

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:

20-21 August— 11:15am and 1pm Spanish
20-21 de agosto— 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)

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

August 21, 2022

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

"And you will say,
'We ate and drank in your company
and you taught in our streets.' "

Luke 13:26



Entonces le dirán con insistencia: 'Hemos
comido y bebido contigo y tú has
enseñado en nuestras plazas'.

Lucas 13,26

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:
**MISSION COOPERATIVE PLAN 2022 APPEAL:
THE SERVANTS OF THE LORD AND
THE VIRGIN OF MATARÁ**

COLECTA DEL FIN DE SEMANA PRÓXIMO:
**APELACIÓN DEL PLAN COOPERATIVO DE LA MISIÓN 2022
LAS SIERVAS DEL SEÑOR Y DE LA VIRGEN DE MATARÁ**



NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ
21 de agosto de 2022
**VIGESIMOPRIMER 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

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: \$6,342

Faith Direct (June Average /
promedio del mes de junio): \$12,827

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

Today's readings can be found on page 924

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 925

BULLETIN DEADLINE / PLAZO PARA EL BOLETÍN

Wednesdays 9am — 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 Bérit, 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 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, Lidia Montero Lopez, Olga MacKenzie, Wil McBride, Stefan McGuigan, Martha Gladys Medina, Maria Magdalena Medrano de Ventura, Eileen Melia, Frances Mierzwa, Arthur Miller, Mary Miller, Yvonne Mockler, Carmen Montijo, Dorothy Moran, Rosemary Morrissey, 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, Jacob and Jaxson Rivera, Maritza Roldan, Marco Cristiaan Rufolo-Roger, Josefina Salgado, Carolyn Santos, Jane Shepard, Jim Shirvanian, Mary Shookhoff, Jeffrey Smith, Mary E. Smith, Eva Souza, Nina Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Carmelita and Roy Tucker, Nancy Urquizo, Stephen Utley, Robin Vogel, Midge Wholey, Bob Wilson, Kate Witkowski, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata, Kate Zopp.

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
VIGESIMOPRIMER DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

Isaiah 66:18-21 (123C); Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30
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**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
VIGESIMOSEGUNDO DOMINGO EN EL
TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

Isaiah 66:18-21 (126C); Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30
Isaías 66,18-21 (126C); Hebreos 12, 5-7, 11-13; Lucas 13,22-30

**MASS INTENTIONS, AUGUST 20-26
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 20-26 AGOSTO
VIGESIMOPRIMER DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

Saturday August 20th

5:30 pm Patricia Estrada (D)

by Juan Estrada, Olga Mackenzie & family

Sunday August 21st

8:00 am Minhthu and Bill Lynagh (Special Intention) (L) by their friends at
the 8:00 am Mass

9:30 am Bertie P. Leahy (D) by the Leahy family

11:15 am Peter Nguyen Huu Chi (D) by Fr. Martin Vu, CSSp.

1:00 pm Daniel Castro (D) by Hilda Rocha

6:00 pm Barbara Hitkins (D) by Kathy Kostka

Monday August 22nd

12:00 pm the parish

Tuesday August 23rd

12:00 pm the parish

Wednesday August 24th

12:00 pm the parish

Thursday August 25th

12:00 pm the parish

Friday August 26th

12:00 pm the parish

**SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH /
VIDA SACRAMENTAL DE LA PARROQUIA
CONGRATULATIONS! / ¡FELICIDADES!**

Lily Ramey and Ben Juricic

Married August 20/ Casados el 20 de agosto

OLOP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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Faith Formation Director / Director de Formación de Fe (bilingüe):

Cecilia López Oetgen, clopez@olqpva.org

JUST A THOUGHT...OR TWO...

This weekend's readings challenge us to understand "the other" as "ourselves". The concept of "otherness" is a reality that allows for discrimination, persecution, racial and ethnic profiling ...for hatred of "others"!

When we fail to see our common humanity then we believe that we are "different" from one another and then we see them as "other". And from this we can come to believe that we are superior or better than the one who is different from 'my clan', those who are like me.

This concept of "other" often creates a situation where the one who is "other" is dehumanized and degraded. Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream...a dream where everyone was equal...where there were no "others"...only "us"!

