

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!

Contact / Contacto:

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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:

www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org

Live Stream Mass Schedule:

Horario de Misas de transmisión en directo:
December 11-12 – 9:30am & 1pm
December 18-19 – 11:15am & 1pm
11-12 de diciembre – 9:30am y 1pm
18-19 de diciembre – 11:15am 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

December 12, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Monday, Dec 13, 7:00pm, Bilingual

SERVICIO DE RECONCILIACIÓN DE ADVIENTO

el lunes, 13 de diciembre, 7:00pm, bilingüe

Whoever has two coats
should share with
the person who has none.

Luke 3:11



Quien tenga dos túnicas, que
dé una al que no tiene ninguna.

Lucas 3,11

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

SEGUNDA COLECTA DE ESTE FIN DE SEMANA:

COLECTA DE NAVIDAD PARA LAS CARIDADES CATÓLICAS



NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ

12 de diciembre 2021

TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

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: \$7,779
Faith Direct (November Average /
promedio del mes de noviembre): \$13,600

WORD & EUCHARIST MISSALETTE /
MISAL PALABRA Y EUCARISTÍA

Today's readings can be found on page 708.

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 709.

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, John Demajo, 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 Harrs, 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, Chelsea Murray, Dorothy Myrtle, Mario Amel Najarro, Bruyce Niligis, Julie O'Brien, Peggy O'Brien, Patrick Ogden, Janet O'Neil, Carol Pacello, 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 Urquizo, Stephen Utley, Robin Vogel, Kate Witkowski, Midge Wholey, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata, Kate Zopp.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Zephaniah 3:14-18a (9C); Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18
Sofanías 3,14-18a (9C); Filipenses 4,4-7; Lucas 3,10-18

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Micah 5:1-4a (12C); Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45
Miqueas 5,1-4a (12C); Hebreos 10,5-10; Lucas 1,39-45

MASS INTENTIONS, DECEMBER 11-17

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 11-17 DICIEMBRE

TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Saturday December 11th

5:30 pm Zofia Gruszecka (D) by Beata Gruszecka

Sunday December 12th

8:00 am James Keightley (D) by June, Laura, and Barbara Hennessey

9:30 am Jack Whitelaw (D) by Susan Bruns

11:15 am Evelyn Mercantini (Birthday) (D) by John Mercantini

1:00 pm The Feast of Virgen de la Guadalupe by the Parish

6:00 pm Ceilia and Alexander Kostka (D) by Kathleen Kostka

Monday December 13th

12:00 pm Anika Khetarpaul (L) by Jude Dias

Tuesday December 14th

12:00 pm Daniel D'souza (L) by Jude Dias

Wednesday December 15th

12:00 pm Jeanmarie Petrino (D) by Marianne G. Petrino-Schaad

Thursday December 16th

12:00 pm Oscar Zapata (D) by Celina "Blanca" Zapata

Friday December 17th

12:00 pm Arianna Lozano (L) by Bernadette Lozano

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH /

VIDA SACRAMENTAL DE LA PARROQUIA

This weekend we welcome four new Christians. Este fin de
semana le damos la bienvenida cuarto nuevos cristianos.

**Emilia Rose Sutherland, Natalia Kai Sutherland,
Gabriela Garrido, & Isla Clare Krahn Gullekson**

Baptized December 11 / Bautizados el 11 de diciembre

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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

Parochial Vicar / Párroco Asociado: **Fr. Martin Vu, CSSp**,
mvu@olqpva.org

Ministerio Latino: **Fr. Joseph Nangle, OFM**,
j.nangleofm@yahoo.com

Deacon / Diácono: **Dcn. Tony Remedios**, tremedios@olqpva.org
(@ajremedios) on Twitter

Parish Office / Oficina parroquial

Business Manager / Gerente de Negocios: **Christina Kozyn**,
ckozyn@olqpva.org

*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

A Consistent Ethic of Life Catholic Community

CARPENTER'S SHELTER DINNER –

Thursday, December 16

Our dinner this month will be: chicken-ala-king with biscuits, salad, brownies and homemade Christmas cookies, and lemonade. Regular contributors will receive the link to sign-up, new folks can email mary.resnick@gmail.com or call at 703-462-4841 to sign-up. Delivery to the parish is via the office kitchen M-F, 8:30-4:30pm, Fr. Ray Hall kitchen on the day of dinner 12-5pm (use labels on the counter to indicate "Carpenter's Shelter", what item is and the date of dinner) or to the Shelter at 930 N. Henry Street in Alexandria, labeled the same adding our church name & "dinner". See protocol for delivery at carpentersshelter.org. Please let us know if dropping off food is a hardship and we'll figure out another way. Thanks for every month of support!

OLQP's FOOD PANTRY -- Will be closed for the season after Wednesday, December 15. Because of space limitations, no donations will be accepted until we open again in the new year on Monday, January 3. Thank you for your continued support.

