

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.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH

July 30, 2023

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 29-30— 6pm and 1pm Bilingual
29-30 de julio— 6pm 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)

**"The kingdom of heaven is
like a treasure buried in a field..."**

Matthew 13:44



**"El Reino de los cielos se parece
a un tesoro escondido en un campo.**

Mateo 13,44

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

30 de julio de 2023

Decimoséptimo 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 your wedding date to complete requirements.

Por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia seis meses antes de su matrimonio para completar todos los requisitos.

Reconciliation / Reconciliación—Confesión:

Fr. Ray Hall Library
Biblioteca Fr. Ray Hall

Saturdays, 4:45-5:15 pm and by appointment.

Los sábados: 4:45-5:15 pm, y por cita previa.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS / COLECTAS DEL DOMINGO

Sunday Collection / Colecta del pasado domingo: \$4,159

Mission Copperative Appeal - Assumption Sisters of Nairobi /

Colecta para las Misiones - Hermanas de la Asunción de Nairobi: \$5,840

Faith Direct (July Average /

promedio del mes de julio): \$13,277

WORD & EUCHARIST MISSALETTE/

MISAL PALABRA Y EUCARISTÍA

Today's readings can be found on page 352

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 353

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 Hars, 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 Morrissey, Luis R. Muñoz, Chelsea Murray, Dorothy Myrtle, Mario Amel Najarro, Bryce 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.

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

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

FIESTA DE LA TRANSFIGURACIÓN DEL SEÑOR

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 (614A); 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9
Daniel 7,9-10, 13-14 (614A); 2 Pedro 1,16-19; Mateo 17:1-9

MASS INTENTIONS, JULY 29 – AUGUST 4

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 29 JULIO – 4 AGOSTO

DECIMOSÉPTIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Saturday July 29th

5:30 pm Soul for Lawrence Dias (D) by Jude Dias

Sunday July 30th

8:00 am Anne Martone (D) by Tim & Maryann Rooney

9:30 am Evelyn Mercantini (D) by her husband John Mercantini

11:15 am Warren Chang (D) by Judy Francia Reyes

1:00 pm Celia Martínez de Cornejo (D) by Gladys Chumpitaz

6:00 pm for Emma Francia's improved health (L) by Judy Francia Reyes

Monday July 31st

12:00 pm for the Health of Helena Bernabe Mayorga (L)

by Thelma Molina & family

Tuesday August 1st

12:00 pm Alexandra Hargrove (L) by Emma Grayeb

Wednesday August 2nd

12:00 pm for Bernabe Maldonado (D) by Cecilia Lopez Garcia

Thursday August 3rd

12:00 pm for the parish

Friday August 4th

12:00 pm for the parish

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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

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Zulema Ramallo

JUST A THOUGHT...OR TWO...

In today's Gospel Jesus compares the Reign of God to an immense treasure...a pearl of great price. Who among us has not dreamt of finding such a treasure? Imagine the impact it would have upon your life.

How would you use it...what would you do differently within your life with this newfound wealth? Would you share it with friends and family, would you even tell them? Would you use it to help the poor and less fortunate?

But if the great treasure we stumbled across was not a buried chest of gold, or a pearl of great price but rather, the great treasure was the promise of eternal life, the Reign of God!

This is exactly what Jesus is challenging us to do — to think of how different our lives would be if we “lived” in the Reign of God...all the time, not just on Sunday while we are at Mass — every day, all the time!

Usually when we think of finding a treasure we

immediately think of financial gain and how that would change our lives and the lives of our family. But in this case, we are challenged to think about how our lives would change from the point of view of how we love one another, how we care for each other...how we live the Gospel in our day to day lives. How we impact the lives of others, for the better.

Finding and falling in love with the Reign of God is the whole point of the parables we hear today. Pedro Arrupe, SJ, the former Superior General of the Jesuits, once wrote: “Nothing is more practical than finding God, that is, than falling in love in a quite absolute way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you will do with your evenings, how you will spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love and it will decide everything”.

Blessings,
Fr Tim

PARISH PICNIC - SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

This year's annual parish picnic will be on September 17, 2023 at 1PM at the Barcroft Park Shelter (4200 S. Four Mile Run Dr.). We're looking for volunteers to help with activities, decorations, grilling, shopping, setting up, cleaning up, and more! The first planning meeting will be held in mid-August. Please email LeahTanyag to volunteer, lenrique33@gmail.com. Thank you!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Searching for a spiritual home? RCIA provides a personal journey leading to transformation of mind and spirit, in which we consider and deepen our relationship with God. 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 and learning about the Catholic tradition, you are invited and encouraged to participate. The journey begins with a “no obligation” inquiry session this fall in Founders Room. For further information or to register for this year's group, contact Kevin and Alice Curtin (acurtin947@aol.com or 703-461-3082). Contact Cecilia Lopez Oetgen (clopez@olqpva.org) for classes in Spanish.

