

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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Temporary Parish Office Location:

1915 Edgewood St S

Please contact the office to meet in an
ADA compliant location, if necessary.

Website / sitioweb: olqpva.org

All the faithful of the Diocese of Arlington
are dispensed from the obligation to attend
Mass on Sundays and holy days.

Todos los fieles de la Diócesis de Arlington
están dispensados de la obligación de
asistir a Misa los domingos y los días de
precepto.

COMMUNION SERVICE after each Mass

All Masses are LIVE-STREAMED

Servicio de Comunión después de cada Misa.

Todas las Misas se transmitirán en vivo.

(<https://www.facebook.com/OLQPArlington>)

DECLARACIÓN DE MISIÓN DE OLQP

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



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH

March 7, 2021

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU LENTEN RECONCILIATION PROGRAM:

The Sacrament of Penance is offered each Wednesday evening during Lent in Fr. Ray Hall from 6:30 to 8pm (except March 31). At the same time, Reconciliation Service or Sung Stations of the Cross will be offered in the church beginning at 7pm.
Sung Stations of the Cross (in English): 7 pm – March 10 & 24
Reconciliation Service: 7 pm – March 17 (Bilingual)

LA LUZ ESTÁ ENCENDIDA PARA TI PROGRAMA DE RECONCILIACION DE LA CUARESMA:

El Sacramento de la Penitencia se ofrece todos los miércoles por la noche durante la Cuaresma de 6:30 a 8pm (excepto el 17 de abril). Al mismo tiempo, se ofrecerá el Servicio de Reconciliación o el Vía Crucis Cantado.

El Vía Crucis Cantado: 7 pm - 10 y 24 de marzo

Servicios de reconciliación: 7 pm - 17 de marzo (Bilingüe)

Whoever drinks the water
I shall give will never thirst.

John 4:14



El que bebe de esta agua
vuelve a tener sed.

Juan 4:14

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
COLECTA DEL FIN DE SEMANA PRÓXIMO:
SERVICIOS DE AYUDA CATÓLICA

NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ
7 de marzo 2021
TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

**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:

Fr. Ray Hall Library
Biblioteca Fr. Ray Hall
Saturdays 3:15-3:45pm & by appointment
Los sábados: 3:15-3:45pm y por cita previa.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS / COLECTAS DEL DOMINGO

Sunday Collection / Colecta del pasado domingo: \$3,807
Black & Indian Missions / Misiones Negras E Indias: \$865
Faith Direct (February Average / promedio del mes de febrero): \$14,409

**MISAL PALABRA Y EUCARISTÍA /
WORD & EUCHARIST MISSALETTE**

Today's readings can be found on page 474.
Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 475.

BULLETIN DEADLINE / PLAZO PARA EL BOLETÍN

Wednesday / miércoles —9 AM — office@olqpva.org

**OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US /
NUESTROS ENFERMOS Y CONFINADOS NOS FORTALECEN**

PLEASE PRAY FOR / POR FAVOR OREMOS POR: Catherine Algeri, Lousie Aust, Suri Barahona, Doretha Barbour, Gene Bétit, Cindy Bianga, Francis Bilgera, Joseph Leopold Bissonnette, Precious Bowens, April Brassard, Dave Brassard, Evie Brown, Lynne Burgh, Marty Butner Covington, Brody Carroll, Louise Chambers, Pat Chapla, Carmen Rosa Claire, Jeff Cory, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Jim Davis, Adrienne DiCerbo, Ernest Donatto, Patricia "Pat" Dowd, Irene Fitzpatrick, Yvette Francois, Anne Fullerton, Iva Futrell, Karen Gammache, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, Fred Gladbach, Yolanda Gregorio, the Harris Family, Sally Hars, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Dee Hickey, Margaret Hodges, Margaret Howe, Patrick Hynes, Beatriz Uribe Jaramillo, Lillian Jay, Pat Johnson, 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, Frances Mierzwa, 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, Janet O'Neil, 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, Rose Trujillo, Nancy Urquizo, Stephen Utey, Kate Witkowski, Midge Wholey, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata, Kate Zopp.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Exodus 17:3-7 (29B); Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42
Éxodo 17,3-7 (29B); Romanos 5,1-2, 5-8; Juan 4,5-42

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

CUARTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 (32B); Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21
2 Crónicas 36,14-16, 19-23 (32B); Efesios 2,4-10; Juan 3,14-21