MATTHEW 25 – Will be closed for the season after Saturday, December 19. Due to space limitations, no donations will be accepted until we open again in the new year on Wednesday, January 5. Thank you for your continued support.

THE GIVING TREE – Support SEEC Day Laborers! We invite you to support the parish in providing lunch for SEEC day laborers. Each week a group of volunteers shop, prepare and package lunches for Shirlington Day Laborers through the Brown Bag Lunch Program. The Giving Tree supports this effort: take a 'brown bag angel' ornament from the basket under the giving tree in the sanctuary, place your donation inside the ornament and hang it on the tree. The tree will be in the sanctuary through the Christmas season.

WEEKLY OLQP MOMENT

Join the parish community on Monday at 10:18am to reflect on the topic of **Joy**. 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.

SAVE THE DATE: YOUTH MINISTRY LOCK-IN!

Friday, January 14th, 7pm. Join us (with masks and social distancing) for an evening of fellowship, food, and fun!

DAILY ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Sign up to receive a reflection written by fellow OLQP parishioners on the Daily Readings during the season of Advent. Reflections will be emailed in either English or Spanish as preferred. Sign up using this link <https://forms.gle/WtsWDwdK9153Ac6Q8> or contact Bob Finke, bfinke1@verizon.net

LA CENA REFUGIO DEL CARPINTERO –

el jueves, 16 de diciembre

Nuestra cena este mes va a ser pollo "a la King" con panecillos, ensalada, brownies, galletas de Navidad dulces hechas en casa y limonada. Las personas que han donado antes van a recibir el enlace para apuntarse, quienes no han donado pueden mandarle un correo electrónico a mary.resnick@gmail.com, o llamar al 703-462-4841 para apuntarse. Las entregas van a la cocina de la oficina parroquial de lunes a viernes, de 8:30 a 4:30pm, a la cocina de Fr. Ray Hall el día de la comida de 12 a 5pm (use las etiquetas en el mostrador para indicar "Carpenter's Shelter", lo que contiene el envase y la fecha de la comida). También puede traer la comida al Refugio en 930 N. Henry Street en Alexandria, identificada de la misma manera y añadiendo el nombre de nuestra iglesia y "dinner". Vea el protocolo de entrega en carpentersshelter.org. Por favor déjenos saber si se le dificulta traer la contribución y le ayudaremos. ¡Gracias por cada mes de apoyo!

LA DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS DE OLQP – va a cerrar para finalizar la temporada después del miércoles, 15 de diciembre. Debido a las restricciones de espacio, no se aceptarán donaciones hasta que volvamos a abrir al principio del nuevo año, el lunes, 3 de enero. Gracias por su continuo apoyo.

MATEO 25 – Va a cerrar para finalizar la temporada después del sábado, 19 de diciembre. Debido a las restricciones de espacio, no se aceptarán donaciones hasta que volvamos a abrir al principio del nuevo año el miércoles, 5 de enero. Gracias por su continuo apoyo.

THE GIVING TREE -- ¡Apoye a los jornaleros de SEEC! Los invitamos a apoyar a la parroquia al darle almuerzo a los jornaleros de SEEC. Cada semana un grupo de personas voluntarias que forman parte del *Brown Bag Lunch* van de compras, preparan y empacan almuerzos para los jornaleros de Shirlington. El *Giving Tree* apoya este esfuerzo: tome un ornamento, "un ángel de papel", de la canasta que está debajo del "giving tree" en el santuario, ponga su donación dentro del ornamento y cuélguelo en el árbol. El árbol va a estar en el santuario durante la temporada navideña.

MOMENTO SEMANAL DE OLQP

Únase a la comunidad parroquial el lunes a las 10:18am para reflexionar sobre el tema de la **Alegría**. 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.

APUNTE LA FECHA: ¡EL LOCK-IN DEL MINISTERIO DE ADOLESCENTES!

Es el viernes, 14 de enero, a las 7pm. ¡Únete a nosotros (con mascarillas y distanciamiento social) para una noche de compañerismo, comida y diversión!

REFLEXIONES DIARIAS DE ADVIENTO

Apúntese para recibir una reflexión sobre las Lecturas del día escrita por unos de los feligreses de OLQP durante el tiempo de Adviento. Las reflexiones se mandan por correo electrónico en inglés o en español según prefiera. Apúntese usando este enlace – <https://forms.gle/WtsWDwdK9153Ac6Q8> o contacte a Bob Finke: bfinke1@verizon.net

FRIDAY EVENING ROSARY DURING ADVENT

A Weekly Rosary will be offered by the Respect Life Ministry in the church to pray for those women who suffer during the Christmas season because they have experienced an abortion or are contemplating an abortion. Rosaries will be said at 7:00 pm on Fridays December 17th. All are welcome. If you have a question, please contact Julie Hanlon Bolton at 508-360-1082.

