

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

Horas de oficina

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:

July 22-23— 11:15am and 1pm Bilingual
22-23 de julio— 11:15am y 1pm en bilingüe

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

July 23, 2023

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It is the smallest of all the seeds,
yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants.
It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky
come and dwell in its branches.

Matthew 13:32



Ciertamente es la más pequeña de todas las semillas,
pero cuando crece, llega a ser más grande que las
hortalizas y se convierte en un arbusto, de manera que
los pájaros vienen y hacen su nido en las ramas”.

Mateo 13,32

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:

MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL- ASSUMPTION SISTERS OF NAIROBI

This weekend we welcome Mr. Florian Smith who is representing the Assumption Sisters of Nairobi, this year's mission cooperative plan recipient. He will be speaking at all Masses on behalf of the sisters.

SEGUNDA COLECTA DE ESTE FIN DE SEMANA:

COLECTA PARA LAS MISIONES: HERMANAS DE LA ASUNCIÓN DE NAIROBI

Este fin de semana le damos la bienvenida al Sr. Florian Smith quien representa a las Hermanas de la Asunción de Nairobi (ASN), las beneficiarias del plan cooperativo de misiones. Él va a hablar en todas las Misas en nombre de ellas.



NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ

23 de julio de 2023

Decimosexto del Tiempo Ordinario

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION / PREPARACIÓN SACRAMENTAL

Baptism / Bautizo:

Please email Baptism Coordinator Juderica Dias,
baptism@olqpva.org.

Por favor mande un correo electrónico a la coordinadora de los bautizos, Juderica Dias, baptism@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: \$5,276

Faith Direct (June Average / promedio del mes de junio): \$14,421

WORD & EUCHARIST MISSALETTE/

MISAL PALABRA Y EUCARISTÍA

Today's readings can be found on page 348

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 349

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: Suri Barahona, Gene Bétit, Grace Bialecki, Cindy Bianga, Francis Bilgera, Joseph Leopold Bissonnette, Precious Bowens, April Brassard, Dave Brassard, Evie Brown, Lynne Burgh, Brody Carroll, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claire, Chris Comer, Jeff Cory, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Jim Davis, John Demajo, Adrienne DiCerbo, Ernest Donatto, Patricia "Pat" Dowd, Calista Downey, Debbie Dumas-Hand, Tim Felker, Irene Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth (Bunny) Foster, Yvette Francois, Anne Fullerton, Iva Futrell, Karen Gammache, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, Fred Gladbach, Nancy Gormley, Yolanda Gregorio, Melanie Guitreaux, Harris Family, Sally Harrs, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Dee Hickey, Margaret Howe, Patrick Hynes, Lillian Jay, Pat Johnson, Sharon Jourdan, Cindy Kernick, Ruth Klarman, Sally Krahn, Carmen Andrea Lara, Patrick Lawrey, John Lawyer, Kathleen Love, 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, Carol Pacello, Delfima Pacheco-Choque, Roy Paco, Neil Parent, Catherine Parr, Mary Pasquarella, Mark Pazich, Minnie Pazich, Paul Ramirez, Jeanna Reynolds, Jacob and Jaxson Rivera, Maritza Roldan, Marco Cristiaan Rufolo-Roger, Josefina Salgado, Carolyn Santos, Jane Shepard, Mary Shookhoff, Jeffrey Smith, Mary E. Smith, Lora Smolenski, Eva Souza, Nina Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Carmelita and Roy Tucker, Nancy Urquizo, Stephen Utley, Carina Vaquez, Robin Vogel, Robert & Maureen Wallace, Bob Wilson, Kate Witkowski, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata, Kate Zopp.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DECIMOSEXTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 (106A); Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-30
Sabiduría 12,13, 16-19 (106A); Romanos 8,26-27; Mateo 13,24-30

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DECIMOSÉPTIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 (109A); Romans 8:28-30;
Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

1 Reyes 3,5, 7-12 (109A); Romanos 8,28-30; Mateo 13,44-52 or 13,44-46

MASS INTENTIONS, JULY 22-28

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 22-28 JULIO

DECIMOSEXTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Saturday July 22nd