MASS INTENTIONS, MARCH 6-12

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 6-12 MARZO

TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Saturday March 6th

4:00 pm In Thanksgiving by Jude Dias

Sunday March 7th

10:00 am Elizabeth Roslewicz (D) by Minkisi Group
2:00 pm Max Caycho & María Aparcana (D) de la familia Lovo

Tuesday March 9th

12:00 pm Lawrence Over (L) by Jude Dias

Wednesday March 10th

12:00 pm Peter Gourlay (D) by Ellen Murray

Thursday March 11th

12:00 pm Leon Pfeiffer (L) by Bernadette Lozano

Friday March 12th

6:00 pm José Roberto Cabrera (D) de la familia Cabrera

KAREN NEWMAN REMAINS IN NURSING HOME

We wanted to be sure to clarify some earlier miscommunication about Karen. She continues to be a nursing home in MD, close to the only family in the area and they are assisting with her care. At this time, it is our understanding that visitors are not allowed. Please continue to keep Karen in your prayers. Thank you.

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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A Consistent Ethic of Life Catholic Community

REFLECTION OF LIFE IN MEDOR

We know education changes lives. We agree it's important. How far, though, would each of us be willing to go for an education? What would we be willing to sacrifice for our own or our children's education? In the days before COVID and virtual learning, how did you get to school? Did you take the bus? Did a parent or friend drive you? Did you walk to your neighborhood school? Many of the hundreds of students in Medor's primary school walk willingly, for hours over rough terrain in bare feet, to get to class. Many in the secondary school live in dorms nearby, away from their families Monday through Friday, so they can spend time studying, rather than traveling. Parents sacrifice the help their kids can provide at home or in fields, they sacrifice their children's very presence, to ensure their learning. This week, let's sacrifice some time, and if we can afford it, some treasure so that the schools in Medor continue to change lives in Haiti. Say a prayer for our friends in Medor and donate to the Haiti Easter Drive.

CARPENTER'S SHELTER SUPPER – Thursday, March 18

Our dinner to Carpenter's Shelter this month will be fried or baked chicken, mac & cheese, salad, brownies & lemonade. Please email mary.resnick@gmail.com or call 703-462-4841 with your contribution; regular contributors look for an email to sign-up. Delivery to the parish will continue to be different while the office kitchen is unavailable. Contributions can be brought to Fr. Ray Hall kitchen on the day of dinner 12-5pm. Please use labels on the counter; indicate what item is and the date of dinner, or bring straight to the Shelter at 930 N. Henry Street in Alexandria, labeled the same. See protocol for contactless delivery at carpentersshelter.org. Please let me know if this is a hardship and we'll figure out another way.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

We invite you to remember a deceased loved one with an Easter Flower Memorial. Please send an email with "Easter Flower Memorial" in the subject line to Christina at office@olqpva.org with the following information:

Name of the deceased family member

Name of person/family making the request

Donation amount

Memorial donations can be mailed to the office or paid through Faith Direct online giving (www.faithdirect.net, church account VA271). Please be sure to note the family information with the donation.

If you are mailing in your request and donation, please send it in time to be delivered by the deadline: Monday, March 29th.

Memorials will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin on the weekend of April 4th. Please be sure we have your request in by the deadline, March 29th!

REFLEXIÓN DE LA VIDA EN MEDOR

Sabemos que la educación cambia vidas. Estamos de acuerdo en que es importante. Pero, ¿hasta dónde estaría cada uno de nosotros dispuesto a ir por una educación? ¿Qué estaríamos dispuestos a sacrificar por la educación de nuestros hijos? Antes de COVID y la educación virtual, ¿cómo iban a la escuela? ¿Iban en autobús? ¿Los llevaban sus padres o una amiga o amigo? ¿Caminaban a la escuela del barrio? Muchos de los cientos de estudiantes en la escuela primaria de Medor caminan de buena gana por horas por terreno desigual, descalzos, para ir a las clases. Muchos en la escuela secundaria viven en dormitorios cerca de la escuela de lunes a viernes, lejos de sus familias para poder pasar tiempo estudiando, en vez de viajando. Los padres sacrifican la ayuda que sus hijos les dan en la casa o en los prados, sacrifican la presencia de sus hijos, para asegurar su educación. Esta semana, sacrifiquemos parte del tiempo, y si podemos permitirnoslo, parte de nuestro "tesoro" para que las escuelas en Medor continúen cambiando vidas en Haití. Recen por nuestras amistades en Medor y hagan una donación a la Campaña de Pascua de Resurrección para Haití.