MAKE CHRISTMAS WISHES COME TRUE

Scores of OLQP parishioners have been providing meals weekly every Thursday for over 100 brothers and sisters on the streets of DC since March 26, 2020 when the pandemic started. Dec 2nd will be our 90th serving. We call this ministry "The Feast on the Street" and it is a truly remarkable experience as we listen and learn about the perils and sometime joys of living on the streets. We hope to make Christmas a little brighter (and warmer) this Christmas by providing fleece lined sweatshirts and wool hats for them. Please consider helping us by donating to OLQP — be sure to note "Feast on the Street" on the memo line of your check or when using Faith Direct (Faithdirect.net, OLQP's code: VA271). Thanks for your help.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A VIRTUAL TOUR OF MEDOR!

Mark your calendars! Please join the Haiti Committee on Sunday December 19 at 7:30 PM for a virtual tour of Medor, Haiti. This family friendly one-hour event will spotlight the successes and challenges of life in our twin parish. Here is the zoom link to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89765117541?pwd=eDVRUjdOWIBoVE0yWUNhd1YyY204Zz09>



HAITI CHRISTMAS DRIVE: FOSTERING SUCCESS

Pierre Louis Djef Hyppolite, a resident of Medor, was ordained last year. He is the first Medor primary and secondary school graduate to become a priest. He attributes his vocation, in part, to the early education he received, thanks to support from Our Lady Queen of

Peace.

How you can make a difference in Medor:

1. Donate online at: <https://ourladyqueenofpeace.org/haiti-ministry>
2. Write a check made out to OLQP-Haiti and mail to the parish office or place checks or cash in the Haiti box on the table at the church entry.

The Haiti Christmas Card Alternative Gift Program offers both printed and electronic cards.

How to get Haiti printed cards:

Pick up cards at the self-serve table at the church entry.

How to get the Haiti E-card:

Download from the parish website at: <https://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/uploads/1/0/2/8/102893408/olqphaitichristmasdrivecard.jpg>

and attach the card in an email to your loved ones.

ROSARIO LOS VIERNES POR LA NOCHE DURANTE EL ADVIENTO

El Ministerio de Respeto a la vida ofrecerá un rosario semanal en la iglesia para rezar por las mujeres que sufren durante la temporada navideña porque han experimentado un aborto o están pensando en uno. Los rosarios se rezarán a las 7:00 pm los viernes en diciembre (el 17). Todos son bienvenidos. Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor contacte a Julie Hanlon Bolton – 508-360-1082.

CONVIERTA DESEOS DE NAVIDAD EN UNA REALIDAD

Muchos de los feligreses de OLQP han estado proporcionándoles comidas semanales todos los jueves a más de 100 hermanas y hermanos en las calles de DC desde el 26 de marzo del 2020 cuando la pandemia empezó. El 2 de diciembre marcará el servicio número 90. "Feast on the Street" (Fiesta en la calle) es el nombre de este ministerio y verdaderamente es una experiencia impresionante cuando escuchamos y aprendemos acerca de los peligros y algunas veces alegrías de vivir en las calles. Esperamos hacer algo para que esta Navidad sea mejor (y más calurosa) al proveer sudaderas con forro polar y gorras de lana para esas personas. Gracias por su ayuda.

¡ESTÁ INVITADA/O A UN RECORRIDO VIRTUAL DE MEDOR!

¡Ponga la fecha en su calendario! Por favor únase al Comité de Haití el domingo, 19 de diciembre a las 7:30 PM para un recorrido virtual de Medor, Haití. Esta actividad es para toda la familia y resaltaré los éxitos y retos de la vida en nuestra parroquia hermana. Aquí está el enlace para unirse al zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89765117541?pwd=eDVRUjdOWIBoVE0yWUNhd1YyY204Zz09>

CAMPAÑA NAVIDEÑA PARA HAITÍ: DANDO PODER A OTROS

La Campaña navideña para Haití ayuda a darle poder a las personas de nuestra parroquia hermana al apoyar la educación de unos 3,000 estudiantes en cinco escuelas primarias y una escuela secundaria. Esto les trae esperanza de tener una vida mejor.

Como puede marcar la diferencia en Medor:

1. Puede donar en línea en: <https://ourladyqueenofpeace.org/haiti-ministry>

2. Escriba un cheque a nombre de OLQP-Haití y envíelo por correo a la oficina de la parroquia o ponga el cheque o efectivo en la caja de Haití en la entrada de la iglesia.

El Programa de regalos alternativos de tarjetas navideñas de Haití ofrece tarjetas impresas y electrónicas.

Como obtener las tarjetas impresas:

Recoja las tarjetas en la mesa de autoservicio en la entrada de la iglesia.

