Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

May 8, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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*:
www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org

Live Stream Mass Schedule:
Horario de Misas de transmisión en directo:
7-8 May— 11:15am and 1pm in Spanish
7-8 de mayo— 11:15am y 1pm
en español

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)

My sheep hear my voice;
I know them,
and they follow me.
John 10:27

Mis ovejas escuchan mi voz;
yo las conozco y ellas me siguen.
Juan 10,27

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:
CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN
SEGUNDA COLECTA DE ESTE FIN DE SEMANA:
COMUNICACIÓN CATÓLICA
(Please see inserts on pages 9-10 for collection details.)

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.

Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz

8 de mayo de 2022

Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

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
Sat, 4:45-5:15 pm, & by appointment.
Los sábados: 4:45-5:15 pm, y por cita previa.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS / COLECTAS DEL DOMINGO

Sunday Collection / Colecta del pasado domingo: $4,967
Faith Direct (April Average / promedio del mes de abril): $13,843

WORD & EUCHARIST MISSALETTE/ MISAL PALABRA Y EUCARISTÍA

Today's readings can be found on page 796
Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 797

BULLETIN DEADLINE / PLAZO PARA EL BOLETÍN

Wednesdays 9am — office@olqpva.org

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
CUARTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Acts 13:14, 43-52 (51C); Revelations 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30
Hechos 13,14, 43-52 (51C); Apocalipsis 7:9, 14b-17; Juan 10,27-30

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
QUINTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Acts 14:21-27 (54C); Revelations 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35
Hechos 14,21-27 (541C); Apocalipsis 21,1-5a; Juan 13,31-33a, 34-35

MASS INTENTIONS, MAY 7-13
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 7-13 MAYO
CUARTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Saturday May 7th
5:30 pm Health of Kenneth Walters (L) by the Hilla family
Sunday May 8th
8:00 am Chuck Gerhardstein (D) by Denise Benoit
9:30 am Reginald "Reggie" Carter (D) by Minkisi Committee
11:15 am Dolores & Ricky Valadez (D) by Bernadette Lozano
1:00 pm Mario Troncoso & Blanca Boudon (D) by Ada Troncoso
6:00 pm Dan Mason (D) by David Ciaverella
Monday May 9th
12:00 pm The McGinley & Young Family (L) by Michael & Mary Ray
Tuesday May 10th
12:00 pm Nen Castillo (D) by Agnes Yaptenco
Wednesday May 11th
12:00 pm the parish
Thursday May 12th
12:00 pm José Gomez (D) by Emma Grayeb
Friday May 13th
12:00 pm Sr. Myrna Francia, ICM (D) by the Francia family

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, Pat Carty, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claure, Jeff Cory, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Jim Davis, John Demajo, 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 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, 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, Luis R. Muñoz, 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, Wally Reyes, Jeanna Reynolds, Maritza Roldan, Marco Cristiaan Rufolo-Roger, Josefina Salgado, Carolyn Santos, Jane Shepard, Jim Shirvanian, Mary Shookhoff, Jeffrey Smith, Mary E. Smith, Hugo Sotomayor, Eva Souza, Nina Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Nancy Urquizo, Stephen Utley, Robin Vogel, Bob Wilson, Kate Witkowski, Midge Wholey, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata, Kate Zopp.

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JUST A THOUGHT…OR TWO…

The image of Jesus as the good shepherd is one of the oldest images in Christianity. I remember seeing it in the catacombs of Rome…painted on the walls of ancient caverns by a people from long ago. What is it about this image that has captivated the minds and hearts of Christians for centuries?

Surely for the post modern mostly urban culture of the West, this image may well seem a bit arcane and less accessible than it was to our ancestors. Jesus is depicted, through the use of this image, as a shepherd, who was, in that time and in that culture, a relatively unimportant and certainly not powerful figure.

The disciples and all those who followed Jesus around experienced Jesus as kind and gentle, like the "good" shepherd who watches over the sheep with great care and concern and even risks his/her own safety for the sake of the sheep.

This image of a kind and gentle god was somewhat unique, but then so was the idea of a god who would be willing to suffer and die for us.

I believe that this image of the Good Shepherd has endured precisely because of its radical departure of a more common image of a distant and disinterested and sometimes even vengeful god. One to whom you made sacrifices to appease his/her anger and rage for any possible slights or missteps against them you may have made, and thus survive for another day.

