

OLQP'S 2019

MINISTRY & GROUP

ENGAGEMENT HANDBOOK

Discipleship In Action

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my faith community*



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ADMINISTRATION

Pastoral Staff

The Pastoral Staff meets weekly to discuss tasks, ideas and programs related to worship, education, outreach and general parish operations, and also meets quarterly for long-term visioning and planning. The Staff is made up of those who share in the pastoral care of the parish by virtue of their office/title (pastor, parochial vicar, clergy, deacon, business manager, social justice and outreach minister, director of faith formation and minister of youth and young adult programs). Each serves as a professional advisor of their respective department, and brings to the table the goal of implementing and upholding the mission of the parish. In this way, the pastoral staff is a cohesive body, always grounded in the social mission of the Church and always striving for the betterment of the parish.

Pastor: Tim Hickey, CSSp

Associate Pastor: Martin Vu, CSSp

Ministerio Latino: Joe Nangle, OFM

Deacon: Tony Remedios

Business Manager: Christina Kozyn

Social Justice & Outreach Minister: Sally Diaz-Wells

Faith Formation Director: Alex Hernández

Youth & Young Adult Minister: Rebecca Grant Jenkins

Parish Support Staff

Made up of both full-time and part-time employees, the parish support staff is dedicated to offering all who come to our door a pleasant, non-judgmental experience by providing genuine care and concern in the way of comfort, assistance and/or direction. The staff gathers monthly for mass, and then shares lunch and conversation where ideas for enhancing services are often discussed.

Receptionist / Bilingual Liaison: Thelma Molina

Administrative Support:

Michele Chang and Jeannette Gantz Daly

Maintenance Supervisor: Michael Hill

Maintenance Department Support (Bilingual):

Mel Cabrera, Zulema Ramallo, Isabel Staff

Faith Formation Support (Bilingual):

Cecilia Lopez Oetgen, Christian Ruf, Selenes Romero

Outreach Support (Bilingual)

Maria Teresa Laguna

*God's love will prevail and ultimately
we will all be cared for,
nourished and loved...*

Finance Council (FC)

In accordance with the requirements of the new Canon Law, the purpose of the Finance Council is to advise the pastor in evaluating and making decisions about the use of the material wealth and goods of the parish. The primary objective of the Council is to support the stated goals and objectives of the parish as determined by the Advisory Board in consultation with the pastor. The Finance Council meets at least 4 times per year and is made up of 6-9 members appointed by the pastor. Also in attendance at each FC meeting are the Budget Committee chair, the pastor and the business manager. A term on the FC is three years. Members can serve three consecutive terms and then must step down for at least one year.

Current Chair: Frances Michalkewicz,

fMichalkewicz@comcast.net

*Did I stop to
savor God's presence in my life,
or to share it with someone else?*

Parish Advisory Board (PAB)

With the parish mission statement, goals and objectives as their creed, the PAB advises the pastor and plays an active role in the parish. Members express the 'voice of the parish' and engage the parish at large to create opportunities for dialogue, volunteerism, fellowship, and community. Members of the PAB assist with parish-wide events and initiatives throughout the year, including but not limited to the parish picnic, Discipleship in Action month and the parish directory. In addition, PAB members are expected to serve on and/or lead committees as the need arises. The PAB meets bi-monthly (2nd Thursday of the month) and is made up of 12 elected members. There is a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary, elected yearly from within the Board. Six new members are elected each year during a parish-wide, popular election, replacing those whose two-year term has ended. Members can serve two consecutive two-year terms and then must step down for at least one year. The PAB strives to be a body that represents the many backgrounds, ages, mass cohorts and ministry groups of the parish. As such, any active church member who is at least 18 years old and has been registered at OLQP for 2 years, is eligible for candidacy

Current Chair: Jennifer Vigarío, jmvigario@gmail.com

Current Vice-chair: Maureen McGinnis,
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OFFICE SUPPORT & COMMUNICATION

The Advocate Newsletter

The first edition of The Advocate was published in the late 1980s and was designed to be the vehicle used by lay leadership to communicate with the parish at large. Since then, this quarterly publication has evolved to become a vehicle for highlighting news in the parish and raising up ministries, groups, individuals and current issues.

Editor: Paula Cruickshank – 703-216-3045,
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Bulletin Folding Teams & Parish Office Volunteers

From time to time and on a regular basis, office volunteers assist with data entry, bulletin folding and inserting, scanning and archiving. Most tasks require use of office equipment such as folding machine, copy machine and computer. Instruction and guidance are provided. Opportunities available during office hours Mon-Fri, 9-4 pm and on Saturdays.

Contact: Christina Kozyn – 703-979-5580,
ckozyn@olqpva.org

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers

The Altar Server Ministry embraces all people of the parish who have received First Communion, encouraging participation in the liturgies as Gift/Cross Bearers and Altar Servers. This ministry provides an opportunity to grow in understanding of and respect for the celebration of the Eucharist through fuller participation. All, including adults, may join.

Contact: John Ruby, 347-465-7829, jlruby1@gmail.com

Art & Environment Committee

This ministry is responsible for the design and selection of materials, and the construction of vestments, altar and ambo cloths, banners, and other artistic decorations appropriate to the liturgical seasons of the Church Year. This ministry is also responsible for the proper decorating of the sanctuary and church for weddings and funerals, as well as for Sunday and Holy Day liturgies. Additionally, this ministry tends to the selection, ordering, care and feeding of sanctuary flowers and plants. Tasteful, creative ideas, reflecting the guidelines established in Environment and Art in Catholic Worship form the basis for all planning. Two levels of commitment are available with this ministry: assisting during the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, or lending your liturgical expertise and artistic skills, and assistance with plant care throughout the year.

Contact: Alice Curtin, 703-461-3082, acurtin947@aol.com

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic

Eucharistic Ministers (EMs) distribute the Sacred Body and Blood of Christ at the Liturgy (Mass) and to our homebound, ill and hospitalized parishioners. EMs are given a mandate by the Bishop of the Diocese of Arlington for a five-year term following the completion of the required Diocesan training, which is offered multiple times throughout the year. Typically, ministers are scheduled once or twice a month to serve at Mass and can volunteer for special masses and funerals. Though full participation in this ministry comes only by way of the Bishop's mandate, interested people may also begin with visits to the homebound offering company and reading material.