Como obtener la tarjeta electrónica:

Descargue la tarjeta del sitio web de la parroquia en: <https://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/uploads/1/0/2/8/102893408/olqphaitichristmasdrivecard.jpg>

y adjúntela a un mensaje de correo electrónico para sus seres queridos.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

We invite you to remember a deceased loved one with a Christmas Flower Memorial. Memorials will be published in the Sunday bulletin on the weekend of December 25-26. Please complete this form, make your donation payable to Our Lady Queen of Peace Church (donation amount is at your discretion) and send to the parish office (attention Christina) or drop in the collection basket by Sunday, December 19th. Please be sure to meet the deadline of 12/19! Donations can also be made through FaithDirect.net (OLQP code: VA271), but be sure to send an email with memorial information to office@olqpva.org with "Flower Memorial" in the subject line, again by 12/19.

Christmas Flower Memorial:

Honoring: _____

Requested by: _____

Donation: \$ _____

MEMORIALES DE FLORES DE NAVIDAD

Invitamos a todos a recordar a un ser querido difunto con un Memorial de flores de Navidad. Los memoriales se publicarán en el boletín del domingo del fin de semana del 25-26 de diciembre. Por favor, complete esta información, pague a nombre de OLQP (el donativo se deja a su discreción) y mándela a la oficina parroquial (atención: Christina) o póngala en el cesto de la colecta para fecha final del 19 de diciembre. ¡Por favor asegúrese de que llegue a tiempo para el 19 de diciembre! También puede mandar su donación por FaithDirect.net (OLQP código: VA271), pero asegúrese de mandar un correo electrónico con la información del memorial a office@olqpva.org con "Christmas Flower Memorials" en la línea del asunto en el cheque para la fecha límite del 19 de diciembre.

Memorial de flores de Navidad:

En honor de: _____

A petición de: _____

Donativo: _____

PLEASE GIVE TO THE 2021 ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

We are called to serve the poor and those in need. You can do so with your support of today's collection. If you forgot to bring in a check, you may make a gift in next week's collection by making your check payable to the parish and noting **Catholic Charities** on the memo line. You may also make an online gift at ccda.net/Christmas, or add this second collection to our parish electronic giving account.

¡LA COLECTA ANUAL NAVIDEÑA DE LA PARROQUIA PARA LAS CARIDADES CATÓLICAS ESTÁ EN CAMINO!

Por medio de una donación a las Caridades católicas, usted está sirviendo a las personas pobres, protegiendo a las vulnerables y dándoles la bienvenida a las recién llegadas. Su apoyo ayuda a mantener ministerios en más de 100 lugares de servicio en nuestra diócesis. Si dona por cheque, use el sobre para la contribución y haga el cheque pagadero a OLQP e indique "Catholic Charities" en la línea del asunto. Usted también puede donar en línea en ccda.net/Christmas o por su cuenta de la parroquia en Faith Direct.

JUST A THOUGHT...OR TWO...

Rejoice! Exult! Be Glad!...for your God rejoices over **you!** The prophet Zephaniah extols us to "shout for joy", to be glad and exult with all our hearts for our God has removed all our guilt and we have nothing to fear, even in the midst of this pandemic!

The prophet boldly proclaims that our **God is in our midst** and that God rejoices over us and sings joyfully **because of us!**

This Sunday is known as "Gaudete Sunday" (Joyful Sunday) and we light the rose colored candle on the Advent wreath as a sign of our joy. And we are joyful because of the love our God has for us.

In the Gospel we hear that when the people responded to John the Baptist's call to repent, they asked "what should we do?" John's response was "if you have two cloaks, share with the person who has none...and whoever has food should do likewise."

So as we rejoice, repent and prepare for the coming of our long awaited Savior we do so by turning our attention to the poor,

the marginalized, the immigrant, the refugee. In the midst of all of the vitriolic, hateful and racist actions we are called to stand up and speak out and act on behalf of our sisters and brothers who are maligned and victimized...often by supposed "Christians"!

Our baptism, by water and the Holy Spirit, calls us to prioritize our lives around our discipleship of Jesus Christ. By keeping Christ at the center of our lives we find direction and are emboldened to become, more and more, manifestations of Christ's presence in the midst of a wounded world to which we are called to reach out to, in love, to all those who are suffering and rejected or despised, whom we recognize as our sisters and brothers!

Let us rejoice, repent and prepare by living our discipleship by reaching out to "the least ones"....speaking out and acting out on their behalf...and thus we will be ready for Christ's coming. What will I do this week to rejoice, repent and prepare? With whom will I share an extra cloak, if I have one, or share some extra food?

Advent 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.*

**Advent Taizé Service
Friday, December 17, 7-9pm
Ministry Center Founders Room**

JUST\$ - This is the last weekend of the Just\$ Holiday Sale Event of the Giant and Safeway grocery cards that remained in inventory after the pandemic closure. OLQP earns about 5% of the face value of all cards sold. You can purchase cards for your holiday grocery shopping, to give as gifts for friends and neighbors, to donate to personal causes, such as your local school or senior center, as well as to buy necessities for “shoeboxes for the homeless” or to fill a bag of groceries to bring to the Food Pantry — a win-win for all beneficiaries!! Cards can also be purchased and donated back to the parish for the “Pastor’s Outreach Fund” where they may be used for food assistance programs, as well as the Gabriel Project that helps mothers with newborn children, Brown Bag Lunches for SEEC day laborers, etc. Father Tim has a plan to fairly distribute donated cards. We currently have about 75 cards available for sale -- \$100 cards from Safeway and Giant, and \$50, \$25 and \$10 cards from Safeway. We accept payment in cash or by check made out to OLQP.