This image of "the good shepherd" tells us that our God loves us and cares for us and journeys with us as we travel through the valleys and hills of our lives. Our God, holds us in his hands!

But too, it may well speak to us of what we are called to be…in Christ's image…"good shepherds" of the lost and vulnerable, the poor and the forsaken.

As disciples of Christ we are called to reach out to the poor, to reach out to the marginalized and the ones society dismisses or demeans.

And as we have just recently celebrated Earth Day, we recognize that truly "good shepherds" also recognize the importance of all of creation and our environment, for our sheep depend on a healthy ecosystem. So as "good shepherds" we are also called to care for creation, to be aware of how our lives impact the earth and the lives of others.

And so we ask ourselves: how am I being called to be a "good shepherd" in my family, in my school or place of work, in my community, in my nation, in the wider world? What am I willing to risk "as a good shepherd" for the sake of the flock… for the sake of creation…for building up of the Reign of God?

Easter Blessings, Fr. Tim

ROSES FOR MOTHER'S DAY -- FUNDRAISER!

Youth Ministry is hosting a Mother's Day rose fundraiser for the mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, and mentors in your lives. Roses will be available at the Mother's Day weekend Masses in singles, three-rose, half-dozen, and dozen bouquets. Proceeds go to support the Catholic Heart and Young Disciples Work Camps, which foster service and fellowship in our youth. See page 6 for pricing details.

YOUNG ADULTS: VOLUNTEERS WANTED – we're looking to create a core team to develop YA programming in the areas of faith formation/theology, fellowship, prayer, and service. If interested in volunteering or have programming suggestions, please contact Youth & Young Adult Minister, Rebecca Grant Jenkins, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org.

CALL FOR: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

We are in need of more volunteers to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at all masses and especially at the Family mass and the 6PM mass. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Keren at kerencc@gmail.com. Thank you!

¡RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS – ROSAS PARA EL DÍA DE LAS MADRES!

El Ministerio de adolescentes y jóvenes adultos va a patrocinar una recaudación de fondos el Día de las madres para las madres, abuelas, tías, hermanas y mentoras en sus vidas. Las rosas estarán a su disposición en las Misas del fin de semana del Día de las madres en ramos de una rosa, tres, media docena y una docena. Los fondos recaudados van a apoyar los campamentos de trabajo Catholic Heart y Young Disciples, los cuales fomentan el servicio y el compañerismo en nuestra juventud.

JÓVENES ADULTOS: NECESITAMOS PERSONAS VOLUNTARIAS – queremos crear un equipo central para desarrollar programas para jóvenes adultos en las áreas de formación de fe/teología, compañerismo, oración y servicio. Si estás interesada/o en ofrecerte de voluntaria/o o tienes sugerencias para los programas contacta a Rebecca Grant Jenkins, Ministro de adolescentes y jóvenes adultos – rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org.

LLAMADO PARA: Ministros extraordinarios de la Eucaristía

Necesitamos más personas voluntarias para servir como ministros extraordinarios de la Eucaristía en todas las Misas y especialmente en la Misa de familias y la Misa de las 6PM. Si está interesada/o en averiguar más, por favor contacte a Keren – kerencc@gmail.com. ¡Gracias!

To all the women of OLQP who "mother" by caring for and nurturing others.
We wish you a blessed and joy-filled day today.
Thank you for all you do to enrich our lives and to care for our every need.

A todas las mujeres de olqp que "hacen de madres" al preocuparse y criar a otros.
Hoy les deseamos un día de bendiciones y alegría.
Gracias por todo lo que hacen para enriquecer nuestras vidas y ocuparse de todas nuestras necesidades.

CARPENTER'S SHELTER SUPPER -- Thursday, May 19

Please join us in offering dinner to Carpenter's Shelter residents. The menu is tacos and toppings, salad, beans and rice, brownies and lemonade. Previous contributors will receive the link to sign-up. New folks can email mary.resnick@gmail.com or call at 703-462-4841 with your contribution. Bring your food to the office kitchen M-F during their office hours (fridge, or freezer), Fr. Ray Hall kitchen on the day of dinner 4-5PM (labels available to indicate "Carpenter's Shelter", what the item is, and date of dinner) or to the Shelter on day of dinner at 930 N. Henry Street in Alexandria, labeled the same, adding our church name & "dinner". Please call or email Mary with questions. Thank you once again!

