

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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Office Hours (mask required)

Horas de oficina (se requiere el uso de mascarillas)

Monday-Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm
Lunes a viernes – 8:30am a 4:30pm

Website / sitioweb: olqpva.org

Live Stream Mass Schedule:

Horario de Misas de transmisión en directo:

October 10– 11:15am & 1pm
October 17– 6pm & 1pm

10 de octubre – 11:15am y 1pm

17 de octubre – 6pm y 1pm

MASSES / MISAS:

Weekdays / Días laborables:

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

Weekend Mass Schedule /

Horario de misas de fin de semana:

Saturday Vigil — 5:30pm

Misa de vigilia sábados - 5:30 pm

Sundays — 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am,

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

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

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

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

October 10, 2021

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

The young man went
away sad because
he had too many possessions.

Mark 10:22



Se fue apesadumbrado,
porque tenía muchos bienes.

Marcos 10,22

NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ

10 de octubre 2021

VIGESIMOCTAVO DOMINGO EN EL
TIEMPO ORDINARIO

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION /
PREPARACIÓN SACRAMENTAL

Baptism / Bautizo:

Please email Baptism Coordinator Sandra Rivera,
srivera@olqpva.org.

Por favor mande un correo electrónico a la coordinadora de los
bautizos, Sandra Rivera, srivera@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 4:45-5:15pm & by appointment

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

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS / COLECTAS DEL DOMINGO

Sunday Collection / Colecta del pasado domingo: \$5,891

Special Kids / Special Needs

Niños Especiales / Necesidades Especiales: \$1,364

Faith Direct (September Average /
promedio del mes de septiembre): \$11,424

WORD & EUCHARIST MISSALETTE /

MISAL PALABRA Y EUCARISTÍA

Today's readings can be found on page 672.

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 673.

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, Suri Barahona, Gene Bétit, Grace Bialecki, Cindy Bianga,
Francis Bilgera, Joseph Leopold Bissonnette, Precious Bowens, April
Brassard, Dave Brassard, Evie Brown, Lynne Burgh, Marty Butner
Covington, Brody Carroll, Reggie Carter, Pat Carty, Louise Chambers,
Carmen Rosa Claire, Jeff Cory, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Jim Davis,
Adrienne DiCerbo, Ernest Donatto, Patricia "Pat" Dowd, Irene Fitzpatrick,
Elizabeth (Bunny) Foster, Yvette Francois, Anne Fullerton, Iva Futrell,
Karen Gammache, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, Fred Gladbach,
Yolanda Gregorio, 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 Morrissey, Bob Morsches, Chelsea
Murray, Dorothy Myrtle, Mario Amel Najarro, Bruyce Niligis, Julie O'Brien,
Peggy O'Brien, Patrick Ogden, 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,
Jane Shepard, Janet Shirvanian, Mary Shookhoff, Jeffrey Smith, Mary E.
Smith, Eva Souza, Nina Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Nancy Urquiza,
Stephen Utley, Robin Vogel, Kate Witkowski, Midge Wholey, Mary Woods,
Claudia Zapata, Kate Zopp.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
VIGESIMOCTAVO DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Wisdom 7:7-11 (140B); Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30

Sabiduría 7:7-11 (140B); Hebreos 4,12-13; Marcos 10,17-30

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

VIGESIMONOVENO DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Isiah 53:10-11 (146B); Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

Isaías 53,10-11 (146B); Hebreos 4,14-16; Marcos 10,35-45

MASS INTENTIONS, SEPTEMBER OCTOBER 9-15

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 9-15 OCTUBRE

VIGESIMOCTAVO DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Saturday October 9th

5:30 pm Tony & Patrice Tighe (L) by Bernadette Loazano

Sunday October 10th

8:00 am the Parish

9:30 am Andrew Marsh (D) by Minkisi Committee

11:15 am Santana Pinto (D) by Jude Dias

1:00 pm Elizabeth Rada Cueto (D) by Morena Panozo

6:00 pm the Parish

Monday October 11th

12:00 pm Peter O'Connell (D) by DeeDee Tostanoski

Tuesday October 12th

12:00 pm the Parish

Wednesday October 13th

12:00 pm the Parish

Thursday October 14th

12:00 pm Joseph H. Francia (D) by the Francia Reyes Family

Friday October 15th

12:00 pm the Parish

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH /

VIDA SACRAMENTAL DE LA PARROQUIA

This weekend we welcome two new Christians. Este fin de
semana le damos la bienvenida a dos nuevos cristianos.

