Our Lady Queen of Peace Church
February 22-23, 2020
The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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 312 of the Word & Eucharist missalette.
Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 313 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 afroamericana, 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.

***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

Love your enemies,
and pray for those who persecute you.
Matthew 5:44

¡Ama a tus enemigos!
¡Ora por los que te persiguen!
Mateo 5,44

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

NEXT WEEKEND'S 2ND COLLECTION:
BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS
SEGUNDA COLECTA EL FIN DE SEMANA PRÓXIMO:
MISIONES NEGRAS E INDIAS

Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz
22-23 de febrero 2020
Séptimo 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

This weekend we welcome two new Christians. Este fin de semana le damos la bienvenida a dos nuevas Cristianas:

Anna Holcomb Roskovensky & Penelope Jane Ragland

Baptized February 22 / Bautizadas el 22 de febrero

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS / COLECTAS DEL DOMINGO

Sunday Collection / Colecta del pasado domingo: $8,953

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

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

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 (22A); Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Matthew 4:1-1

Génesis 2,7-9; 3,1-7 (22A); Romanos 5,12-19 or 5,12, 17-19; Mateo 4,1-11

MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 22-28
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS
22-28 DE FEBRERO
SÉPTIMO DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

5:30 pm— for Roberto Cadag (D) by the Francia Family

8 am— for Edy Antonio Granadeno (D) by Lynne Kucenski

9:30 am—for Fedora Smith (D) by the Smith Family

11:15 am— for Gilbert Pote (D) by Dee Dee Tostanoski

1 pm— por Luis & Olga Xol (D) de Shari Zamarra

6 pm— for Paz Saavedra (D) by Susan Francia & Family

Mon. 12:00 noon– for Jeffrey Riek (D) by Joe Moore

Tues. 12:00 noon– for Cesar Francia (D) by Emma Francia & Family

Wed. 12:00 noon– for Ash Wednesday Mass– John P. Redding (D) by Keith Redding

Thu. 12 noon– for Margie Willter (D) by Rita Dias

Fri. 6 pm– for Donna Bell Felton (D) by Kathy Kostka

Bulletin Deadline / Plazo para el boletín Wednesday / miércoles —9 AM office@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 Claure, Jeff Cory, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Jim Davis, Adrienne DiCerbo, Ernest Donatto, Patricia "Pat" Dowd, Irene Fitzpatrick, Deborah Forczek, Yevette Francois, Iva Futrell, Karen Gammache, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, Fred Gladbach, Yolanda Gregorio, the Harris Family, Sally Harrs, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Dee Hickey, Margaret Hodges, Beatriz Uribe Jaramillo, Lillian Jay, Pat Johnson, Caecilie Jones, Sharon Jourdan, Cindy Kernick, Sally Krahn, 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, Rosemary Morrisey, 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.

SCHOOL LUNCHES IN MEDOR - Each of the 3,000+ children educated in St. Joseph parish schools receives a school lunch. Food is provided by the UN's World Food Program for Medor's primary school and the chapel schools in La Source, Guerin and Altary; by Food for the Poor for the chapel school in Marinette, and by Our Lady Queen of Peace for Medor's secondary school. The meal is important for the nutritional health of the kids and is a big incentive for school attendance. Learn more about Medor at Marysusancarlson.tumblr.com

Please pray for our Medor family.

ALMUERZOS ESCOLARES EN MEDOR - Cada uno de los más de 3,000 niños educados en las escuelas parroquiales de St. Joseph recibe un almuerzo en la escuela. El programa World Food de las Naciones Unidas provee la comida para la escuela primaria en Medor y las escuela de capilla en La Source, Guerin y Altary. Food for the Poor los provee para la escuela de capilla en Marinette y OLQP los provee para la escuela secundaria de Medor. La comida es importante para la salud alimenticia de los niños y es un gran incentivo para la asistencia. Aprendan más acerca de Medor en marysusancarlson.tumblr.com

Por favor, recen por nuestra familia de Medor.

PARISH ADVISORY BOARD – ELECTIONS - The Parish Advisory Board Election process continues this weekend, February 22/23. Please see the "Meet the Candidates" Insert in this week's bulletin for biographies and photos of the nominees. Absentee ballots are available this weekend in the Sanctuary. Voting will occur at all Masses with paper ballots the weekend of February 29 and March 1. We will offer an online ballot in addition to paper ballots at all masses. The online ballot will be open from February 22 at 5:00pm through March 1 at 7:30pm. The link for the online ballot will be available at www.olqpva.org or use the QR code below with your smartphone. Parishioners are encouraged to utilize only one voting option of their choosing. Please contact Parish Advisory Board Chairperson Jennifer Vigario with any questions at jmvigario@gmail.com.

ELECCIONES DE LA JUNTA CONSULTORA DE LA PARROQUIA

El proceso de las elecciones de la Junta Consultora de la parroquia continua este fin de semana, del 22 y el 23 de febrero. Por favor lea el encarte "Conozca a los candidatos" en el boletín de esta semana para ver las biografías y fotos de los candidatos. Las papeletas de votación en ausencia están disponibles este fin de semana en el Santuario. La votación se llevará a cabo en todas las Misas con papeletas de papel el fin de semana del 29 de febrero y el 1ro de marzo. Ofreceremos una papeleta en línea además de la papeleta de papel en todas las Misas. La papeleta en línea estará disponible desde el 22 de febrero a las 5:00pm hasta el 1ro de marzo a las 7:30pm. El enlace para la papeleta en línea estará disponible en la página web www.olqpva.org o use el código QR abajo con su teléfono inteligente. Se anima a los feligreses a que solo usen una opción para votar. Por favor contacte a Jennifer Vigario, quien preside la Junta Consultora de la Parroquia si tiene alguna pregunta: jmvigario@gmail.com.

DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE FLU SEASON – know that you can choose to refrain from holding hands during the Our Father and refrain from offering the Sign of Peace with a handshake. The diocese also encourages you to stay home and not attend Mass if you are sick. Thank you.

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-CHALLENGE: Learn about the Parish Lenten Creation Care Challenge. See how small actions can demonstrate your concern for the Earth and provide motivation for a meaningful Lenten practice. See the insert in today's bulletin.

JUST$ GIANT AND SAFEWAY CARDS will be available this weekend, for your grocery shopping, or to donate to the OLQP Food Pantry which is serving as many as 250 families a week. Half the net proceeds from Just$ help the Food Pantry and the other half helps Brother Haron's Action for Orphans campaign that raises funds to support the skills development and vocational training for orphaned and vulnerable children from poor households in his community in Kenya.

CRS RICE BOWL – The Bowls will help us to connect the prayer and reflections of our families with the global community of faith. During the 40 days of Lent, we will be asked to reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family. Take a Bowl home today. Thank you for participating.

STONE SOUP SUPPER SERIES – This year's series on Learn, Pray, Act will begin Friday, February 28, with Mass at 6pm, wonderful meatless soups in Father Ray Hall at 6:45pm and speaker presentation beginning at 7:15pm. Have you ever wondered what Labor and income inequality does to our country. Do you want to know what the Conference of Bishops are saying about this tenet of Catholic Social Teaching? Come hear Clayton Sinyai on Feb 28 and learn more about it.

MINKISI MINISTRY invites you to their Lenten scripture prayer session at 7:00pm, Mon., Mar. 2, in the Discussion Room/Parish Office. Tyra Newman will lead the meditation on Psalm 147:3. For more info, contact Cecilia at jisaac3@verizon.net or phone 703-979-5389.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLW) - CLW takes place during three of the Sunday Mass options (9:30am, 11:15am, and 1:00pm in Spanish). Children ages 4-10 are invited to listen and reflect on the Sunday Gospel in child friendly language. The children leave the main sanctuary and proceed to our Children's Chapel where they experience the Gospel, Profession of Faith, and General Intercessions before returning for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. CLW is led by a team of fantastic teen leaders!

DURANTE EL APOGEO DE LA TEMPORADA DE INFLUENZA – sepa que puede optar por no tomarse de la mano durante el Padre Nuestro y puede abstenerse de ofrecer el saludo de la paz con un apretón de manos. La diócesis también anima a que se quede en casa sin asistir a Misa si está enferma/o. Gracias

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.

RETO ECOLÓGICO: Aprendan acerca del Reto de la parroquia del cuidado de la creación durante la Cuaresma (Parish Lenten Creation Care Challenge). Vea cómo pequeñas acciones pueden demostrar su preocupación por la Tierra y proveer motivación para una práctica de cuaresma significativa. Vea el encarte en el boletín de hoy.

TARJETAS JUST$ DE GIANT Y SAFEWAY van a estar disponibles este fin de semana para sus compras de mercado o para donar a la Despensa de alimentos de OLQP que sirve a tantas como 250 familias a la semana. La mitad de las ganancias de Just$ ayudan a la Despensa de alimentos y la otra mitad ayuda a la campaña Action for Orphans (Iniciativa a favor de los huérfanos) del Hermano Haron que recauda fondos para apoyar el desarrollo de destrezas y el entrenamiento vocacional para niños huérfanos y vulnerables de hogares pobres en su comunidad en Kenia.

LA CAMPAÑA DE CRS PLATO DE ARROZ – Los platos nos van a ayudar a conectar la oración y la reflexión de nuestras familias con la comunidad mundial de fe. Durante los 40 días de Cuaresma, se nos va a pedir que reflexionemos sobre el reto del hambre en el mundo y cómo afecta a nuestra familia humana. Lleve un plato a casa hoy. Gracias por participar.

LA SERIE DE STONE SOUP SUPPERS – Este año, la serie Aprenda, Rece, Actúe (Learn, Pray, Act) comenzará el viernes, 28 de febrero, con Misa a las 6pm, sopas vegetarianas maravillosas en Father Ray Hall a las 6:45pm y una charla que empieza a las 7:15pm. ¿Alguna vez ha pensado como la labor y la desigualdad salarial afectan nuestro país? ¿Quiere saber lo que la Conferencia de Obispos dice acerca de este fundamento de la doctrina social de la Iglesia? Venga a escuchar a Clayton Sinyai el 28 de febrero y aprenda más acerca de esto.

EL MINISTERIO MINKISI la/lo invita a su sesión de oración bíblica de cuaresma a las 7:00pm, el lunes, 2 de marzo en el salón de discusión/ oficina parroquial. Tyra Newman dirigirá la meditación del Salmo 147:3. La puede contactar para Cecilia Braveboy más información, jisaac3@verizon.net o llamando al 703-979-5389.

LITURGIA DE LA PALABRA PARA NIÑOS - La Liturgia de la Palabra para Niños (CLW, por sus siglas en inglés) se lleva a cabo durante tres de las Misas de los domingos (9:30am, 11:15am y 1:00pm en español). Se invita a los niños entre los 4-10 años a escuchar y reflexionar sobre el Evangelio del domingo en un lenguaje apropiado para ellos. Los niños salen del santuario principal y proceden a la capilla de niños donde experimentan el Evangelio, la Profesión de fe y las intercesiones generales antes de volver para la Liturgia de la Eucaristía. ¡Un equipo fantástico de adolescentes está a cargo del CLW!

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!

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!

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.)

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 7:15pm. 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.)

2020 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL
STEADFAST IN FAITH AND JOYFUL IN HOPE

This weekend every household in our parish will be asked to complete a Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) pledge form at Mass. The BLA provides an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family and support programs, ministries and services that no single individual or parish could offer by itself. After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge of support to this important appeal that furthers the Mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese. Your gift is very important! Every donation, regardless of the amount, is vital to the success of the BLA.