NEWS FROM MEDOR

Thank you for your prayers for the safety of Mrs. Esther Saintvil, the bookkeeper for Medor's agro-forestry program. As many of you know, Mrs. Saintvil, who lives in Port au Prince, was kidnapped on Easter Saturday while driving home from church. Her husband was able to raise a hefty ransom and she was released on April 29. After being held captive for 2 weeks, she is now safely back home with her family. Please pray in thanksgiving for her release, for safety and security in Haiti, and an end to gang violence.

WEEKLY OLQP MOMENT

Join the parish community on Thursday at 3:30pm to reflect on the topic of **Following**. 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.

LA CENA REFUGIO DEL CARPINTERO -- es el jueves, 19 de mayo

Por favor únase a nosotros para ofrecerles una comida a los residentes del Refugio del Carpintero. El menú es tacos e ingredientes para ponerles, ensalada, arroz y frijoles, brownies y limonada. Las personas que han contribuido antes van a recibir el enlace para apuntarse. Los donantes nuevos pueden mandarle un correo electrónico a mary.resnick@gmail.com o llamar al 703-462-4841 para informarle de su contribución. Traiga la comida a la cocina de la oficina de lunes a viernes durante horas de trabajo (refrigerador o congelador), a la cocina de Fr. Ray Hall el día de la comida de 4 a 5pm (use las etiquetas del mostrador para indicar "Carpenter's Shelter, lo que contribuye y la fecha de la comida) o al Refugio (930 N. Henry Street en Alexandria) identificada de la misma manera, añadiendo el nombre de nuestra iglesia y "dinner". Por favor llame a Mary o mándele un correo electrónico si tiene preguntas. ¡Gracias nuevamente!

NOTICIAS DE MEDOR

Gracias por sus oraciones por la seguridad de la Sra. Esther Saintvil, la contable para el programa agroforestal de Medor. Como muchos de ustedes saben, la Sra. Saintvil, que vive en Puerto Príncipe, fue raptada el Domingo de Pascua cuando conducía de la iglesia a su casa. Su esposo pudo recaudar un rescate considerable y fue liberada el 29 de abril. Después de haber estado cautiva por 2 semanas, ahora está segura en su casa con su familia. Por favor rece en acción de gracias por su liberación, por su seguridad y su protección en Haití y por el fin de la violencia de las pandillas.

MOMENTO SEMANAL DE OLQP

Únase a la comunidad parroquial el jueves a las 3:30pm para reflexionar sobre el tema del Seguimiento. 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.

PRAYERS for our FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES

On Saturday, May 14th, twenty-seven children will receive their First Holy Communion here at OLQP. Please pray for our children and their families -- for their journey of a life-long commitment as disciples of Jesus.

2022-2023 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Faith Formation Registration for all our programs (Family Circles, Foundations, Children's Liturgy of the Word, First Communion and Confirmation) will begin on May 17th and end on August 17th. Please register online at our webpage: https://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/registration1.html
Don't miss the registration deadline!

Mandatory Parents' Meeting: Several dates in August and September have been schedule for parents to learn about the program and to receive the material.

Volunteer with the Faith Formation Program: We invite parents and teenagers to get involved by volunteering with the program – a variety of commitments are available, both occasional and more often. We look forward to hearing from you! Please contact us if you or your teenager are interested: Cecilia Lopez Oetgen clopez@olqpva.org or Sandra Rivera srivera@olqpva.org.

NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

Around the world, millions of children live without a family of their own to love, protect, and guide them through life. Across America, including right here in Arlington & Alexandria, children wait in foster care for a loving family. These problems can be solved -- it just takes individuals who care. Please join us for a Building Forever Families ministry BBQ on Saturday, 5/14, and see this week's bulletin insert for information about donations being collected for Comfort Cases. You can drop off your donations in the vestibule of Fr. Ray Hall. Contact the *Building Forever Families* ministry for more information
(Debralpholqp@gmail.com or
Rebecca.a.carpenter@gmail.com)

CRS Rice Bowls -- We need your Bowls! Please turn them in so we can complete this campaign. Thank you for your sacrifice and caring for those who are hungry. 25% of the funds raised stay here in our own diocese. Checks made to OLQP with CRS Rice Bowl on the memo line.