This dream of MLK's was a "Kingdom dream"...the Kingdom of God...and he saw this dream because he had "Kingdom vision"...Martin Luther King lived as if "the Kingdom of God" was here and now!

In the Gospel we hear this weekend that Jesus tells us to be very careful about who we believe is on the inside and who is outside...because we might be the ones who end up on the outside, precisely because we separated "others" out and made them "outsiders"!

Jesus tells us a "cautionary tale" of "otherness"! Jesus is seeking to tell us that there is no "other"...we are all the children of God...including all the migrants and immigrants around the world, like those at our southern border! Jesus

is telling us we are all sisters and brothers, beloved children of God!

Regardless of the color of our skin, the place or circumstance of our birth, or our social status or our religious or political affiliation or our gender, each and every one of us is connected as a beautiful creation of God -- as Martin Luther King proclaimed, whatever happens to one of us happens to all of us!

Imagine if we lived like that...that is what Jesus did for us on the cross! What would our world look like, what would our political conversation sound like? Would we be banning books in our schools just because they were written by people of color or because they tell stories challenging racism or books that raise up stories of inclusion and representation to our children? These books written in the hopes that they will help our children grow up to build a society where diversity is celebrated and those who are "other" are welcomed and made to feel loved and accepted -- as my sister and brother, just as they are, beloved children of God!

What am I willing to do to break down the barriers that separate me from "the other"? Do I really believe that "we" are all God's children, loved equally by God? What does that mean for me? How might that challenge how I live my life? Who do I see as "other"?

Blessings,
Fr. Tim

**MISSION COOPERATIVE PLAN 2022 APPEAL:
THE SERVANTS OF THE LORD AND
THE VIRGIN OF MATARÁ**

On August 27-28 we will welcome missionary sisters from the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará (SSVM Mission) for the annual Mission Cooperative Plan appeal.

A message from the sisters: From our beginnings in San Rafael, Argentina in 1988 we have grown to over 1,200 sisters missioning in almost 40 different countries throughout the world. We strive to go where the presence of religious sisters is most needed. Although we are an international community, we have been blessed with many vocations from the United States a bit over 100 at present. This appeal allows us to inform the members of your diocese about our mission work in Papua New Guinea which is in great need of support. We work with children and poor families in human and religious development, specifically providing medical care, educating in hygiene. We also have a home for girls that currently houses and provides for all of the needs of about 25 girls. Your gifts and prayers will be a blessing to families who benefit from this loving outreach in mission countries! You can donate online at: <https://arlingtonmissions.org/mission/ssvm-missions-servants-of-the-lord/> or give the weekend of August 27-28 when a collection will be taken up at each Mass.

**APELACIÓN DEL PLAN COOPERATIVO DE LA MISIÓN 2022
LAS SIERVAS DEL SEÑOR Y DE LA VIRGEN DE MATARÁ**

El 27 y 28 de agosto les daremos la bienvenida a las hermanas misioneras de la Misión de las Siervas del Señor y la Virgen de Matará (Misión SSVM) para la campaña anual del Plan Cooperativo de la Misión.

Un mensaje de las hermanas: Desde nuestros comienzos en San Rafael, Argentina en 1988 hemos llegado a ser más de 1,200 hermanas en misiones en casi 40 países diferentes por todo el mundo. Nos esforzamos por ir adonde la presencia de hermanas religiosas es más necesaria. Aunque somos una comunidad internacional, hemos sido bendecidas por muchas vocaciones de los Estados Unidos, con un poco más de 100 ahora. Esta campaña nos permite informar a las personas de su diócesis sobre nuestro trabajo misionero en Papua Nueva Guinea que necesita muchísimo apoyo. Trabajamos con niñas/os y familias pobres en desarrollo humano y religioso, específicamente proveyendo cuidado médico y educación en higiene. También tenemos un hogar para niñas que actualmente alberga a 25 niñas y cubre todas sus necesidades. ¡Sus donaciones y oraciones van a ser una bendición para las familias que se benefician de este acercamiento amoroso en países de misión! Puede donar en línea en:

<https://arlingtonmissions.org/mission/ssvm-missions-servants-of-the-lord/> o donar el fin de semana del 27 y 28 de agosto cuando se va a tener una colecta en cada Misa.

