Food Pantry which is serving as many as 250 families a week. Please read about the FY 2021 Federal Budget that was just released to learn about proposed funding cuts that likely could negatively impact the people who are food insecure, homeless, elderly and/or living at or below the poverty line that we serve each week.

EL PROGRAMA DE AGUA LIMPIA EN MEDOR - Las familias que participan en el programa de agua limpia adquieren un contenedor de cinco galones con una espiga o llave y también un contenedor de polvo de lejía o blanqueador, que dispensa la cantidad que purifica cinco galones de agua al girar una vez el sellador. Treinta minutos después de añadir la lejía, el agua ya no contiene bacterias. Cada familia paga una pequeña cantidad por el dispensador de lejía y OLQP provee los fondos para los sistemas de los contenedores de agua. Las personas de Medor están muy agradecidas de tener la oportunidad de participar en un programa de agua limpia para que sus familias se mantengan saludables y agradecidas de recibir las muchas bendiciones por el hermanamiento de la parroquia St. Joseph y OLQP. Aprendan más acerca de Medor en marysusancarlson.tumblr.com Por favor, recen por nuestra familia de Medor

MATEO 25 – En este momento, solo se necesita ropa de invierno de mujeres y hombres. Hemos acabado con todo lo que teníamos de invierno y la tienda no va a cambiar a ropa de verano hasta abril. Por favor traiga solo ropa de invierno para adultos. Les agradecemos todas las donaciones de ropa para niños y tenemos bastante en la tienda.

IDEA ECOLÓGICA: PLÁSTICOS 101 – Los plásticos se degradan muy lentamente, (algunos toman cientos de años) mientras que contaminan ríos, océanos y ponen en peligro la vida silvestre. Evite usar botellas de plástico que solo se usan una vez, popotes (pajillas) para beber y utensilios de plástico. Traiga su propia bolsa cuando haga las compras y recicle todo lo más posible.

LA CENA CARPENTER'S SHELTER-- EL JUEVES, 20 DE FEBRERO

El menú este mes es pollo frito o asado, platillo de acompañamiento, ensalada, panecillos, brownies y limonada. Puede traer las contribuciones a la cocina de la oficina de la parroquia de lunes a viernes entre las 8:30 y las 4:30. Identifíquela escribiendo "Carpenter's Shelter" y póngala en el refrigerador, congelador o mostrador o a Fr. Ray Hall el día de la comida entre las 4:00 y 5:00 pm. Si trae la comida directamente al Carpenter's Shelter, (localizado provisionalmente en Landmark Mall) identifíquela claramente "OLQP, comida y la fecha del día de la comida." El pizarrón para apuntarse está en la parte de atrás de la iglesia o puede contactar a Jane Oates, Janeoates113@gmail.com. Para entrega en contenedores reusables y a prueba de derrames: por favor, recoja su contenedor o un contenedor sin nombre para usarlo. Están en el armario de dos puertas cerca de la cocina en el Ministry Center, Founders Room. ¡Alrededor de 60 residentes y familias siempre agradecen mucho lo que sobra de las comidas de OLQP y alrededor de 20 personas en David's Place & Winter Shelter disfrutan lo que sobra de las comidas y desayunos!

DOS OPORTUNIDADES PARA OFRECERSE DE VOLUNTARIA/O –

Dos miembros mayores de OLQP necesitan ayuda con viajes en autos. Una persona, que usa un andador y vive en la parte sur de North Arlington quisiera un viaje semanal a Misa. La otra vice cerca de OLQP y necesita un viaje dos veces al mes para ir al mercado. Comparta la responsabilidad con un amigo o amiga u ofrézcase de voluntaria/o un par de domingos al mes. Gracias por considerar esta petición en su oración. Si puede ayudar, por favor contacte a Sally Díaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org

TARJETAS JUST\$ DE GIANT Y SAFEWAY van a estar disponibles este fin de semana para sus compras del Día de los Presidentes (Presidents' Day) o para donar a la despensa de alimentos de OLQP que sirve a tantas como a 250 familias por semana. Por favor lea sobre el Presupuesto Federal para el año fiscal 2021 que se acaba de publicar para aprender acerca de los recortes de fondos que probablemente pudieran afectar negativamente a las personas que sufren de inseguridad alimentaria, que no tienen hogar y/o que viven a nivel o por debajo del nivel de pobreza que servimos cada semana.

Una comunidad católica con una ética consistente con la vida

YOUTH MINISTRY: Join us for fun, food and fellowship in 1915 Edgewood on Sundays
1st & 3rd Sundays, **after** 6pm mass, 7:15pm
2nd & 4th Sundays, **before** 6pm mass, 4:15pm
Come to either or both! Volunteers also welcome!