Contact: Homebound Ministry, Marcia Fulham,
Marcia.Fulham@gmail.com

Contact: Distribution at Mass, Keren Charles,
kerencc@gmail.com

*...who will feed them
in their hunger?*

Funeral Mass Ministry, Liturgy Planning Team

This team of gentle and empathetic individuals assists bereaved families with liturgy planning by offering resource material to choose songs, readings and prayers for the Funeral Mass of a deceased loved one. Extensive training provided for volunteers. Funerals are typically scheduled during the week and on Saturdays. Those who are gifted with an empathetic, caring nature are especially urged to consider becoming part of this ministry of care and compassion.

Contact: Christina Kozyn, 703-979-5580,
ckozyn@olqpva.org

Lector Ministry

Consider joining the Lector Ministry to proclaim the Word at Eucharistic celebrations! In its publication, *Introduction to the Order of Mass*, the Bishop's Committee on the Liturgy explains that "In proclaiming the word of God, Lectors exercise their responsibility in the liturgical celebration. God speaks to the faithful through them, and the effectiveness of their proclamation of God's word depends significantly on their conviction, preparation and delivery." Lectors receive training at the parish. While they are not required to be eloquent speakers, the very nature of this ministry calls forward those who can speak/read effectively in public and who are willing to commit themselves to careful preparation. Lectors are scheduled to read approximately once every other month.

Contact: Cecilia Braveboy, 703-979-5389,
jisaac3@verizon.net

Mass Coordinators

Mass Coordinators assist in ensuring that the logistical details for our Eucharistic celebrations are met. Typically they are scheduled once per month at the Mass they usually attend. Mass Coordinators receive an orientation and training so they are able to provide assistance to our presiders and liturgical ministers, answer questions and locate items. Their function is one of oversight rather than to serve in the roles of liturgical ministers. Mass Coordinators help to ensure that the gathering of God's people is celebrated well.

Contact: Kevin Curtin, 703-461-3082,
kevincurtin@verizon.net

Ushers/Greeters

The members of this ministry warmly welcome all as we gather to begin our liturgical celebrations. Ushers/Greeters distribute bulletins, assist with seating and take up the offertory. The time commitment is brief -- Ushers are asked to arrive 20 minutes before Mass and stay 15 minutes after to tidy the church for the next Mass. Be a part of the Ministry of Welcome - be a part of what makes OLQP a great place to worship. Get to know your fellow parishioners and make new friends. Training provided.

Contact: Ginny Franco, 703-751-7110, 703-919-5763,
vfranco1@verizon.net

Worship Committee

This committee assists the pastor in planning the community's various liturgical celebrations throughout the year. It acts under the guidance of the pastor and in compliance with The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, The General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, and the Ordo established for the Diocese of Arlington. The committee is composed of representatives of various parish ministries, including Communion Ministers, Music Ministry, Lectors, Ushers/Greeters, the Art and Environment Committee, the Sacristan, Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Baptismal Preparation, and the RCIA Process. The committee meets as needed to reflect on and prepare the liturgical life of our faith community.

Contact: Kevin Curtin, 703-461-3082,
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***Let us breathe deeply...and allow the
Divine Fire to burn within us and
give us new insight and clarity about
what our lives are truly about!***

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Music Ministry consists of seven choirs "making a joyful noise unto the Lord."



5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Choir

The sung prayer at the 5:30 PM Vigil Mass consists of contemporary and traditional music, and is led by a choir accompanied by piano, flute and guitars. Rehearsals are held in the church on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM. New members are always welcome!

Contact: Director Kevin Curtin, 703-461-3082,
kevincurtin@verizon.net

8 AM Sunday Morning "Wake Me Up" Choir

The 8am Sunday Morning "Wake Me Up" Choir is a singing aggregation of exuberant members of OLQP. The Choir serves the Lord every Sunday morning at 8 am through sung prayer. Their foundational scripture is Psalm 100:1-2 "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness, come before His presence with singing." The Choir sings a variety of styles of sacred music from traditional, contemporary, to Gospel, and is open to all ages! Not only does the choir enjoy each mass celebration, but they love to fellowship with one another over food and enjoyment! Rehearsals are on Friday evenings 5:30-6:30pm in the church.

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Contact: President Diane Hill, hillwagner@gmail.com

Contact: Secretary Kiersten Stadler, kkstadler@gmail.com

9:30 AM Gospel Choir

The 9:30 AM Sunday Gospel Choir embraces all people and strives to be exemplary of the church's cultural diversity. Under the direction of pianist and Director, Kris Pandohie, the choir enhances liturgical celebrations and community events through song. Its repertoire includes gospel, contemporary, and anthems. In all its activities, the Gospel Choir endeavors to joyfully and effectively meet the call of the Church. New members are always welcome. Rehearsals are each Monday at 6:30 PM in the church.

Contact: Director Kris Pandohie, kristpandohie@gmail.com

Contact: President Alice Lockett, 703-567-3430,
alice_lockett@comcast.net

11:15 AM Contemporary Music Choir

The Contemporary Music Choir supports the 11:15 AM liturgy with a variety of musical styles, emphasizing the gospel message of social justice and world communion. Sung prayer includes an eclectic mix of contemporary liturgical folk music, bilingual songs from around the world, and traditional hymns. All instruments are welcome - supported primarily by guitar, piano, flute, drums, and hand percussion. The group strives to be a spirited and compassionate community that supports each other and radiates the joy of God's message through song at Mass. Rehearsal is scheduled every Sunday morning at 10:15 AM in the Ministry Center Founders Room and Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM in the church. New members are always welcome.

Contact: Directors Mike Hanna, 703-850-2690, Hannakmichael@gmail.com
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Tom Leckey, 703-521-3478, theleckey@verizon.net

1 PM Vibrant Hispanic Liturgical Choir

This choir is an integral part of the 1:00 PM Sunday liturgy. The music has a folk-popular flavor and is sung by a choir accompanied by guitars and percussion. More musicians and singers are always welcome.

Contact: Director Morena Panozo, 703-379-8950, morenapanozo@hotmail.com

6 PM Young Adult Choir

The sung prayer lead by this group of youthful musicians is contemporary and lively. All are welcome and encouraged to join. Rehearsals are Sundays at 5pm before Mass with periodic Saturday morning practices to go over new and more complicated music every 4-6 weeks.

Contact: Director Andrew Curtin, kacurt@gmail.com

Homegoing Choir

The Homegoing Choir provides the sung prayer at funeral and memorial services to support those grieving the loss of a loved one. The choir is open to all.