NEWS FROM MEDOR

In the first six months of 2022 the Smallholder Farmers Alliance (SFA) conducted 14 formal training sessions for farmers in St. Joseph parish. Some topics included proper techniques for tree transplantation, composting technology, consequences of slash and burn farming, and proper storage of black beans. Approximately 90 people attended each meeting. About 40% of those attending were women. We are grateful to the SFA for conducting these vital training sessions for farmers in Medor.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you ready to take your next steps on your journey of faith? RCIA provides a personal journey leading to transformation of mind and spirit, in which we consider and deepen our relationship with God and consider how we can serve others. Guided by the Gospel and by the examples provided by church members and fellow journeyers, you can be baptized or become fully integrated into the Catholic community of believers through the RCIA process. If you are looking into fully realizing your faith walk, you are invited and encouraged to participate. The journey begins on Thursday, September 22, at 7 p.m. with a "no strings" information session. For additional information, contact Kevin and Alice Curtin (acurtin947@aol.com or 703-461-3082).

WEEKLY OLQP MOMENT

Join the parish community on Tuesday at 1:22pm to reflect on the topic of **Trials**. 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.

SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH (HAM)

This is an awareness campaign from *Feeding America* – a nationwide network of food banks mobilized to encourage the public to act on the issue of hunger.

This September choose to stand against hunger by sharing, volunteering, pledging, fundraising, and donating. These are just a few ways to help to end the impossible choices of hunger. Look for the **calendar** in next weekend's bulletin. Thank you for your support to end hunger in our neighborhood.

REUSE THOSE GROCERY BAGS! We are in real need of **plastic bags now that the county has begun charging for them**. Plastic bags are used by our volunteers to package food and produce for our Food Pantry clients and to give the bags a second life before recycling. Thank you for working to reduce waste. Please drop them off in the food collection bins behind Father Ray Hall.

NOTICIAS DE MEDOR

En los primeros seis meses de 2022 la Alianza para pequeños agricultores (SFA por sus siglas en inglés) organizó 14 sesiones formales de entrenamiento para agricultores en la parroquia St. Joseph. Algunos temas incluyeron técnicas apropiadas para el trasplante de árboles, tecnología de compostaje, consecuencias de la agricultura de roza y quema y la manera apropiada de almacenar frijoles negros. Aproximadamente 90 personas asistieron a cada reunión. Alrededor del 40% de quienes asistieron eran mujeres. Le agradecemos a la SFA que organizara estas sesiones vitales de entrenamiento para agricultores en Medor.

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

¿Está lista/listo para dar sus próximos pasos en su jornada de fe? RICA provee una jornada personal que conduce a la transformación de la mente y el espíritu, en la cual consideramos y profundizamos nuestra relación con Dios y pensamos como podemos servir a los demás. Guiados por el Evangelio y por los ejemplos que los miembros de la iglesia y compañeras y compañeros en la jornada, se puede bautizar o pertenecer plenamente a la comunidad católica de creyentes por medio del proceso del RICA. Si está buscando mejorar su jornada de fe, está invitada/o y animada/o a participar. La jornada comienza el lunes, 3 de octubre. Para obtener más información, contacte a Cecilia López Oetgen – clopez@olqpva.org o llame al 703-979-5580.

MOMENTO SEMANAL DE OLQP

Únase a la comunidad parroquial el martes a la 1:22pm para reflexionar sobre el tema de las **Dificultades**. 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

SEPTIEMBRE ES EL MES DE LA ACCIÓN CONTRA EL HAMBRE

(HAM) – Esta es una campaña de sensibilización de *Feeding America* – una red nacional de bancos de alimentos movilizados para animar al público a que tomen medidas sobre la cuestión del hambre.

Este septiembre escoja hacerle frente al hambre al compartir, ofrecerse de voluntaria/o, comprometerse, recaudar dinero y donar. Éstas son solo unas cuantas maneras de ayudar a erradicar las opciones imposibles del hambre. Busque el **calendario** en el boletín del próximo fin de semana. Gracias por su apoyo para terminar con el hambre en nuestro vecindario.