LA CENA REFUGIO DEL CARPINTERO – el jueves, 18 de marzo

Nuestra cena del Refugio del Carpintero este mes va a ser pollo frito o asado, macarrones y queso, ensalada, brownies y limonada. Por favor mándele un correo electrónico a mary.resnick@gmail.com o llame al 703-462-4841 para decir lo que va a contribuir. Las personas que contribuyen regularmente, recibirán un correo electrónico para apuntarse. Las entregas de contribuciones a la parroquia seguirán siendo diferentes mientras que la cocina de la oficina de la parroquia no esté disponible. Puede traer las contribuciones a la cocina de Fr. Ray Hall el día de la comida de 12-5pm. Por favor use las etiquetas en el mostrador para indicar lo que contribuye y la fecha de la comida. También puede traer la contribución directamente al Refugio en 930 N. Henry Street en Alexandria, identificada de la misma manera. Vea el protocolo para entregar la contribución sin contacto en carpentersshelter.org. Por favor déjeme saber si esto es un problema y lo haremos de otra manera.

MEMORIALES DE FLORES DE LA PASCUA DE RESURRECCIÓN

Los invitamos a recordar a un ser querido fallecido con un Memorial de Flores de Pascua de Resurrección. Por favor mande un correo electrónico con "Easter Flower Memorial" en la línea del tema a Christina: office@olqpva.org con la siguiente información:

Nombre del familiar fallecido

Nombre de la persona/familia que lo solicita

Cantidad de la donación

Las donaciones para los memoriales se pueden mandar a la oficina por correo o pagar por Faith Direct en línea (www.faithdirect.net, la cuenta de la iglesia es VA271). Por favor asegúrese de incluir la información de la familia con la donación.

Si envía su petición y la donación por correo, por favor mándela a tiempo para que llegue para la fecha límite del 29 de marzo. Los memoriales se publicarán en el boletín del domingo de Pascua el fin de semana del 4 de abril. ¡Por favor, asegúrese que recibamos su solicitud antes de la fecha límite, el 29 de marzo!

Una comunidad católica con una ética consistente con la vida

CRS RICE BOWL – Drought has become a problem in El Salvador, making it difficult for farmers to produce enough crops to support their families. But new farming techniques – and a new generation of young farmers – are making a difference. How can you support young people in your community and around the world? Learn more at crsricebowl.org. Thank you for caring.

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION TEAM

The next meeting of the parish gun violence prevention team will be held on Zoom on Monday, March 22, starting at 7:30pm. For information on how to participate in this meeting and ministry, please contact Gerry Laporte at G.Laporte@verizon.net or 703-527-6783.

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION VIGIL

Stand against gun violence with fellow parishioners at the NRA headquarters (11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax). This vigil is held on the 14th of each month. Interested in attending as a group, please contact Sally Diaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org

WEEKLY OLQP MOMENT

Join the parish community on Friday at 2:13pm to reflect on the topic of Inertia. There is no time requirement for your reflection and no virtual meeting to join. Wherever you are, whatever you are doing, please pause for your reflection knowing you are with others from the OLQP community.

Anyone wishing to add the OLQP moment to their calendar can email "OLQP Moment" to Patrick Julius at patjulius@verizon.net to receive the information in a calendar request. Please specify if you want the reminder in Spanish.

INTERPRETERS NEEDED ON ZOOM

Mother of Mercy (MoM) Virtual Interpreters Needed. MoM's mission is to provide free, quality healthcare to low-income individuals who are uninsured or underinsured in the Diocese. The majority of MoM's clients speak Spanish. The Clinics are in need of Virtual Interpreters to help improve communication between the Client and the Medical providers. All interpreting services will be remote via Zoom. Training provided. If you can help one 4-hour shift a month, please register here: <http://bit.ly/VolunteerMotherofMercy>

CRS PLATO DE ARROZ – La sequía se ha convertido en un problema en El Salvador, dificultándoles a los campesinos que produzcan suficientes cosechas para alimentar a sus familias. Pero técnicas agrícolas nuevas y una nueva generación de campesinos jóvenes están marcando la diferencia. ¿Cómo puede apoyar a los jóvenes en su comunidad y en el mundo? Aprenda más en crsricebowl.org. Gracias por preocuparse.

EL EQUIPO DE PREVENCIÓN DE VIOLENCIA CON ARMAS

La próxima reunión del equipo de prevención de violencia con armas de la parroquia va a ser por Zoom el lunes, 22 de marzo, a las 7:30pm. Para obtener información de cómo participar en esta reunión y ministerio, por favor contacte a Gerry Laporte: G.Laporte@verizon.net o llame al 703-527-6783.