Contact: Director Kevin Curtin, 703-461-3082, kevincurtin@verizon.net

SACRAMENTS

Faith Formation Director:

Alex Hernández, 703-979-5580,
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(Please contact in all instances unless otherwise noted.)

Baptism Preparation

Baptism is the first sacrament of initiation. Parents seeking the sacrament begin by contacting the coordinator, Mrs. Lopez Oetgen, to initiate the process (offered in both English and Spanish). Once parents review the requirements, choose date options for both preparation class and the baptism ceremony, they then contact the coordinator for scheduling. Preparation class, offered in both English and Spanish, is a lesson in the blessings and ritual elements of the sacrament. Attendance is required.

Contact: Cecilia Lopez Oetgen, clopez@olqpva.org

We are called "to be" the Reign of God!

First Communion and First Reconciliation

Our First Communion program has been developed to facilitate and support our parents as "first and best teachers of the faith", enabling them to prepare their children at home for the sacrament of First Holy Communion. This program is part of our family-based model of religious education. Each family receives family friendly textbooks, clearly defined and detailed learning objectives, and actual teaching guides to help prepare their child. The material includes vocabulary, prayers, home activities and even time management charts to keep on schedule. Children also attend a series of eight, on campus Saturday or Monday Workshops, to review, reinforce, and evaluate student understanding. The First Communion program begins in October and concludes with the celebration of the sacrament in June. First Reconciliation is celebrated in December.

See also page 9, for more information.

Confirmation

The Confirmation program of Our Lady Queen of Peace is a one year course of study, with student registration taking place in October, and concluding with the celebration of the sacrament the following fall. The program is open to any student in grade 7, 12 years of age or older. Students meet every other week during the school year, and commit to on and off campus events, service opportunities and workshops over the summer months. Our program is an authentic experience of discipleship, as young men and woman discern a decision to follow Jesus.

See also page 9, for more information.

***...we can "inhale"...and breathe
into the future! And allow the
Holy Spirit to fill us and embolden
us to be disciples on fire to
preach Good News ...***

FAITH FORMATION for CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Marriage Preparation

Congratulations! Please contact Fr. Tim, Fr. Martin, or Deacon Tony at least six months before wedding date to complete requirements. To help you get ready for this sacrament, OLQP offers Water into Wine, a marriage preparation program that is given for engaged couples three weekends per year. The program consists of talks and workshops presented over a day and a half by a team of married couples on such topics as Children, Daily Living, Life Challenges, and more. In addition, meals and snacks are provided during the weekends by a team of hospitality couples. Engaged couples are typically referred to this program by the priest who is preparing them for the sacrament of marriage. Additional information, program dates, and registration form are available in the Water into Wine brochure, which will be given to you by the priest/deacon who is preparing you for marriage. *Contact:* Mary Kay Schoen - 703-751-2257, marykayschoen@comcast.net

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a process for welcoming new members into the Roman Catholic Church. The RCIA is a community journey leading to a transformation of mind and spirit as well as a personal journey in which participants reflect on their relationship with God. Guided by the Gospel and encouraged by the welcome of church members (opportunities exist for serving as a sponsor or Companion on the Journey), newcomers find their place in the community of believers. Meetings are held once per week beginning in September, and the RCIA process continues through the celebration of the sacraments of initiation during the Easter Vigil Mass or at Pentecost for some confirmation candidates.

Contact: Alice and Kevin Curtin, 703-461-3082, acurtin947@aol.com

RCIA en español – *Contact:* Cecilia Lopez, clopez@olqpva.org, 703-979-5580

Reconciliation

Reconciliation is offered each week on Saturdays from 4:45-5:15 pm, and by appointment.

As part of the Diocese's Lenten initiative, "The Light is on for You," we are making a commitment to pray in a special way for family members, friends, colleagues and neighbors who are alienated from the Church or who are inactive in the practice of their faith. Join us during Lent in praying at the church on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm to ask that the grace of reconciliation can bring lasting peace to our hearts, homes and communities.

During Lent, on alternating Wednesdays, OLQP offers a Reconciliation Service or Sung Stations of the Cross. During Advent, a Reconciliation Service is offered on the Monday following the Second Sunday of Advent.

Faith Formation Director:

Alex Hernández, 703-979-5580,
ahernandez@olqpva.org

(Please contact in all instances unless otherwise noted.)

Note: The Diocese of Arlington requires all volunteers who have a working association with children to comply with the policy regarding the safety of our children. This policy is a requirement for participation in the parish religious education program and all other parish programs where youth are involved. Compliance requires attendance at the Virtus training workshop and completion of the online application which includes a background check.

The Family Circle Program

Understanding the Family Circle Model

What is the Family Circle Program?

The goal of our Family Circle Program is for our children to come to know God's love and respond to it by loving all who they encounter, including themselves. At OLQP we call this "Discipleship in Action", which is the mission of our Parish, the mission of our program. We support, guide and celebrate our parents as they pass down their Catholic faith from one generation to the next. Welcome to the Family!

Family Circle gatherings take place at home and are parent and family-led, much different from the traditional CCD model.

Family Circle Options

There are two options for participating in a Family Circle.

Option 1: Neighborhood Circle

A "Neighborhood Circle" is a gathering of 6-8 parish families who team together to mediate the Catholic faith through personal faith sharing, scripture based teaching, group celebration of the sacraments, community service and community building activities. This is a "hands on, interactive" approach to learning, where faith is taught, modeled, and practiced in an inter-generational group setting. After registering, groups are formed by age, family size, or special request. Parents receive specific training and instruction before being placed in a Circle. This is not a drop off program. One parent is required to accompany their child and participate in every gathering. Parents meet at the beginning of each program year to schedule their group meetings and assign lesson responsibilities. Lesson support and assistance is available. Registration for the Neighborhood Circle program opens in June. OLQP Circles meet from October - May.

Option 2: Home-Based Circle

Parents who choose to form an independent home-based circle, teach their children privately, can benefit from the same structure, training, resources, and materials provided to the Neighborhood Circle program. Religious Education textbooks are offered to all registering families, with text support and appropriate grade level objectives. Registration takes place in June. (Registration forms are found online at the parish website.)

Parents/guardians are encouraged to facilitate creative, engaging lessons with their kids using our lending library, pre-made lessons, and an assortment of resources available from the DRE.