5:30 pm William Y. Aoyagi (D) by Mary Malia Beth Aoyagi

Sunday July 23rd

8:00 am Anne Martone (D) by Eileen Stewart

9:30 am Mr. & Mrs. O'Connor's children (L) by Charles & Mary O'Connor

11:15 am Joseph Sy (D) by Judy Francia Reyes

1:00 pm María Laura Ramírez Bravo (D) by the family

6:00 pm Anne Martone (D) by Mary Margaret Coyne

Monday July 24th

12:00 pm Rosa Aranda (D) by Milagros Lovio

Tuesday July 25th

12:00 pm María Canchucaja (D) by María Cabrera

Wednesday July 26th

12:00 pm María Reyes Zarate (D) by Jazmin Albarran

Thursday July 27th

12:00 pm the parish

Friday July 28th

12:00 pm the parish

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH / VIDA SACRAMENTAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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

Madison Lane Hartley, Kennedy Mae Hartley & Luis Thiago Estrada

Baptized July 22 / Bautizados el 22 de julio

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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Rebecca Grant Jenkins, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org

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

Cecilia López Oetgen, clopez@olqpva.org

JUST A THOUGHT...OR TWO...

Once again this week Jesus speaks to us in parables -- multifaceted gems that once tumbled around in our hearts, ruminated upon and yielded unbelievable insights into the Reign of God. While the disciples certainly preferred straightforward answers, Jesus obviously preferred parables.

Of the comparisons of the reign of God to a field, a mustard seed and the leaven in bread, I have always liked the comparison of the mustard seed and the Reign of God. This tiny, tiny little seed grows into a great bush, so large that the birds of the air make their nests in it.

If you take the parable at its face value it all seems quite lovely. However, there is a dark side farmers know well: the mustard bush is an invasive plant. It grows wildly and rapidly, quickly overtaking a garden, ruining the plants that had been planted with care and reducing their yield, if not completely choking them out.

Mustard bushes can be uncontrollable and rapidly spread across a farm if not quickly uprooted before going to seed. Surely this reality was not lost on Jesus; nor on those who heard him tell the parable. It seems that perhaps Jesus is presenting an image of the expansion of the Reign of God as something uncontrollable, invasive and fast growing!

Looking through the lens of this image...the Reign of God is not something that can be domesticated or controlled. By its very nature, it grows uncontrollably and burst forth offering refuge.

I believe that many of us though would prefer something that we could contain and control... and domesticate!

But the truth is that the Reign of God is just that..."God's Reign,"...not ours. We are part of it by our baptism and we are called to help water it so that it continues to grow and "invade" every crevice and furrow of this planet, but we don't get to tame it.

Two thousand years ago Jesus' vision of the bursting forth of the Reign of God was nothing less than radical. And, it still is today. We are called to be part of that radical vision -- to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and imprisoned...to love one another as Christ loves us and to reach out and to care for "the other."

Part of the Reign of God is the proclamation of the deep and passionate love of God for all peoples! And wasn't it just this radical vision of the reign of God that Jesus preached that got him crucified? As his disciple, just how radical of a life am I willing live?

In a world that proclaims a "gospel of personal prosperity" -- tax cuts for the rich at the cost of healthcare cuts for the poor -- to what lengths am I willing to go in building up this radical vision of the Reign of God that Jesus preached? What concrete action can I take today to "water" the Reign of God? Where and how do I see the Reign of God bursting forth in imaginative and radical ways?

Blessings,
Fr Tim

MATTHEW 25 is asking that you clear your closets of new and gently used Spring and Summer clothing. Please know that we are at 100% capacity for winter items storage. Donations accepted every day **but Friday**, 9 am until noon. Monday and Wednesday until 7 pm. Thank you for your continued support.

**MISSION COOPERATIVE PLAN APPEAL 2023
ASSUMPTION SISTERS OF NAIROBI**

This weekend, our second collection supports the annual Mission Cooperative Plan Appeal for our diocese. Our parish mission organization is Assumption Sisters of Nairobi. This appeal helps our brothers and sisters who do not have access to basic pastoral services that support and grow their faith, like Mass, the sacraments, religious education as well as basic needs -- like food, shelter, and healthcare. You can support these organizations through this week's 2nd Collection. If donating by check, please make your check payable to our parish and put "MCP" in the memo line. Through your support, the MCP Appeal helps these mission organizations form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the global Church. Please be generous.