VIRGINIANS ORGANIZED FOR INTERFAITH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (VOICE) is ready to mobilize. Our Lady Queen of Peace VOICE will hold three (3) listening sessions of ten (10) parishioners per session at 1915 S Edgewood Street. Each discussion will center around VOICE's 2022 priorities of Mental Health and Addiction and Affordable Housing, plus any topic close to your heart. **Upcoming sessions: Saturday, May 14 at 10am; Wednesday, May 18 at 7pm; Saturday, May 28 at 10am.** ***Pick a session and let us know you plan to attend*** **(**Chuck Moran at chuckmoran106@gmail.com, Roy Tucker at roytucker12@gmail.com or Shirley Hopkins at sblackbabae@gmail.com).

ORACIONES para nuestras CANDIDATAS Y CANDIDATOS DE PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

El sábado, 14 de mayo, veintisiete niñas y niños van a recibir su Primera comunión aquí en OLQP. Por favor recen por nuestras niñas y niños y por sus familias – por su jornada de un compromiso de por vida como discípulas y discípulos de Jesús.

PROGRAMA DE FORMACIÓN DE FE 2022-2023

Inscripción para la Formación de fe para todos nuestros programas (Círculos de familia, Fundaciones, Liturgia de la Palabra para niñas y niños, Primera comunión, y Confirmación) va a empezar el 17 de mayo y terminará el 17 de agosto. Por favor inscríbase en línea en nuestro sitio web: https://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/registration1.html ¡No se pierda la fecha límite para la inscripción!

Reunión obligatoria para padres. Se han fijado varias fechas en agosto y septiembre para que los padres aprendan acera del programa y para recibir los materiales.

Ofrézcase de voluntaria/o en el Programa de Formación de fe. Invitamos a madres, padres y adolescentes a formar parte del programa al ofrecerse de voluntarias/os. Hay una variedad de oportunidades disponibles, tanto de vez en cuando como más a menudo. ¡Esperamos tener noticias de ustedes! Por favor contáctenos si usted o su hija o hijo adolescente está interesada/o: Cecilia López Oetgen clopez@olqpva.org o Sandra Rivera srivera@olqpva.org.

MES NACIONAL DEL CUIDADO TUTELAR

Alrededor del mundo, millones de niñas y niños viven sin una familia propia que los ame, proteja y guíe en su vida. Por todos los Estados Unidos, inclusive aquí en Arlington y Alexandria, niñas y niños esperan en cuidado tutelar por una familia amorosa. Estos problemas se pueden resolver – solo se necesitan personas que se preocupan. Por favor únase a nosotros para una barbacoa del Ministerio Creando familias para siempre el sábado, 14 de mayo y vea información sobre donaciones que se están recogiendo para las Comfort Cases en el boletín de esta semana. Puede dejar sus donaciones en el vestíbulo de Fr. Ray Hall. Contacte al Ministerio Creando familias para siempre para obtener más información.
(Debralpholqp@gmail.com or Rebecca.e.carpenter@gmail.com).

Platos de arroz CRS – ¡Necesitamos sus Platos! Por favor entréguenlos para poder terminar esta campaña. Gracias por su sacrificio y preocupación por las perdonas que tienen hambre. El 25% de los fondos recaudados se quedan aquí en nuestra propia diócesis. Escriban los cheques a nombre de OLQP con "CRS Rice Bowl" en la línea del asunto.

La organización **Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement (VOICE)** está lista para movilizarse. Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz VOICE va a tener tres (3) sesiones de escucha de diez (10) feligreses por sesión en 1915 S Edgewood Street. Cada discusión se va a concentrar en las prioridades de VOICE 2022 de salud mental y adicción y vivienda asequible, además de cualquier otro tema de su predilección. **Próximas sesiones: el sábado, 14 de mayo a las 10am, el miércoles, 18 de mayo a las 7pm y el sábado, 28 de mayo a las 10am.** ***Escoja una sesión y déjenos saber que piensa asistir.***
(Chuck Moran - chuckmoran106@gmail.com, Roy Tucker - roytucker12@gmail.com o Shirley Hopkins - sblackbabae@gmail.com).