Alec Joel Soto Molina and Darwin Alexander Rivas

Baptized October 9 / Bautizados el 9 de octubre

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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

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Parish Office / Oficina parroquial

Business Manager / Gerente de Negocios: **Christina Kozyn**,
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*Social Justice & Outreach Minister / Ministro de Justicia Social y
Acercamiento (bilingüe):* **Sally Díaz-Wells**, sdiazwells@olqpva.org

Youth & Young Adult Minister / Ministro de Adolescentes y Jóvenes Adultos:
Rebecca Grant Jenkins, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org

Faith Formation Director / Director de Formación de Fe (bilingüe):
Cecilia López Oetgen, clopez@olqpva.org

CARPENTER'S SHELTER DINNER –

Thursday, October 21

October's meal is baked or fried chicken, biscuits & gravy, salad, brownies and lemonade. We are also in need of servers for this month. Contributions can be brought to Fr. Ray Hall kitchen on the day of dinner 12:00-5:00PM, labeled and placed in fridge, freezer or on counter as required, or to the office kitchen during business hours. Please use labels on the counter to indicate what item is and the date of dinner. You can also bring food to the Shelter on the day of dinner, labeled per above and including "dinner". Email Mary to sign up (mary.resnick@gmail.com); previous donors can look for an email with the link to sign up. Thank you!

SOCKTOBER IS HERE – We have begun to collect gently used and new socks for the Feast on the Streets Ministry. Please look for the box marked "socktober" in the church narthex and place them there. We will only collect during the month of October. Thank you. Questions, please contact Sally Diaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org

MATTHEW 25 – Donation Dates and Times: Matt 25 needs Fall and Winter clothing, especially winter coats. Donations are accepted on Saturdays each week during thrift store hours of operation, 9:00 AM -12:00 Noon. Donations also accepted on Wednesdays during store hours, if needed.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION -- The Integrity of Creation team thanks all who contributed to a very meaningful celebration of the Season of Creation during the month of September. The introductions at Mass, petitions, comments by celebrants and full-page bulletin articles all contributed to a heightened focus on the gifts of God's creation, the sad violation of our Earth that humankind has wrought and the urgency with which we must work to restore and renew our common home. Please continue to pray for positive climate action in our country and around the world.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER AND FASTING

October 23-31

The 29th IWOPF begins virtually on Saturday, October 23 through October 31, from 10:00am to 3:30pm. For more information please check out the website at: www.iwopf.org

HELP IS NEEDED at Food for Others! Food for Others (FFO) distributes food to our neighbors in need in the Green Valley area, and its mission has never been more important than now during the ongoing pandemic. An OLQP parishioner who has been distributing food at the Gunston Community Center location for over 20 years seeks help covering the Tuesday evening pickup of food from FFO's Merrifield warehouse and distribution of the food at the site. Volunteers need to be at least 21 years old, but a child may accompany the volunteer and help with the distribution, which makes this a good family volunteer opportunity. If you might be interested in helping cover one or more Tuesdays a month, please contact Gary Shinner, shinnerones5@gmail.com, (703) 650-8688. The website for FFO is <https://foodforothers.org/>

LA CENA REFUGIO DEL CARPINTERO –

el jueves, 21 de octubre

La cena en octubre es pollo asado o frito, panecillos con salsa gravy, ensalada, brownies y limonada. Este mes también necesitamos personas para servir la comida. El día de la comida, entre las 12 y 5:00PM, puede traer e identificar las contribuciones a la cocina de Fr. Ray Hall o a la cocina de la oficina durante las horas de trabajo y ponerlas en el refrigerador, congelador o el mostrador según sea necesario. Por favor use las etiquetas del mostrador para indicar lo que contribuye y la fecha de la comida. También puede traer la comida directamente al Refugio e identificarla de la misma manera. Mándele un correo electrónico a Mary para apuntarse (mary.resnick@gmail.com). Las personas que han donado antes van a recibir un correo electrónico que tendrá el enlace para apuntarse. ¡Gracias!