4TH SUNDAY YOUNG ADULT POTLUCK - Young Adults will gather after 6pm Mass on February 23 in the Founders Room starting at 7:15pm. "Mardi Gras" is the theme for February's potluck -- celebrating "Fat Tuesday" ahead of the Lenten season. Come celebrate this colorful holiday, bring your beads and your favorite Mardi Grass food/drink for all to enjoy! The Founders Room will be open and available before Mass if anybody needs to keep their items refrigerated, heated, or plugged in before the potluck. (Young adults basic age range: 21-40.)

TEACHER JOB FAIR ON MARCH 7 -- The Office of Catholic Schools invites prospective teachers to this event. The Fair will be held at St. Paul VI High School (10675 Fairfax Boulevard, Fairfax) from 9-11am. For more information visit <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Catholic-Schools/Careers/> or call 703-841-2519. We believe in our teachers! Join our excellent schools for a faith-filled experience.

MINISTERIO DE ADOLESCENTES: Únete a nosotros para disfrutar de diversión, comida y compañerismo en 1915 Edgewood los domingos
1ro y 3er domingos, **después** de la Misa de las 6pm, 7:15pm
2do y 4to domingos, **antes** de la Misa de las 6pm, 4:15pm
¡Ven a cualquier domingo o a ambos! ¡Los voluntarios también son bienvenidos!

POTLUCK PARA JÓVENES ADULTOS EL 4TO DOMINGO - Los jóvenes adultos se van a reunir después de la Misa de las 6pm el 23 de febrero en el Founders Room a partir de las 7:15 pm. El tema para la comida de este mes es "Mardi Gras" para celebrar el Martes de Carnaval antes de la temporada de Cuaresma. ¡Ven a celebrar este día de fiesta, trae tus collares de cuentas y tu comida/bebida favorita de Martes de Carnaval para que todos las disfruten! El Founders Room estará abierto y disponible antes de la Misa si alguien necesita mantener sus artículos refrigerados, calentados o enchufados antes de la comida. (El segmento de edad de los jóvenes adultos: 21-40.)

FERIA DE EMPLEOS PARA MAESTRAS/OS EL 7 DE MARZO – La oficina de las escuelas católicas (Office of Catholic Schools) invita a maestras/os prospectivos a este evento. La Feria se va a celebrar en St. Paul VI High School (10675 Fairfax Boulevard, Fairfax) de 9-11am. Para obtener más información visite <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Catholic-Schools/Careers/> o llame al 703-841-2519. ¡Creemos en nuestros maestros/as! Únase a nuestras excelentes escuelas para tener una experiencia llena de fe.

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO... With Jesus, "The Law" doesn't get smaller; it gets bigger. It's about much more than just keeping the rules...it is about growing in our love of God and our love for our neighbor. When Jesus says "The Law says....but I say," he expands the original law in order to get to the spirit that is behind The Law. It seems that Jesus is ultimately most concerned not about a slavish external keeping of "The Law", but rather he desires an internal change of our heart. He tells the disciples that their righteousness must surpass that of the religious leaders in order for them to get into heaven! Jesus expects more from his disciples...he expects them to love one another as he has loved them. So just refraining from killing someone is not enough...we have to love them and show that love by how we treat them! That doesn't mean that there is no place for righteous indignation at injustices and violations of God's call to care for and look after the lost, the last and the least amongst us. Jesus understood "The Law" to be a guide that would lead to a good and faithful life, one that contributed to the building up of the Reign of God, that cared for and valued all God's children. And as the first reading says "and to none does He (God) give license to sin". So I believe we really have to look at what is happening with our national budget as it suggest we slash our "safety net programs and increase our war making budget, decreasing one that ultimately saves lives and increasing one that ultimately takes lives. We keep saying that our national budget is a "moral document", then we must ask ourselves how it shows forth our love of our sisters and brothers, how it welcomes the stranger, immigrant and migrant and how it combats racism, bigotry, misogyny, xenophobia and anti LGBTQ+ attacks and attitudes. What we stand for politically should be a reflection of our Gospel values. We are called to view the world around us through the lens of the Gospel, with the eyes of Christ! As I look around what do I see, what can I change? To what am I being called as a disciple of Jesus?

Blessings,
Fr. Tim

***Programs that are open to the entire community, but offered in English only.
Programas que le dan la bienvenida a toda la comunidad, pero que solo se ofrecen en inglés.***

ARLINGTON DIOCESE PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMISSION, chaired by Fr. Bob Cilinski, will hold its annual conference on Saturday March 14, at Nativity Church in Burke. The conference theme is Racism. Archbishop Wilton Gregory of DC will be concelebrating the 5pm Mass with Bishop Burbidge followed by the program led by Bishop Gregory in Fr. Richard Martin Center.