VIGILIA PARA PREVENIR LA VIOLENCIA CON ARMAS DE FUEGO

Vaya a la sede central de NRA (11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax) con otros miembros de la parroquia y adopte una postura contra la violencia con armas de fuego. Esta vigilia tendrá lugar el 14 de cada mes. Si está interesada/o en asistir en grupo, por favor contacte a Sally Díaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org

MOMENTO SEMANAL DE OLQP

Únase a la comunidad parroquial el viernes a las 2:13pm para reflexionar sobre el tema de la Inercia. No se requiere que se reflexione por un tiempo específico y no hay que asistir a una reunión virtual. Dondequiera que esté, sin importar lo que está haciendo, por favor pare para reflexionar sabiendo que está unida/o a otras personas de la comunidad de OLQP. Cualquier persona que desea añadir el momento a su calendario puede mandarle un correo electrónico "Momento de OLQP" a Patrick Julius – patjulius@verizon.net para recibir la información en una solicitud para el calendario. Por favor especifique si quiere el recordatorio en español.

SE NECESITAN INTÉRPRETES EN ZOOM

Mother of Mercy (MoM) necesita intérpretes virtuales. La misión de MoM es proveer atención médica de calidad y gratis a personas de bajos ingresos en la Diócesis que no tienen seguro médico o cobertura suficiente. La mayoría de los clientes de MoM hablan español. Las clínicas necesitan intérpretes virtuales para ayudar a mejorar la comunicación entre el cliente y los proveedores médicos. Todos los servicios de interpretación serán a distancia por Zoom. Habrá entrenamiento disponible. Si puede ayudar una vez al mes por 4 horas, por favor apúntese aquí: <http://bit.ly/VolunteerMotherofMercy>

2021 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL Encourage One Another by Word and Deed. The 2021 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Commitment weekend is next weekend! Once a year we are asked to make a commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries which provide services that no single parish could provide on its own. **Our parish goal is 100% participation.** By participating in the BLA, we reveal our gratitude for our many blessings, as we serve our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the diocese. You may go online to make a donation at: www.arlingtondiocese.org or scan the QR code or text "BLA" to 703-260-9800.



PETICIÓN CUARESMAL DEL OBISPO DE 2021 Animémonos unos a otros de palabra y obra. El fin de semana del compromiso con la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo de 2021 es el próximo. Una vez al año se nos pide que nos comprometamos a apoyar el trabajo de nuestros programas y ministerios diocesanos que prestan servicios que ninguna parroquia podría prestar por cuenta propia. La meta de nuestra parroquia es tener una participación de 100%. Al participar en la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo expresamos nuestra gratitud por las muchas bendiciones que hemos recibido al servir a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo en toda la Diócesis. Pueden hacer una donación en línea en www.arlingtondiocese.org o al escanear el código de respuesta rápida (QR) que aparece a continuación:

GOOD NEWS FOR LIVE-STREAMING

We have transitioned to YouTube for live-streaming of Masses/Services because it provides a clearer picture and clearer sound. New equipment has been purchased and installed and we encourage you to give it a try – go to the parish website (www.olpqva.org) for real time viewing and click on the YouTube arrow under "Live Steam Mass". You will be taken to the YouTube site where you can "subscribe" to OLQP's YouTube site and access saved video and future live streamed Masses/Services. Live-streaming continues to be available on the parish Facebook page: (<https://www.facebook.com/OLQPArlington/>).

BUENAS NOTICIAS PARA LA TRANSMISIÓN EN DIRECTO

Estamos en proceso de transición a YouTube para la transmisión en directo de las Misas/Servicios porque provee una imagen y un sonido más claros. Hemos comprado e instalado un equipo nuevo y los animamos a que prueben esto. Si está retransmitiendo en directo **en vivo** vaya al sitio web de la parroquia (www.olpqva.org), haga clic en la flecha de YouTube que está en la imagen del santuario con la fecha y la hora de la Misa a la que planea asistir virtualmente. Y de ahí llegará a vídeo de YouTube. La transmisión en directo seguirá estando disponible en la página de Facebook de la parroquia: <https://www.facebook.com/OLQPArlington/>.