**¡MATEO 25 ESTÁ ACEPTANDO
DONACIONES DE NUEVO!**

Por favor, sepa que estamos a 100% de capacidad de ropa de invierno. Por favor done su ropa nueva y de poco uso **solo de primavera/verano**. Se aceptan donaciones todos los días excepto los viernes. El contenedor está frente al Ministry center de 9am hasta las doce del mediodía y hasta las 7pm los lunes y los miércoles. Gracias por su continuo apoyo.

**APELACIÓN DEL PLAN COOPERATIVO
DE MISIONES 2023**

HERMANAS DE LA ASUNCIÓN DE NAIROBI (ASN)

Este fin de Semana, nuestra segunda colecta apoya la Apelación del plan cooperativo de la misión para nuestra diócesis. Nuestra misión parroquial es las Hermanas de la Asunción de Nairobi. Esta apelación ayuda a nuestras hermanas y hermanos que no tienen acceso a los servicios pastorales básicos que apoyan y crecen su fe, como la Misa, los sacramentos, la educación religiosa, y las necesidades básicas como la comida, la vivienda y la atención médica. Usted puede apoyar estas organizaciones por medio de la segunda colecta esta semana. Si dona con un cheque, por favor hágalo a nombre de nuestra parroquia y escriba "MCP" en la línea del asunto. Gracias a su apoyo, la Apelación del MCP ayuda a estas organizaciones de misiones de comunidades dinámicas de fe y fortalece a la Iglesia global. Por favor, sea generosa/o.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR IS NOW OPEN

Please enroll your children if you want them to attend religious education classes next year. Remember that sacramental preparation is a two-year program. If you need more information, please visit our website (www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org) or write Faith Formation Director, Cecilia Lopez at clopez@olqpva.org, or FF Assistant, Tom Parisi at tparisi@olqpva.org.



To register use: rb.gy/168a1

LA MATRÍCULA PARA LA FORMACIÓN DE FE PARA EL AÑO ESCOLAR 2023-2024 YA HA EMPEZADO

Por favor matricule a sus hijas e hijos si quiere que asistan a las clases de educación religiosa el próximo año. Recuerde que la preparación sacramental es un programa de dos años. Si necesita más información, por favor visite nuestro sitio web (www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org) o escríbale a la Directora de la Formación de fe, Cecilia López, clopez@olqpva.org o al asistente de Formación de fe, Tom Parisi, tparisi@olqpva.org.

Para matricularse use: rb.gy/168a1

JUSTFAITH Ministries, Catholic

JustFaith is a program of JustFaith Ministries that invites participants to live more simply and compassionately, and to respond to the needs of the world. This small group program will help you explore today's issues through the lens of your Catholic faith, engage in dialogue around those issues, and formulate a personal/group response. For more information contact Sally Diaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org

Ministerios católicos, JUSTFAITH

JustFaith es un programa de los Ministerios JustFaith que invita a las personas que participan a vivir más sencilla y compasivamente y a responder a las necesidades del mundo. Este pequeño programa de grupo va a ayudarle a explorar los asuntos de hoy por medio del lente de su fe católica, a participar en un diálogo sobre esos asuntos y a formular una respuesta personal y de grupo. Para obtener más información contacte a Sally Díaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org

REPORT ON THE VOICE CALL TO ACTION

On July 9 approximately 800 people representing VOICE (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement), the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police and the Virginia Hospital and Health Care Association met with Governor Glenn Youngkin to advocate for actions to address the youth mental health and addiction crisis being experienced throughout our region. Governor Youngkin shared his plans to overhaul Virginia's behavioral health system, and committed to consider our coalition's request to invest \$110 million for mental health Crisis Receiving Centers in the FY 2025 state budget; meet with VOICE and our coalition partners again in September to consider additional reforms and funding for youth behavioral health; and continue to make behavioral health reform his administration's number one priority. The success of this Call to Action was due in large part to the support of the members of VOICE who attended the July 9 assembly, including parishioners from OLQP (a founding member of VOICE). Thank you! The OLQP VOICE team.