First Communion and Reconciliation Program

Children in 2nd grade or older are invited to join us at the Lord's table after participating in First Communion and First Reconciliation preparation. Nine months of formation begins in October. Reconciliation is received in November and the program concludes with the reception of the Sacrament in May. Parents serve as the primary teachers, following a Home Lesson Guide, which is complimented and supported by a series of eight mandated, on-campus, workshops. These workshops are led by a team of volunteer professional teachers and include activities, games, and discussions to reinforce and review the child's understanding of the sacraments.

Volunteers are needed as catechists, materials preparers, and with one-off events and Masses.

Confirmation Program

The Confirmation program at Our Lady Queen of Peace is a one year course of study, with student registration taking place in October, and concluding with the celebration of the sacrament the following fall. The program is open to any student in grade 7, 12 years of age or older. Students meet every other week during the school year, and commit to a course of study over the summer months. Students are broken up into groups of 8-10 for the biweekly meetings to promote more discussion and relationship building. Our program is an authentic experience of discipleship, as young men and woman discern a decision to follow Jesus.

Volunteers are needed as catechists, lesson developers, materials preparers, and with one-off events.

Child's Faith Formation Grade Level Program Goals

Grade level objectives, vocabulary, prayers, concepts to know and lesson themes all available on the parish website: www.olqpva.org (Our Faith > Faith Formation for Children & Families > Grade Level Guidelines)

Pre-K -- To develop the Roman Catholic Identity of the child –individually, within the family, and within the parish.

Kindergarten -- To help the child understand the Bible as a holy book telling stories of God's love for us, and the Church, as God's family on earth.

Grade 1 -- To provide a general introduction to the Catholic Faith. The child will be helped to understand God as: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Grade 2 -- To help the children begin to understand the sacramental life of the Church, especially the Sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist.

Grade 3 -- To help the child come to a deeper understanding of the Church as a community of faith to which he/she belongs.

Grade 4 -- To help the student understand that followers of Jesus are called to share the Good News of Jesus with others and to build the Kingdom of God on earth by living as a disciple of Jesus.

Grade 5 -- To have the student come to a more thorough understanding of the Sacraments, the Liturgy, and the Creed.

Grade 6 -- To have the student understand that God's saving actions and His love are displayed in salvation history and fulfilled in Jesus

Grade 7 -- To have the student understand that God's saving action in salvation history culminates in the person and ministry of Jesus Christ and in the eternal life He offers us.

Grade 8 -- To have the student understand the meaning of the Church, its mission in the world, and their responsibility to participate in that mission.

Volunteers needed to help prepare materials, make copies, make crafts, setup classrooms, cleanup, put on potlucks, etc.

Catholic Foundations Program

A monthly, interactive classroom religious education experience is offered to complete the Home-Based and Neighborhood Circle experience of faith formation. All parish children, grades PK-8, are encouraged to attend these classes, which focus on Catholic Foundation teachings. Foundations classes are taught by catechists and take place the first Saturday of the month.

Come unto me

all you who are burdened

and I will give you rest....

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW)

CLW takes place during 3 of the Sunday Mass options (9:30, 11:15, and 1:00 pm 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!

Family Mass

A special Children's Liturgy follows the monthly Catholic Foundations Classes. Open to everyone, this Mass allows the children to participate fully in a Liturgy by serving as lectors, greeters, ushers, gift bearers, Family Mass choir members and musicians. The homily is directed to the children and counts for the Sunday obligation. Volunteers are needed to help train and coordinate children for mass roles, to setup props, serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and other liturgical ministers as needed.

When was the last time I heard the Holy Spirit calling me to something...

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Youth and Family Ministries Director:

Rebecca Grant Jenkins, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry seeks to welcome young people, grades 7th – 12th, to participate in a safe and loving environment where they can come as they are to experience faith sharing, fellowship, and fun. At Our Lady Queen of Peace, youth are empowered to: live as disciples of Jesus Christ in today's world, to grow spiritually and personally, and experience God's love for all of creation.

Teen Night Program

"Teen Nights" happen Sundays before the 6:00 pm Mass from 4:15 pm to 5:45 pm. Volunteers are needed to help with hospitality and greeting, assist with interaction, facilitation and reflection, helping teen leaders facilitate the evening of activities, small groups, and reflections. Throughout the year we will gather for meals, lock-ins, retreats, and special events. Join us to cultivate faith, fellowship, and fun in our teens.

Social Gatherings, Youth Retreats, Mission Trips and Theatre Ministry

Volunteers needed for retreats, greeters, drivers, chaperones, and mentors to assist in developing discipleship and assistance with our theatre ministry. Performances have included *Godspell*, *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, *16 in Ten Minutes or Less*, *Zombie Prom*, and *Seussical*. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Young Adult Ministry

Young adult ministry at Our Lady Queen of Peace reaches out to people between the ages of 18-40 who are parish members or live nearby. OLQP young adult ministry seeks to provide opportunities to grow in faith, community, and service. The Sunday 6:00 pm Mass is oriented toward young people, is open to all. There is a need for Liturgical ministers, choir members, and hospitality volunteers are needed. Young Adult Potluck: On the 4th Sunday of the month young adults host a potluck dinner and fellowship at 7:15 following Mass. Join us for a Young Adult Bible Study, faith sharing.

Young Adult Retreats and Social Gatherings

Join fellow young adults on both one-day and weekend retreats throughout the year. Our community also gathers to support one another during birthdays, sporting events, and impromptu gatherings after the 6pm Mass on Sundays.

ADULT FAITH GROUPS

Bible Study, Share the Word

Using the Little Rock Scripture Study Program and accompanying DVD this group meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 9:30 am. All are welcome.

Contact: Pat Fitzgibbons, 703-960-0178, pfitzgibbons@cox.net

Christian Meditation Ministry

The Christian Meditation Ministry seeks to promote contemplative prayer, the prayer of the heart, where we are not thinking of God or talking to Him nor asking for anything. We are simply being with God who is in us through the Holy Spirit whom Jesus has given us. We teach a simple method of silence, stillness and simplicity and through our regular weekly meetings we give support to each other. Weekly meetings are Friday mornings from 10:30 am to 11:45 am and Monday evenings from 7:30 pm to 8:45 pm.

Contacts: Susan (Mondays), susanstarrstompson@juno.com
Janet (Fridays), jm7coneil@aol.com

What does that “God moment” call me to do, to be?

Men's Spirituality Group

This group meets the 4th Saturday morning of each month to pursue a practice of male spirituality.