IMMIGRATION / REFUGEE TEAM- Will have a relaunch meeting on Thursday, February 27, 2020 starting at 7:30 in Father Ray Hall, classroom. Contact Luc DeWulf, lukdewulf@gmail.com if you are interested in attending this meeting.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church
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“Help one another, this is what Jesus teaches us.
This is what I do. And I do it with heart.”
~ Pope Francis

LENT 2020 ~ “LEARN, PRAY & ACT”



FRIDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT

MASS IN CHURCH
6:00 PM

SUPPER IN FR. RAY HALL
6:45 PM

SPEAKER
7:15 PM

February 28: Clayton Sinyai, USCCB on *Labor and the Catholic Church*

March 6 (*7 p.m. Start): *Revolution of the Heart – The Dorothy Day Story*
with Commentary by Dolores Leckey

March 13: Michael O’ Rourke, USCCB on *Gun Violence Prevention*

March 20: Lonnie Ellis, In Solidarity on *Ladauto Sí*

March 27: Kim Mazyck, Catholic Charities, USA on *Racism*

April 3: *Learn Pray Act-An evening of Advocacy* with Michelle Knight

We all have paper stars of some sort

by **Rebecca Collins Jordan**

There's a woman I talk to when I visit a Catholic Worker House every so often. Her hobby is to go up to people, hand them a folded paper star and say, "Here's your star. Open your star to find your word."

Mine was "harmony," a word that resonates deeply lately in my first year in a new career as a teacher. It's a year of stress and chaos, but also of a deep sense of vocation and anxiety about caring for the students around me.

The woman with the paper stars makes them constantly, handing them to people on the street, in line for soup, old friends, strangers. People open them to find words like "bliss," "faith" and "compassion."

I don't have any answers for the political times we live in now, really. And as much as we all talk, I don't know that anybody else does either. The rising tides of hatred and apathy and inequality seem insurmountable, and reinforced daily by political discourse that is locked in stubborn and spiteful camps of opinion. The news is a daily deluge of tragedies, massacres and absurdity. It's hard to keep a sense of faith and hope in our ability to create and maintain a society of mercy.

So I've stopped looking for solutions. I look instead for moments of humanity and tenderness. How do we keep the people around us, in our communities, within and outside of these borders, human and happy? That's my question.

You can't think or talk your way to recognizing humanity and tenderness, as much as I'd like to. It re-

quires going outside and looking around. It requires a posture of prayer to which I am not always accustomed. It requires turning on the radio, hearing the story, and having a moment of patience to ask not, "Who did this?" but, "Who will be harmed? Who will be helped? Who can help? How can I help?" It requires a fresh set of eyes. It requires a willingness to plant a seed of hope that might not grow, but to plant it anyway. This is a story about the people who, whether they know it or not, have planted mysterious and fleeting seeds of hope.

One of my neighbors rides around on a bike with a loudspeaker. Every time he passes me, I hear Clarence "Frogman" Henry croon, "I don't know why I love you, but I do." The line has become a short passing anthem to all the people in this city — I don't know why I love you, but I do. These times are high-stakes, not because of ideas but because of the deep hope we all have that the humans around us can flourish.

Other neighbors sit on street corners, some in large groups that make people jovial, that end for a minute the loneliness of being outside in New York City. Others worry about deportation and house people who are at risk. Others worry about their own gigantic worries that are closer to home — cancer, depression, debt — tending to the worries of loved ones as their own with humor and deep care.

A few weeks ago, on the way to work, I walked a few stops up from my usual subway stop, ending up near the Museum of Natural History. Mosaics of sea creatures lined the walls. On one, a person

had painted a question mark into the fish's scales. The moment was a revelation to me — that someone would take the time to think of a question and inscribe it (albeit as graffiti) on a wall for others to see. It was an accident that I was even paying attention that morning, forced by slow trains and a sleepy sense of early morning beauty. But I have thought of that fish often. How often do we forget to ask the questions that make us human? How often do we neglect to recognize the sacramental beauty of the streets that is ultimately worth protecting?

I don't have a thesis or a platform, except to say that I believe we all have paper stars of some sort, or seeds to sow if you like that metaphor better. Every day, I plan lessons for my students in the hope that some sense of wonder beyond test anxiety will stick for them. Those are seeds planted. And then I go out, searching again for the others, unknowingly and in anonymous and unique ways, planting reminders of tenderness in a brutal world.