LENTEN DAILY REFLECTIONS

The Parish Advisory Board is encouraging everyone to subscribe to our daily reflections written by fellow parishioners during Lent. We also need writers! If you would like to subscribe or possibly write a reflection on the daily readings email Bob Finke at bfinke1@verizon.net. If you signed up for our Advent reflections, you are good to go!

REFLEXIONES DIARIAS DE CUARESMA

La Junta Consultora de la Parroquia (PAB, por sus siglas en inglés) anima a todos a suscribirse a nuestras reflexiones diarias escritas por miembros de la parroquia durante la Cuaresma. ¡También necesitamos personas para escribirlas! Si quisiera suscribirse o posiblemente escribir una reflexión de las lecturas diarias, mándele un correo electrónico a Bob Finke: bfinke1@verizon.net. Si se apuntó para recibir nuestras reflexiones diarias, ¡ya está lista/o!

YOUTH MINISTRY: Please contact Rebecca Grant Jenkins, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org for more information about Youth Ministry activities & events or meeting access information. **Teen Nights** are Sundays, at 7:00pm via Zoom. **Teen Bible Study** meets every other Tuesday, at 7:00pm via Zoom. **Youth Ministry Book Club** meets on the Tuesdays opposite Teen Bible study, via Zoom.

MINISTERIO DE ADOLESCENTES: Por favor contacte a Rebecca Grant Jenkins, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org para obtener más información acerca de cómo obtener los detalles de las actividades, eventos y reuniones del Ministerio de adolescentes. **Las Noches para adolescentes son los domingos**, a las 7:00pm por Zoom. **El Estudio de la Biblia para adolescentes** es cada dos martes a las 7:00pm por Zoom. **El Club del libro del Ministerio de adolescentes** se reúne los martes cuando no hay Estudio de la Biblia a las 7:00pm por Zoom.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES (MRS) is offering a public Zoom webinar highlighting the agency's continuing work with refugees and Special Immigrant Visa holders from Afghanistan. Registration is open; webinar is from 4-5:30PM on March 11th. To register email volunteer.newcomer@ccda.net

CARDINAL GREGORY AND BISHOP BURBIDGE TO HOST CONFERENCE ON RACISM

His Eminence Cardinal Wilton Gregory, Archbishop of Washington, will be the celebrant, homilist and keynote speaker at the Diocese of Arlington Peace and Justice Commission's Saturday, March 20 in-person and virtual conference, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*. The conference, which is also being livestreamed, will be held at Nativity Catholic Church, Burke. Mass begins at 5pm, followed by the keynote address at 7pm. A panel of three diocesan parishioners will respond to the Cardinal's address and Bishop Michael Burbidge will join a Q&A session. Limited registration for safe-distance in-person attendance is available at openwideourhearts.eventbrite.com. The Mass, keynote and discussion will be livestreamed on the Diocese of Arlington's YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/0s8tvSWkcu4>

LENTEN STONE SOUP SUPPER SERIES

Join us Friday, March 12, when we welcome Rev. Dr. Faith Harris, Interim Director of the Virginia interfaith Power and Light for our zoom discussion. Dr. Harris will talk about environmental racism.

Live-stream Mass at 6pm, enjoy a simple meal in the comfort of your home and then join us on zoom for the presentation 7pm. Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/2243051934>

LENTEN EASTER EGG SERVICE PROJECT

The Mother of Light Center (MOLC) in Arlandria hopes to fill about 7,000 plastic Easter eggs with individually wrapped candy and other fun items for its friends. MOLC serves mostly new immigrants living in poverty. You may participate in the project by putting 12 filled plastic eggs in gallon zip lock bags. You may also donate plastic eggs, candy, and zip lock bags. Drop off completed bags or other donations to MOLC board member and OLQP parishioner Lisa Soronen (604 Fort Williams Parkway Alexandria) by March 21. For more information email Lisa at lisasoronen@gmail.com

VIRTUAL BENEFIT CONCERT HONORING ANDRIKO BILANIUK

Bishop O'Connell High School cordially invites you to a virtual benefit concert on Friday, March 26. Please them for an afternoon of musical performances. Proceeds from the concert will be used to establish the endowed Andriko Bilaniuk '22 Memorial Scholarship. Andriko was a 2018 graduate of St. Mark Catholic School. He lost his battle with cancer days before his sixteenth birthday. For more information, please visit bishopoconnell.org/forandriko or contact TLacrosse@bishopoconnell.org.

LOVE THE EARTH THIS LENT: CONSUMING ETHICALLY AT LENT AND BEYOND

Environmentalists often recommend a clear path to responsible consumption: reduce, reuse, and recycle. With a little imagination, and viewed through a faith lens, the three Rs can become valuable Lenten practices!