REPORTE SOBRE EL LLAMADO A LA ACCIÓN DE VOICE

El 9 de julio cerca de 800 personas representando VOICE (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement), Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police and Virginia Hospital and Health Care Association se reunieron con el Gobernador Glenn Youngkin para abogar por acciones que atiendan la salud mental y la crisis de adicción que la juventud experimenta por nuestra región. El Gobernador Youngkin compartió su plan de reformar el sistema de salud del comportamiento de Virginia y se comprometió a considerar nuestra petición de invertir \$110 millones para los Centros de recepción de crisis de salud mental en el presupuesto estatal FY 2025. También se reunió con VOICE y otra vez con nuestros socios de coalición para considerar reformas adicionales y financiación para salud conductual juvenil y continuar haciendo la salud conductual juvenil su prioridad principal. El éxito de este Llamado a la acción se debió en gran parte al apoyo de los miembros de VOICE que asistieron a la asamblea del 9 de julio, incluyendo a personas de la parroquia de OLQP (un miembro fundador de VOICE). ¡Gracias! El equipo de VOICE de OLQP.



photo by Chuck Albet

WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMS TAKE FLIGHT TO PORTUGAL

Please keep our World Youth Day Pilgrims in your prayers over the coming days, that their journey brings them closer to God. May they travel safely, walk with patience and flexibility, and may they see the face of God in all they encounter.

YOUTH MINISTRY TEEN NIGHTS SUMMER HIATUS

With Catholic Heart Work Camp and the World Youth Day Pilgrimage in the coming weeks, Youth Ministry Teen Nights are on hiatus until further notice.

ECO-TIP: The average home uses nearly 50% of energy usage for heating/cooling, 25% on appliances and electronics, 17% on heating water and 10% on lighting. For the latest tips on saving money in all these areas, go to <https://www.odec.com//energizeefficiently>.

LOS PEREGRINOS DEL DÍA MUNDIAL DE LA JUVENTUD EMPRENEN EL VUELO A PORTUGAL

Por favor, recen por nuestros Peregrinos del día mundial de la juventud durante los próximos días para que su jornada les acerque más a Dios. Que tengan un viaje seguro, que caminen con paciencia y flexibilidad y que vean la faz de Dios en todas las personas que encuentren.

DESCANSO ESTE VERANO DE LAS NOCHES PARA ADOLESCENTES DEL MINISTERIO PARA ADOLESCENTES

Debido al Catholic Heart Work Camp y la Peregrinación de la Jornada mundial de la juventud en las próximas semanas, las Noches para los adolescentes van a tener un descanso hasta nuevo aviso.

CONSEJO ECOLÓGICO: El hogar promedio usa casi un 50% de energía en la calefacción y refrigeración, un 25% en los enseres eléctricos y electrónica de consumo, un 17% en el calentamiento del agua y un 10% en la iluminación. Para obtener los consejos más nuevos de cómo ahorrar dinero en todas estas áreas, vaya a <https://www.odec.com//energizeefficiently>.

OLQP Annual Backpack & School Supply Drive Campaña anual para recoger mochilas y materiales escolares

It's that time again, and we need your help to send **750** local children (including Afghan & recently arrived Ukrainian children) back to school ready to learn!

When: Collections start now, with distributions of supplies in mid-August (right before school starts)

What we need: Sturdy backpacks and supplies to include the following:

- ◆ pencils,
- ◆ markers,
- ◆ erasers,
- ◆ wide and college ruled notebooks, etc.
- ◆ binders,
- ◆ glue sticks, and
- ◆ crayons



Please check the [Signup Genius](#) for the specific list.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4ca5ae29abfb6-olqp7#/>

Where: Place donations in the food pantry collection bins by August 8th.

- **Shopping online?** Ship directly to parish, by noting "school supply drive" in the address.
- **Prefer to make a monetary donation?** Donations labelled "Backpack drive" can be dropped in the Sunday collection, dropped off in the parish office, or made online through Faith Direct.

Want to Volunteer? If you would like to help pack backpacks and/or help distribute backpacks, please contact DeeDee.Tostanoski@gmail.com.

Questions? please contact Patvinkenes@yahoo.com

¡Es el momento otra vez y necesitamos su ayuda para ayudar a mandar a **750** niñas y niños locales (inclusive a niñas y niños afganos y ucranianos recién llegados) a la escuela, listos para aprender!

¿Cuándo?: La colecta empieza ahora, con la distribución de materiales a mediados de agosto (justo antes de que empiecen las clases)

Lo que necesitamos: Mochilas resistentes y materiales que incluyen los siguientes:

- ◆ lápices
- ◆ marcadores
- ◆ libretas "wide y college ruled"
- ◆ gomitas de borrar
- ◆ carpetas
- ◆ barras de pegamento y crayolas, etc.