SOCKTUBRE ESTÁ AQUÍ – Hemos empezado a recoger medias de poco uso y nuevas para *Feast on the Street Ministry*. Por favor, busque la caja que dice "socktober" en el nártex de la iglesia y ponga sus donaciones allí. Solamente vamos a recoger medias durante el mes de octubre. Muchas gracias. Contacte a Sally Díaz-Wells si tiene preguntas: sdiazwells@olqpva.org

MATEO 25 – Horas y días para las donaciones: Mateo 25 necesita ropa de otoño e invierno, especialmente abrigos de invierno. Las donaciones se aceptan todos los sábados, de 9:00AM a las 12 del mediodía durante las horas de trabajo de la tienda. Y si es necesario, las donaciones también se aceptan los miércoles durante las horas de trabajo.

NUESTRO AGRADECIMIENTO – El Equipo de la integridad de la creación le da las gracias a todas las personas que contribuyeron a la significativa celebración del Tiempo de la creación durante el mes de septiembre. Las presentaciones en la Misa, las peticiones, los comentarios por los celebrantes y los artículos a toda página en el boletín contribuyeron a darle más atención a los dones de la creación de Dios, la violación de nuestra Tierra que la humanidad ha forjado y la urgencia con la que tenemos que trabajar para restaurar y renovar nuestro hogar común. Por favor continúen rezando por acciones positivas respecto al clima en nuestro país y por todo el mundo.

SEMANA INTERNACIONAL DE LA ORACIÓN Y EL AYUNO

Del 23 al 31 de octubre

La 29ª SEMANA INTERNACIONAL DE LA ORACIÓN Y EL AYUNO empieza virtualmente el domingo, 23 de octubre hasta el 31 de octubre de 10:00am a las 3:30pm. Para obtener más información, por favor vaya al sitio web en: www.iwopf.org

¡SE NECESITA AYUDA en Food for Others! Food for Others (FFO) distribuye comida a los vecinos necesitados en el área de Green Valley y su misión nunca ha sido más importante que ahora durante la continua pandemia. Un miembro de la parroquia OLQP que ha estado distribuyendo comida en el Gunston Community Center por más de 20 años busca ayuda para cubrir la recogida de comida del almacén FFO en Merrifield y distribuir la comida allí los martes por la noche. Las personas voluntarias tienen que tener por lo menos 21 años, pero una niña o un niño puede acompañar a la persona y ayudar con la distribución. Esta es una buena oportunidad para una familia. Si está interesada/o en ayudar a cubrir un martes o más al mes, por favor contacte a Gary Shinner (703) 650-8688, shinnerones5@gmail.com. El sitio web para FFO es <https://foodforothers.org/>

NEWS FROM MEDOR

Timote Georges, director of Smallholder Farmers Alliance, the group which implements the agro-forestry program in Medor, reported that during the first six months of 2021 the 10 tree nurseries in St. Joseph parish produced 50,390 tree seedlings. Of these, 30,258 were transplanted from the nurseries onto the mountainsides and in farmers' plots during 40 planting kombits (work parties) with about 80 farmers participating in each kombit. The remaining seedlings will be transplanted at the appropriate time. The agro-forestry program began in 2010 and has transplanted over 822,000 tree seedlings so far!

WEEKLY OLQP MOMENT

Join the parish community on Tuesday at 5:27pm to reflect on the topic of **Commitment**. 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, patjulius@verizon.net to receive the information in a calendar request. Please specify if you want the reminder in Spanish.