CELEBRATING AN ECO-FRIENDLY HOLIDAY: The EPA reports that food waste increases significantly during the holidays. Plan your meals and parties carefully and be creative with leftovers. Avoid disposables and use that fancy dinnerware with your guests. Cloth napkins add a nice touch. Add veggie dishes to the menu and serve less red meat.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: CENTERING NONVIOLENCE?
Join JustFaith Ministries on **Thursday, December 16, 7:00pm**, for a presentation by author and global peace activist (and OLQP member), **Marie Dennis**. Please register here: <https://justfaith.org/december-16-webinar-marie-dennis/>

MAKE A GIFT THROUGH A TAX-FREE IRA GIFT! Why is this important? This provision allows individuals age 70½ or older to make tax-free gifts from an IRA directly to OLQP or the Diocese. To complete an IRA Charitable Rollover for 2021 please contact your IRA provider for exact instructions. Such gifts usually take a few weeks to transact.

SANDY HOOK ANNIVERSARY, DECEMBER 14 — A coalition of mostly faith-based organizations will conduct the 9th Annual National Vigil for All Victims of Gun Violence on Tuesday, December 14. The date marks the 9-year anniversary of the shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, when a 20-year-old gunman shot and killed 20 children between 6 and 7 years old and six adult school staff members. Vigils are held in front of the headquarters of the National Rifle Association (11250 Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax) from 10 to 11 a.m.

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY
TO LIVE OUT MATT 25?**

Carpenter's Shelter is in need of volunteers, ages 18 and up. We have many open slots, and volunteers are an integral part of our shelter operations. Please visit the website Carpentersshelter.org, and discover the many ways you can get involved. You may also contact Jamila Smith, Community Relations Manager, at Jamilasmith@carpentersshelter.org or 703-548-7500.

Come to the yearend ARLINGTON BRANCH NAACP GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (virtual), 7 PM, Monday, Dec. 13 -- open to the public. NAACP is a very effective interracial community organization. Register for the Zoom, sign up for the newsletter, learn about the Black community issues, and be involved in advocacy that affects the neighborhood where the OLQP parish is located. _Home - NAACP Arlington Branch (arlingtonnaacp.com).

CLASSES START SOON!

English for Speakers of Other Languages

Register for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Computer Literacy, GED, ESOL for Childcare, ComTIA or Citizenship preparation. Different class levels are available. Classes are available online with some offerings available in person in Manassas, Sterling and Alexandria. The classes are 12 weeks and include the class materials. Space is limited and are low cost. Financial assistance may be available. Please contact us at 571-208-1572 or ewd@ccda.net for more details.

REGISTER WITH THE PARISH / UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION / LET US KNOW YOU'RE MOVING

If you have never officially registered with the parish, we invite you to do so. It is very helpful to us to have accurate information. Visit the parish website (www.olqpva.org) click on about us >> register >> register with us. If you need to update your record or would like a copy of the information we have on file for your family, please send a message to Jeannette Gantz Daly, jgantzdaly@olqpva.org.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Report to Parishioners
Fiscal Year 2021 Financial Report -- Covid-19 Impact Begins March 2020

For a narrative understanding of how Covid-19 pandemic impacted FY2021 please see the next page

