

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:

September 2-3— 6pm and 1pm Bilingual
2-3 de septiembre— 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)

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

September 3, 2023

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SPECIAL LABOR DAY MASS –

Monday, Sept 4, 11am

Join the parish and other workers in our community for a very special bilingual Mass on Labor Day Monday, Sept 4 at 11am. Back after a 3-year COVID hiatus! Let's gather to honor and pray for workers and their movement.

MISA ESPECIAL PARA EL DÍA DEL TRABAJO –

lunes, 4 de septiembre, 11am

Únase a la parroquia y a otras personas en nuestra comunidad que trabajan para celebrar una Misa bilingüe muy especial el Día del trabajo, el lunes, 4 de septiembre a las 11am. ¡La primera después de la interrupción de 3 años por el COVID! Reunámonos para honrar y rezar por las personas que trabajan y su movimiento.

Whoever
loses one's
life for
my sake
will find it.

Matthew 16:25



El que
pierda su
vida por mí,
la encontrará.

Mateo 16,25

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

SEGUNDA COLECTA DE ESTE FIN DE SEMANA:
LA UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:
OLQP FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

COLECTA DEL FIN DE SEMANA PRÓXIMO:
PROGRAMA DE FORMACIÓN DE FE DE OLQP



NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ

3 de septiembre de 2023

Vigesimalsegundo Domingo 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: \$5,406
Faith Direct (August Average / promedio del mes de agosto): \$14,468

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

Today's readings can be found on page 372
Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 373

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, 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 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, Santos 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, Lauren Wolfe, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata, Kate Zopp.

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
VIGESIMOSEGUNDO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

Jeremiah 20:7-9 (124A); Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27
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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
VIGESIMOTERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

Ezekiel 33:7-9 (127A); Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20
Ezequiel 33,7-9 (127A); Romanos 13,8-10; Mateo 18,15-20

MASS INTENTIONS, SEPTEMBER 2-8

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 2-8 SEPTIEMBRE
VIGESIMOSEGUNDO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

Saturday September 2nd

5:30 pm Miguel Molina (Birthday) (D) by Thelma Molina & family

Sunday September 3rd

8:00 am Jadan Haddad (D) by Samira Haddad
9:30 am Robert Meighan (D) by the Mehalko family
11:15 am Patrick Paul "Paddy" O'Connor (D)
by Michael O'Connor's family, brothers & sisters
1:00 pm Christina Calderon (D) by Beatriz Castellanos
6:00 pm Idan Mueller (D) by Steve Hilla

Monday September 4th

12:00 pm Tom Donahue & Ken Moffett (D) by Laura Bandini

Tuesday September 5th

12:00 pm Mike Ciletti (D) by Cecilia López García

Wednesday September 6th

11:00 am Funeral Mass for Joe Wholey

Thursday September 7th

12:00 pm Soul of Sonia Dias (D) by Jude Dias

Friday September 8th

12:00 pm the parish

**IN MEMORIAM — MIRIAM BALUTIS,
DIED IN THE LORD AUGUST 22, 2023**

Miriam has been a faithful member since 1991 and was active through the years especially during her children's faith formation. She was kind, generous and always joy-filled: [obituary](#)

Arrangements:

Funeral Mass Saturday, September 9, 12noon.

**IN MEMORIAM — JOE WHOLEY
DIED IN THE LORD AUGUST 24, 2023**

The Wholey family's commitment to OLQP dates back to the 1980s. Joe's contributions to the community have been immeasurable: [obituary](#)

Arrangements Murphy's Funeral Home:

Wake Tuesday, September 5, 4:00-6:00pm

Arrangements OLQP:

Wake, Wednesday, September 6, 1:00-2:00pm

Funeral Mass, Wed., Sept 6, 2:00pm

JUST A THOUGHT...OR TWO...

The message in today's scripture may appear rather grim...it all focuses on suffering and the reality that as followers of Jesus Christ we are going to have to sacrifice something.

The cost of discipleship means not avoiding the tough issues of life. Jesus tells the disciples that they will need to carry their own crosses. We can't avoid it -- like Peter wanted Jesus to do. We will have to "carry" the problems and difficulties of our lives...all of the sorrows, illnesses and losses that come our way.