Contact: Bill Casey, b13909@comcast.net, 703-568-3438

Grupo de Oracion en Espanol "Mateo 25"

The Spanish Prayer Group "Mateo 25" was created to address a need expressed by parishioners who attend Mass in Spanish who were seeking the help of a prayer group to increase their spiritual and personal growth. Members felt a calling from God to achieve a goal: to be a large and vibrant prayer group that benefits all in achieving a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, to open themselves to prayer and the reading of the Bible, to find significant relationship, to develop their potential to serve others and the OLQP parish. The primary mission of Mateo 25 is to evangelize people in their native Spanish language, build the word of God and achieve growth each day. Encourage service through a ministry of prayer, liturgy, social and welcome. Join members of Mateo 25 Wednesdays, 7-9 pm for the Rosary, praise, prayer, Gospel reading and personal reflections.

Contact: Maria Cabrera 703-594-9350

Contact: Gloria Wilmer 202-415-1031

Minkisi Ministry

"Lord, send the gift of your Spirit to fill this place, myself and the world." The Minkisi ministry believes that in the Spirit of the Living God we are all people of African descent on a spiritual journey - called to be healing instruments of God. In April 1997, this ministry began shortly after a parish revival led by Fr. A.J. McKnight, C.S.Sp. A small group of parishioners accepted the retreat director's challenge to continue meeting with others as "Christians under construction." Monthly small group sessions focus on several aspects of adult faith formation: scripture, contemplative prayer, individual and group reflection, interracial dialogue and social action in the surrounding Nauck community. All are invited to meet usually on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Discussion Room of the Parish Office Building. Nourishing open hearts and spirits, Minkisi also provides leadership in prayer services, in coffee hours and in the annual November mini-retreats. For more information on our activities, visit the Minkisi Ministry on the parish website, <http://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/>

Contact: Cecilia Braveboy, 703-979-5389, jisaac3@verizon.net

JustFAITH

JustFaith is a justice-oriented formation process, which provides opportunities for individuals to study and be formed by the justice tradition articulated by the Scriptures, the Church's historical witness, theological inquiry and Church social teaching. Participants are empowered to develop a passion and thirst for justice and to express this in concrete acts of social ministry in their parish and in the community at large. This 24-week course, that can be done in 8-week intervals, begins in September.

Contact: Sally Diaz Wells, 703-979-5580, sdiazwells@olqpva.org

Women's Bible Study

A scripture study for women of all generations meets twice monthly on Friday mornings, 10-11:30 AM. No prerequisites, just a desire to gather, study Scripture, and discuss our shared Catholic faith.

Contact: Michele Chang, 703-299-6209, miwchang@comcast.net

*The beatitudes are really
“Be - Attitudes”...they call us to
holiness through reaching out
to all who suffer in this world,
and promise us that
to the extent that we reach out to and
work on behalf of the suffering we
will become more fully the
“blessed of God”!*

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Parish adults are invited to explore and grow in their faith life by participating in any of the following programs. Please check the parish calendar for times and locations: www.olqpva.org

Catholic Foundations Class

During this class, a specific topic is presented by one of our clergy, followed by interactive discussion. This class meets once a month for parents while their children are participating in grade level instruction.

Contact: Faith Formation Director, Alex Hernández, 703-979-5580, ahernandez@olqpva.org

ED Talks: Challenging Your Mind, Soul and Heart (In honor of Fr. Ed Kelly CSSp.)

Stone Soup Suppers

"ED Talks" encourage parishioners to engage in public policy through a series of speaker/discussion sessions on current issues that are close to the heart of the parish.

"Stone Soup Suppers" illuminate the 3 pillars of Lent (prayer, fasting, alms-giving) through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching.

These two speaker series programs look for volunteers to help plan events, as well as choose themes. The simple supper of soup and bread is also volunteer-based. Please consider participating.

Contact: Sally Diaz-Wells,
sdiazwells@olqpva.org

Good News People Program

Adults meet in small group settings, fourteen times over the course of the year, to explore our faith through the lens of discipleship. Course material and discussion topics provided.

Contact: Sally Diaz-Wells,
sdiazwells@olqpva.org

Intergenerational Activities

These activities are designed to engage the whole community, regardless of age. Opportunities for service and reflection are offered throughout the year to provide experiences of practiced faith (discipleship). Together we glean vegetables from local farms to feed the poor of our community, watch and process "movies with a moral", bake holiday pies to accompany food baskets, knit scarves for the homeless, and bake cookies for the imprisoned.

Contact: Sally Diaz-Wells,
sdiazwells@olqpva.org

OLQP Library

The OLQP library houses a collection numbering over 5,000 volumes relating to religious studies and social justice concerns. The books are shelved according to 24 39 different categories covering subject matter such as Black Studies, Peace, Spirituality, Scripture, Catholic Church, and Religious Pluralism. Many of the books have become recognized religious classics and are now out of print. In addition, the library subscribes to five periodicals, including America, Commonweal, and The Tablet, a British weekly magazine. Located in Father Ray Hall, the library serves as a valuable resource for parishioners and ministries. Borrowing is based on a self-service honor system: books are signed out by the patron; returns must be made within a reasonable amount of time.

Contact: Michal Morsches, 703-256-2726,
mjmorsches@gmail.com

Theology on Tap

Join fellow parishioners on the second Monday of each month for a lively and interesting discussion of topics related to our faith in a relaxed setting in the back room at the Lost Dog Café (2920 Columbia Pike, Arlington). Free underground parking is available off Walter Reed Dr., (use steps or elevator to exit to Walter Reed Dr., and then walk to Columbia Pike).

Contact: Chuck Moran, chuckmoran106@gmail.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH MINISTRY

Social Justice and Outreach Minister:

Sally Diaz-Wells, sdiazwells@olqpva.org

(Please contact in all instances unless otherwise noted.)

Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation Advocacy

Our parish commitment to social justice is more fully described by this title – JPIC Advocacy. We began using a new model in 2015. At its core are a number of issue-based teams (many listed below) that will address social justice with the parish through education programs and opportunities for advocacy and action. There is also a council of 7 individuals who meet monthly and strive to integrate the various parish activities related to social justice whether advocacy-based or through direct service. They use several communication tools to keep the parish informed on issues of justice, peace and the integrity of creation.

Contact: Sally Diaz-Wells, sdiazwells@olqpva.org

JPIC Advocacy Teams

Consistent Ethic of Life Team

In a consistent way, we pray for, stand with and protect any human life threatened by violence or deprivation. We embrace the concept of a Consistent Ethic of Life, beginning in our parish and radiating out into the community. On issues affecting the entirety of human life from conception to natural death, we strive to emphasize how they are all connected. We raise awareness, provide education, and work to promote positive action.