Income Statement	Fiscal Year 2021 As compared FY2020	
	FY2020	FY2021
<i>In comparing FY2020 to FY2021 it is important to remember that 8 months of FY20 were pre-pandemic with normal financial activity, while all of FY21 was impacted by restricted or low attendance.</i>		
REVENUE SOURCES		
Collection Income	1,048,582	1,021,676
Liturgical and Sacramental Income	13,586	15,230
Catechesis / Faith Formation	24,826	18,676
Community / Service Income	115,767	130,430
RESTRICTED -- Food Pantry, Giving Tree & Covid Fund	462,827	709,898
Unrestricted Income: Donations, Pastor's Outreach, Herald	366,546	308,983
Restricted Income: Grants, Interest Income on Restricted Savings	28,535	35,887
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 2,060,668	\$ 2,240,779
EXPENDITURES		
Salary and Benefits (Religious and Lay)	752,710	740,452
Liturgical and Sacramental Expense	45,302	29,403
Catechesis / Faith Formation, Youth Ministry	41,236	16,143
Community / Service Income	77,709	102,391
RESTRICTED -- Food Pantry, Giving Tree & Covid Fund	121,062	277,954
Facilities Expense	63,170	104,316
General Operating Expense	165,795	174,218
Other Expenses: Diocesan Assessments	125,010	135,701
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$ 1,391,993	\$ 1,580,577
NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 668,675	\$ 660,202
OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE		
Extraordinary Income: Capital Campaign	\$ 238,521	\$ 110,681
Extraordinary Income: SBA PPP Grant, Extraordinary Dividend	\$ -	\$ 339,230
Extraordinary Exp.: 1915 Edgwd, Fr.R.Hall, Plant, IntOnDebt	(9,835)	(6,571)
Extraordinary Expense: Capital Campaign	(99,003)	(530,584)
NET OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)	\$ 129,684	\$ (87,245)
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 798,359	\$ 572,957
Balance Sheet		
ASSETS		
Operating Accounts, Checking	575,238	471,993
DIAL Savings Accounts, Unrestricted	587,292	1,051,438
DIAL Savings Accounts, Restricted	1,202,288	1,308,845
Other Assets	35,206	14,640
TOTAL ASSETS	2,400,024	2,846,916
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	19,186	12,833
Loans Payable: 1915 Edgewood and SBA PPP Loan	327,870	177,431
Other Liabilities: Funds held for ministry/projects	12,346	13,990
Other Liabilities: Haiti Fund	213,122	242,204
TOTAL LIABILITIES	572,524	446,459
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted (without donor restrictions)	646,520	963,514
Temporarily Restricted (with donor restrictions)	1,180,979	1,436,943
TOTAL NET ASSETS	1,827,500	2,400,457
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 2,400,024	\$ 2,846,916

Our Lady Queen of Peace Report to Parishioners

Fiscal Year 2021 Financial Report Narrative

Reporting on fiscal year 2021, which ended June 30, is a story much like FY2020 – extraordinary generosity, great care for community members and a desire to break bread together again one day soon.

While fiscal year 2020 was impacted by four months of limited Mass scheduling, *all* of fiscal year 2021 required caution and adherence to CDC guidelines restricting Mass attendance and on campus activity.

We began the fiscal year on July 1, 2020 with a reduced schedule of three weekend Masses each limited to 50 people and each followed by a Communion Service. That continued until June 2021 when we resumed the regular weekend schedule of six Masses, though still limited by social distancing requirements.

As a result of limited Mass attendance, 2021 Collection Income was down nearly \$2,000 per week over the pre-pandemic weekly average of \$21,600 creating a concerning decline of more than \$100,000.

We were fortunate to be able to apply for and receive a government-sponsored Paycheck Protection Program loan for \$108,300. That really helped us bridge the income gap we were experiencing due to the limited Mass schedule. We were also fortunate in that the PPP loan was forgiven in full.

And of measurable importance in adding to our financial security was an extraordinary dividend of \$230,000 that we received from the Diocese. Each parish received a similar dividend that was based on a three-year average of a parish's savings. All in all, it was an unexpected windfall!

At the same time Faith Direct enrollment grew from 46.7% to 71.5% and we were seeing impressive viewership numbers for live-streaming Mass attendance which inspired contributions. Throughout this most uncertain time, we were, and continue to be, so incredibly grateful for your financial support and find ourselves in a good place today with weekly collection income just \$500 short of pre-pandemic numbers.

Restricted donations supporting the Food Pantry and Covid Fund remained strong throughout the year with donations continuing to come in from you, our loyal parishioners, but also friends and neighbors in the community. This allowed us to maintain our commitment to help the community's food security and housing needs. At this point, the level of unprecedented giving has dropped from \$60,000 per month to \$20,000, but your generosity established a very strong foundation of funds to draw on, as we continue to serve our sisters and brothers in need.

Ministry and group activities were slow to return to campus with much of our space used for outreach programs. Still, this year we are able to accommodate on-site faith formation classes for children, youth, young adults, and sacramental programs. And we are pleased to say, the children's faith formation program has more than doubled in size over last year with numbers nearly as strong as pre-pandemic. Expenses continued to be held to a minimum with the exception of facilities costs that involved necessary underground wiring and upgrading.

We are pleased to shine a light once again on our amazing outreach volunteers who continue to provide excellent service to community members in need. Food Pantry weekly distribution numbers are averaging about 500 and the line for Matt 25 wraps around the building most Wednesdays – both programs requiring continued heroics by our volunteers, including The Feast on the Street volunteers, feeding over 100 homeless in D.C. every Thursday. The need for food and clothing continues to be strong; folks are still out of work or forced to accept less than full-time employment.

Throughout FY2021 we were blessed by the courage and dedication of our liturgical ministers – Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians, Choir Directors, Altar Servers, and Livestream Camera Controllers. Thank you, a thousand times over, for your willingness to serve and support our liturgies during these extraordinary circumstances – you inspired so many of your fellow parishioners to come back!

And I know you will all join me in offering a very special thank you to our amazing OLQP Parish staff who kept things going throughout the pandemic! They continue to be present each and every day -- ensuring the parish functions normally, keeping you informed when changes happen and working tirelessly to keep us all safe.