Por favor chequee el [Signup Genius](#) para ver la lista específica. **Haga clic aquí para apuntarse**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4ca5ae29abfb6-olqp7#/>

Dónde?: Ponga sus donaciones en los contenedores de la despensa de alimentos para el 8 de agosto (fecha límite).

- **¿Compra en línea?** Envíenla directamente a la parroquia, poniendo "school supply drive" en la dirección.
- **¿Prefiere hacer una donación monetaria?** Las donaciones marcadas con "Backpack drive" se pueden poner en la colecta del domingo, se pueden llevar a la oficina parroquial o se pueden hacer en línea por Faith Direct.

¿Quiere ser voluntaria o voluntario? Si quisiera ayudar a empacar las mochilas y/o ayudar a distribuir las, por favor contacte a DeeDee.Tostanoski@gmail.com.

¿Tiene preguntas? Por favor contacte a Patvinkenes@yahoo.com

NEWS FROM MEDOR:

The 56 Medor students who took Haiti's 9th Grade National Exam last week walked three hours to Savane-à-Roches to take the three-day exam. The students spent four nights with families in Savane-à-Roches. The Savane-à-Roches families also prepared the meals for Medor's students. The student's parents reimbursed the families for their expenses. Previously the Medor 9th graders took the National Exam in Petite Riviere, but gang activity in Petite Riviere made it unsafe for the exam to be scheduled there this year. We are grateful for the hospitality that the Savane-à-Roches families showered on Medor's 9th grade students. Thank you to all involved!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULT (RCIA)

What difference can God make in my life? RCIA is for those seeking a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of the Catholic faith. Whether you are just beginning your faith journey, or come from another Christian tradition and want to explore Catholicism, or are a baptized Catholic seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation, we're here to help. The journey begins with a "no-strings" inquiry session this fall. Join us! Please contact Kevin and Alice Curtin at acurtin947@aol.com or 703-461-3082 for further information or to register for this fall's group. Contact Cecilia Lopez Oetgen, clopez@olqpva.org, for classes in Spanish.

CURSILLO ULTREYA – All Are Welcome!

Calling all Cursillistas -- those interested in the Cursillo community and anyone looking for friends and faith sharing. You are invited to an Ultreya on Saturday, August 12 at 6:45pm (after the 5:30pm mass). An Ultreya is an opportunity to gather in community to pray, sing, eat, and share personal stories of God's Grace. Bring food or drinks to share and join fellow parishioners of all ages in the Founders Room of the Ministry Center. Contact Jennifer at OLQP.Ultreya@gmail.com for more info.

*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.*

GABRIEL PROJECT NEEDS BABY BOY CLOTHING

The Gabriel Project is in dire need of summer baby boy clothing. We have none at this time. We also need diapers size NB-5. Leave items in Matt 25 donation bin or call Rosie at 703-966-4675.

NOTICIAS DE MEDOR:

Los 56 estudiantes que tomaron el Examen nacional del 9no grado la semana pasada caminaron por tres horas a Savane-à-Roches para tomar el examen que duró tres días. Los estudiantes pasaron cuatro noches con familias en Savane-à-Roches. Esas familias también prepararon las comidas para los estudiantes de Medor. Las madres y los padres de los estudiantes les reembolsaron los gastos a las familias. En el pasado los estudiantes del 9no grado de Medor tomaron el Examen nacional en Petite Riviere, pero el examen no pudo ser programado allí este año debido a las actividades de las pandillas en Petite Riviere. Les agradecemos a las familias de Savane-à-Roches la hospitalidad que les demostraron a los estudiantes del 9no grado de Medor. ¡Gracias a todas las personas que cooperaron!

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

¿Qué diferencia marca Dios en mi vida? El RICA es para personas que buscan una relación más profunda con Dios y un entendimiento mejor de la fe católica. Ya sea que usted esté empezando su jornada de fe, ya sea que viene de otra tradición cristiana y quiere explorar el catolicismo o es una persona católica bautizada que quiere prepararse para recibir el sacramento de la Confirmación, aquí estamos para ayudarlo. La jornada empieza con una reunión de investigación "sin compromiso" este otoño. ¡Únase a nosotros! Por favor contacte a Kevin y a Alice Curtin, acurtin947@aol.com o 703-461-3082 para obtener más información o para inscribirse para el grupo del otoño. Contacte a Cecilia López Oetgen, clopez@olqpva.org para clases en español.

ULTREYA DEL CURSILLO –

¡Todas las personas son bienvenidas!