Contact: Shari Zamarra, 703-323-9367,
shari.zamarra@gmail.com

Food Security Team

Hunger is still a reality in our world and even in wealthy Arlington County there are pockets of hunger. This team screens films and fosters discussion around hunger issues. In addition, they provide opportunities for the parish to respond to legislation affecting hungry people, both close-by and around the world.

Contact: Seeking a new ministry lead; your prayerful consideration is appreciated.

Gun Violence Prevention Team

Take action to help advocate to prevent gun violence. Gun violence is not anti-gun, and is not in violation of the Second Amendment to the US Constitution. Our faith and belief in the teachings of Jesus leads us to a ministry of peace.

Contact: Gerry Laporte, g.laporte@verizon.net

Immigration/Refugee Team

Conditions on the US/Mexico border, unaccompanied minors, dreamers, those seeking citizenship: these and other topics keep the immigration team finding ways to advocate for better lives for migrants. Become informed on the issue of immigration — support and welcome new immigrants locating to the area, engage with others to creatively and actively consider initiatives to enhance the ministry.

Contact: Sabrina Wear, sabrinawear@gmail.com

Integrity of Creation Team

The team works to provide members of OLQP with information, insights and inspiration for acting upon the growing concern over the kind of Earth their children and grandchildren will inherit. In conjunction with other organizations, such as the Catholic Climate Covenant, Interfaith Power and Light and Green Faith, the team educates the parish and advocates for the integrity of creation. Participation with this ministry is encouraged.

Go to our Integrity of Creation web page for more information (<http://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/integrity-of-creation.html>).

Contact: Bill Larme, BLARME@msn.com

Labor & Income Inequality Team

Concerned about the plight of low-wage workers? Wondering how our economy can continue to leave so many out of prosperity? Join this team to learn more and help provide educational events and participate in actions to restore labor rights and economic equality.

Contact: Laura Bandini, htlaura1@gmail.com

Respect Life Ministry

The goal of the Respect Life Ministry is threefold: 1) raising awareness of the humanity and civil rights of unborn children, as part of our parish's social justice mission; 2) encouraging our parish community to pray and give public witness through such programs as the Forty Days for Life and the March for Life; 3) educating the community and influencing legislation on issues relating to the seamless garment of life, most particularly, abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment and war.

Contact: Julie Hanlon Bolton, juliehanlonbolton@yahoo.com

Justice and Outreach Opportunities

Brown Bag Lunches

Every Thursday 35 nutritious bag lunches are made here at the parish and distributed through partnership with the Shirlington Employment and Education Center.

Contact: Sally Diaz-Wells, sdiazwells@olqpva.org

Building Forever Families

The BFF ministry focuses on needs related to adoption, foster care, and children who have been orphaned. The ministry serves and advocates for children living without families; provides peer support and advocates for current and prospective adoptive & foster families; and educates the community about these important topics. We do this in response to God's call to care for children who live without families.

Contact: Rebecca Carpenter, Rebecca.E.Carpenter@gmail.com
Debra and Ralph Johnson, DebRalphOLQP@gmail.com

Carpenter's Shelter Supper

Each third Thursday of the month OLQP volunteers provide a nutritious meal for the residents of Alexandria's Carpenter's Shelter. Several opportunities for participation are involved: provide a portion of the meal by delivering it to the parish, help in the Hall kitchen by preparing the meal for delivery to the shelter or serve dinner at the shelter. See the bulletin for sign-up opportunities online or on board in back of church.

Contact: Mary Resnick, mary.resnick@gmail.com

Capital Area Mobile Food Distribution

Every third Thursday of the month, the Capital Area Food Bank delivers a truck-load of produce, bread, sweets and canned goods to Fr. Ray Hall. The food is distributed to about 200 families from the surrounding community. Volunteers are needed to help pack the produce and supervise the distribution of the food. Commitment is flexible: packing at 9:00, distribution at 10:00 and clean-up at 11:30 am.

Contact: Sally Diaz-Wells, sdiazwells@olqpva.org

Gabriel Project

We strive to assist struggling pregnant. Support includes friendship, prayer, transportation meals, baby clothes and items, connections to local resources. Donations of diapers, wipes, baby shampoo, strollers, and cribs are always needed. Volunteers also serve Spanish speaking women at the Food Pantry on Wednesday mornings.

Contacts: Chrissi, chrissi152@gmail.com
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Marti, martiyates@gmail.com

OLQP Days for Girls Group

Days for Girls increases access to menstrual care and education by developing global partnerships, cultivating social enterprises, mobilizing volunteers, and innovating sustainable solutions that shatter stigmas and limitations for women and girls. Volunteers who enjoy sewing are welcome to join this once a month (Saturdays mid-afternoon) group. We are also seeking donations of supplies (sewing machines and fabric).

Contact: Lyzbeth Monard, s.arlingtonva@daysforgirls.org

Just\$ Grocery Card

Just\$ is Our Lady Queen of Peace's program to raise funds for the Parish Food Pantry and the Orphaned and Vulnerable Children in Africa ministry. Money is generated from the sale of gift cards from Giant and Safeway (5%). Cards are sold by volunteers after Masses every weekend.

Contacts: Frances Michalkewicz, 703-461-8870, fmichalkewicz@comcast.net, or Sally Diaz-Wells, sdiazwells@olqpva.org

Isidore's Garden

From spring to fall, share the planting, caring, and harvesting of "Isidore's Garden." Volunteers prepare and plant the garden together and rotate weeks of care. Volunteer also harvest vegetable for the OLQP weekly food pantry distribution in the peak months. Two to three hours of care is required during a volunteer's week.

Contact: Brian Kane, bpkane@comcast.net, 703-850-3159

Food Pantry

Each 2nd weekend of the month we invite the parish to contribute to a monthly food drive to stock the pantry shelves with donations of canned goods and non-perishable items for our local neighbors. Re-useable grocery bags and a shopping list are distributed for your convenience. The monthly Food Drive does not provide for the current demand -- an average of 200 bags of food are distributed to area residents each week to help supplement their grocery needs; nearly 10,400 bags per year -- making food donations necessary throughout the month. Ministry opportunities include helping with the monthly food drives, sorting and bagging food, shopping for what is still needed after donations come in and distributing the bags on Wednesday mornings.