FAITH DIRECT eGIVING

Looking for a great stewardship habit? Try eGiving – it streamlines your generosity and lets you do even more to help OLQP grow our ministries that share the Good News of God's love. You can make the switch today! Signing up is easy from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and you can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts have been a lifeline through the upheaval of the pandemic. They sustain our parish throughout the year, and provide consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for church families and for those in need in our community. Sign up today by visiting Faith.Direct/VA271, or text 'Enroll' to (Text-to-Give Number). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. Blessings, Fr. Tim and Fr. Martin

HELP ALIVE! HELP OUR ALEXANDRIA NEIGHBORS

For over 50 years, ALIVE! has helped struggling Alexandrians with food, shelter, and emergency financial assistance. Never has that help been more important than during the ongoing pandemic. Help ALIVE! continue to provide that assistance by registering for the 40th Annual StepALIVE! Walkathon on Sunday, October 17. Join other OLQP ALIVE! supporters by singing up for Team OLQP on the StepALIVE! Website, www.stepalivewalk.org. Team members can gather at First Christian Church in Alexandria -- 1:15pm onsite registration and t-shirt pickup; 2pm Kickoff; 3:30-4:30pm Outdoor post-walk celebration. Walk with a group, walk by yourself in your neighborhood, or just pay the registration fee and stay home. It will all go to support ALIVE! All registrants will receive 2021 StepALIVE! T-shirts. For more information, to register for Team OLQP, or to donate, go to: www.stepalivewalk.org

NOTICIAS DE MEDOR

Timote Georges, el director de la alianza de los pequeños agricultores (Smallholder Farmers Alliance), el grupo que implementa el programa agroforestal en Medor, reportó que durante los primeros seis meses de 2021, los 10 viveros de árboles en la parroquia St. Joseph produjeron 50,390 semilleros de árboles. De esos, 30,258 se trasplantaron de los viveros a las laderas de las montañas y a parcelas de granjeros durante los 40 kombits (grupos de trabajo) y alrededor de 80 granjeros participaron en cada grupo. Los semilleros de árboles que quedaron se van a trasplantar cuando sea el momento apropiado. El programa agroforestal empezó en el 2010 y hasta ahora ¡ha trasplantado más de 822,000 semilleros de árboles!

MOMENTO SEMANAL DE OLQP

Únase a la comunidad parroquial el martes a las 5:27pm para reflexionar sobre el tema del **Compromiso**. 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.

FAITH DIRECT eGIVING

¿Está buscando un gran hábito de administración? Pruebe eGiving – optimiza su generosidad y le deja hacer aún más para ayudar a que los ministerios de OLQP que comparten las Buenas Nuevas del amor de Dios aumenten. ¡Usted puede hacer el cambio hoy! Apuntarse es muy fácil. Puede hacerlo de su computadora, su teléfono inteligente o tableta y puede programar una donación recurrente o hacer una donación única. Las donaciones recurrentes han sido una línea de vida de la parroquia durante el trastorno de la pandemia. Apoyan a la parroquia durante el año y proveen apoyo constante que siempre nos ayuda a estar listos con programas, servicios y ministerios para las familias de la parroquia y las personas necesitadas en nuestra comunidad. Apúntese al visitar Faith.Direct/VA271, o mande el texto "Enroll" a (Text-to-Give Number). Gracias por su continuo apoyo de nuestra familia parroquial. Bendiciones, Padre Tim y Padre Martin

AYUDE A ALIVE! A AYUDAR A NUESTROS VECINOS DE ALEXANDRIA

Por más de 50 años, ALIVE! ha ayudado a residentes de Alexandria que tienen problemas con la comida, la vivienda y la asistencia financiera de emergencia. Esa ayuda nunca ha sido tan importante como durante la pandemia. Ayude a ALIVE! a continuar dando esa asistencia al inscribirse para el 40 Anual StepALIVE! Walkathon el domingo, 17 de octubre. Únase a otras personas que apoyan OLQP ALIVE! al inscribirse para el Equipo OLQP en el sitio web de StepALIVE!, www.stepalivewalk.org. Las personas del equipo pueden reunirse en la iglesia First Christian en Alexandria— la inscripción y la recogida de camisetas es a la 1:15pm. A las 2:00pm es el comienzo del Walkathon. De 3:30 a 4:30pm es la celebración de la caminata al aire libre. Camine con un grupo o sola/o en su vecindario o solo pague por la inscripción y quédese en casa. Todo va a ayudar a ALIVE!. Todas las personas que se inscriban recibirán una camiseta StepALIVE!. Para obtener más información, para inscribirse para el Equipo OLQP o para hacer una donación, vaya a: www.stepalivewalk.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY:

Registration is now open. Please go to the parish website Youth Ministry Page (click the "Get Involved" tab), to register and for more information. We meet on the outside patio at 1915 Edgewood St.