PETICIÓN CUARESMAL DEL OBISPO DE 2020
FIRMES EN LA FE Y ALEGRES EN LA ESPERANZA

Este fin de semana, durante la Misa, se le pedirá a cada familia de nuestra parroquia que llene un formulario de promesa de contribución a la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo. La Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo ofrece una oportunidad de unirnos como familia católica y apoyar programas, ministerios y servicios que ninguna persona ni ninguna parroquia podría ofrecer por sí misma. Después de reflexionar sobre las muchas bendiciones que Dios les ha dado, en espíritu de oración, sírvanse considerar la posibilidad de hacer una promesa de apoyo a este importante llamamiento que permite llevar adelante la misión de Jesucristo en nuestra diócesis. ¡Su ofrenda es muy importante! Independientemente del valor, cada donación es vital para el éxito de la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo.

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO… "You have heard that it was said, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, offer no resistance to the one who is evil." Jesus is not calling the disciples to become "door mats" but rather he is using common 1st century Middle Eastern hyperbole attempting to make a key paradigm shift from violence to nonviolence. He is challenging his followers to be willing to go beyond the letter of the law and embrace something much more difficult, to embrace the other! He calls us to be holy as God is holy, to love our enemies, to give to whoever asks of us. How is all of this humanly possible! It seems too much! God's goodness is so great, how can any human act as good as God? Some theologians say that God's goodness comes down to "generosity", a generosity so grand that it created all known reality, that even the incarnation is as self-giving as was Jesus' death as was his resurrection and as is our salvation. So then this "generosity", this "out pouring" of God's self into the world empowers us, fills us, emboldens us and ultimately changes us to become more generous, less violent, less bent on getting more and more for ourselves, and rather moves us to be kind and generous. So we begin to work for ways in which our society makes room for the immigrant and the refugee rather than ways to keep them out. This spirit of generosity calls us to let go of, and to call out racist and bigoted attitudes towards others and to work for justice and peace in our nation and in our world. Perhaps this generosity of spirit grows from first finding our own gratitude for being loved so deeply and passionately by God, just as we are. And from that gratitude grows our ability to be generous towards "the other". For what am I grateful for today? To whom will I be generous towards today…how will I show that generosity of heart?

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.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP — Come, listen, and find God in the silence. Groups meet Friday mornings, 10:30-11:45am, contact Janet O'Neil, jm7coneil@aol.com and Monday evenings, 7:30-8:30pm, contact Susan Thompson, susanstarrsthompson@juno.com. Beginners and those who would simply like to visit a group are welcome.

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.

Join the OLQP

Lenten Creation Care Challenge

There is a nobility in the duty to care for Creation through little daily actions.

Pope Francis, Laudato Si, #211

As the Church enters the Lenten season of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, the Integrity of Creation committee invites you to consider how your daily food choices impact the Earth. One environmental expert states that the food choices we make are the single most important way individuals can combat climate change[1]. The ***Creation Care Challenge*** encourages parishioners to care for the Earth by choosing to reduce meat consumption during Lent.

Why focus on eating less meat?

Production practices cause significant damage to the planet by:

- Releasing over 30% of global greenhouse gas emissions.
- Increasing deforestation for animal and feed production.
- Diverting huge quantities of water for livestock.

Our Lenten Creation Care Challenge:

Commit to eating less meat this Lent! Add Meatless Mondays to your Lenten practice in addition to traditional Meatless Fridays. Consider integrating more plant-based foods into your meals during the week. Reduce consumption of beef, pork and chicken overall. Each of us can approach this challenge prayerfully, with respect and balance for our own nutritional needs.

Resources:

- Resources for creative and tasty vegetarian recipes abound in cookbooks, magazines, and websites. Many family favorites--such as lasagna, pizza, chile/soups, and main dish salads--can be meatless and just as delicious! Use meat substitutes and plant-based proteins (e.g., beans, tofu, seitan) in place of meat in your favorite recipe.
- The CRS RiceBowl program provides meatless recipes from other countries each week. You are encouraged to prepare simple meals and donate the savings to Catholic Relief Services.
- For links to vegetarian recipes and recipes from parishioners, visit the www.olqpva.org and click Lenten Creation Care Challenge under "News".

To raise further awareness, we'll provide information in future bulletins on how meat production practices and food waste contribute to deterioration of the planet.

With prayer, reflection, and mindfulness, this Lenten practice of earth-friendly eating can demonstrate our personal commitment to combat climate change, a compassion for all people on Earth and our Care for God's Creation. Look for our next update on

A Family Lenten Meal Prayer

Dear God,
Bless this food, a gift from the earth.
We thank you for your wondrous creation with all its animals and plants.
We pray that all people love and care for the earth.
Amen.

OLQP Integrity of Creation Team
Contact: Bill Larme, BLARME@msn.com
For more information, please visit our parish webpage:
www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/integrity-of-creation.html

[1]Jonathan Saran Foer, *We Are the Weather.* 2019

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DISCIPLEship iN AcTion!
OLQP Mission Trip 2020
Charlotte, NC
June 28 – July 4, 2020

- ♥ Space is limited, Register by February 29, 2020
- ♥ **Support our Young Disciples - 4-6 Adult Volunteers needed!**
- ♥ See the YOUTH MINISTRY page on the OLQP website for details & registration forms
- ♥ **For more information, Contact Becca Grant Jenkins, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org**

SeRVIcE

CHWC provides an opportunity for Catholic teens and adults to share their gifts, get out of their comfort zone and serve others, and change God's world one person at a time.