Reduce suggests a mindful approach to consumption. Indigenous peoples like the Tlingit of Alaska model this beautifully. When harvesting an economic resource, such as a tree or its bark, they ritualize its consumption, giving thanks to the tree's spirits and promising to use only as much as needed. Imagine becoming this resource-aware, thanking God and promising restraint each time we reach for a light switch or the car keys. We would nurture a spiritually grounded consumption habit that would preserve the Earth's health.

Reuse means making the most of the goods we have. Recall Jesus' instruction at the multiplication of the loaves and fishes: "Gather up the leftover fragments, *that nothing may be lost.*" We can step up reuse around the house, using empty bread bags or jam jars rather than virgin containers, for example. We can shop at stores that encourage packaging reuse, like Mason and Greens in Alexandria. And we can seek shared goods, such as tools from Arlington library or cars from shared car services. All so that nothing may be lost.

Recycle means mimicking nature, where waste is unknown because every output is an input to something else. Nature is our model, a master recycler gifted to us by God. Can we learn to recycle (and reduce and reuse) such that our garbage load is reduced to near-zero?

Thus it seems we can package our consumption habits to be spiritually and environmentally healthful. In the process, we grow to appreciate a key insight of "Buddhist economics": to maximize well-being while minimizing material use. To be more, with less. Imagine adopting this as our consumption ethic for Lent—and for life.

Gary Gardner, Member of Integrity of Creation Team

ADDITION LENTEN RESOURCES: For a Lenten Calendar based on reflections from *Laudato Si*, search LaudatoSi-Lenten.org. For Lenten Reflections from the National Catholic Reporter, search [ncronline/earthbeat](https://ncronline.org/earthbeat).

TEACHER JOB FAIR ON MARCH 13th

The Office of Catholic Schools invites prospective teachers to a virtual Teacher Job Fair on March 13 at <https://articulate.arlingtondiocese.org/> from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pre-Registration is required at <https://bit.ly/3aPWEdm>. For more information visit <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Catholic-Schools/Careers/or> call 703-841-2519. We believe in our teachers! Join our excellent schools for a faith-filled experience.

ARE YOU EATING LESS MEAT THIS LENT?

Go to crs.org/recipe for tasty meatless recipes from around the world.



JUST A THOUGHT...OR TWO...

As we careen towards the halfway point of our Lenten journey it is good to take a moment and step back, take a deep breath and ask...what are we looking for this Lent? To get closer to God? To clean up our act? To feel more religious? or just to lose a few pounds?

We must be frank about our objective, because we're bound to find what we seek. The right answer might not be what we think it is. We don't have to get closer to God. We can't: God's right here. God dwells in us, temples of the Holy Spirit!

Getting *closer to God's will* might be a better goal, because that alignment is often very far off, it is what most of us struggle with. If we find ourselves thinking that Lent's not working, that the enchantment of "feeling our religion" isn't happening this year, then maybe the answer is to practice a new consciousness.

What if we all tried to spend one hour a day trying to be consciously aware of God in every person we met and every place we go? Keep searching with our eyes, our mind, our heart. If we practice believing what we profess—that God is in our midst—then we are much more likely to awaken to the presence of the Divine! At the very least it will begin to change how we see and relate to other people as we practice seeing and believing the Divine presence within each one of our sisters and brothers, regardless of how they may treat us!

This is what Pope Francis is hoping will happen as we draw near to immigrants and refugees, to all those who are marginalized....that we will come to know them as sister and brother, as images of the Creator, as children of God.

In whom is it most difficult for me to see God? What deeper reality is God calling me to this Lent? To whom am I being called to "draw nearer"?

Lenten Blessings, Fr. Tim

**Mass signups for March are now posted /
Inscripciones para las Misas en marzo están disponibles:**
<https://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/mass-sign-ups.html>

**FOR LIVE-
STREAMING**

<https://www.facebook.com/OLQPArlington>
View through YouTube >> visit www.olqpva.org

Current Mass Schedule:

Weekdays: Monday-Thursday, 12noon, Open to the public up to 25 persons
Fridays, 6pm during Lent, in English (Feb 19-Mar 26)

Weekends: Saturday, 4pm & Sundays, 10am

Sundays, 2pm in Spanish — Open to the public on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays;
Closed to the public on the 2nd and 4th Sundays

Horario actual de Misas:

Días de semana: lunes-jueves, 12 del mediodía. Abierta al público hasta 25 personas
Viernes, 12 del mediodía, en español. Cerrada al público.