- High School Teen Nites will meet every OTHER Wednesday, 7:00pm – 8:30pm.
- High School Firepit Fridays will meet every OTHER Friday, beginning on October 5th, from 7:00pm – 9:00pm.
- Middle School "F3" will be the last Friday of each month, from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. Faith, Fellowship & Fun for our 7th & 8th grade YM members.
- Middle/High School Bible Study will meet every OTHER Tuesday, 7:00pm – 8:00pm.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:

Save the Date: Oktoberfest, Sunday October 17th, after the 6:00pm mass. If interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Rebecca Grant Jenkins, rgrantjenkins@gmail.com

MINISTERIO DE ADOLESCENTES:

La matricula está abierta ahora. Por favor ve al sitio web de la parroquia a la página *Youth Ministry* (haz clic en la ficha "Get involved"), para inscribirte y obtener más información. Nos reunimos en el patio en 1915 Edgewood St.

- Las noches para adolescentes van a ser un miércoles SÍ y otro NO, de 7:00pm – 8:30pm.
- Los viernes High School Firepit van a ser un viernes SÍ y otro NO, empezando el 5 de octubre, de 7:00pm – 9:00pm.
- La escuela media "F3" se reunirá el último viernes de cada mes, de 7:00pm – 8:30pm. Fe, compañerismo y diversión para los estudiantes de los grados 7 y 8 miembros del ministerio de adolescentes (YM).
- El Estudio de la Biblia para la escuela media/superior va a ser un martes SÍ y otro NO, de 7:00pm – 8:00pm.

MINISTERIO DE JÓVENES ADULTOS:

Reserva la fecha: Oktoberfest, el domingo, 17 de octubre, después de la Misa de las 6:00pm. Si estás interesada/o en ofrecerte de voluntaria/o para este evento, contacta a Rebecca Grant Jenkins, rgrantjenkins@gmail.com.

JUST A THOUGHT...OR TWO...

In today's Gospel Jesus warns us about becoming too complacent and comfortable in our faith. He warns that "some who are last will be first and some who are first will be last". Note that he does not say that all who are last will be first nor will all who are first be last. Jesus exclaims that the "gate to the Kingdom of heaven is narrow" ...he compares the size of the gate of heaven to "the eye of the needle".

Jesus says that it will be easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter heaven. So what chance do I have of passing through this gate? In reality "the eye of the needle" refers to a small door built into the huge gates to the entrance of the walled city of old Jerusalem. The truth is that a person could easily pass through the "eye of the needle"...but a camel could only pass through if all of the supplies it was carrying were first "off-loaded".

It would be difficult, but the camel, stooping low, with saddle and supplies removed, could enter through the "eye of the needle" and into the walled city. I believe the point being made is that we need to "off-load" our

"stuff" ...to be willing to set down "things" that keep us from being about the work of building up the Reign of God.

The other image in today's Gospel is also inspiring, the image of the rich young man who lived a righteous life and had kept the law and all the commandments but when Jesus asked him to sell all his possessions it was just too much for the young man. And he walked away from Jesus sad, for he had many possessions.

The fact is that our possessions, "the things" we own can sometimes own us, take of our time and we can become preoccupied with caring for them and using them and storing them. They can take our attention away from other things that we should focus on, like our relationship with Jesus and living out our discipleship by being at the service of others, especially the poor and marginalized.

And so I ask myself...what things do I need to "off-load" in my life in order to pay more attention to my discipleship and to building up the Reign of God?

Blessings,
Fr Tim



KUDOS Nayeh Zouhon!!