SERVICE PROJECTS:

- ⇒ **HOME REPAIR**
- ⇒ **DAY CARE CENTERS**
- ⇒ **PAINTING**
- ⇒ **YARD WORK**
- ⇒ **INDOOR CLEANING**
- ⇒ **BASIC CONSTRUCTION**

SPIRITual

Workcamp participants are inspired to grow deeper in their walk with Christ. Through prayer and the sacraments, participants will be renewed in their love of our Catholic faith. Not only that, after a week of service your young people will learn first-hand to love others as Christ loves them.

- ⇒ INTERACTIVE DRAMA
- ⇒ FAITH SHARING
- ⇒ SPIRITUAL CHALLENGES
- ⇒ MEDITATION & PRAYER
- ⇒ PRAISE & WORSHIP

CATHOLIC

The HEART of CHWC is to gather and <u>celebrate</u> our Catholic faith. Each camper will receive a renewed faith through:

- ⇒- EUCHARIST
- ⇒- YOUTH FRIENDLY Liturgies
- ⇒- SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
- ⇒- COMMUNITY

EXtREme FUN

Who would ever think SWEAT & HARD WORK could be FUN?

You will find yourself having fun through:

- ⇒ **SERVING**
- ⇒ **GROWING CLOSER TO GOD**
- ⇒- **MAKING NEW FRIENDS**
- ⇒ **ATTENDING CHWC PROGRAMS**
- ⇒ **FREE DAY ACTIVITIES**
- ⇒ **BONDING WITH OUR YOUTH GROUP**
- ⇒ **ALL EQUALING GREAT MEMORIES!**

JOiN Us!

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Our Lady Queen of Peace 2020 Parish Advisory Board (PAB) Election
MEET THE CANDIDATES!

The Parish Advisory Board Election will be held next weekend, February 29/March 1 during each of the Masses. ABSENTEE BALLOTS are available today in the sanctuary, if you plan to be away next weekend.

NEW THIS YEAR: Go Green and Vote Online starting Saturday, 2/22 at 5pm through Sunday, 3/1 at 7:30pm. The link will be available at www.olqpva.org/PABElection or scan this 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. Please use this insert to get acquainted with them all.

Cecilia Braveboy

Cecilia Braveboy, a lifetime OLQP member, is the founder of the Minkisi ministry. Minkisi holds annual retreats and monthly sessions of scripture prayer and reflection on racial healing. For many years, Cecilia has been the lector coordinator, an Ujamaa member, a Worship Committee member, and a leader in other religious organizations. She has accomplished several firsts in the parish -- as chairperson of the PAB, director of the 9:30 Gospel Choir and chairperson of the Social Action Committee. She includes African American spirituality and traditions wherever she serves. Cecilia, who lives a few blocks from the church, hopes to develop ways to evangelize and work with more Black people from the local community in the parish mission and activities.

Cecilia Braveboy, miembro de OLQP de por vida, es la fundadora del ministerio de Minkisi. Minkisi celebra retiros anuales y sesiones mensuales de oración bíblica y reflexión sobre la curación racial. Durante muchos años, Cecilia ha sido la coordinadora de lectores, miembro de Ujamaa, miembro del Comité de Adoración y líder de otras organizaciones religiosas. Ha logrado varias primicias en la parroquia, como presidenta de la PAB, directora del Coro del Evangelio a las 9:30 y presidenta del Comité de Acción Social. Ella incluye la espiritualidad y las tradiciones afroamericanas donde sea que ella sirva. Cecilia, que vive a pocas cuadras de la iglesia, espera desarrollar formas de evangelizar y trabajar con más personas afroamericanas de la comunidad local en la misión y actividades de la parroquia.

Finnie Caldwell

I have been a parishioner at OLQP since 2006. Since that time I have been active in the parish, previously serving on the PAB, as a member of the Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation team, as coordinator for the Carpenter's Shelter supper, and currently as a Eucharistic minister. When I joined OLQP my kids Nicole and Matthew were little. I am so grateful that they were able to grow up in community that lives the message of our faith. I am a clinical social worker, and have been blessed with the best job ever (seriously!) as therapist at Carpenter's Shelter in Alexandria. When I'm not at work I enjoy watching my kids sports, and playing soccer myself. OLQP has been an anchor in my faith and life, and I am excited about the opportunity to give back to the community that has given me so much by serving on the PAB.

He sido una feligresa en OLQP desde el 2006. Desde entonces, he estado activa en la parroquia, anteriormente sirviendo en la PAB, como miembro del equipo de Justicia, Paz e Integridad de la Creación, como coordinadora de la cena del Refugio del Carpintero y actualmente como ministro eucarístico. Cuando me uní a OLQP, mis hijos Nicole y Matthew eran pequeños. Estoy muy agradecida de que hayan podido crecer en una comunidad que vive el mensaje de nuestra fe. Soy una trabajadora social clínica y he sido bendecida con el mejor trabajo de mi vida (¡en serio!) como terapeuta en el Refugio del Carpintero en Alejandría. Cuando no estoy en el trabajo, disfruto ver a mis hijos jugar deportes y yo juego fútbol. OLQP ha sido un ancla en mi fe y mi vida, y estoy entusiasmada por la oportunidad de reciprocar a la comunidad que tanto me ha brindado al servir en la PAB.

Linda Campanelli

Our family joined OLQP 5 years ago. Our son Nicholas (who is on the autism spectrum) selected this parish and lead us to the 8am mass where I served as a Eucharistic Minister and assisted wherever I was needed. I have taught Confirmation classes and served as a retreat chaperone. I also serve as the adult monitor at the 11:15 am Children's Liturgy of the Word; and our family supports the Haiti Ministry and Matt 25, where Nicholas volunteers on a weekly basis.

I am drawn to this parish due to my strong Jesuit spiritual formation; social justice, social action for the marginalized, interpretation of the Gospel as a path leading us closer to Christ through action, and the energy of the Spiritans have renewed my faith. As a health educator and prior ADW master catechist of special needs, my love of creative ministry and dedication to those "invisible" is what I hope to bring to the parish.