EL PICNIC DE LA PARROQUIA BUSCA VOLUNTARIOS/AS

El picnic anual de la parroquia de este año será el 17 de septiembre de 2023 a la 1PM en el shelter de Barcroft Park (4200 S. Four Mile Run Dr.). ¡Estamos buscando personas voluntarias para ayudar con las actividades, decorar, cocinar en la barbacoa, ir de compras, establecer lo necesario, limpiar y mucho más! La primera reunión para planificar va a ser a mediados de agosto. Por favor envíele un correo electrónico a Leah Tanyag, lenrique33@gmail.com, para ofrecerse de voluntaria/o. ¡Gracias!

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

¿Busca un hogar espiritual? El RICA provee una jornada personal que lleva a una transformación de la mente y el espíritu, en la cual consideramos y profundizamos nuestra relación con Dios. Guiados por el Evangelio y por los ejemplos que las personas que pertenecen a la Iglesia y que nos acompañan en la jornada, usted puede bautizarse o integrarse plenamente en la comunidad católica de creyentes por medio del proceso del RICA. Si busca realizar plenamente su jornada de fe y aprender acerca de la tradición católica, está invitada/o a participar. La jornada empieza con una sesión “sin compromiso” este otoño en el Founders Room. Para obtener más información o para inscribirse para el grupo de este año, contacte a Kevin y Alice Curtin, acurtin947@aol.com o 703-461-3082. Contacte a Cecilia López Oetgen (clopez@olqpva.org) para clases en español.

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

OLQP BACKPACK DRIVE -- Update

Your support of the annual backpack drive has been tremendous. Therefore, at this time, based on conversations with many of you and the Signup Genius, we should have virtually everything we need with the exception of 2" binders. Please check and see if you have any gently used binders which could be repurposed for high schoolers. However, if you signed up and/or already purchased school supplies, we need them and would love to have them. No further monetary donations are needed at this time.

What we really need from you now is your time! We are distributing backpacks on Monday evening August 14th and need a minimum of 11 volunteers from 4:30 to 9pm and on Saturday August 19th from 8:30-11:30. We will set up for Saturday on Friday afternoon and could use a few strong backs from 2 to 4pm. Both English and Spanish speakers are needed. Adults and children over age 16 only please as this involves some heavy lifting. If you would like to volunteer, please contact DeeDee Tostanoski: ddtmagnolia@gmail.com

La CAMPAÑA ANUAL PARA RECOGER MOCHILAS Y MATERIALES ESCOLARES – Actualización

Su apoyo de la campaña anual para recoger mochilas ha sido tremendo. Por lo tanto, ahora, basados en conversaciones con muchos de ustedes y el Signup Genius, debemos tener todo lo que necesitamos excepto 2 carpetas. Por favor busque en casa para ver si tiene algunas carpetas de poco uso que estudiantes de escuela superior pudieran usar. Sin embargo, si se apuntó y/o ya compró los materiales escolares, los necesitamos y nos encantaría tenerlos. No necesitamos más donaciones monetarias ahora.

¡Lo que verdaderamente necesitamos de usted es su tiempo! Distribuiremos mochilas el lunes, 14 de agosto por la noche y necesitamos un mínimo de 11 voluntarios de 4:30 a 9 pm y el sábado 19 de agosto de 8:30 a 11:30. Vamos a prepararnos para el sábado el viernes por la tarde y podríamos usar personas fuertes de 2 a 4pm. Se necesitan personas que hablan español e inglés pero solo personas de más de 16 años porque vamos a levantar cosas pesadas. Si quiere ofrecerse, por favor contacte a DeeDee Tostanoski: ddtmagnolia@gmail.com

GATHER AT THE TABLE

Multicultural Cooking for Liturgical Living

Tell your family story through food! We are seeking recipes from across the globe for a special Diocesan Jubilee Anniversary cookbook. To find out more and submit your recipe, scan the QR code or visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-gather-at-the-table. Deadline to submit is Monday, September 4, 2023. Submissions will be reviewed by a diverse panel. Not all recipes will be selected for the final product. Questions? Contact the Office of Multicultural Ministries at mcm@arlingtondiocese.org or call 703 (841) -388.



