

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 30-31 – 8am & 1pm

November 6-7 – 9:30am & 1pm

30-31 de octubre – 8am y 1pm

6-7 de noviembre – 9:30am 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 31, 2021

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

MASS FOR ALL SAINTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 12:00 NOON

Join Father Tim as he commemorates All Saints Day at the 12 noon on Monday, November 1st. The usual holy day mass schedule will not be observed because the obligation to attend Mass is lifted when a holy day falls on Saturday or Monday.

MISA POR TODOS LOS SANTOS

LUNES, 1 DE NOVIEMBRE, 12:00 MEDIODÍA

Únase al Padre Tim mientras conmemora el Día de Todos los Santos a las 12 del mediodía del lunes, 1 de noviembre. No se observará el horario habitual de Misa de día de precepto porque la obligación de asistir a Misa se exime cuando el día de precepto cae en sábado o lunes.

"There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:31



“No hay ningún mandamiento mayor que éstos.”

Marcos 12,31

NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ
31 de octubre 2021
TRIGESIMOPRIMER 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: \$4,563

World Mission / Domingo Mundial de las Misiones: \$4,349

Faith Direct (October Average /
promedio del mes de octubre): \$12,596

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

Today's readings can be found on page 686.

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 687.

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 Béttit, 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, Yevette 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 Morrisey, 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.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TRIGESIMOPRIMER DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Deuteronomy 6:2-6 (152B); Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12-28b-34

Deuteronomio 6,2-6 (152B); Hebreos 7,23-28; Marcos 12,28b-34

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TRIGESIMOSEGUNDO DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

1 Kings 17:10-16 (155B); Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

1 Reyes 17:10-16 (155B); Hebreos 9,24-28; Marcos 12,38-44

MASS INTENTIONS, SEPTEMBER OCTOBER 30 – NOVEMBER 5

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 30 OCTUBRE – 5 NOVIEMBRE

TRIGESIMOPRIMER DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Saturday October 30th

5:30 pm Corazon Yabes (D) by the Yabes Family

Sunday October 31st

8:00 am Deborah Byrnes File (D) by Gerald B. File

9:30 am Gloria Chambers (D) by the Minkisi Committee

11:15 am Alejandro Perusi-Melara (D) by Melissa Melara & Family

1:00 pm Roberto Caycho Bravo (D) por la Familia Cabrera

6:00 pm Connie & Phil Hickey (D) by Fr. Tim Hickey

Monday November 1st

12:00 pm José Clemente Bravo Aparcana (D)

by María Teresa Laguna & Family

Tuesday November 2nd

12:00 pm Pinto, Dias, Khetarpaul Families (D) by Jude Dias

Wednesday November 3rd

12:00 pm the Parish

Thursday November 4th

12:00 pm Harish Selvanadin (D) by the Selvanadin Family

Friday November 5th

12:00 pm Julia Nicole Toure (D) by Maritza Roldan

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A Consistent Ethic of Life Catholic Community

SOCKTOBER IS ENDING— Please continue to drop off your new and gently used socks this weekend only for the Feast on the Streets Ministry. This is the last weekend we will collect socks. Questions, please contact Sally Diaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org

SOCKTUBRE LLEGA A SU FIN — Por favor continúe trayendo sus donaciones de medias nuevas y de poco uso para Feast on the Streets Ministry. Este es el último fin de semana que vamos a recoger las medias. Si tiene preguntas, por favor contacte a Sally Díaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org

NEWS FROM MEDOR

Jocelyn and Robert, Smallholder Farmers Alliance agronomists, led Medor's agro-forestry program since it began in 2010. They stayed in Medor Monday-Friday and spent the weekends at home with their families in the city. Their leadership and the numerous training sessions they provided enabled the farmers in Medor to take more ownership of the program. In July Medor's nursery technicians and two recent university graduates assumed greater responsibilities for running the program for their community. Jocelyn and Robert worked themselves out of a job in Medor while allowing the farmers to take a giant step toward having a sustainable community led agro-forestry program.