¡REUTILICE ESAS BOLSAS DEL MERCADO! Necesitamos urgentemente las **bolsas de plástico ahora que el condado ha empezado a cobrar por ellas**. Las bolsas plásticas que las personas voluntarias usan para empacar la comida y frutas y vegetales para los clientes de nuestra Despensa de alimentos y para darles a las bolsas una segunda vida antes de reciclarlas. Gracias a usted por tratar de reducir el desperdicio. Por favor ponga las bolsas en los contenedores de colecta de alimentos detrás de Fr. Ray Hall.

A PEACE PICNIC FOR ALL!

This year's annual parish picnic will be on September 18, and the theme is "Peace". The picnic is a great way to meet people and get involved with the parish. We're looking for volunteers to help with activities, decorations, grilling, shopping, setting up, cleaning up, and more! We especially need trucks if you have one. Please email Leah Tanyag, enrique33@gmail.com, to volunteer. Thank you!

YOUNG COMMUNITY MEMBER SEEKS KIDNEY DONATION

A 29 year old community member is facing difficult health challenges and needs a kidney transplant. Her blood type is A positive and can match with another A positive or O recipient. She has a rare disease that caused kidney disease and loss of kidney function: Complement 3 Glomerulopathy (C3G). Not only is she hoping to live a long, healthy life, she and her spouse long to have a family one day, but she cannot do so without a healthy kidney. Post-transplant surgery, it would be a year before she could have a safe pregnancy.

The reality of receiving a donor kidney is grim: About 100,000 people are waiting for a deceased donor, with average wait time of 3 plus years; many people die while waiting.

Facts about being a living donor:

- People only need one kidney to live a healthy, long life.
- Most donor surgery is done laparoscopically (tiny incisions).
- Recuperation is fairly quick, about 2 weeks.
- Costs for the donor's evaluation and surgery are covered by the insurance of the person needing a transplant.
- The potential donor will have a separate team of healthcare professionals who handle the required physical and emotional evaluations.

Learn more about becoming a living donor: contact Carolina Gomes at 571-274-4870, her transplant center at Inova or visit: <https://www.kidney.org/transportation> Please consider being a live donor.

FOOD PANTRY – Are you looking for an early evening volunteer opportunity? Come join the Food Pantry produce bagging team for an hour or two on most Tuesdays starting at 5pm or 6pm in Father Ray Hall. Please contact Paula Corbett, corbett.pmc@gmail.com for more information. Thank you.

BLOOMIN 4 GOOD PROGRAM -- Throughout the month of August 2022, Our Lady Queen of Peace Church Food Pantry has been selected to receive a \$1 donation for every \$12.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the purple hanging tag sold at Giant located at 3480 S. Jefferson Street, Falls Church.

¡UN PICNIC DE PAZ PARA TODAS LAS PERSONAS!

El picnic de la parroquia de este año va a ser el 18 de septiembre y el tema es "Paz". El picnic es una buena manera de conocer a personas y participar en la parroquia. ¡Estamos buscando a personas voluntarias para ayudar con las actividades, decoraciones, cocinar en la barbacoa, ir de compras, la instalación, la limpieza y mucho más! En especial necesitamos camionetas si tiene una. Por favor mándele un correo electrónico a Leah Tanyag, enrique33@gmail.com, para ofrecerse de voluntaria/o. ¡Gracias!

UNA JOVEN MIEMBRA DE LA COMUNIDAD BUSCA UNA DONACIÓN DE UN RIÑÓN

Una miembro de la comunidad que tiene 29 años está teniendo unos problemas serios de salud y necesita un trasplante de riñón. Su grupo sanguíneo es A+ y hace emparejamiento con A+ u O. Ella tiene una enfermedad rara que causó una enfermedad del riñón y la pérdida de la función de los riñones: *Complement 3 Glomerulopathy* (C3G). Ella espera vivir una vida larga y saludable y también ella y su esposo desean tener una familia un día. Tendría que pasar un año después de la operación para tener un embarazo seguro.

La realidad de recibir un riñón donado es cruda. Alrededor de 100,000 personas están esperando por un donante fallecido, con un período de espera de más de 3 años y muchas personas mueren esperando.

Datos sobre ser un donante vivo:

- Las personas solo necesitan un riñón para vivir una vida larga y saludable.
- La mayoría de las operaciones para donar es por laparoscopia (incisiones pequeñas).
- La recuperación es bastante rápida, alrededor de 2 semanas.
- El seguro médico de la persona que necesita el trasplante paga el costo de la evaluación de quien dona y la operación.
- El posible donante va a tener un equipo de personal médico por separado que se va a ocupar de las evaluaciones físicas y emocionales necesarias.