Llamando a todas las personas cursillistas – las que están interesadas en la comunidad de los Cursillos y cualquiera que busca amistades y compartir la fe. Se le invita a una Ultreya el sábado, 12 de agosto a las 6:45pm (después de la Misa de las 5:30pm). Una Ultreya es una oportunidad de reunirse en comunidad para orar, cantar, comer y compartir historias personales de la gracia de Dios. Traiga comida o bebidas para compartir y únase a otros miembros de la parroquia de todas las edades en el Founders Room del Ministry Center. Contacte a Jennifer, OLQP.Ultreya@gmail.com, para obtener mas información.

OLQP MINKISI'S SUMMER SCRIPTURE PRAYER, "FEEL JOY!"

is on Monday, August 7, 6:45 pm (in Zoom) and open to all. With contemplative prayer, the featured speaker is Shannen Dee Williams, author of Subversive Habits: Black Catholic Nuns in the Long African American Freedom Struggle. For program questions, contact Cecilia Braveboy, Jisaac3@verizon.net and for tech questions, Julia Rocchi, rocchijulia@gmail.com. See the information and Eventbrite registration by Fri., August 4: <https://bit.ly/MinkisiAugust2023>.



Pilgrim Blessing for World Youth Day 2023



To Our Pilgrims:

The time is growing short before you embark on the next stage of your pilgrimage. We support you in this endeavor, and we would like to continue journeying with you in spirit. We invite you now to be witnesses as you go forward along the way. We bless you with our prayers as you approach the mountaintop of your pilgrimage. Please know that you take the prayers of all of us with you.

For the last 18 months, you have been preparing to travel to visit with the Holy Father and the global Church at World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal.

You are well prepared and ready to represent our community with great faith and humility.

And so we pray:

All-powerful God, you always show mercy toward those who love you and you are never far away from those who seek you. Remain with your servants as they travel on this holy pilgrimage and guide their way in accord with your will.

Shelter them with your protection by day, give them the light of your grace by night, and, as their companion on the journey, bring them to their destination in safety.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Bon voyage and Godspeed

Father Martin Vu, CSSp, Associate Pastor

Rebecca Grant Jenkins, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Monica Rivera, Adult Leader

Alethea Bustillo, Principal, (Dual Language Elementary School, DCPS)

Eliana "Ellie" Bustillo, Student, Washington-Liberty High School

Connor Cuevo, Student, GMU—Conflict Resolution major

Gabriel Giovanni Loza Paschoal, Student, GMU— Business major

Kryztien Octavio Loza Muñoz, Student, Wakefield High School

Mayarí Xbalanqué Loza Muñoz, Young Adult

Bryan Andres Castillo Paloma, Student, Park View High School

Remembering Malcolm - News from the Street

By: Katie Remedios

Nobody likes to live with pain. A simple headache has us running for medicine and chronic pain can change our outlook on life. So, imagine living with the constant pain of hunger, thirst, rejection, invisibility, disdain, abandonment, fatigue, and the lack of hope -- the kind of pain our unhoused brothers and sisters endure every day.

Malcolm Scott knew this pain well. Like many of the unhoused, he numbed his pain with drugs. Drugs that helped him forget where he was, who he was, and the reality that nobody cares. Drugs that made him resistant to the cold, unaware of the rain, and tolerant of the heat. Drugs that calmed him as rats ran around his feet during the night.

On the streets of DC, help does not come to you; you must go and seek help. Malcolm tried. He worked with a caseworker in order to qualify for a housing voucher. 16 weeks of clean drug test results was one requirement. Malcolm remained clean for 15 weeks. We all mourned with Malcolm when he shared, "I relapsed and screwed everything up."

Each year at the beginning of the baseball season, the Nationals honor citizens who make a difference in the DC community. Jack McHale, co-founder of Feast on the Streets, was the citizen honored at the start of the 2021 season. A slide show on the Jumbo Tron depicted Jack at McPherson Square with his arm around Malcolm as we celebrated Malcolm's birthday. When Jack shared the video with Malcolm and the news that Malcolm had appeared on the Jumbo Tron, Malcolm teared up and asked Jack if he could call his mother. As Malcolm shared this news with his mother, we heard him exclaim, "Mama, your son never thought he would ever make it to a real baseball stadium, but Mama, my face was on the big screen! I am important."

Malcolm's body was found this month in the park, unresponsive. He overdosed at the age of 42.