NOTICIAS DE MEDOR
Jocelyn y Robert, agrónomos de la alianza de los pequeños agricultores (Smallholder Farmers Alliance), dirigieron el programa agroforestal desde su comienzo en el año 2010. Se quedaban en Medor de lunes a viernes y pasaban los fines de semana en su casa con sus familias en la ciudad. Su liderazgo y las numerosas sesiones de entrenamiento que dieron permitieron que los agricultores en Medor tomaran más responsabilidad del programa. En julio, los técnicos de los viveros de árboles y dos recién graduados de la universidad asumieron más responsabilidad por la dirección del programa para su comunidad. Jocelyn y Robert hicieron tan buen trabajo con el entrenamiento que les permitieron a los agricultores que dieran un paso gigantesco hacia la realización de una comunidad sustentable como guía del programa agroforestal.

WEEKLY OLQP MOMENT

Join the parish community on Thursday at 12:28pm to reflect on the topic of **Love**. 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.

MOMENTO SEMANAL DE OLQP
Únase a la comunidad parroquial el jueves a las 12:28pm para reflexionar sobre el tema del **Amor**. 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.

BABY IN NEED: The Le family attends Nativity Catholic Church in Burke, VA. Their baby, Jayce, has leukemia and needs multiple blood transfusions. Can you please donate blood to help him survive? This is the link to sign up as a blood donor: <https://linktr.ee/teambabyjayce>

UN BEBÉ NECESITADO: La familia Le asiste a la iglesia católica Nativity en Burke, VA. Su bebé, Jayce, tiene leucemia y necesita múltiples transfusiones de sangre. ¿Puede usted donar sangre para ayudar a que sobreviva? Este es el enlace para apuntarse como donante de sangre: <https://linktr.ee/teambabyjayce>

12TH VIRGINIA IMMIGRANT ADVOCATES SUMMIT As with last year, this year's event will be a two-day virtual summit that will allow attendees to participate safely while also engaging with speakers on topics important for immigrant communities in Virginia. **DATE:** Tuesday and Wednesday, November 9th, and 10th; **TIME:** 9:00am to 1:10pm; **REGISTRATION:** <https://12thvirginiaimmigrantsummit.eventbrite.com>; **COST:** \$ 10 plus processing fee.

LA DUODÉCIMA CONFERENCIA DE ABOGADOS DE MIGRANTES DE VIRGINIA — Igual que el año pasado, la conferencia será un evento virtual de dos días que les permitirá a los asistentes participar con seguridad y al mismo tiempo interactuar con los conferenciantes en cuanto a temas importantes para las comunidades de inmigrantes en Virginia. **FECHA:** el martes y el miércoles, 9 y 10 de noviembre. **HORA:** 9:00am a 1:10 pm. **INSCRIPCIÓN:** <https://12thvirginiaimmigrantsummit.eventbrite.com>. **COSTO:** \$10.00 más una cuota de procesamiento.

THANKSGIVING “ADOPT A FAMILY” PROGRAM

Food donations can be dropped off on Saturday, November 20, from 9am to 5pm and Sunday, November 21, from 9am to 6pm. Distribution will be Monday, November 22nd. (Please note that the correct dates are listed here for the drive through food drop off.) Questions, please contact Sally Diaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org

PROGRAMA “ADOPTA A UNA FAMILIA” PARA EL DÍA DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS

Puede traer donaciones de comida el sábado, 20 de noviembre, de 9am a 5pm y el domingo, 21 de noviembre, de 9am a 6pm. La distribución será el lunes, 22 de noviembre. (Por favor note que las fechas correctas son las que se ofrecen aquí para la entrega sin contacto de la comida.) Si tiene preguntas, por favor contacte a Sally Díaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org

OLQP Young Adults’ Ministry brings you: TRIVIA NIGHT

**Saturday, November 6, 7-10pm,
Ministry Center Founders Room**

It’s been too long since the last potluck and we want to reconnect with all of you. Come join us for a fun trivia night with the Young Adults’ Ministry. Bring a friend and be ready to have a lot of fun with other young adults from our parish. Please stay tuned to our Facebook Group Page for more information on this event. We hope to see all you Young Adults soon! Please contact Monica Rivera for details, monicarivera@gmail.com.