Fines de semana: sábados, 4pm & domingos, 10am
domingos, 2pm en español — Abierta al público el 1er, 3er y 5to domingo.
Cerrada al público el 2do y 4to domingo.

Veronica Dabney receives 'Tolton Award'

BRIDGET WILSON

Special to the Catholic Herald

February 24, 2021

Veronica Dabney, a parishioner of Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church in Arlington, is the 2021 recipient of diocesan Black Catholic Ministries' Father Augustus Tolton and Mother Mary Lange award. The news was announced this month as part of Black History Month.

Candidates for the "Tolton Award" are active in the Black Catholic community and nominated by their peers. The recipient then is appointed by a committee of ministry leaders. Dabney stood out for her long-standing and faithful service to her parish community, and the Black community in the area and abroad. She has held numerous leadership roles and worked in various parish outreach programs including the parish's Haiti Ministry, supporting sustainable community-based development. She heads the parish's "Ujamaa" Committee (Swahili for "extended family") that seeks to support the culture and gifts of Black Catholics and address the needs of African Americans, as well as encourage multicultural participation to benefit the whole parish. As chair of Ujamaa, she has helped the committee raise more than \$300,000 in scholarship funds to support students. Additionally, Dabney is an active member of VOICE (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement). This nonpartisan group is composed of more than 40 faith communities that focuses on social justice and standing in solidarity with those in need.

"As Catholics, we have a rich heritage of promoting social justice," said Deacon Al Anderson of St. Joseph Church in Alexandria. "Through VOICE, Veronica puts that Catholic value into practice."

Former winners of the Father Augustus Tolton and Mother Mary Lange award include Jerry Cousin, Holy Trinity Church in Gainesville; Beverly Anderson, St. Joseph; Cecelia Braveboy, Our Lady, Queen of Peace; Emelda August, Holy Family Church in Dale City; and Phyllis Johnson, St. Joseph.

Wilson is director of the diocesan Office of Multicultural Ministries.

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OLQP Food Pantry VOLUNTEERS

As we mark one-year since the surge in food assistance due to the pandemic — from 250 families per week to 650 families per week, we...

**THANK YOU,
FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS !**

A true labor of love – how else do you explain volunteers who work 4-6 full days a week, filling food bag after food bag, counting can after can, sorting item after item, measuring out bean bag after bean bag and distributing it all with a smile?

And, the amazing volunteers who handle crate after crate of fresh produce and who prepare tons of trays of meat, and the volunteers who negotiate pricing deals and who pickup and deliver truck load after truck load of product.

And, those who create list after list to ensure we have the volunteers, to ensure we have food on the shelves, to ensure we're getting the best price and the least sugary cereal. It's truly amazing. It has literally taken thousands of volunteer hours to get to this point – from the bottom of our hearts, thank you, each and every one of you!

And, it is not lost on us that none of this would be possible without the incredibly outstanding generosity of the parish and the community...more than \$700,000 has been donated to the food pantry this past year, and that's in dollars alone. Tons of actual food were donated as well as well as bags for bagging and hours of labor to craft shelving and to make maneuvering shelving easier.

It has been a long, long year and we feel blessed by the outpouring of support and expertise that has come our way. On behalf of all the families we have served, thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Lenten blessings,
Fr. Tim and Fr. Martin

SR. DIANNA ORTIZ, TORTURE SURVIVOR AND ACTIVIST, DIES AT 62

BY GINA CILIBERTO

On Feb. 19, Sr. Dianna Ortiz, OSU died of recently diagnosed cancer at age 62. Ortiz is known for her international anti-torture activism following her own kidnapping and torture in Guatemala in 1989.

Rose Marie Berger, *Sojourners* senior editor, knew Ortiz through her advocacy work and through the Assisi Community in Washington, D.C., where Ortiz lived for 25 years. Berger described Ortiz as a petite, quiet, and attentive person “with a very young face.” But Berger said Ortiz was best defined by her “incredible” strength.

“I keep thinking that Dianna is what resurrection looks like in public,” said Berger. “She came out of the belly of death in Guatemala with her scars intact, and she dealt with her wounds every single day. Somehow, she turned her experiences of death into something that saved the lives of thousands of people.”

Born in 1958, Ortiz was the middle of eight children raised in Grants, N.M. At 6 years old, Ortiz announced she wanted to become a nun. In her late teens, she moved to Maple Mount, Ky., to join the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph.