Nuestra familia se integró a OLQP hace 5 años. Nuestro hijo Nicholas (que está en el espectro del autismo) seleccionó esta parroquia y nos llevó a la Misa de las 8 a.m. donde serví como ministro de la Eucaristía y ayudé donde me necesitaban. He enseñado clases de Confirmación y he servido como acompañante en retiros. También sirvo como monitor adulto en la Liturgia de la Palabra de las 11:15 am y nuestra familia apoya el Ministerio de Haití y Matt 25, donde Nicholas sirve de voluntario semanalmente.

Me atrae esta parroquia debido a mi fuerte formación espiritual jesuita; justicia social, acción social para los marginados, interpretación del Evangelio como un camino que nos acerca a Cristo a través de la acción y la energía de los Espiritanos ha renovado mi fe. Como educadora de salud y antigua catequista de ADW con necesidades especiales, mi amor por el ministerio creativo y la dedicación a los "invisibles" es lo que espero traer a la parroquia.

Florence Fee

I have been a member of the OLQP parish since 2014 and since then have worked with OLQP's social justice ministry to facilitate the Mental Health First Aid course coming to the parish, and

Elecciones 2020 para la Junta Consultora de la Parroquia (PAB, por sus siglas en inglés), Iglesia Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz — ¡CONOZCA A LOS CANDIDATOS!

Las elecciones para la Junta Consultora de la Parroquia se llevarán a cabo el próximo fin de semana, 29 de febrero/1o de marzo durante cada una de las Misas. Si planea estar fuera el próximo fin de semana, hay boletas de voto en ausencia disponibles hoy en el santuario.

NUEVO PARA ESTE AÑO: Sea ecológico y vote en línea empezando el sábado, 22 de febrero a las 4 pm hasta el domingo, 1o de marzo a las 7:30 pm. El enlace para la boleta en línea estará disponible en la página web, www.olqpva.org/PABElection o escanee este código QR con su teléfono inteligente:

Se pide a los feligreses que voten en línea O que lo hagan usando la boleta de papel para votar por SEIS (6) candidatos.

Por favor use la hoja adjunta para familiarizarse con todos ellos.

as a member of the Mass usher ministry. As a parishioner, I have become increasingly aware of the growing need among many of our parishioners, their families or friends, coping with mental illness and addiction. Also recognize the desire of many parishioners to find ways to themselves be bridges to help. This is where I believe I can serve. Since 2007, I have headed No Health without Mental Health (www.nhmh.org), a patient advocacy nonprofit working to advance integrated med/psych care in primary care. I'm also a lawyer by training, a former business executive, and lover of the great (unspoiled) outdoors, sports, and crime fiction.

He sido miembro de OLQP desde el 2014 y desde entonces he trabajado con el ministerio de justicia social de OLQP para facilitar el curso de primeros auxilios de salud mental por ofrecerse en la parroquia y como miembro del ministerio de anfitriones de Misa. Como feligresa, me he dado cuenta cada vez más de la creciente necesidad de muchos de nuestros feligreses, sus familias o amigos, de lidiar con enfermedades mentales y adicciones. También reconozco el deseo de muchos feligreses de encontrar maneras de ser puentes para ayudar. Aquí es donde creo que puedo servir. Desde el 2007, he dirigido No Health without Mental Health (www.nhmh.org), una organización sin fines de lucro de defensa del paciente que trabaja para avanzar en la atención médica / psicológica integrada en la atención primaria de salud. También soy abogada por capacitación, ex ejecutiva de negocios y amante de la naturaleza (virgen), deportes y ficción de crimen.

Bob Finke

After many years of searching for a church home I found OLQP in 2015. How appropriate that after all the searching my church is within walking distance to my house! I have enjoyed being part of the RCIA team, sponsoring 2 candidates who I hope will be lifelong friends. Becoming part of this parish family was a lifeboat for me when I needed it the most. If being part of the PAB is a way for me to give back, then I would be happy to do so.

Después de muchos años de buscar un hogar en la iglesia, encontré OLQP en el 2015. ¡Qué apropiado que después de toda la búsqueda mi iglesia esté a poca distancia de mi casa! He disfrutado ser parte del equipo de RICA, patrocinando a 2 candidatos que espero sean amigos de por vida. Formar parte de esta familia parroquial fue un bote salvavidas para mí cuando más lo necesitaba. Si ser parte de la PAB es una forma de reciprocar, entonces me complacería hacerlo.

Adrian Hall

Adrian Hall, an active member of OLQP, attends the 9:30 Mass. Prior to that she was a member of St. Augustine in DC. A Haiti Committee member, in 1999, she began the Haiti Committee while attending the Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Norfolk VA (with the help of Sue Carlson); and is a co-founder of their HIV/AIDS Committee. Ms. Hall is blessed as a Producer/Agent in providing Life, Health, Annuity Insurance to families. Adrian said, "I consider it an honor to be nominated and feel as though I am fulfilling my promise to my grandmother Thaddenia West, the last surviving founder of OLQP, to carry on the history and legacy of the church for generations to come."

Adrian Hall, miembro activo de OLQP, asiste a la Misa de las 9:30. Antes de eso, era miembro de St. Augustine en DC. Miembro del Comité de Haití, en el 1999, comenzó el Comité de Haití mientras asistía a la Basílica de Santa María de la Inmaculada Concepción en Norfolk, VA (con la ayuda de Sue Carlson) y es cofundadora de su Comité de VIH / SIDA. La Sra. Hall tiene la bendición de ser productora / agente en el suministro de seguros de vida, salud y anualidades a las familias. Adrian dijo: "Considero un honor ser nominada y siento que estoy cumpliendo mi promesa a mi abuela Thaddenia West, la última fundadora sobreviviente de OLQP, de continuar la historia y el legado de la iglesia para las generaciones venideras".