Minkisi ministry gives kudos to OLQP parishioner Nayeh Zouhon who received the SIS/Sisters in the Spirit-Archdiocese of Washington's Fruit of the Spirit Award on Oct. 9. In a virtual 20th Anniversary celebration, SIS gave an Award to 10 young women, who represented their parishes in DC, MD & VA. The awardees are seen as exemplary in their faith, and are talented and skilled leaders in their parish, school and community.

FATHER ED KELLY SERIES – The third and final in our 2021 “Ed Talks” series will be Friday, November 12, at 7pm **on zoom**. We will discuss Spirituality as the *Well Spring for Racial Justice*. Parishioner and founder of Conversations About Race & Belonging, Michele Chang, will be our speaker. Learn something new and [join the online conversation](#). Interested, contact Sally Diaz-Wells for zoom link: sdiazwells@olqpva.org

NOTE FROM A RECEIVER OF STEPHEN MINISTRY HELP

I had three eye operations for cataracts and glaucoma and lost my job. I was very depressed and sad. I accepted help from Stephen Ministry at Our Lady Queen of Peace. My caregiver and I talk on the phone for 30 minutes every week. She suggests I read the Bible, the Gospels and Psalms. She also suggests I write many times on a piece of paper the negative words I feel: fear, insecurity, anguish, glaucoma, then cut or tear the paper and toss it into the trash. I try her suggestions. At the end of our phone conversation she reads spiritual pieces. We also pray together. I feel better every day, happier. She has helped me to move forward with my life. Thanks to Our Lord Jesus and Stephen Ministry for sending her into my life. She is a person with spiritual initiative. She lifts up my spirits. I am improving spiritually and physically with her advice.

STAND AND DELIVER

SHOWING AND DISCUSSION OCTOBER 22 AND 24

Join St. John Neumann's Racial Justice Ministry for a showing of the groundbreaking film, *Stand and Deliver* on Friday, October 22, at 7pm via Zoom. Based on the true story of high school math teacher Jaime Escalante, this 1988 movie depicts how a group of Hispanic high school students from East Los Angeles overcome poverty and prejudice to master AP Calculus. Would the teacher's innovative methods and attitude work for disadvantaged adolescents in today's schools? This and other questions will be covered during our follow-on discussion on Sunday, October 24, also at 7pm via Zoom. Register here by Oct 21: www.surveymonkey.com/r/LNGYW6

WRITERS NEEDED! *The Advocate* is seeking additional staff writers. The OLQP newsletter explores a variety of topics in the context of Catholic social teaching. Each issue features church ministries and members who share their personal stories and the role that OLQP has played in their lives. *The Advocate* can be found on the OLQP website <https://ourladyqueenofpeace.org>. Please contact: Paula Cruickshank, Editor, *The Advocate*, laika1031@gmail.com or 703-216-3045.

October is Respect Life Month

Entrustment of the Cause of Life

O Mary,
bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the *cause of life*
Look down, O Mother,
upon the vast numbers
of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
of men and women
who are victims of brutal violence,
of the elderly and the sick killed
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son
may *proclaim the Gospel of life*
with honesty and love
to the people of our time.

Obtain for them the grace
to *accept that Gospel*
as a gift ever new,
the joy of *celebrating* it with gratitude
throughout their lives
and the courage to *bear witness to it*
resolutely, in order to build,
together with all people of good will,
the civilization of truth and love,
to the praise and glory of God,
the Creator and lover of life.

— Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* (1995)

Statement by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge on HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year from September 15 through October 15 the United States celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month, a national celebration to commemorate the profound influence of Hispanic Americans and the contributions made by their ancestors from Latin American countries. In a special way, we recognize those who have enriched our Catholic faith with their beautiful devotions and unique spirituality.

Our Lord Jesus instructs us to welcome the stranger, and Pope Francis reminds us that: “The Church” is a Church “without frontiers, a Mother to all” that “spreads throughout the world a culture of acceptance and solidarity.”

During this month, let us strive to deepen our appreciation for, and unity with, Hispanic Americans. May Our Divine Savior continue to grant us appreciation, love and respect for one another, now and always.