OLQP4Afghans — Despite your generosity we continue to need specific items, as shown on the SignUp Genius list (OLQP 4 AFGHANS). In particular, we are looking for a Smart TV so one of our families can learn/improve English language skills, and a car seat so another family has a safe way of taking their younger children to medical appointments. If you have questions, please contact us at OLQP4Afghans@gmail.com. Our best wishes for a happy Mother's Day to all those helping with this program, as well as all the Afghan mothers in our community.

OLQP4Afghans – A pesar de su generosidad seguimos necesitando ciertos artículos, como se puede ver en la lista del SignUp Genius (OLQP 4 AFGHANS). En particular, estamos buscando un televisor Smart para que una de nuestras familias pueda aprender/mejorar su inglés y un asiento para niños para que otra familia tenga una manera segura de llevar a sus niños pequeños a citas médicas. Si tiene preguntas, por favor contáctenos en OLQP4Afghans@gmail.com.
Nuestros mejores deseos para un feliz Día de las madres para todas las personas que ayudan con este programa, igual que para todas las madres afganas en nuestra comunidad.

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.

FOOD PANTRY -- This weekend is the parish Food Collection for our busy food pantry. If you were unable to bring food, please consider making a monetary donation on our website. Thank you for your continued support.

GABRIEL PROJECT is not open for regular distribution of baby items but they are still distributing diapers and wipes to mothers who come for food. We are in urgent need of size 2, 3 and 4 diapers. If you can contribute it is greatly appreciated. For any other Gabriel Project baby item donations please email Rosie at rosie.saberton@verizon.net or Chrissi Gelson at chrissi152@gmail.com

CATHOLIC CHARITIES is helping the refugees and immigrants that are being bused from Texas. They are arriving without any support or instruction. Volunteers are needed to meet the buses, help them with a meal or to speak to them in the following languages French, Portuguese, Spanish (some do speak English). This is not an everyday commitment, but when needed. If you can help, please contact Pam Stuckey at 301-325-4307 or parishioner Emma Grayeb at 703-899-6449.

AN ECO-REFLECTION: Arbor day on April 29 reminded us of the importance of trees to the ecological balance in our world. Trees absorb the CO2 that contributes to global warming and release oxygen back into the air. In one year, an acre of mature trees absorbs the amount of CO2 produced by a car driven 26,000 miles. It's a tragedy that thousands of acres of trees are being cut down every year to provide grazing land for meat producing cattle.

WORLD YOUTH DAY: There are still a few spots available for the World Youth Day Pilgrimage, July 28-August 7, 2023 in Portugal. We hope you'll join Father Martin and Rebecca on this walk in faith and fellowship with our brothers and sisters from around the world. To register or for more information, please contact Rebecca Grant Jenkins, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org.

OLQP LECTOR MINISTRY -- Seeking **new lectors** to proclaim the Word at five Masses (English) in the parish. If you would like to publicly read once a month at Mass, have been a registered parish member for at least six months, and will attend a Lector Ministry training, contact coordinator Cecilia Braveboy, jisaac3@verizon.net, for more information.

READING SCRIPTURE WITH AFRICAN AMERICANS

With Rev. James Okoye, CSSp, DPhil

When Israel was in Egypt's land, Let my people go. Oppress'd so hard they could not stand, Let my people go. Go down, Moses, Way down in Egypt's land, Tell old Pharaoh Let my people go.

Scripture kept African Americans alive in the days of slavery. Reading it with their own eyes, encountered God in a different manner. We try to see how they read and the God they met. Meeting via Zoom for five Saturday mornings from 10am to 11:30am, remaining date May 14, 21, 28.
Zoom link: (passcode 068124)
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IT'S ABOUT LOVE: Are you the mother of a child or adult who is differently abled, experiencing developmental, intellectual, or other challenges? This can be a tough - and isolating - journey of mothering. You may be inundated with messages about what is "wrong" with your child and how to "fix" them. You may feel overwhelmed by needs you cannot possibly meet on your own. Positive support and understanding are not always available. It's About Love is a new ministry dedicated to the spiritual needs of moms of people with special needs. We can't solve all the challenges you experience. But we can, together, create a space for tapping into our own wisdom as women, and being open to the love and wisdom of the Divine Mother. If you are interested, please contact Morna Murray (mom of a young adult with developmentally different abilities), mornam1@gmail.com, or 860-538-1007. Details about our first meeting will be coming soon!

May is National Foster Care Month

You can make a difference for children in our area!