Julie Ibinson

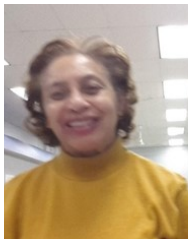
Although I've lived in the DC metro area for over 20 years, I'm from a town in Pennsylvania with fewer residents than OLQP has members. My husband, Dave, and I have been coming to OLQP since 2007, and both of our children (Greta, 11, and Troy, 8) were baptized here. The OLQP community is so welcoming, warm, and loving that it felt like home right from the start. We knew we found something special. I've recently become a more active member, serving as an usher at the 9:30 am Mass, which our family regularly attends, teaching in the RE program last year, serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and most recently, training for the Baptism Preparation ministry. I have a great respect for all the dedicated and talented people of this parish, who give so much every day to serve others, and with you all as my inspiration, I would do my best to serve you.

Aunque he vivido en el área metropolitana de DC durante más de 20 años, soy de una ciudad de Pensilvania con menos residentes de los que OLQP tiene como miembros. Mi esposo, Dave, y yo venimos a OLQP desde el 2007 y nuestros dos hijos (Greta, 11 y Troy, 8) se bautizaron aquí. La comunidad de OLQP es tan acogedora, cálida y amorosa que nos sentimos como en casa desde el principio. Supimos que encontramos algo especial. Recientemente me convertí en un miembro más activo, sirviendo como anfitriona en la Misa de las 9:30 am, a la que nuestra familia asiste regularmente, enseñando en el pro-

More candidates on next two pages

grama de educación religiosa el año pasado, sirviendo como Ministro Extraordinario de la Eucaristía y más recientemente, capacitándome para el ministerio de preparación para el bautismo. Tengo un gran respeto por todas las personas dedicadas y talentosas de esta parroquia, que dan mucho cada día para servir a los demás, y con ustedes como mi inspiración, haría todo lo posible por servirles.

Joe Martocci
My family has been blessed to be part of the OLQP community for over twelve years. I have been honored to serve as one of your representatives to the Parish Advisory Board (PAB) for the past two years. I have worked on the Parish Directory Committee; am a Eucharistic Minister; a Lector; serve on the amazing staff of the Food Pantry; and am a consistent attendee at Theology on Tap. I am a recently retired attorney who was fortunate enough to spend my entire professional life, over thirty-nine years, as counsel to a union-based pension fund. I represented the workers of America in pursuit of a better life for all and supporting our parish commitment to social justice. I would appreciate your support of my candidacy for another two-year term on the PAB to continue to assist Father Tim as he guides OLQP on our spiritual journey.
Mi familia ha sido bendecida al ser parte de la comunidad de OLQP por más de doce años. Me ha honrado servir como uno de sus representantes ante la Junta Consultora de la Parroquia (PAB) durante los últimos dos años. He trabajado en el Comité del Directorio Parroquial, soy un ministro eucarístico, lector; sirvo de vo-luntario con el increíble personal de la Despensa de alimentos y asisto regularmente a Teología a su disposición. Soy un abogado recientemente retirado que tuvo la suerte de pasar toda mi vida profesional, más de treinta y nueve años, como abogado de un fondo de pensiones basado en el sindicato. Representé a los trabajadores de Estados Unidos en la búsqueda de una mejor vida para todos y apoyando nuestro compromiso parroquial con la justicia social. Agradecería su apoyo a mi candidatura para otro plazo de dos años en la PAB para continuar ayudando al Padre Tim mientras guía a OLQP en nuestro viaje espiritual.



Tyra Newman
My name is Tyra Newman and I have been honored to serve on the Parish Advisory Board for one term and would be happy to serve a second term. I have been a member since I was born and want to continue helping all the people and being there for them. I distribute Communion as a Eucharist Minister, read in church when I am asked and assist with serving food for receptions and being present at most Masses when needed. I also sing in the 8:00 am Choir and am a member in the UJAAMA committee attending all their annual activities. Participating with the Minkisi Prayer Group has given me spiritual enlightenment and the energy I need to help out in the community. I also like helping the parishioners at every mass and will do more for Father Tim and all of the priests as needed. I enjoy helping and being with others.
Mi nombre es Tyra Newman y he tenido el honor de servir en la Junta Consultora de la Parroquia por un plazo y me complacería servir un segundo plazo. He sido miembro desde que nací y quiero seguir ayudando a todas las personas y estar allí para ellos. Distribuyo la comunión como ministro de la Eucaristía, leo en la iglesia cuando me lo piden y ayudo a servir comida para recepciones y a estar presente en la mayoría de las Misas cuando es necesario. También canto en el coro de las 8:00 am y soy miembro del comité de UJAAMA y asisto a todas sus actividades anuales. El participar en el grupo de oración Minkisi me ha dado iluminación espiritual y la energía que necesito para ayudar en la comunidad. También me gusta ayudar a los feligreses en las Misas y haré más por el Padre Tim y todos los sacerdotes según sea necesario. Disfruto ayudar y compartir con otros.

Vanessa Piccorossi
My husband Michael and I came 'home' to OLQP almost 20 years ago, as new parents. While preparing our children (now 18 and 19) for the sacraments, we participated in the Family Circle Program. I found Circle to be a supportive and strengthening community to me, someone whose faith journey is not complete. I serve at the 6:00 service as a Eucharistic Minister and lector, and enjoy preparing the church for the liturgical seasons with the Arts & Environment Committee. By day I'm an administrative assistant at a public school, and have volunteered in various capacities in Arlington. I am eager to support and serve our entire faith community as a member of the PAB.
Mi esposo Michael y yo vinimos a "casa" a OLQP hace casi 20 años, como nuevos padres. Mientras preparábamos a nuestros hijos (ahora de 18 y 19 años) para los sacramentos, participamos en el Programa Círculo Familiar. Encontré que el Círculo es una comunidad de apoyo y fortalecimiento para mí, alguien cuyo viaje de fe no ha terminado. Sirvo en la Misa de las 6:00 p.m. como ministro eucarístico y lector y disfruto preparando la iglesia para las estaciones litúrgicas con el Comité de Arte y Medio Ambiente. De día soy asistente administrativa en una escuela pública y me he ofrecido como voluntaria en varias capacidades en Arlington. Estoy ansiosa por apoyar y servir a toda nuestra comunidad de fe como miembro de la PAB.