Declaración de Monseñor Michael F. Burbidge el Mes de la Herencia Hispana

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Cada año, del 15 de septiembre al 15 de octubre, Estados Unidos celebra el Mes de la Herencia Hispana, una celebración nacional sobre la profunda influencia y contribuciones hechas por los hispanos y sus antepasados. De manera especial, reconocemos a aquellos que han enriquecido nuestra fe católica con sus hermosas devociones y su espiritualidad única.

Nuestro Señor Jesús nos instruye a recibir al forastero, y el Papa Francisco nos recuerda que “La Iglesia [no] tiene fronteras, es madre de todos y se esfuerza por alimentar la cultura de la acogida y la solidaridad”.

Durante este mes, les invito a profundizar nuestro aprecio por la herencia hispana en nuestro país. Que Nuestro Divino Salvador continúe otorgándonos aprecio, amor y respeto mutuo ahora y siempre.

The all-encompassing vision of Pope Francis’ Laudato Si’ Action Platform for the Church

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On November 14th (originally scheduled for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4th), Pope Francis will do a very Franciscan thing. He will call the entire Catholic world for a **seven-year effort to implement his historic encyclical, *Laudato Si’***.

Most informed Catholics understand the scope and depth of that document. It stands as perhaps the most significant papal statement in the 130 years of modern Catholic Social Teaching – because in it the Holy Father has joined the life of the planet with the future of the human race.

Francis’ intention is that for years to come his plan for implementing *Laudato Si’* will (should) occupy much of Catholic life, because the Pope is directing his call to every aspect of our Church’s life. He prefaces this all-encompassing initiative in a poetic way, saying: “From the hands of God, we have received a garden; we cannot leave a desert to our children.”

This action platform will offer plans for Catholic institutions, communities and families to discern and implement responses to *Laudato Si’*. Appropriately what follows here is taken in a large measure from one of those very institutions: a Catholic parish, Our Lady Queen of Peace in Arlington, Virginia. There, the parochial Integrity of Creation Committee has outlined with clarity what is already known about the

specifics which Pope Francis began to lay out initially.

The platform is expected to focus on seven sectors of Catholic institutions: families, parishes, schools, hospitals, businesses, organizations and religious orders. In a word, the whole Church is being called to active engagement in what the Pope calls for: our common home, “a garden, not a desert”.

In addition, this modern Francis will flesh out the goals for his action plan: interwoven responses to the cry of the earth, to the cry of the poor; ecological economics; adoption of simple lifestyles; ecological education; ecological spirituality; and community involvement.

Alongside this ambitious proposal from our global pastor is a similar all-embracing vision called the **Catholic Nonviolent Initiative**. The CNI points to an integration of the theology and practice of Gospel nonviolence with the *Laudato Si’* plan. It sees violence done at every level of creation as the “hilo conductor” (the conducting wire) in every threat to our common home. Put more positively, CNI insists that the practice of nonviolence individually, collectively, nationally and internationally offers a clear pathway to reversing the destruction of Mother Earth.

One can only imagine the epochal conversion which Pope Francis’ plan could bring about. One-seventh of the world’s human population, Catholics, dedicated in a serious and consistent way to the goals of this plan! It would greatly advance the “new normal” spoken about by the

Pope as he envisions a different post-pandemic world. We can only pray, hope and do our part to see that this seed planted will find fertile soil in the heart and soul of our sisters and brothers in the faith; that it will not fall on rocky ground and gradually be neglected; that it will not fall among the weeds and brambles of self-interest; above all that it will not initially be received enthusiastically but wither and die for lack of deep roots (Luke 8:11-15).

A final personal reflection. Does it not seem that this entire *Laudato Si’* program may stand as Pope Bergoglio’s last will and testament? He is approaching his 85th year, and the urgency of his *cri de coeur* on behalf of the “Garden given us by God” sounds much like a final plea to the Church and humanity. Naturally none of us wants to think about a post-Francis era and thoughts about his inevitable decline and death are avoided. But this all-encompassing and universal proposal may ultimately be seen as a final gift from this fantastic Pope Francis to the human family.

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