El Ministerio de jóvenes adultos de OLQP les trae: NOCHE DE TRIVIALIDADES / TRIVIA NIGHT El sábado, 6 de noviembre de 7-10pm, Founders Room del Ministry Center

Ha pasado mucho tiempo desde que tuvimos la última comida potluck y queremos volver a conectarnos con todos ustedes. Ven a disfrutar de una noche de trivia divertida con el Ministerio de los jóvenes adultos. Trae a una amiga o un amigo y ven dispuesta/o a divertirte mucho con otros jóvenes adultos de nuestra parroquia. Por favor chequea nuestra página de Facebook del grupo para obtener más información de esta actividad. ¡Esperamos verlos a todos ustedes pronto! Por favor contacta a Mónica Rivera para obtener detalles, monicarivera@gmail.com.

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/>

¡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/>

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. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. Blessings, Fr. Tim and Fr. Martin

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. Gracias por su continuo apoyo de nuestra familia parroquial. Bendiciones, Padre Tim y Padre Martin

INTERNATIONAL WEEK - 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: www.iwopf.org

HOW YOU CAN HELP

RECENTLY ARRIVED AFGHAN SIV HOLDERS

As events in Afghanistan continue to unfold, Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services welcomes Afghan SIV holders (individuals who assisted US operations in Afghanistan) to Northern Virginia. If you are interested in assisting please email: lourdes.iglesias@ccda.net for more information.

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.

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 sábado, 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

COMO USTED PUEDE AYUDAR A SOLDADOS

AFGANOS SIV RECIÉN LLEGADOS

Al seguir sucediendo los acontecimientos en Afganistán, los servicios de migración y refugiados de las Caridades católicas les dan la bienvenida a las personas afganas SIV (personas que dieron apoyo a las operaciones americanas en Afganistán) al norte de Virginia. Si está interesada/o en ayudar por favor mándele un correo electrónico a lourdes.iglesias@ccda.net para recibir información

MINISTERIO DE ADOLESCENTES:

La matrícula 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.

JUST A THOUGHT...OR TWO...

So what is the greatest commandment?: 'Loving God with your whole being and your neighbor as yourself.'...which Jesus says is worth more than all burnt offerings and all sacrifices and no commandment greater than these!

A very powerful statement to be sure, but it seems we still haven't got it! We still put all kinds of rules and regulations and pious practices ahead of this "one", clearly stated, commandment. Even though Jesus was so very clear about it, it seems that we still insist on putting all these other "things" ahead of this one straight forward commandment.

Imagine if we were to order our lives around this singular commandment -- imagine how the world might be. Imagine if we focused on truly loving God and our neighbor as if that was the singular organizing principle of our lives, of our church, of our public and social policies! Our whole world view would change...we would see migrants and immigrants and refugees not as strangers and threats but as sisters and brothers. We would see the poor, the needy and vulnerable not as taxing on our resources, but as family in need and respond to their needs out of love.

Our primary motivation would no longer focus on just 'what I can get or do for myself' but would look to God and to my neighbor. Suddenly the wellbeing and safety of "the other" would take on a whole new significance in my life in the building up of "the Reign of God" here on earth!

So my stance on issues like just war theory, euthanasia, abortion, equal access to education, just wages, racial justice, affordable housing, equal access to healthcare, compassionate care of the elderly, infirmed and mentally ill, would all be shaped by my love of God and my love of neighbor, knowing them to be sisters and brothers.

If all these issues were viewed solely through the lens of this one commandment of loving God with our whole being and our neighbor as ourselves it would call me to learn to let go of all my biases.

Imagine the social and political impact it would have in our country and around the world if all Christians or even if just a majority of Christians began to work towards building up Jesus' vision of the Reign of God!

And of course imagine the impact it would have on the church itself, if all the priests, deacons, nuns, brothers, bishops and cardinals used this commandment as their primary lens through which they exercised every aspect of their ministry -- it would be transformative! Clericalism and careerism would be replaced with servant leadership which would bring about an end to the ongoing leadership scandal in the church that Pope Francis so often decries.