Did you know there are more than 11,000 children in foster care in Virginia, Maryland and D.C., and more than 425,000 nationally?

The *Building Forever Families (BFF)* ministry at OLQP supports these kids in a variety of ways, especially during National Foster Care Month.

Throughout the month, **we will gather items to donate to Comfort Cases, and we encourage all OLQP parishioners to join us**. Comfort Cases gives new backpacks to children in our local foster care system, to help them transport their belongings during what can be a time of great instability.

Donations of NEW items can be dropped off any time in May, in the plastic bin in the vestibule of Father Ray Hall, or in the office. Thank you for helping children in our foster system!

COMFORTCASES® Wishlist

Backpacks or small duffel bags	***Pajamas (newborn to adult XXL)***
Small blankets	***Toothbrushes & Toothpaste***
Shampoo & Conditioner	***Soap or Body Wash***
Deodorant	***Stuffed animals***
Coloring books & Crayons	***Journals & Pens/Pencils***
Lotion	***Books (for toddlers to teens)***

Questions? Contact Debra Johnson at Debralpholqp@gmail.com

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Foster Care is a temporary living arrangement providing care and parenting for children who can no longer live in their homes due to abuse, neglect or other severe family problems. Children may need foster families for a few days, months or longer.

National Foster Care Month provides an opportunity to focus on the needs of children and youth in foster care. We are encouraged to get involved in their lives – whether as foster parents, volunteers, mentors, employers, or in other ways. At OLQP, we support children in foster care and their foster families in a variety of ways, including through the *Building Forever Families* ministry.

Kids in foster care need you. Here's how you can support them:

- **Become a foster or adoptive parent.** AdoptUSKids.org or AlexandriaVA.gov/adoption
- **Support an unaccompanied refugee minor (URM).** Lssnca.org
- **Become a mentor to a local youth in foster care.** BestKids.org
- **Support young people aging out of the foster care system.** LifesetNetwork.org
- **Sponsor a child for a summer or a weekend, and advocate to help them find their forever family.** KidSave.org
- **Join the BFF ministry in donating supplies to Comfort Cases, providing personal items for children as they transition into foster care.** ComfortCases.org
- **Pray that waiting children will find the security and love of a forever family.**

For more info, or to join the *Building Forever Families* ministry, contact Debra & Ralph Johnson (Debralpholqp@gmail.com) or Rebecca Carpenter (Rebecca.e.carpenter@gmail.com)

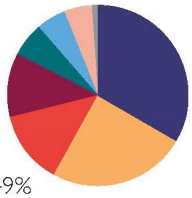
The challenge that awaits us, then, is to communicate by encountering people, where they are and as they are.

—Pope Francis, World Communications Day, 2021

Your support of the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) helps bring the richness of the Church's social teachings to life through engaging media.

In his encyclical *Centesimus Annus*, Pope St. John Paul II wrote, "God has imprinted his own image and likeness on man, conferring upon him an incomparable dignity" (no. 11). It is with this view of human dignity that Centisimus Annus Pro Pontifice, a lay-led organization founded by John Paul II and based at the Vatican, works to promote Catholic social teaching (CST). CAPP-USA, the U.S. arm of Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice, does this through digital communications such as its website and social media channels. These digital resources include informative video presentations with engaging graphics to illustrate the principles of human dignity, solidarity, and subsidiarity that work at the heart of the Church's teachings.

With support from the CCC, CAPP-USA produced ten videos and six infographics explaining core concepts of CST and how they apply to current social issues. CAPP-USA engaged thousands of Americans on social media and continued to build its website as a platform for instructing and engaging visitors through a first-of-its-kind CST content library. Your contributions to the Catholic Communication Campaign make possible initiatives that engage audiences with appealing and compelling content that brings the richness of Catholic teaching to life.



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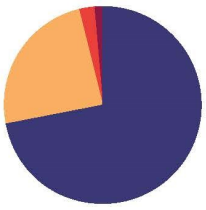

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El desafío que nos espera es, por lo tanto, el de comunicar encontrando a las personas donde están y como son.

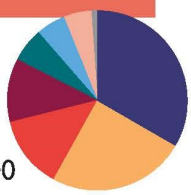
—Papa Francisco, Jornada Mundial de las Comunicaciones Sociales, 2021

Apoye a la Campaña Católica de la Comunicación

Su apoyo a la Campaña Católica de la Comunicación (CCC) ayuda a dar vida a la riqueza de las enseñanzas sociales de la Iglesia a través de unos interesantes medios de comunicación.