Aprenda más acerca de la posibilidad de ser un donante vivo. Contacte a Carolina Gómez llamando a su centro de trasplante en Inova (571-274-4870) o visite:

<https://www.kidney.org/transportation> Por favor considere ser un donante vivo.

DESPENSA DE ALIMNETOS – ¿Está buscando una oportunidad de ofrecerse de voluntaria/o por la tardecita? Venga y únase al equipo de la Despensa de alimentos que empaca frutas y vegetales y pase una hora o dos casi todos los martes, empezando a las 5pm o a las 6pm en Father Ray Hall. Por favor contacte a Paula Corbett (corbett.pmc@gmail.com) para obtener más información.

PROGRAMA DE BLOOMING 4 GOOD (FLORECIENDO PARA BIEN) Por todo el mes de agosto 2022, la Despensa de alimentos de la iglesia Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz ha sido seleccionada para recibir una donación de \$1 por cada ramo de flores de \$12.99 Blooming 4 Good con la etiqueta morada que se vende en el Giant en 3480 S. Jefferson Street, Falls Church.

VOLUNTEER TEACHERS AND TUTORS URGENTLY NEEDED!

Help refugees and immigrants in your community! Education and Workforce Development of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington is seeking teachers, co-teachers, and tutors for ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages), Citizenship, GED Prep, Computer Literacy, IT (CompTIA), ESOL for Childcare. We are accepting volunteers for in-person classes in Manassas, Woodbridge, Falls Church and Sterling. Online classes are also available! Commit to teach once or twice a week for 12 weeks. We provide training, and the curriculum and resources. No second language necessary! Classes begin in August and September. If interested, call the Education and Workforce Development at 571-208-1572 or email us at ewd@ccda.net.

¡SE NECESITAN MAESTRAS, MAESTROS, TUTORAS Y TUTORES VOLUNTARIOS URGENTEMENTE!

¡Ayude a personas refugiadas e inmigrantes en su comunidad! *Education and Workforce Development of Catholic Charities* de la Diócesis de Arlington busca maestras/os, co-maestras/os y tutoras/es para inglés para hablantes de otros idiomas (ESOL), la ciudadanía, preparación para el GED, alfabetización en computadoras, IT (CompTIA – Asociación de la industria de la tecnología de cómputo), ESOL para niñas/os. Estamos aceptando a personas voluntarias para asistir a clases en Manassas, Woodbridge, Falls Church y Sterling. ¡También tenemos clases en línea! Comprométase a enseñar una o dos veces a la semana por 12 semanas. Proveemos el entrenamiento y el currículo y los recursos. ¡No se necesita saber un segundo idioma! Las clases empiezan en agosto y septiembre. Si está interesada/o, llame al 571-208-1572, el Education and Workforce Development, o mande un correo electrónico a ewd@ccda.net.

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.

THE STATE OF WORKING IN VA Report

Over Labor Day weekend, the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy and The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis will release a report called “The State of Working Virginia” to explore how workers are doing in the commonwealth. *Some key takeaways:* Inflation is decreasing workers' buying power despite rising wages; More than 1 million workers don't have paid sick days, and more than 3 million workers lack paid family medical leave; Wage theft, especially for low-income employees, remains a significant problem. Go to VirginiaInterfaithCenter.org for more information.

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC): We are single Catholics 40 and over. Meet us for: Thursday lunches (Sept. 8 and 22); picnic (Sept. 4); G. Washington's distillery and gristmill (Sept. 10); walk in Fairfax (Sept. 15); Mass at St. Ann's and breakfast (Sept. 18); dining out (Sept. 25); Nat's baseball game (Oct. 2); Ocean City (Oct. 21-24). For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.

ECO-TIP: *Stop using plastic straws and stirrers* -- Here's an alternative (according to 50 Ways to Help Americans use 138 billion straws and stirrers each year): Put your sugar and cream in first, then pour in the coffee--this will give you a well-mixed cup. If you are home and happen to be without a spoon, break off a piece of dry pasta for a stirrer. After use, dissolve in water or toss with less guilt.