Reunidos en la Mesa Cocina Multicultural para la Vida Litúrgica

¡Cuenta la historia de tu familia a través de la comida! Estamos buscando recetas de todo el mundo para un libro de cocina especial del Aniversario del Jubileo Diocesano. Para obtener más información y enviar tu receta, escanea el código QR o visita www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-gather-at-the-table.

FECHA LÍMITE PARA ENTREGAR: LUNES, 4 DE SEPT. DE 2023. Las Presentaciones serán revisadas por un panel diverso . No todas las recetas serán seleccionadas para el producto final. ¿Preguntas? Contacta a la Oficina del Apostolado Hispano: apostolado@arlingtondiocese.org o llame al 703 (841) -3891

YOUTH MINISTRY TEEN NIGHTS SUMMER HIATUS

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

OLQP's AFGHAN TEAM is seeking one or more **volunteers** with the time, interest and some knowledge about the entry-level job market to mentor Afghan Clients who are in dire need of (1) finding entry level jobs that will generate income quickly, and (2) preparing to find longer term employment with benefits and advancement potential. To the greatest extent possible, the volunteer should be able to research and identify entry level jobs in the Arlington/Alexandria/Fairfax area; explain such jobs to the Client; assist the Client in aligning their experience with job requirements; and help the client prepare and submit online applications and meet interview requirements. Some Clients have limited English proficiency and some may need help obtaining a driver's license. Clients have already been working with a Team Contact, who has provided basic job-search information, and the Team Contact will continue to be involved with supporting the Client – so you will not be alone, nor will any financial commitment from you be requested/required. To volunteer, please send a message to OLQP4Afghans@gmail.com with your contact number and we'll be in touch with you. Thank you, Pat and Frances

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.

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.

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 for more information at OLQP.Ultreya@gmail.com.

EL EQUIPO AFGANO DE OLQP está buscando una o más **personas voluntarias** que tengan el tiempo, interés y algún conocimiento de trabajo de nivel inicial en marketing para aconsejar a clientes afganos que tienen una necesidad urgente de (1) encontrar un trabajo a nivel inicial que ofrecerán ingresos rápidamente y (2) de prepararlos para encontrar trabajo más duradero con beneficios y potencial de avanzar. Al máximo posible, la persona voluntaria debe poder investigar e identificar trabajos a nivel inicial en el área de Arlington/Alexandria/Fairfax, explicarle lo relacionado con el trabajo al cliente, ayudar al cliente en alinear la experiencia con los requisitos de un empleo y ayudar al cliente a preparar y someter solicitudes en línea y los requisitos de la entrevista. Algunos clientes tienen una competencia limitada en inglés y algunos puede que tengan que obtener una licencia de conducir. Los clientes ya han estado trabajando con un Team Contact (contacto en el equipo) que les ha dado información básica sobre el trabajo y esa persona va a seguir ayudando al cliente, así que no va a estar sola o solo ni se le va a pedir que haga un compromiso financiero. Para ofrecerse de voluntaria/o, por favor mande un mensaje a OLQP4Afghans@gmail.com con su número de contacto y le llamaremos. Gracias, Pat y Frances.

LOS PEREGRINOS DEL DÍA MUNDIAL DE LA JUVENTUD EMPRENDE 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.

¡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.

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.

*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.*

ECO-TIP: Home Air Conditioning. For maximum efficiency, don't close the vents in seldom occupied rooms. This causes the system to work harder. Keep doors and vents open for circulation.

JUSTFAITH

Be the change. (*Mahatma Gandhi*)

JUSTFAITH is an inspiring and energizing, small-group program of JustFaith Ministries that invites participants to live more simply and compassionately. Through engaging reading, thought-provoking dialogue, relationship building around today's issues, and engagement with Catholic social teaching, you'll share a journey of faith that invites you to consider how you can "be the change" in our world. If you would like more information about JustFaith contact Sally Diaz-Wells at sdiazwells@olqpva.org.

Blessed Sacrament School is seeking a full-time school nurse to provide clinic assistance to the school community for the safety and well-being of the students. This is an 11 month position (August-June), Monday-Friday from 7:30am-3:30pm. The ideal candidate is a practicing Catholic with a joyful, hardworking personality that is able to handle the daily rigors of a school day. To learn more about the position, please contact Ms. Kate Chelak (school principal) at kchelak@bssva.org or submit a cover letter with professional references and resume.