We are not "protected" from suffering as disciples of Jesus were. Rather, we are accompanied by Jesus in our sufferings! And, that reality makes all the difference! Having faith that our God does not abandon us in our times of darkness helps us get through the darkness. It becomes a light "in" the darkness -- in the midst of the suffering.

Jesus didn't walk away from suffering; he accepted it. And even in the midst of dying, he reached out to the one suffering next to him and offered the repentant thief comfort.

Jesus does not say that suffering in and of itself is good...but rather warns us that in choosing to follow him we will be called to sacrifice; to give of ourselves for the sake of the other.

We are being called to let go of our self-centeredness and open ourselves to the sacrifices required in building up the Reign of God. It's a radical call from Jesus. How radical will my response be? Sometimes the response may be large and bold, and sometimes it may be small and more subdued. It may be a grand outward gesture or perhaps a more personal response like working on a character flaw, living more intentionally or trying to be ever more aware of how I treat others and how I show others respect and care on a daily basis in my life.

Surely one part of the response to Jesus' call is standing up for the voiceless and those whose voices are ignored and disregarded. Part of my radical response to the call of discipleship is to be willing to give up some aspects of my personal comfort for the sake of the Gospel, for the sake of the needs of the poor, the immigrant and those marginalized by hatred, racism and bigotry.

What sacrifices for others am I being called to make as a disciple of Jesus Christ? What might I be asked to let go of in my life that I might be better able to help carry "the crosses" of others? To what personal action is my discipleship calling me this week?

Blessings,

Fr. Tim

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

How can I develop a deeper relationship with God through prayer? How can I integrate faith and work responsibilities? If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and practices, the RCIA is for you!

- **Inquirers:** The process is open to all those interested in learning about the Catholic tradition and considering joining the church, and those who are seeking to be confirmed. A new group is now forming. Our journey begins with a "no-strings" inquiry session on Thursday, October 5, at 7 p.m. in Founders Room.
- **Sponsors and Companions on the Journey:** We are seeking members of our community who are willing to support our candidates during the RCIA journey. This can take several forms: journeying with a specific individual during the coming year as a sponsor or supporting one of our candidates through prayer and periodic messages of support (companions). Companions are not required to attend our weekly RCIA sessions.

For additional information about becoming an inquirer and/or to volunteer to serve as a sponsor or companion, please contact Alice or Kevin Curtin at (703) 461-3082 or acurtin947@aol.com. Contact Cecilia Lopez Oetgen, clopez@olqpva.org, for classes in Spanish.

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

¿Cómo puedo desarrollar una relación más profunda con Dios por medio de la oración? ¿Cómo puedo integrar la fe y las responsabilidades del trabajo? Si está interesada/o en aprender más acerca de la fe y las prácticas católicas, ¡el RICA es para usted!

- **Indagadores:** el proceso es para todas las personas interesadas en aprender acerca de la tradición católica, personas que están pensando ser parte de la Iglesia y las que buscan ser confirmadas. Se está formando un grupo nuevo y nuestra jornada comienza con una sesión de indagación "sin compromiso" el jueves, 5 de octubre a las 7:00pm, en el Founders Room.
- **Padrinos/madrinas y compañeros en la jornada:** Buscamos personas de nuestra comunidad que están dispuestas a apoyar a nuestros candidatos durante la jornada del RICA. Esto se puede lograr de varias maneras: apoyando a una persona específica durante el próximo año como padrino o madrina o como acompañante por medio de la oración y de mensajes de apoyo (acompañante). Los acompañantes no tienen que asistir a las sesiones semanales del RICA.

Para obtener más información de cómo ser indagadores y/o para ofrecerse de persona voluntaria para ser madrina, padrino o acompañante, por favor contacte a Alice o Kevin Curtin: (703) 461-3082 o acurtin947@aol.com. Contacte a Cecilia López Oetgen, clopez@olqpva.org, para clases en español.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY OPEN HOUSE

The Young Adult Ministry, *Together And Unified (TAU)*, would like to invite you to their Open House at [1915 Edgewood St. South, Arlington, VA 22204](#) on Thursday, September 14, at 7:00pm.