CURSILLO RETREAT: CURSILLO (cur SEE yo) is a lay Catholic movement that starts with a 3-day retreat filled with faith sharing and reflection with others from our diocese. After the retreat we'll help you connect for weekly faith sharing. What's in it for you? New friends! A closer walk with Christ! A lot of laughing, some singing, and plenty of spiritual growth. The next Women's retreat is Sept 8-11 and Men's retreat in late October. Contact jenniferpence@gmail.com for more info or to attend.

JUST FAITH -- Are you longing to reconnect with your faith and a small community? JustFaith is a four-phase program that uses books, videos, prayer, and conversations about the most difficult topics of the day, face-to-face encounters with the poor, and an exploration of what the Catholic tradition says about addressing injustice in our world. There will be an information session held on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, in the Ministry center's Founder's room at 7 pm. For more information, contact Sally Diaz-Wells, sdiazwells@olqpva.org

MASS AND HEALING PRAYER SERVICE -- Tuesday, August 30, 7:30 pm, St. Ann Catholic Church (5300 North 10th St., Arlington). Fr. John Melmer (St. John the Beloved Church of McLean) will celebrate. Fr. Tuck Grinnell will concelebrate and hear Confessions. This liturgy comes through the diocesan Catholic Healing Ministry. For more information, contact Loretta Schlosser, 703-309-2138.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEWSLETTER -- The Summer edition of *The Mission*, Catholic Charities' quarterly newsletter, is now available. This latest edition includes inspiring stories about how the Church, through Catholic Charities, and with the help of local parishes, welcomes refugees, assists homeless mothers with children, and seniors struggling to make ends meet while inflation soars. Read *the Mission* online at ccda.net/the-mission-newsletter/.

OLQP4Afghans. We continue to appreciate your generosity in helping our 20+ families. The SignUp Genius list has been updated with the needs of families we are currently helping, and can be viewed by going to the OLQP4Afghans notice in the latest bulletin on the OLQP website and clicking on the link ([OLQP 4 AFGHANS](#)). Guidance and timing for making donations is provided. We also need some additional drivers who are able to respond to ad hoc requests for a vehicle and driver to pick up and/or deliver groceries, other household items and possibly furniture on an as-needed basis. Any help you can provide would be welcomed. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact us, OLQP4Afghans@gmail.com. Thank you for your help.

THE DISTORTED GOSPEL OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE RALLY KEEPS SPREADING

BY AMANDA TYLER

Five years later, I am still haunted by the unforgettable footage of marchers in Charlottesville, Va., at the Unite the Right rally in August 2017.

I had been in my new position leading BJC (Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty) for just eight months. In that short time, we had already seen so many concerning events, such as the targeting of religious minorities with then-President Donald Trump's Muslim **travel ban**, a misguided effort to demolish **protections against partisan politicking** for houses of worship, and the **shooting of a member of Congress** at a baseball practice. Then came Unite the Right.

I experienced a full range of emotions that weekend: shock, disgust, grief, disorientation, despair, and resolve, to name a few. I **wrote about** what I saw happening, but at the time I didn't have the clarity to squarely label the ideology underpinning the rally. Five years later, I do: It's called white Christian nationalism.

The tiki-torch-wielding marchers who shouted, "Jews will not replace us!" were an extreme manifestation of white Christian nationalism, a political ideology that implies one must be a Christian to be a "true" American and that the growing presences of non-whites and non-Christians are a threat to

"traditional" values. People who espouse this ideology believe "real" Americans are Christians who have a specific policy perspective; they feel the need to "take back" their country from those who they believe threaten it.

White Christian nationalism creates insiders and outsiders; an "us-versus-them" feeling. If you don't share these views, you are the enemy.

The white nationalists were in Charlottesville to protest the removal of Confederate statues, so it's important to note that the Confederacy itself was a white Christian nationalist cause. The push to defend Confederate symbols is one, too.

Religious studies professor Anthea Butler has pointed out that the Confederate constitution invoked "the favor and guidance of Almighty God," a key clause and foundation for later appeals to Christian nationalism. The defeat became a "noble cause," sanctifying those who died. "Using monuments to support their cause, they created physical monuments that would later be rallying points for modern day conflicts, such as the Charlottesville rally in August 2017," Butler wrote in a report on **Christian nationalism and its connection to January 6**, which was co-published by BJC and the Freedom From Religion Foundation.