NEWS FROM MEDOR...

Haiti's National Baccalaureate Exam for 13th graders will be held this week. It is a long exam: 5 days assessing knowledge on Creole, English, French, Spanish, World History, Haitian History, Algebra, Geometry, Chemistry, Biology, Botany, Physics, Haitian Literature, French Literature, Philosophy, Haitian Geography and World Geography. Students must pass all subjects in order to earn their high school diploma and be eligible to attend university. This year 17 Medor students will take the exam. They must travel to a testing center outside of Medor, but as of July 22 they don't know where their exam will be held. The insecurity in Haiti has resulted in the closure of many testing centers and the situation continues to be fluid. Please pray for the safety and success of all the students taking the exam.

STEPHEN'S MINISTRY: Loneliness

When Jesus was dying on the cross, He expressed a profound sense of loneliness and abandonment. Yet, when we experience loneliness it feels painfully unique to us. Whether it's a single person experiencing loneliness at work/socially, or a parent whose child (seemingly unlike other kids) has adjustment issues, we absorb this loneliness as a failure on our part. Dorothy Day said: "We have all known the long loneliness, and found that the answer is in community."

Stephen's Ministers are trained laypersons who, through compassionate listening, walk beside someone who is hurting. If you have additional questions, or think you might benefit from a Stephen's Minister, please contact Joan Brown: jogebrown737@gmail.com or 703-608-5059.

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>.

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.

*Congratulations Fr. Tim on the
30th Anniversary of your Profession!*

*Congratulations Fr. Martin on the 21st
Anniversary of your Profession and the
13th Anniversary of your Ordination!*

Pilgrim Blessing for World Youth Day 2023

To Our Pilgrims:

The time is now to embark on your pilgrimage. We support you in this endeavor, and we journey with you in spirit. Be witnesses as you go forward along the way. We bless you with our prayers — please know that you take the prayers of all of us with you.

You are well prepared and ready to represent our community with great faith and humility as you travel to visit with the Holy Father and the global Church at World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal.

Let us 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

Rebecca Grant Jenkins

Monica Rivera

Gabriel Giovanni Loza Paschoal

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Alethea Bustillo

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Black Catholics up for 2023 Teacher of Peace Award

Dr. Craig Ford Jr. and the National Black Sisters' Conference are among this year's nominees for the award from Pax Christi USA.

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The nominees for 2023 Teacher of Peace Awards have been announced by [Pax Christi USA](#), and Black Catholics are among those up for the historic honor this year.

Previously called the Pope Paul VI Teacher of Peace Award, the award aims to recognize those exemplifying the Catholic peacemaking tradition, specifically modeled by figures such as Servant of God [Thea Bowman](#) and Msgr [Ray East](#), according to Pax Christi's website. This year's nominee list was released on Tuesday in Washington.

For at least the third straight year, African Americans on the list of nominees include Dr. [Craig Ford, Jr.](#), an LGBTQ+ activist and theology professor at [St. Norbert College](#) in De Pere, Wisconsin. Ford also teaches in the [Institute for Black Catholic Studies](#) at [Xavier University of Louisiana](#), where he is a visiting faculty member for the IBCS summer sessions. In 2022, he [became](#) the first Black recipient of the Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award from the Catholic Theological Society.

The [National Black Sisters' Conference](#) (NBSC) has also been nominated for the Teacher of Peace Award, the only nominee this year that is not an individual. The 55-year-old association was founded to provide community and a national voice for Black women religious in the United States and was previously headed by Sr Patricia "Patty" Chappell, SNDdeN, Pax Christi USA's executive director from 2011 to 2019. The NBSC was the 2022 [recipient](#) of NETWORK Lobby's inaugural Distinguished Justice Seeker Award, honoring their outspoken witness for social justice.

Other names among the 27 nominees include the famed labor activist [Dolores Huerta](#); noted anti-nuclear advocate Archbishop [John C. Wester](#) of Santa Fe; Catholic Climate Covenant founder Dan Misleh; publisher [Robert Ellsberg](#); several religious sisters; Pax Christi USA president Bishop [John Stowe](#), OFM Conv. of Lexington; and Pope Francis.

"It is a highlight every year to intentionally name and recognize so many incredible people who demonstrate by their lives what it means to 'teach peace,'" said Johnny Zokovitch, Pax Christi USA's executive director.