Within our country all our political discourse would radically change -- poverty, racism, the marginalization of others would all be things of the past...imagine! Jesus did...No, he commanded that it be so! This is his vision of "the Reign of God", and it is the challenge that Jesus places before us as his disciples...for us to put love of God and to love our neighbor first!

What would my life look like if I set aside any resentments or pettiness I might have and choose to accept and love people just the way they were regardless of how wrong I might believe them to be? How do I best show my love of God and my love of neighbor? What might I need to change in my life to make Jesus' commandment more fully the standard by which I live?

Blessings,
Fr Tim

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

JUST\$\$ - Beginning November 6th, OLQP will be holding a Just\$ Holiday Sale Event of Giant and Safeway Grocery cards that were purchased but not sold due to the last Spring's Covid shutdown of Masses and Ministry work. The Sale Event will be held on the weekends of November 6/7, 13/14, 20/21 and December 4/5 and 11/12 after all masses except the 1:00 PM mass. Parishioners will be able to purchase cards for their own holiday shopping, to give as holiday gifts, and to donate to personal causes. Cards also can be purchased and donated back to the parish for the "Pastor's Outreach Fund" where they may be used for any number of programs – food assistance, Gabriel Project, Shoeboxes for the Homeless, Brown Bag Lunches for SEEC day laborers, etc. Father Tim has a plan to fairly distribute donated cards. Currently, both Giant and Safeway cards are available in various denominations ranging from \$10 through \$100. You can purchase cards with cash or check. If you have any questions, you can call Frances M. at 703-461-8870.

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

**CATHOLIC FAITH, COMMUNION, AND PUBLIC LIFE:
VOICES IN THE UNITED STATES AND A REPORT FROM THE
VATICAN, Monday, November 1, 12:30 – 1:30pm**

This conversation will cover the meeting between Pope Francis and President Biden and the proposed Catholic bishops' statement on denying communion to Catholic public officials and others who support policies which advance abortion, as well as the launch of a major Eucharistic Revival for the Catholic Church in the United States. It will include a respected journalist from the Vatican, a Latina theologian who has written on Eucharistic revival in a pandemic, a woman religious who leads a ministry to vulnerable women and children, and a Catholic leader who is African American and a respected advocate for human life and racial justice. More information and RSVP: bit.ly/3aOKSk4

MINKISI's 24th Annual Mini-Retreat

"Brokenhearted and Bound in the Lord!"

The OLQP Minkisi ministry invites you to the 24th Annual Mini-Retreat, "Brokenhearted and Bound in the Lord!". Held in Black Catholic History Month, the retreat is on Saturday, November 13, 8:45 am-3:00 pm, ET, in Zoom. Join with retreat director Fr. Robert Boxie, Chaplain of the Howard University Catholic Community, with OLQP 8:00 AM Wake Up Choir director Pedro Hart, and with Cecilia Braveboy, facilitator of Minkisi ministry. For more information and to register: <https://bit.ly/2021MinkisiAnnualRetreat>

ECO-THOUGHT: Small yet strong in the love of God, like St. Francis of Assisi, all of us, as Christians, are called to watch over and protect the fragile world in which we live, and all its peoples. *Pope Francis, Apostolic Exhortation, Nov. 24, 2013*

SEEKING HELP FOR A OLQP FOOD PANTRY PARTNER

Since the start of the pandemic, the OLQP food pantry has partnered with local farmers to help feed our community during this time of great need. Sadly, one of our most dependable partners, the Pleitez Family Farm,



which has donated more than 4,000 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables to the OLQP pantry over the past 18 months, recently experienced a hardship and is in need of our help. In May, a violent thunderstorm destroyed the farm's two primary greenhouses, which now need to be rebuilt. **Please consider donating to this rebuilding effort through the GoFundMe link below.** The Pleitez family comes from a long line of Mexican migrant farm workers and began selling produce through their own farm here in Virginia approximately 25 years ago. Your generous contributions will help ensure the continued viability of this family farm and our generous OLQP partner.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-pleitez-produce-farm-rebuild-their-greenhouse>

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS PROGRAM

Please join the parish & Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) for the 7th annual Hope for the Holidays program.