En su encíclica *Centesimus Annus*, el papa san Juan Pablo II escribió que Dios "En [el hombre] ha impreso su imagen y semejanza, confiriéndole una dignidad incomparable" (no. 11). Es con esta visión de la dignidad humana que Centisimus Annus Pro Pontifice, organización dirigida por laicos, fundada por Juan Pablo II y con sede en el Vaticano, trabaja para promover la enseñanza social católica (CST, en inglés). CAPP-USA, la rama estadounidense de Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice, realiza esto a través de comunicaciones digitales como su sitio web y sus canales de comunicación social. Estos recursos digitales incluyen presentaciones en video con unos interesantes gráficos para ilustrar los principios de la dignidad humana, la solidaridad y la subsidiaridad que obran en el corazón de las enseñanzas de la Iglesia.

Con fondos de la CCC, CAPP-USA ha producido diez videos y seis infográficos que explican los conceptos fundamentales de las enseñanzas sociales católicas y la manera en que éstas se aplican a los asuntos sociales de actualidad. CAPP-USA hizo partícipe a miles de estadounidenses a través de las redes sociales y continuó construyendo su sitio web como una plataforma para instruir y atraer a sus visitantes a través de una biblioteca que contiene las enseñanzas sociales católicas y que es la primera de su tipo. Sus contribuciones a la Campaña Católica de la Comunicación hacen posibles iniciativas que captan el interés del público mediante un interesante y atractivo contenido que dan vida a la riqueza de las enseñanzas católicas.



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Servicio de noticias & información*	$1,343,527.00	33.49%
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Documentales & videos	$210,000.00	5.24%
Preservando la historia de la Iglesia	$200,090.00	4.99%
Capacitación de los medios	$40,000.00	1.00%

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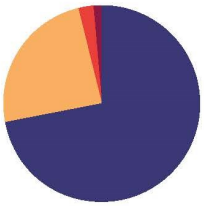

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La mitad de los fondos recaudados permanecen en su diócesis para apoyar proyectos locales en el área de las comunicaciones. La otra mitad apoya la labor conjunta de los obispos de Estados Unidos en las comunicaciones y otros proyectos nacionales en el país y alrededor del mundo.

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Learn to take your troubles to the Black Madonna

The Black Madonna stays present with us through times of distress.

CHRISTINE VALTERS PAINTNER

In 2003, when I was 33 years old, my mother died. Her body became overwhelmed quite suddenly by infection because of years of use of prednisone to treat the terrible pain and disability her rheumatoid arthritis caused her.

I was very close with my mother. I considered her to be one of my best friends. Her death was sudden. It was wrenching. It was excruciating. I came undone in my grief for many months.

Many people tried to offer comfort and wisdom. Most often the words they spoke felt trite and meaningless under the weight of my mourning. But there were some whose words sparked something in my heart. A new opening. One such gift of wisdom offered was an invitation in the midst of my loss to reimagine my relationship to my mother, and indeed "Mother" as an archetype. Since she was no longer on the physical, tangible plane, I could only reach out to her through the veil that separates us from our ancestors and the communion of saints.

I found myself crying out to Mother Mary in ways I had never done before. I had always admired Mary but retreated from the docile and pure images that churches promote of her. In my lament, I began to encounter a fiercer Mary, one who knew the weight of loss and how it strips away everything you thought you needed to navigate in the world. I discovered Mary, Mother of Sorrows, who could sit with me in my anguish and disorientation.

It was in these underworld days that I was introduced to the Black Madonna. Her image felt substantial enough to meet my pain. This dark mother knew the weight of her own son's body in her arms.

Scattered across Europe and other continents is a series of medieval paintings and statues known as Black Madonnas who have dark or black features. Many are well-known pilgrimage shrines such as Our Lady of the Hermits in Einsiedeln, Switzerland; Our Lady of Jasna Góra in Częstochowa, Poland; and Our Lady of Montserrat, Spain.

Christian feminist theology sees the Black Madonna as revealing aspects of the sacred feminine that are generally not represented in traditional images of Mary. These dark representations of our Lady expand Mary's image beyond her usual depiction as a docile white woman. The Black Madonna roots Mary in the struggle of her Black and brown sisters for justice. Even more than a connection through skin color, the Black Madonna reveals a dimension of the sacred feminine as one who is able to stay present with us through our own times of holy darkness.