"The Teacher of Peace Award, and each of these people who are nominees this year, is meant to lift up the vocation of peacemaking which is at the heart of the gospel, at the heart of what it means to follow the nonviolent Jesus."

According to the nominees page, the Pax Christi USA [National Council](#)—a third of whose dozen members are Black—will consult with the Teacher of Peace Committee before announcing a winner next month.

The Teacher of Peace Award has twice gone to an African American, with Msgr East taking home the honor in 2005, and Fr [Bryan Massingale](#) of Fordham University winning in 2021. This year's recipient will receive the award at an event to be announced this fall.



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Open yourself to God, pope tells marginalized youth ahead of WYD

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Young people today must be open to love and let themselves be led and accompanied by God in the face of life's challenges, Pope Francis said.

In the second edition of the "Popecast," produced by Vatican Media in Italian and released July 25, the pope responded to the stories of young people recorded ahead of World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, scheduled for Aug. 1-6.

The first episode of the Vatican Media's podcast with Francis was released in March, in which he looked back on the first 10 years of his pontificate.

The Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life also released a podcast series meant to talk about how its work concretely impacts the lives of people in the church. Its first episode released July 23 focuses on grandparents and the elderly.

Meanwhile, the Popecast's latest episode focused on marginalized youth, and one person the pope heard from was Giona -- Jonah in Italian -- a transgender, homosexual and disabled Catholic who described how his faith helped him accept his identity and body despite his disability.

"The Lord always walks with us, even if we are sinners he comes toward us to help us," the pope said after hearing Giona's story. "The Lord loves us as we are. This is God's crazy love."

Like the prophet Jonah, "people are often stubborn," he said, "and that stubbornness closes us" to God's love. Yet the pope urged Giona to "not surrender" and recalled that "God always caresses us" and "walks with us," even if it is sometimes difficult to feel.

The pope then listened to two young men share how they resorted to crime and violence in response to their troubled backgrounds. Both had experienced run-ins with the law and were now involved with the Kayros Association, a Catholic

organization supporting young people in need near Milan.

People make progress in life "with successes and mistakes," the pope said, and "many times society is cruel to us because one mistake characterizes us for our whole life."

"You were not alone on your journeys, not even when you made terrible mistakes; the Lord was there, ready to take you by the hand, ready to lift you up " Francis said. "It was he who created the circumstances in history to lift you both up."

The pope also told them to not be afraid to dream, calling dreams "seeds of hope, seeds of progress, of strength, to go forward."

"God is present in every stage of life," Francis said after hearing the experience of Arianna, a healthcare worker who has bipolar disorder.

She described living on a "seesaw" between having suicidal thoughts and feelings of extreme joy. The pope noted that life's ups and downs can become a "labyrinth" with no way out, the pope said.

"Always look ahead and don't lose sight of the horizon, because the horizon is what leads you forward," he said. "God is the horizon and God is with you accompanying you."

Francis urged Arianna not to lose a sense of "the adventure of life" or "fall into the labyrinths of our consciousness, which don't save us in the end." He also asked that she continue pursuing medical treatment for any psychological conditions she may have.

Valeria, who will accompany a group of young people traveling to World Youth Day, shared that the young people she knows want the church as an institution to be coherent with the message of the Gospel, and that she sees the synod on synodality as a key step toward that result.

"The church is church when it walks, the contrary is a religious sect closed within itself," the pope said in response. "Each

time the church has closed itself it has ended poorly, it has ended up being infertile."

Francis stressed the need for fostering "unity among diversity" in the church, which he said is achieved by living coherently with the Gospel. "Each person lives life differently, in their own way, but if it is coherent with the Gospel it's okay."

"Many times in the church there are fights among little groups, one against the other, but on the morning of Pentecost everyone spoke differently but understood each other in unity," he said. When a difference becomes akin to a political party, "it kills unity."

Speaking to Giuseppe, who said he spends most of his time playing video games, the pope said his virtual relationships to other gamers and content creators are "sterile." Francis warned him against "becoming bored with yourself" and living his life "without poetry," before encouraging him to "open a window" and look toward a horizon in life to pursue.

Turning to all young people, Francis urged them to attend World Youth Day, responding to those who may not feel like going by saying "it is worth it to take the risk."

"In life, who doesn't take risks doesn't move forward," he said.

The pope also responded to an audio message from 9-year-old Alessandro asking if there would ever be a "World Children's Day."

"It would be nice," the pope said, "and we can ask grandparents to organize it. I will think about it and see how to do it."

"Say hello to your grandparents for me," Francis told him.

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