Luz Restrepo
Luz Maria Restrepo has been a parishioner of Our Lady Queen of Peace since 2018. She completed the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) in 2017. She is a lector for OLQP and is active in the breakfast ministry. Luz lives in Arlington. She is originally from New York City. She attended New York University and New York Law School. She is an attorney. Luz enjoys spending time with family and friends. Hiking, reading, trying new restaurants, and praying are some of her favorite things to do.
Luz Maria Restrepo ha sido feligresa de Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz desde el 2018. Completó el Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RICA) en el 2017. Es lectora de OLQP y sirve activamente en el ministerio de desayuno. Luz vive en Arlington. Ella es oriunda de la ciudad de Nueva York. Asistió a la Universidad de Nueva York y a la Facultad de Derecho de Nueva York. Ella es abogada. A Luz le gusta pasar tiempo con familiares y amigos. Parte de sus actividades favoritas son el senderismo, leer, probar nuevos restaurantes y rezar.

Monica Rivera
Monica Rivera is the Chief for the Special Emphasis Programs at the Office of Field Operations, Outreach & Stakeholder Engagement Team. She is currently responsible for the oversight of VBA worldwide outreach activities and Veterans emphasis programs such as: Homeless, Women Veterans, Minority Veterans and Casualty

among others. Monica also provides oversight of the Overseas Military Service Coordinator program that connects Veterans living overseas to their benefits and services in the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy, and Japan. In her free time, Monica donates her time and talents as a freelance photographer to not-for profit organizations and individuals in need. She is passionate about all artistic expressions to include; dancing, painting and mixed martial arts. In addition, Monica enjoys international traveling and having intercultural exchanges.

Monica Rivera es la Jefa de los Programas de Énfasis Especial en el Equipo de Oficina de Operaciones de Campo, Alcance y Participación de los Interesados. Actualmente es responsable de la supervisión de las actividades de divulgación del VBA en todo el mundo y los programas de énfasis para veteranos, tales como: personas sin hogar, mujeres veteranas, veteranos minoritarios y heridos, entre otros. Monica también supervisa el programa de Coordinador del Servicio Militar en el Extranjero que conecta a los veteranos que viven en el extranjero con sus beneficios y servicios en el Reino Unido, Alemania, Italia y Japón. En su tiempo libre, Monica dona su tiempo y talentos como fotógrafa independiente a organizaciones sin fines de lucro y a personas necesitadas. Ella siente pasión por todas las expresiones artísticas incluyendo el baile, la pintura y las artes marciales mixtas. Además, a Monica le gustan los viajes internacionales y los intercambios interculturales.

Mary Strimel

Hello! I have been a member of OLQP since moving to the neighborhood in 1994 and would be delighted to serve on the PAB. You may have seen me as a lector at the 8:00 Mass or the 11:15 Mass. Over the years I've also been involved in the Minkisi prayer group, the Haiti Committee, RCIA Friends on the Journey, and the GLFF Ministry. Outside of Church, I volunteer as a tutor for DC Public Schools and as a mental health mentor through Compeer. For my "day job," I am an antitrust attorney at the Federal Trade Commission. My spouse Carolyn and I have baptized our two children at OLQP and we are active members of the Family Circle program. The OLQP community has always treated my family with respect and for that we are very grateful. I would be delighted to serve this loving, spirited, and Matthew 25 centered community.

¡Hola! He sido miembro de OLQP desde que me mudé al vecindario en el 1994 y me encantaría servir en la PAB. Es posible que me hayan visto como lector en la Misa de las 8:00 o la Misa de las 11:15. A lo largo de los años también he estado involucrada en el grupo de oración de Minkisi, el Comité de Haití, los Amigos en la jornada de RICA y el Ministerio GLFF . Fuera de la Iglesia, soy voluntaria como tutora para las Escuelas Públicas de DC y como mentor de salud mental a través de Compeer. Mi "trabajo diario" es ser abogada de anti-monopolio en la Comisión Federal de Comercio. Mi esposa Carolyn y yo hemos bautizado a nuestros dos hijos en OLQP y somos miembros activos del programa Círculo familiar. La comunidad de OLQP siempre ha tratado a mi familia con respeto y por eso estamos muy agradecidas. Me encantaría servir a esta comunidad amorosa, enérgica y centrada en Mateo 25.

MEET THE CANDIDATES!
¡CONOZCA A LOS CANDIDATOS!
Vote for up to SIX (6) candidates.
Votar por SEIS (6) candidatos.

Leah Tanyag

My family has been members of OLQP for about 12 years and we usually attend the bright and early, 8AM mass. I was married at OLQP and our two children were baptized at the church. Being part of OLQP's community has brought us closer to our faith. At various points throughout the years, I've participated in the Haiti Committee, Food Pantry, Water into Wine, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Lector Ministry, JustFaith, and Good News People. With our eldest now in grade school, we are part of the Faith Formation program. If elected, my position as a Program Manager with the Federal Government provides me with the skill to communicate, convey, facilitate, and meet the needs and desires of OLQP's parishioners. In my free time, I love spending time with family and friends, and enjoying long runs on the many trails that Northern Virginia has to offer.