Unfortunately, Malcolm's story is not that unusual. Suffering and struggle are part of life on the street. Jesus tells us that when we care for the hungry, thirsty, homeless, sick, imprisoned, naked, and dead, we are actually encountering him. (Matt 25:34-40) Fr. Greg Boyle encourages us to "seek a compassion that can stand in awe at what the poor have to carry, rather than stand in judgment at the way they carry it."

So today as we consider where to **"fling our seeds"** (a message from a recent sermon at St. John's in Georgetown), pray for Malcolm and all our unhoused neighbors and consider:

- ◆ Keeping granola bars with you to pass to the person holding a sign at a red light
- ◆ Asking if you can get a drink or sandwich for the person on the corner asking for change Remember to ask their name and share your own
- ◆ Donating your gently used, unneeded old shoes and clothes
- ◆ Donating a bag of groceries to the emergency food pantry
- ◆ Volunteering at the Food Pantry, Matt 25 Store or with Feast on the Streets
- ◆ Donating old sleeping bags, blankets, and tents
- ◆ Knitting scarves and hats for winter wear



To get involved, ask questions, or share ideas,

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we are one family under God

Stand in Solidarity with Our Afghan Neighbors

It has been nearly two years since the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan and the harrowing scenes that captivated the world as aircraft rushed to depart its capital city of Kabul. Tens of thousands of Afghan nationals have now been resettled in communities across the United States, many of whom served alongside U.S. servicemembers. They are in need of a legal pathway to real and lasting safety. They need the Afghan Adjustment Act (S. 2327/H.R.4627), which has been reintroduced in the 118th Congress with even more bipartisan support than it had a year ago—5 Republicans and 5 Democrats in the Senate, together with 12 Republicans and 12 Democrats in the House of Representatives.

As Bishop Mark Seitz, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Migration, said in a [recent letter to Congress](#), the Afghan Adjustment Act's "passage is a moral imperative for a country such as ours that embraces both freedom and the rule of law."

Most Afghans arrived with humanitarian parole, which only allows someone to remain in the United States for a temporary duration. Currently, the only pathway available to most of those relocated to the United States is asylum, a complex and paperwork-intensive process with years-long processing backlogs. In order to make a successful asylum claim, these Afghans will be asked to provide proof of their likely persecution if returned to Afghanistan—because of their work with Americans or international aid groups, because of their efforts to report the truth about conditions on the ground, because of their support for democratic values and human rights, or because of other acts not tolerated by the Taliban. Documents and other physical evidence that demonstrate this are the same ones that Afghans were advised to destroy in order to escape or elude the Taliban in the days that preceded their evacuation by the U.S. government.

Nearly two years since the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, over 85% of those evacuated remain dependent on humanitarian parole or other temporary protections, and the vast majority are unlikely to attain asylum or special immigrant status. As Bishop Seitz stated in his letter, "This is untenable—for the families themselves, their employers, federal agencies, and the communities they now call home."

The Afghan Adjustment Act, patterned after similar laws, including legislation enacted after the U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam, would address this defect, fulfilling our nation's promise to these families, demonstrating the United States' commitment to its allies, and reaffirming the importance of humanitarian protection. It would allow Afghans to apply to become lawful permanent residents, the same status they would have received had they been admitted through the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program.

Help answer Pope Francis' call for us to "welcome, protect, promote, and integrate" these newcomers by completing this action alert in support of the Afghan Adjustment Act.

Message to Congress

As a Catholic and your constituent, I urge you to provide lasting safety and security to Afghans evacuated to the United States by passing the bipartisan Afghan Adjustment Act (S. 2327/H.R.4627). I agree with Bishop Mark Seitz, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Migration, that "its passage is a moral imperative for a country such as ours that embraces both freedom and the rule of law."

The Afghan Adjustment Act is crucial for ensuring the full integration and participation in society of members of this population and preventing them from accruing unlawful presence in the United States after a herculean effort to resettle them. It would also expand and improve upon ongoing efforts to protect those still in Afghanistan whose lives hang in the balance. Moreover, this particular bill has been drafted by its cosponsors with an emphasis on public safety, accountability, and transparency.

Please work with your colleagues in Congress to pass the Afghan Adjustment Act without further delay.

Click the link below to log in and send your message:

<https://www.voterveice.net/BroadcastLinks/GvbmA4YGTjIN-5SHsEIWTw>