As we reflect on Advent, let us look and hold tight the silver-lining of the pandemic – the part that forced us to slow down, to drive less, to spend less, to be with family, to prepare, to pray and to await the coming of a better day.

We remain forever grateful for your support and commitment to your parish during this tremendously trying time. We know we are not out of the woods just yet, but we are so pleased to see so many of you back in the pews; so pleased you continue to make safety your number one priority by masking and distancing. We welcome you back and pray all of you God's most abundant blessings!

Fr. Tim and Fr. Martin

HOLIDAY MASSES AND SERVICES

Advent Reconciliation Service -- Mon, Dec 13, 7:00pm, Bilingual

Advent Taizé Service – Fri, Dec 17, 7:00pm, Founders Room

Christmas Eve Masses -- Fri, Dec 24th

4:00pm Family Mass

4:15pm Family Mass, in Fr. Ray Hall

6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass (live streamed)

8:00pm Christmas Eve Mass in Spanish (live streamed)

11:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Day –Sat, Dec 25, 11:00am (live streamed)

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God - Sat, Jan 1, 11:00am, Bilingual

Epiphany of the Lord, Sun, January 2, 2022

Special Weekend Mass Schedule

5:30pm Vigil Mass Saturday, Jan 1

Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, **12noon Bilingual Mass** and 6:00pm Young Adult Mass

(12noon Mass replaces the 11:15am and 1:00pm Masses)

Prayer Service Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. -- Mon, Jan 17, 11:00am



HORARIO DE MISAS FESTIVAS Y SERVICIOS

Servicio de Reconciliación de Adviento -- el lunes, 13 de diciembre, 7:00pm, bilingüe

Servicio de Adviento de Taizé – viernes, 17 de diciembre, 7:00pm, Founders Room

Víspera de Navidad, 24 de diciembre

4:00pm Misa de la Familia

4:15pm Misa de la Familia, en Fr. Ray Hall

6:00pm Misa de Nochebuena (transmisión en directo)

8:00pm Misa de Nochebuena en español (transmisión en directo)

11:00pm Misa de Nochebuena

Día de Navidad, 25 de diciembre 11:00am (transmisión en directo)

Solemnidad de Santa María, Madre de Dios, sábado, 31 de diciembre, 11:00 am, bilingüe

Epifanía del Señor, 2 de enero de 2022

Horario especial de Misas de fin de semana

5:30pm Misa de Vigilia del sábado

Domingo: 8:00am, 9:30am, **12 mediodía, Misa bilingüe** y 6:00pm Misa de jóvenes adultos

(La misa de las 12 del mediodía reemplaza las Misas de las 11:15am y la 1:00pm)

Servicio de oración en honor del Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., -- lunes, 17 de enero, 11 am

HAITI CHRISTMAS DRIVE 2021

We are blessed by our partnership with St. Joseph parish in Medor, Haiti. Your gifts enable the people of Medor to strengthen their community.



YOUR GIFTS MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE

\$40 purchases educational materials and school supplies for 6 primary school students or 2.5 secondary school students

\$100 purchases an agricultural hand tool for 15 farmers

\$450 provides 3 families with a latrine and water purification system

\$1,140 pays the annual salary of a primary school teacher who educates 30 students or more

\$5,000 pays for one year of elementary school education for 83 students

Gifts can be placed in the Haiti box near the church entry or mailed to the office.

Make checks out to OLQP with Haiti Christmas Drive on memo line.

You can give online at <https://ourladyqueenofpeace.org/haiti-ministry> or by using this

QR code:



Our mission is to support sustainable, community-based development in partnership with our twin parish, St Joseph of Medor, Haiti.

COMMENTARY: My Advent pilgrimage to the gravesite of Sister Thea Bowman

By: Shannen Dee Williams

On Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021, the third day of Advent and the last day of Black Catholic History Month, I visited the historic Elmwood Cemetery in my hometown of Memphis, Tennessee, and gazed upon the gravesite of “Servant of God” Sister Thea Bowman, one of six African Americans currently under consideration for sainthood.

Although I grew up Black and Catholic, I did not learn about the existence of African American nuns until 2007, while enrolled in graduate school.

Two years later, a conversation in Memphis with then-Bishop J. Terry Steib directed me to the principal’s office of the diocese’s Holy Names of Mary and Jesus School for an interview with Sister Donna Banfield.

During our meeting, Sister Donna, who led Holy Names from 2006 to 2010, informed me of Sister Thea’s final resting place in the city.

I also learned that Sister Donna, a former president of the National Black Sisters’ Conference, led her students on an annual trip to Sister Thea’s gravesite to pay their respects and bear to witness to the lived reality of Black Catholic saints in our midst.

Inspired by Sister Donna’s leadership, I decided to make my own pilgrimage to Sister Thea’s gravesite but not until I completed my planned book on the largely hidden history of the nation’s Black sisters. I wanted the visit to be special, and it truly was.