Shopping List: Instant corn tortilla flour (brands such as Maseca), Canola or corn oil (48 oz. or less), Boxed healthy cereal or oatmeal (no sugary cereals), Spaghetti sauce, Canned fruit (in its own juice), Canned meat/tuna, Canned vegetables (low sodium preferably), Pasta, Boxed mac & cheese, Dried beans, Rice

Contact: Sally Diaz Wells, 703-979-5580, sdiazwells@olqpva.org

Haiti Ministry

This group is committed to facilitating and supporting the linkage of our parish with our sister parish, St. Joseph's in Medor, Haiti. The partnership between Our Lady Queen of Peace, and St. Joseph parish, which began in 1997, has grown because of our common commitment to shared goals. The first goal is to come together in a spirit of solidarity and deepen the relationship between our communities. The second related goal is to support the sustainable community-based development of the people living in the 74-square-mile parish of St. Joseph of Medor. The partnership aligns with the mission of Our Lady Queen of Peace that springs from Matthew 25:40: 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Our belief: we are one family, the body of Christ.

For more information on our activities, goals and strategies, visit the Haiti page on the parish website:

<http://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/haiti-ministry.html>

Contact: Sue Carlson, 703-969-4597, marysusancarlson@gmail.com

Love is the basis of our very existence...we exist because we have been loved into being by the One who above all else "is" Love.

Matthew 25 Bazaar Thrift Store

The Matt 25 Thrift Store is located directly behind Fr Ray Hall in the Ministry Center. It offers gently worn clothing, free of charge, to those in need.

Matthew 25 needs gently worn, clean seasonal clothing and shoes, in particular: All types of clothing for men, especially jeans, casual slacks, shorts, T-shirts, long sleeve dress shirts, and knit polo shirts. All types of clothing for women. All types of clothing for school-age children.

Matthew 25 welcomes donations of new socks, new underwear, towels, bed linens, stuffed animals, small toys, books, dishes, glasses, mugs, kitchen utensils, small kitchen appliances and large paper shopping bags with secure handles. Donation drop off - two large blue bins in the parking lot.

Hours of Operation – Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays 9 a.m. - 12 Noon; Thursdays 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Contact: Meade Jones Hanna, meadejoneshanna@gmail.com
Jim Callow, jm7coneil@aol.com

OLQP KNITTERS

This ministry began 10 years ago as the Scarves for the Homeless ministry. It has grown to over 50 volunteers with varying skill levels who knit or crochet scarves/hats for homeless men, women and children in Arlington, as well as prayer shawls for OLQP Visitation Ministry, Project Gabriel baby blankets, OLQP baptism blanket gift, and baby/young child blankets for children entering foster care Comfort Cas-es. The scarves are given as gifts at Christmas to remind the recipient they are remembered. Volunteers knit at their own pace and yarn is frequently donated.

Contact: Marilena Amoni, mamoni530@gmail.com

Orphaned and Vulnerable Children in Africa

OLQP promotes awareness of the impact of HIV/AIDS on African families, and lends moral and financial support and solidarity to African Catholic organizations serving affected families. A portion of the funds raised through Just\$ are being used to help a community project in Mweiga, Kenya.

Contact: Frances Michalkewicz,
fmichalkewicz@comcast.net

*How do I respond to being loved
so deeply and passionately by God?
How do I share God's love
with others?*

Senior Series

This ministry plans information sessions on topics of interest to seniors and their caregivers.

Contact: Dorothy Stevens, dstevens2004@gmail.com

Ujamaa Committee

Ujamaa responds to the pastoral vision of the universal Church and reflects the special commitment of our parish to remember, reverence and celebrate the faith and gifts of our founders. The committee seeks to bring forth the cultural richness, gifts and skills of Black Catholics and to respond sensitively and forcefully to the needs of African Americans. In addition to cultural and educational events, activities are developed for the whole parish in liturgy, religious training, social justice and leadership training. It is hoped that all members of our multi-cultural parish will contribute and benefit.

Contact: Veronica Dabney, 703-698-8290,
vdabney@cox.net

VOICE - Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement

As Catholics we have a rich heritage of social justice teachings that challenge us to move beyond charity and seek justice in our own communities and the larger world around us. Our ability to influence positive change in unjust systems is greatly enhanced when we engage with other like-minded people. OLQP is a founding member of VOICE, a community organizing group composed of over 40 faith communities throughout northern Virginia that are united in solidarity with our vulnerable brothers and sisters. VOICE is working on three agenda areas: affordable housing (including the condition of existing housing stock), schools and our country's broken immigration system.

Contact: Nicole Spence-Goon,
nickkiluv@yahoo.com, or
Chuck Moran, 703-892-4154,
chuckmoran106@gmail.com

ANNUAL OUTREACH EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

OLQP proudly and generously offers warmth, welcome and a helping hand to our neighbors in need through several annual programs and events: Shoebox Weekend is one fantastic example (see descriptions below) along with the Thanksgiving Food Basket distribution. The programs run like a top but need a good many volunteers to make them happen. These annual programs and the call for volunteers are advertised through the bulletin just prior to each event.

Shoebox Weekend for the Homeless

In early December, with parishioner generosity, shoeboxes (filled with comfort items: socks, flashlight, shoelaces, comb, lip balm, cap, nail clippers, grocery card, toiletries, candy and gum) become gifts for our homeless brothers and sisters. At the OLQP Wrapping Station, boxes are transformed into gifts labeled for a "lady" or a "gentleman". Help is always welcome to sort and deliver the gifts once they are wrapped.

Contact: Ann Felker, gr8est9@gmail.com

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

OLQP provides Thanksgiving food "baskets", complete with a 10-15 pound turkey, to over 400 of our hungry area families. Much of the parish participates in this OLQP tradition by "adopting a family" for Thanksgiving. Families of the parish are given two recyclable bags: one that is insulated for the frozen turkey and one for the food items. Parish families (or ministries, or pew mates, or circle families) provide the entire Thanksgiving meal. Many volunteers are needed to register, accept, sort and distribute the meals.

Contact: Sally Diaz-Wells,
sdiazwells@olqpva.org



PASTORAL CARE & HOSPITALITY

Pastoral Care Visitation Ministry

The members of the Visitation Ministry take Communion to homebound, elderly and hospitalized parishioners and community members. We are looking for referrals of homebound, elderly and hospitalized people who would like the Eucharist brought to their home or hospital bed. If you would like a visit, or know of someone who would, please contact us!