For a decade, Ortiz taught kindergarten in Kentucky before beginning her life as a missionary. In September 1987, she arrived in a remote Mayan village in the Guatemalan highlands where she taught reading, art, and Bible stories to the children.

“On Saturday, children of all ages would come in droves,” Ursuline Sister Luisa Bickett told *Agni*, a literary magazine housed at Boston University, in 1998. “The kids were always around. She was very happy. We teased Dianna that Guatemala was her first love.”

But amid her happiness, Ortiz received threatening letters and messages from strangers. Fearful, Ortiz briefly returned to Kentucky before going back to Guatemala.

In November 1989, Ortiz was kidnapped from the Guatemalan convent by police officers who took her to a secret prison at a police academy in Guatemala City. She was then **tortured and raped**.

Ortiz escaped, and, after returning to the United States, she publicized the fact that the man in charge of her torturers was an American.

“As a U.S. citizen, I had another advantage: I could, in relative safety, reveal afterwards the details of what happened to me in those twenty-four hours,” Ortiz told **the International Socialist Review** in 1999. “One of those details: an American was in charge of my torturers.” In her 2002 memoir, *The Blindfold’s Eyes: My Journey from Torture to Truth*, Ortiz tentatively identified her American torturer as a CIA operative, but she was never able to confirm his identity.

Ortiz pursued her case legally both in Guatemala and the U.S. She was **the first** to seek civil damages under the

1992 Torture Victim Protection Act, suing the former Guatemalan minister of defense, General Héctor Gramajo, who was in power at the time of her abduction; Ortiz was awarded \$5 million in damages. She also filed a case with the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights.

Ortiz spent her life advocating for torture victims around the world, as well as petitioning the U.S. government to release details about the events leading to her own kidnapping and torture. Her **activism** included a public fast and demonstration in front of the White House, civil disobedience, and interviews that helped reveal **widespread corruption** in the Guatemalan media.

According to **Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights**, a nonprofit human rights advocacy organization, “Ortiz’s raw honesty and capacity to articulate the agony she suffered compelled the United States to declassify long-secret files on Guatemala, and shed light on some of the darkest moments of Guatemalan history and American foreign policy.”

In 1998, Ortiz founded the **Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition International** (TASSC) and served as its first executive director for the following 10 years. The only organization in the U.S. founded by and for survivors of torture, TASSC provides support particularly to survivors living in the U.S. The organization has championed issues such as the treatment of detainees at the

U.S. base of Guantanamo and repealing the Military Commissions Act of 2006, which “gives the president absolute power to decide who is an enemy of our country and to imprison people indefinitely without charging them with a crime,” according to the ACLU.

“We have a moral responsibility to speak out,” said Ortiz in an undated interview on TASSC’s website, “and to create a world where the next generation will be spared... where the dignity of all people is respected and where the human rights of all people are protected. We cannot ever lose sight of the reality that we are our sisters and brothers keepers.”

Ortiz’s story was shared via two plays, paired together in Ana Castillo’s *Psst ... I Have Something to Tell You, Mi Amor* (Wings Press).

From 2009 to 2012, Ortiz continued her advocacy at Pax Christi USA, a Catholic organization dedicated

to peace, serving as program director and internship program coordinator with the organization. Then, from 2019 to 2021, she was Pax Christi USA’s deputy director.

“Part of the healing for survivors is being able to reclaim one’s voice,” Ortiz said in an undated **interview** with the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph. “I often say, and I think all of the other survivors will agree, that one never heals from torture. We learn to live with our experience. We try daily not to allow it to define who we are or what path we will walk ... and it’s no easy task.”

Ortiz won numerous awards for her work, including the Pax Christi USA Teacher of Peace award, the Center for Victims of Torture Eclipse Award, the U.S. Catholic Award for furthering the cause of women in the Catholic Church, and the Oscar Romero Award of the Rothko Chapel in Houston, Texas.

Yet, Ortiz’s ministry was the result of

lifelong struggle. As Johnny Zokovitch, executive director of Pax Christi USA, **tweeted**: “The joy she shared with so many was hard fought for her; she was a torture survivor and the strength, grace, courage and dignity she evidenced in her pursuit of the truth of what happened to her...and then her commitment to helping other survivors was deeply inspiring.”

Editor’s note: This article was updated on Feb. 22, 2021 at 4:45 p.m. to correct the year Ortiz was born.

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