Mary in her beautiful blackness offers us a love in which she unequivocally claims that every oppressed person should be nourished, cherished, and welcomed. She compels us to act for justice out of this witness of expansive love.

There are many theories as to the origin of the Black Madonnas' dark skin. One is that these images illustrate a text from the Song of Solomon that reads, "I am black and beautiful" (Song of Sol. 1:5). The Song of Solomon was a much-loved biblical text in the early medieval period when many of these images were created and a special devotion to Mary existed in monasteries.

In 2012 my husband, John, and I felt a call to move overseas to Vienna. This is the city where my father grew up and is now buried. It is a place I had visited many times as a child. Soon after we moved, a young Polish woman I had met through my ministry online was inspired to send me a card with the image of Our Lady of Częstochowa on it. I remember my heart quickening when I opened the envelope and found her waiting inside for me. I realized I was in the land of Black Madonnas now and could make a point of visiting some of them.

A few days after receiving that card, on Sunday at Mass there was an invitation to join a parish group making a pilgrimage for the day to Mariazell, or Our Lady of the Cell, a Black Madonna site in Austria within driving distance from Vienna. Encountering her opened another door within me to a deeper relationship with Mary. Mary of the Cell became my companion and guide during those early years of transition as we set out to create a new life across the ocean. She holds a pear in her hand, which reminds me of the sacred feminine and the way that sweetness and sustenance are offered to us freely.

Seven years later I was invited by the Veriditas organization to lead a retreat at the Chartres Cathedral in France. Mary's presence is keenly felt everywhere in that sacred space's stunning stained glass windows and statues, but I felt most drawn to Mary who presides over the crypt, Notre Dame de Sous-Terre, or Our Lady of the Underworld. To enter, you have to descend a flight of stone stairs from street level on the north side of the cathedral. A dark Madonna and child carved from wood sit in a small chapel in the crypt where the parish holds Mass each day at midday.

The underworld is that place we explore when we are in a time of deep grief or have experienced any kind of loss that profoundly disorientates us. St. John of the Cross called it the dark night of the soul. Mary of the Underworld holds us when we are in that place of feeling undone by sorrow. She stays fully present when it feels like everything is falling apart.

The image of the women who sit at the foot of the cross, waiting in the midst of the terrible mystery of suffering and

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death, and face this evil in nonviolent ways is the image of sacred initiation of our egos being stripped of their securities and our growth into a much more mature and wiser way of being. When we pray to the Black Madonna in her fierce aspect, we pray for the strength to endure our own underworld journeys and not to avoid them.

We live in a culture afraid of the dark, where we illuminate our worlds 24/7 to the detriment of bird flight patterns and our own natural rhythms. When life forces us to descend into the canyon of grief, we try to distract ourselves with work instead of being fully present to this reality of the human journey.

In their book *Dancing in the Flames: The Dark Goddess in the Transformation of Consciousness* (Shambhala), Jungian analysts Marion Woodman and Elinor Dickson write about this transformative journey when we willingly descend into the dark: "There must be a death to the ego self; there must be a transformation in which there is a letting go of all false values, of all things that the egotistical nature mistakenly clings to. . . . Once her cycles are accepted, those who love her are free of the fear of death, free of their own vulnerability, free to live her mystery." Mary as the dark mother helps us embrace death as sister, as St. Francis of Assisi sang in his Canticle of Creation. This is part of the journey of our transformation, to not resist this call to surrender and to release that which no longer serves us.

We live in a time when we fear growing older. We are afraid of death. I remember several years ago working in spiritual direction with a woman who was dying of cancer. Her last mission was to convince the hospital that the "dying rooms" should be as beautiful and comfortable as the "birthing rooms" she had seen. This too is a sacred threshold. The underworld and the dark night of the soul are essential dimensions of any spiritual journey. Life has many ways of stripping away our securities and what we think is essential to us. Ultimately the dark night journey asks us to release ourselves fully into the darkness. If we keep trying to hold on to the light, we never allow ourselves to mine the rich gifts available to us in the fertile dark.

Mary in her many dark faces is available to companion us in these challenging times. We do not make this journey alone.

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