We've repeatedly seen how white Christian nationalism inspires

violence: One of the white nationalists at the Unite the Right Rally plowed his car into a group of counter-protesters, killing one woman and injuring dozens of others. In 2015, a white supremacist **shot nine people** during a Bible study at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, S.C. In 2018, a man who later **told officers** he wanted all Jews to die, **killed 11 worshippers** at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. Earlier this year, a white supremacist **killed 10 people** at grocery store in a predominantly Black neighborhood in Buffalo. There are many **other examples**, but the pattern is clear: Individuals fueled by the distorted ideology of white Christian nationalism use violence to eradicate people they see as not like them.

Hateful rhetoric and violence targeting people of differing religious beliefs are serious threats to religious liberty; actions like these demand responses. The measure of our commitment to religious liberty for all is not how horrified we were after Charlottesville, but what we've done since to take on white Christian nationalism.

Three years ago, I joined a group of ecumenical leaders in launching the **Christians Against Christian Nationalism** campaign, seeking to define and call out this threat to our faith and to our country. I'm proud to say that more than 27,000 Christians have joined us in naming this danger and condemning it as a distortion of the gospel.



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Christians have a special responsibility to confront Christian nationalism in its many manifestations. Christian nationalism is about a false idol of power, not Christ's gospel of love. All of us can recognize hateful rhetoric when it specifically targets another religious group, such as the antisemitic chants in Charlottesville. But Christian nationalism is an insidious ideology that affects so many of us in ways we have yet to realize. We must interrogate ourselves, examining how this poisonous ideology of Christian nationalism is infecting our churches and our belief systems.

Christian nationalism often overlaps with and provides cover for white supremacy and racial subjugation. This racism is painfully obvious when a shooter targets non-white worshippers and openly espouses hate rhetoric, but what about when the myth is repeated that America was founded as a so-called "Christian nation"? That false statement implies that the founders wanted the government to advance Christianity, especially in a way that limits the rights of others. The idea of a "Christian nation" also suggests that this country is supposed to be a "promised land" for Christians, a myth that downplays the contributions of non-Christians, as well as Native Americans and Black Americans, to our country's success.

We can all see obvious co-opting of religion as a political tool, such as when politicians use religious symbols in photo ops. Outrage poured out when former President Trump **held up a Bible** after violently dispersing Black Lives Matter protesters. But there are

more subtle manifestations of Christian nationalism, too. Do we find ourselves trusting politicians who claim our same faith over politicians who do not, despite their track records?

We can reject Christian nationalism and move toward Christianity with intentional actions, admitting where we've missed the mark and working to do better. I see hope as that happens more and more, and we can be honest about our shortcomings.

One year after Charlottesville, I joined a community from my church — a mostly white congregation — and a historic Black Baptist church in Washington, D.C., as we **gathered for public communion**. Our churches began as one congregation in the early 19th century, but we split on the issue of slavery — a shameful history that we share with many other congregations. Our churches have come together in recent years to write a shared history, build relationships, and work for social justice. We held one such gathering on the first anniversary of the Charlottesville rally — one of several events held in the District to counter the message of a planned "Unite the Right 2" event that same day. Those of us calling for unity far outnumbered those who sought to divide.

"Here's the thing: Trying to shout white supremacists heals nothing," said my pastor, Rev. Julie Pennington-Russell.

"We have come on this day to write a new story, a new narrative," said Rev. Darryl Roberts, senior pastor of Nineteenth Street Baptist Church,

"one that says what will make America a great nation is not how many walls we build but how many bridges of understanding and love that we can create that unite all of God's people."

We must all write a new story, pushing back against the hateful rhetoric that cloaks itself in Christianity while "othering" people not like us, creating lines of division, and even manifesting in murderous actions. The images of Charlottesville rightly haunt us, and we must work to have tough conversations and bridge gaps to ensure that ideology doesn't manifest itself in such violent actions again.

Five years after Charlottesville, the attitude that most captures my emotional state is focused. The grief, the pain, and the horror of that day are still present. But right now, I'm not sitting in somber reflection. I'm focused on actions and how we can together uproot and dismantle white Christian nationalism.

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