Part of our parish mission is to reach out to the marginalized. This is particularly important this year as the ongoing pandemic, crisis at our southern border and the humanitarian crisis due to the withdrawal in Afghanistan have resulted in record levels of immigrants in detention. Imagine the isolation these children of God feel especially during the holidays. **Therefore, we are asking you to join us in writing Christmas cards to immigrants in detention.** Your messages of hope and faith will remind them that they are not forgotten during the holiday season.

EVERYONE CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS ACTIVITY

Cards can be handmade, or store bought.

Write messages of hope and encouragement in English, Spanish or French on holiday cards (see messages below for inspiration).

Draw a picture to personalize the card.

Share your favorite poem, quote, or Bible verse to personalize the card.

Sign the card (first name and city/state).

MERRY CHRISTMAS
FELIZ NAVIDAD
JOYEUX NOËL



Please DO NOT put cards in envelopes. (A security issue at the detention centers.)

SAMPLE GREETING

English--Dear friend, Greetings from [city/state]. My name is [name]. Merry Christmas. Please know that you are not alone nor forgotten. Please know that thousands of people are working to keep you and your family safe. I am praying for you and your family. I am also fighting for justice for you and your family, and for all our brothers and sisters who leave their countries in search of a better life. Never forget that we are praying and fighting for you and your family. God's blessings and peace at Christmas and for the New Year. May God bless you!

If you don't have a card or two, there is a basket in the back of the church with cards you can use.

**Please deposit finished cards in the wrapped box in the back of the church
or in the lobby of the Ministry Center**

by the end of the first weekend in Advent, Sunday, November 28th.

The parish must mail the cards soon thereafter. Thank you!

Esperanza para los días festivos

Por favor, únase a la parroquia y a Servicios luteranos de inmigración y refugiados (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services -- LIRS por sus siglas en inglés) para el programa anual de Esperanza para los días festivos (Hope for the Holidays).

Parte de la misión de nuestra parroquia es tenderles la mano a las personas marginadas. Esto es particularmente importante este año debido a que la pandemia actual, la crisis en la frontera del sur y la crisis humanitaria debido a la retirada en Afganistán han causado un número récord de inmigrantes detenidos. Imagínesse el aislamiento que estos niños de Dios sienten especialmente durante los días festivos. **Por lo tanto, le pedimos que se una a nosotros y escriba tarjetas de Navidad a inmigrantes detenidos.** Su mensaje de esperanza y fe les recordará que son recordados durante la temporada navideña.

TODOS PUEDEN PARTICIPAR EN ESTA ACTIVIDAD

Las tarjetas pueden ser hechas en casa o compradas.

Escriba mensajes de esperanza y estímulo en inglés, español o francés en tarjetas navideñas (vea mensajes abajo para inspirarse).

Haga un dibujo para personalizar la tarjeta.

Comparta su poema, cita o versículo de la Biblia favorito para personalizar la tarjeta.

Firme la tarjeta (solo nombre, no apellido, ciudad y estado).

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Por favor, NO PONGA las tarjetas en sobres. (Es un problema de seguridad en los centros de detención.)

EJEMPLO DE MENSAJE

Querida/o amiga/o: Saludos desde [ciudad/estado]. Me llamo [nombre]. Feliz Navidad. Quiero que sepa que no está sola/solo, ni olvidada/o. Miles de personas están trabajando para cuidar a su familia y a usted. No los hemos olvidado. Rezo por usted y su familia. También lucho por justicia para usted y su familia y para todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas que dejan su país en busca de una vida mejor. Recuerde siempre que estamos orando y luchando por su familia y usted. Bendiciones de Dios y paz en Navidad y para el Año Nuevo. ¡Que Dios la/lo bendiga!

**Si usted no tiene una o dos tarjetas,
hay una cesta con tarjetas que puede usar en la parte de atrás de la iglesia.**

Por favor deposite las tarjetas terminadas en la caja envuelta en la parte de atrás de la iglesia o en el vestíbulo del Ministry Center al final de la primera semana de Adviento, el domingo, 28 de noviembre.

La parroquia tiene que mandar las tarjetas poco después. Muchas gracias.