Contact to Volunteer: Marcia Fulham, 703-519-8509, marcia.fulham@gmail.com, or

Pat Daniels, 703-354-3792, rwdaniels63@gmail.com

Contact for visitation request: Fr. Tim Hickey, 703-979-5580, thickey@olqpva.org

Hispanic Issues Committee

Knowing that "We are the Church," and recognizing that language is often a barrier for the Spanish speaking community, a group of bilingual parishioners of the 1:00 PM community come together to provide orientation and information about specific social, legal and educational issues for the Spanish speaking community.

Contact: Emma Grayeb, emma_grayeb@yahoo.com

Hospitality Ministry

Join this team of volunteers who assist with hospitality for parish gatherings -- clergy celebrations, anniversaries, sacramental receptions, parish socials, etc. Assistance includes decorating, offering hospitality, setup and cleanup of buffet table and kitchen cleanup. Volunteer as often as once a month or on occasion. If you are new to the parish, this is a fun way to get involved and meet lots of people.

Contact: Christina Kozyn, 703-979-5580, ckozy@olqpva.org

Funeral Reception Ministry

A true expression of care and condolence, these volunteers provide families who have lost a loved ones with peace of mind knowing the reception is taken care of from setup to cleanup. A typical event involves setting up a coffee station, setting out food and replenishing the buffet table, and kitchen and reception space cleanup. Food is provided by the family -- most use caterers. Being a part of this ministry is a wonderful gift to grieving families. Funerals are typically scheduled mid-day during the week and on Saturdays. Team coordinator and members are needed.

Contact: Christina, 703-979-5580, ckozy@olqpva.org

Gay, Lesbian, Friends & Family Ministry

We work in parish social justice and community ministries to help build an affirming parish community where all people experience God's promise and love. We participate in several parish activities (e.g., breakfast), while also supporting our GLBT brothers and sisters. All are welcome to work with GLBT community members and their allies.

Contact: Vicki Strimel, 571-257-7376, va.strimel@gmail.com

Picnic Committee

This committee is responsible for planning the annual parish picnic each September. If you enjoy working with people and planning social get-togethers, we warmly welcome you to contribute your talents and ideas to this ministry. Tasks range from transporting supplies to grilling hotdogs to planning games for children to helping with shopping to promoting the event! A call for volunteers is made about a month before the event — watch the bulletin for details!

Senior Ministry

Looking to get together with others? Join this senior ministry to meet fellow parishioners who are interested in social activities — commitment to serve Sunday Breakfast on 4th Sunday of odd months, and meet for breakfast every even month (at OLQP or elsewhere). While serving we are happy to help other ministries (e.g., Gun Violence, Environment, Prison) with petitions, postcards, or the like. We also pray for and support elders who are ill.

Contact: Jo Marie Griesgraber, jomariiegriesgraber@hahoo.com

Spirited Speakers Toastmasters

Spirited Speakers Toastmasters Club, a chapter of Toastmaster's International, was founded in October 1997 to empower its members in the art of communication. This group meets on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays at 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Ministry Center Peace Room. All are welcome.

Contact: Wilfred Braveboy, 703-979-1699, jisaac6@verizon.net

We are the ones called to shelter the homeless, to welcome the stranger and to offer freedom to the oppressed! We are called "to be" the Reign of God!

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is a pastoral program designed to provide Christ-centered, high-quality, and confidential care for those in our parish who are struggling with a difficult time in life.

Stephen Ministers meet one-on-one with their care receivers once a week to listen to, support and pray (as requested) with them as they cope with a variety of life-challenging situations, such as: loss of a loved one, chronic or terminal illness, job loss, transition or retirement, separation, divorce or loneliness, or any number of similar life crises

If you are interested in seeing whether a Stephen Minister would be a good fit for you, contact the pastor or one of the parish Stephen Leaders listed below. Also contact the Stephen Leaders for more information about the program or the expectations to become a Stephen Minister.

Contact: Joan Brown, 703.971.2975,
jmbrown2587@msn.com

Bill Casey, 703.568.3438, b13909@comcast.net

Donna Davis, 571.331.0133, davis.donna55@gmail.com

Sunday Breakfast Ministry

This ministry, in place since the mid-1960s, is one of our most beloved offering an opportunity for fellowship after the 9:30 and 11:15 Masses on Sunday mornings. Volunteers prepare a delicious breakfast at a very reasonable price. There are nine separate crews, each with their own leader and each assigned to a particular Sunday. It is a great way to get to know the parish community, and a great way to become a small working community of friends and family -- a great way to socialize while doing service for our church!

Contact: Kelly Lesperance, 202-413-6805,
herbandkel@aol.com

Welcome Committee

If you enjoy meeting new people and are by nature a congenial person, this is the volunteer position for you. Members are dedicated to offering a warm greeting to all as the congregation gathers for worship. Committee members acknowledge visitors with a simple gift, register regular attendees, and welcome new members. They also enhance the Usher/Greeter ministry.

Contact: Debra Johnson, 703-256-1646,
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***Whose hand am I being called to
reach out and grasp?***



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MUSIC MINISTRY

5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Choir

Kevin Curtin, 703-461-3082, kevincurtin@verizon.net

8 AM Sunday Morning Choir

Jeff Corry, corryjeff@gmail.com

9:30 AM Gospel Choir

Kris Pandohie, kristpandohie@gmail.com

Alice Lockett, 703-567-3430, alice_lockett@comcast.net

11:15 AM Contemporary Music Choir

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Tom Leckey, 703-521-3478, theleckeys@verizon.net

1 PM Vibrant Hispanic Liturgical Choir

Morena Panozo, 703-379-8950,

morenapanozo@hotmail.com

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SACRAMENTS

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Catholic Foundations Program

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW)

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Youth Ministry

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Youth Retreats and Social Gatherings

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OLQP MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church is dedicated to witnessing the teachings of Jesus Christ, especially the Gospel of Saint Matthew, Chapter 25:31-46. Our mission is to nurture the spirit and to encourage the potential of those we serve through liturgical celebration, educational endeavors and social ministries. The parish will continue to identify with its origin as a Black parish. As a multi-ethnic congregation we will seek to promote racial harmony and social justice. While our primary focus is within the immediate community, we will also work to provide for the well-being of the downtrodden everywhere. In this we strive for our parish community to be a caring, sharing, and loving family.

Thank you Fr. Tim for directing the focus of our growth and formation toward becoming DISCIPLES OF JESUS. The quotes used throughout this publication are taken from Fr. Tim's bulletin weekly "just a thought...or two". For the full richness of the quotes, please visit the parish website: www.olqpva.org (Please see right column on home page.)



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