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Black Youth and the Vote

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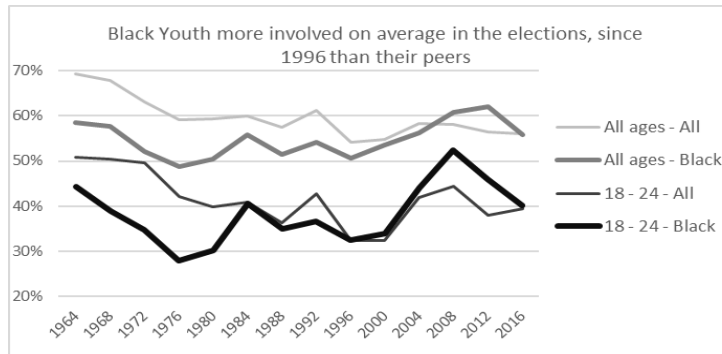
The youth vote, including the black youth vote, contributed to the election of the first African American president, as unprecedented numbers participated in those elections. U.S. Census numbers show that the 2008 and 2012 elections were the only times that the voter participation rates for black youth voters (aged 18 to 24) surpassed 45%, with over 50% participating in the 2008 election. However, these rates are just above the 1964 election participation rate. The 1964 elections came on the heels of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s, "I Have a Dream Speech" and the passing of the Civil Rights Act (1964). Another moment in history where the black youth were motivated and mobilized to vote.

Excluding the 2008 and 2012 elections, since 1964, black youth voter participation was on average 37%, which is 23% less than the total population voter participation rate, and 17% less than the total black population voter participate rate¹. However, this is on par with the total youth voter turnout. In fact, since 1996, the black youth voter participation rate has exceeded the average total rate for youth aged 18 to 24, with the greatest difference in 2008 and 2012 when the participation rate was 8% more for black youth voters². The *Chart* below shows Voter Participation since 1964.

The Obama elections highlight that youth, including black youth, could be mobilized to engage in the elections, and if fully engaged may influence election outcomes. So, why are more black youth not voting? In this article we look at two major reasons (a) barriers to entry into

the electoral process; and (b) lack of inspiration from the candidates.

According to Rock the Vote³, there are many barriers that limit youth and black voters. In their analysis, of the 51 states,



Source: Author based on US Census data.

17 states are blockers, meaning the majority of their policies restrict the right to vote; 18 states are slackers, meaning there is still a need to improve their policies to protect everyone's right to vote; and 16 states are leaders, meaning the majority of their policies protect the right to vote. For example: Virginia is a blocker as it (a) does not have automatic voter registration; (b) does not have same-day voter registration; (c) does not allow online voter registration; (d) does not allow convicted felons to vote, unless the Governor intervenes.

Another factor is changes to the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA), which is widely seen as the most effective civil rights legislation passed by Congress. Giving teeth to the enforcement of the 15th Amendment, the VRA has been reauthorized several times, most recently in 2006. However, in 2013 much of the VRA was rolled back, having an adverse impact for black and brown voters, especially in the South. The 2013 Supreme Court case *Shelby County v Holder*⁴ ended the preclearance provision of the VRA. That provision required that

certain states have their voting laws approved by the Federal Government before being enacted. The Brennan Center for Justice reported that this alone "opened the floodgates to laws restricting voting throughout the United States". Within

hours and days southern states rolled out a series of election laws that restricted voting and purged significant numbers of voters from their rolls.

The post-*Shelby County v Holder* years saw a rise in voter identification (ID) laws, gerrymandering of districts. North Carolina is one state severely impacted by the ruling and it would be 3 years

before courts would be able to strike down state legislation that "targeted African Americans with almost surgical precision". Rare are the moments that we can draw straight lines from our past to the present day with such clarity and precision, as our fight against voter suppression continues. The civil rights leaders of the 1960s relentlessly pursued the right to vote for all citizens. With our rights currently being undermined by domestic and foreign actors will we stand up and do the same?

Post 2016 election analysis of the decrease in the participation of black youth (again, it is noted their participation was at 40% which was on par with their peers, but less than the previous two elections) indicate that a major reason was the inability of candidates to inspire and motivate voters. Some reports show that social media manipulation tactics were focused on black youth, encouraging them not to participate as a form of protest.

In the upcoming 2020 elections, various organizations and the potential candidates are actively working to mobilize youth to participate in the electoral process. [#VotingWhileBlack](#), [#WeVote](#), [#WeBuiltThis](#), [#StayWokeAndVote](#), [#RespectMyVote](#), [#VoteYourPower](#), [#BlackAndBrownPeopleVote](#) are all initiatives aimed to increase minority turnout at the polls, which have historically been shown to make a difference in the results⁵.

1 US Census. <https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/voting-and-registration/voting-historical-time-series.html>

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3 Rock the Vote. <https://www.rockthevote.org/voting-information/>

4 The Effects of *Shelby County v Holder*

5 <https://www.facingsouth.org/2016/11/mobilizing-critical-black-youth-vote-south>