Mi familia ha sido miembro de OLQP durante aproximadamente 12 años y generalmente asistimos temprano en el día a la Misa de las 8AM . Me casé en OLQP y nuestros dos hijos se bautizaron en la iglesia. Ser parte de la comunidad de OLQP nos ha acercado a nuestra fe. En varios momentos a lo largo de los años, participé en el Comité de Haití, la despensa de alimentos, en Agua al Vino, como ministro extraordinario de la Eucaristía, como lectora, y en JustFaith y Good News People. Con nuestro hijo mayor ahora en la escuela primaria, somos parte del programa de Formación de fe. Si me eligen, mi posición como Gerente de Programa en el Gobierno Federal me proporciona la habilidad para comunicar, transmitir, facilitar y satisfacer las necesidades y deseos de los feligreses de OLQP. En mi tiempo libre, me encanta pasar tiempo con mi familia y amigos y disfrutar de largas corridas en los muchos senderos que ofrece el norte de Virginia.

Kelsey Zimmerman

Kelsey is a cradle Catholic raised in Lynchburg, Virginia and has lived here since 1971. She will represent the views of members of the parish and listen to, understand, and serve the views and needs of different groups. OLQP ministries include teaching second-grade, the Children's Liturgy of the Word and Carpenter's Shelter. Her volunteer ministry is welcoming residents returning from incarceration. Previous parish: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Washington where she served on the Parish Council from 2004-2009. She prepared adults and children for the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation and taught CCD at Blessed Sacrament in Alexandria. Since 2006, she has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Father McKenna Center, a homeless shelter for single men.

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Black History Month 2020

Voter Suppression & Election 2020

By Veronica Dabney

The series for Black History Month 2020, has focused on the struggle of blacks to gain voting rights, and the resistance they have faced. The previous 3 articles discussed the 160+ years of historical attempts by local, state and federal governments to "exclude the Negro" from the polls; the involvement of African American women as leaders in the struggle; and, attempts to engage and motivate young people to vote. We've seen that black disenfranchisement was no accident—it was deliberate and malicious. Without this most basic citizenship right in a democracy—the vote--people can be ignored and even abused by government. 1/

Each of the articles detailed the many forms voter suppression takes. Here we address some of the more egregious and transparent forms of voter suppression and the consequences. "Literacy tests, poll taxes, and grandfather clauses, once the most common mechanisms for disadvantaging minority voters, have been [for the most part] consigned to the history books. But one need look no further than the 2018 governor's race in Georgia to see the modern equivalents in action. The race between the Republican, Brian Kemp, Georgia's secretary of state (and therefore, had among his duties, supervising elections), and the Democrat, Stacey Abrams, the former minority leader of the state House of Representatives, and who would have been the first African American woman governor--was a virtual tie. But Kemp… invoked the so-called "exact-match" law to suspend 53,000 voter-registration applications, for infractions as minor as a hyphen missing from a surname. And, even though African-Americans made up 32% of the state's population, they represented nearly 70% of the suspended applications.

"…Many of the recent…efforts stem from the Supreme Court's 2013 decision in *Shelby v. Holder*…. an opinion that substantially weakened the Voting Rights Act (VRA) of 1965…." 2/ With that decision, "…the Supreme Court eviscerated a key provision of the VRA. Section 5 of the law required jurisdictions with a history of discrimination to obtain approval before changing voting rules. This process, known as "preclearance," blocked discrimination before it occurred. The ruling had the effect of eliminating preclearance, ushering in a wave of efforts in states previously covered under Section 5 to restrict voting rights. 3/

Among the other consequences of that unwise decision were:

"…state laws [now] prohibited six million Americans with past convictions from voting. In 3 Southern states—Florida, Tennessee, and Kentucky—this means that at least 20% of eligible-age African-Americans cannot vote. Meanwhile, North Carolina enacted restrictions on early voting, a policy that particularly affects African-Americans, who are likely to be hourly-wage workers and cannot always get to the polls on Election Day." 4/

"Over the past decade, … elections officials have been shuttering polling places in minority neighborhoods and low-income districts, at a feverish pace. …. Oversight [was lifted] from states that were particularly notorious for racial discrimination in elections—including Arizona, Georgia, Indiana, and Texas—the pace of poll closures went into hyperdrive…. Thanks to *Shelby County v. Holder*….Closing polls or moving them to white neighborhoods (or all the way out of town) is…the quietest and least visible form of voter suppression…. 5/

Though Stacy Abram's gubernatorial run against now Georgia Governor Kemp was unsuccessful, her historic candidacy opened up a whole new conversation about widespread voter suppression. In fact, the state of "Georgia has closed 214 polling places in recent years; cut back on early voting; and, has aggressively purged the voter rolls. In fact, almost 10% of people have been purged from its voting rolls. One and a half million people have been purged from 2012 to 2016.... There's a lot of different data points that show how Georgia is leading the way when it comes to restricting access to the ballot...." 6/

In the face of these setbacks, and following her defeat, Abrams turned down entreaties for her to run for even higher office—the U.S. Senate, or the presidency. She has instead opted to fight the accelerated pace of voter suppression. In this election year she has helped found two organizations:

Fair Fight 2020 which promotes "fair elections in Georgia and around the country, encourages voter participation in elections, and educates voters about elections and their voting rights…. and engages in targeted voter registration and other voter outreach programs and communications. 7/ And,

Fair Count 2020 "…a nonprofit group designed to ensure that hard-to-count populations are tallied during the 2020 U.S. Census, which will shape how taxpayer dollars are spent and trigger the redrawing of the state's political maps. "The organization, … will focus on minorities, non-English speakers, renters and others who are more likely to be skipped in the once-a-decade headcount…" and who "could miss out on critical federal dollars, business opportunities and suffer unfair or inaccurate redistricting…" 8/

It's imperative that all of us support ambitious efforts like these to insure **Accurate** outcomes in the upcoming 2020 elections, and the 2020 census.

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