Reflecting on Sister Thea’s short but powerful epitaph, “She tried,” etched

onto her family’s headstone, I thanked her for championing the intellectual, spiritual and cultural gifts of the African American community in the face of discrimination and resistance in our church. I also thanked Sister Thea for being a model of excellence and compassion for all humankind.

“Be woman. Be man. Be priest,” Sister Thea liked to say. “Be single, be married. ... Be Irish American, be Italian American, be Native American, be African American, but be one in Christ.”

In these trying times, one can only wonder what Sister Thea, an unapologetic champion of Black life, mothers, families and social equality, might say about the current state of our bitterly divided nation and church.

From the various attempts to stop the teaching of Black history and the nation’s original sins of racism and colonialism to the global climate crisis to the current attempts to roll back the civil rights victories of the middle decades of the 20th century — especially voting rights — I also wonder what advice Sister Thea, a member of the pioneering generation of Black Catholic women and girls who desegregated the nation’s white sisterhoods, would give those fearful of the uncertain future ahead.

In her final years, Sister Thea, a Mississippi native who was also the granddaughter of enslaved people, made it clear where she stood on all forms of injustice. “I will never reconcile myself with ... racism ... sexism ... classism ... anything destructive,” she stated.

Too often those who champion Sister Thea and her canonization cause erase her clear understanding of the interconnected dimensions of oppression.

In so doing, they do a terrible disservice to her and other freedom fighters, who always understood that any demand for racial and educational justice not connected to the larger fight for human rights and justice was insincere and illegitimate.

As this nation seems poised with a return to a society that Sister Thea, and so many Black sisters like her fought to bury, I pray for the strength and grace to meet the stark challenges ahead.

During this Advent season, I also pray for the wisdom to remember Sister Thea’s great sacrifice for her beliefs and the courage to seek new ways of living that no longer require martyrdom to convince opponents of human equality to uphold the church’s most basic social teaching of affirming the lives and dignity of all people.

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Reflecting on the role of John the Baptist in the Advent drama

by Joseph Nangle, OFM
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It is a wonder that the liturgical season of Advent has never been made into a theater production. When one thinks of these four weeks and what they convey, there are all the makings of wonderful drama. The story of a promise fulfilled after an extremely lengthy time of hopeful waiting by a select people; of celebrating the fulfillment of that promise in the most unexpected way; and another “joyful” waiting for fulfillment of a new and definitive promise – all of this has the earmarks of great theater. Much like the production based on another biblical story: Joseph and His Multicolored Coat.

The two principal characters in an Advent play would of course be John the Baptist and Miriam of Nazareth. They play complementary roles in this double narrative of the once and future history of salvation.

This week, a look at the first of these actors, John the Baptist. Despite the fact that chronologically he comes after Miriam in the story, he is the one who most publicly connects both threads of the tale. He is the last of the Jewish prophets who kept the promise alive and the first to announce the “buena nueva”, the good news of the Savior’s arrival.

John, in the eyes of everyone who “sees”, is a fascinating character. His father and mother, Elizabeth and Zacharias (who play supporting roles in the drama), are well beyond the child-bearing age. Yet as the Gospel says, “nothing is impossible to God”.

When he is born, his father speaks a lovely prayer of praise to the One who has sent this child to “go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.”

Then as a grown man John does exactly that, announcing the imminent appearance of “him who comes after me but who is before me”. By the Jordan River he vigorously points out the sins of the people while at the same time offering a “baptism for the forgiveness of sins”.

John speaks an Advent word when he insists that this One who is near “must increase, while I must decrease.” But he doesn’t leave the scene quietly. He continues pointing out sinfulness particularly to King Herod who had entered an adulterous relationship with his own sister-in-law. He is incarcerated by the embarrassed and furious king.

There is a compelling subplot in John’s story that concerns his days in Herod’s jail. It speaks of John’s utter humanity and would bond him with an audience in a tender and intimate way. Evidently, he was able to communicate with some of his disciples from his prison cell. He sends two of them to ask Jesus and his increasing impact all on who heard him. “Are you the one who is to come or should we look for another?”

One could interpret this inquiry in a variety of ways. Could it be, for example, that this strong, outspoken herald of Christ’s coming, now languishing in a dungeon cell was facing what many people in dire

circumstances experience: self-doubt, a sense that his life had been wasted, futile? In a word was he in the grip of a depression bordering on despair? An audience would surely identify with such a human reaction. Happily, John’s disciples hear Jesus’ assuring words: “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard ... blind given sight, cripples able to walk...” and above all, “the poor having the Good News proclaimed to them”. John can now accept the inevitability of what awaited him. He had completed his vital work of precursor to the long-awaited Messiah.

The dramatic finale of John the Baptist’s life is his beheading ordered by the king at the behest of that same sister-in-law. The prophet’s voice is brutally silenced. His message that the Reign of God is at hand continues to ring true.

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