Come meet the TAU members and learn about their upcoming events, monthly activities and experiences as part of the ministry. There will be games, food and drinks! Feel free to bring a friend. We guarantee you a night full of fun and fellowship. To register for the ministry please access this link [OLQPYATAU](#). For questions please contact Rebecca Grant Jenkins, Director, Youth & Young Adult Ministries: rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org



EVENTO DE PUERTAS ABIERTAS DEL MINISTERIO DE JÓVENES ADULTOS

El Ministerio de jóvenes adultos, Juntos y unidos, *Together And Unified (TAU)*, quiere invitarles a su Open House en 1915 Edgewood St. South, Arlington, VA 22204 el jueves, 14 de septiembre, a las 7:00pm.

Ven a conocer a los miembros de TAU y aprende sobre sus futuros eventos, actividades mensuales y experiencias como parte del ministerio. ¡Vamos a tener juegos, comida y bebidas! Puedes traer a una amiga o amigo. Te garantizamos una noche divertida llena de compañerismo. Para inscribirte para el ministerio por favor accede este enlace [OLQPYATAU](#). Si tienes preguntas contacta a Rebecca Grant Jenkins, Directora, Ministerio de adolescentes y jóvenes adultos: rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY THANK YOU RECEPTION,

September 9th, after the 5:30pm Mass. This has been an eventful year for PRISM Youth Ministry and we wanted to say thank you to everyone who has supported us! Come hear about our World Youth Day Pilgrimage, Catholic Heart Work Camp, and Young Disciples Work Camp experiences from participants and check out the videos of these awesome events and upcoming activities and events. Please contact Rebecca, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org, to assist with the reception.

RECEPCIÓN DE AGRADECIMIENTO DEL MINISTERIO DE ADOLESCENTES,

el 9 de septiembre, después de la Misa de las 5:30pm. ¡Este ha sido un año intenso para el Ministerio de adolescentes PRISM y queremos darles las gracias a todas las personas que nos han apoyado! Venga y entérese de las experiencias de nuestra peregrinación del Día mundial de la juventud, del Catholic Heart Work Camp y del Young Disciples Work Camp contadas por las personas que participaron y vean vídeos de los eventos maravillosos y de actividades futuras. Por favor contacte a Rebecca, Directora de los ministerios de adolescentes y jóvenes adultos, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org, para ayudar con la recepción.

PRISM YOUTH MINISTRY

PRISM Youth Ministry registration now open, join us! We celebrate being a community of young disciples, grades 7-12, growing together through faith, fellowship, and fun. This is especially needed as we struggle with the stuff that "friends" and social media tell us we should be or believe in. Bring your troubles, doubts, curiosity & joy to Prism! <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPPRISM4>
There's also a QR code:



MINISTERIO DE ADOLESCENTES PRISM

La inscripción para el Ministerio de adolescentes PRISM está abierta ahora. ¡Únete a nosotros! Celebramos ser una comunidad de jóvenes discípulos, grados 7 al 12, creciendo por medio de la fe, el compañerismo y la diversión. Necesitamos esto especialmente al batallar con las cosas que las "amistades" y las redes sociales nos dicen que debemos ser o debemos creer. ¡Trae tus problemas, dudas, curiosidad y alegría a Prism!
<https://tinyurl.com/OLQPPRISM4>
También hay un código QR:

PARISH PICNIC - SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

This year's annual parish picnic will be on September 17, 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! For more information, please email Leah Tanyag at lenrique33@gmail.com.

EL PICNIC DE LA PARROQUIA BUSCA PERSONAS VOLUNTARIAS

Este año vamos a tener el picnic anual de la parroquia el 17 de septiembre, a la 1pm en el albergue (Shelter) de Barcroft Park (4200 S. Four Mile Run Dr.). ¡Estamos buscando personas voluntarias para ayudar con las actividades, decorar, cocinar, ir de compras, organizar, limpiar y mucho más! Para obtener más información, por favor mándele un correo electrónico a Leah Tanyag: lenrique33@gmail.com.

CELEBRATING A GOLDEN OR SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?

Were you married in 1973 or 1998? Then join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the 2023 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on Sunday, October 15th at 3pm at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Arlington, VA. Contact Jeannette in the parish office by October 2, 2023 to register (jgantzdaly@olqpva.org). For more info, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.

¿VA A CELEBRAR UN ANIVERSARIO DE BODA DE ORO O DE PLATA ESTE AÑO?

¿Se casó en 1973 o 1998? Entonces únase al Obispo Michael F. Burbidge para la celebración de la Misa para jubilaes que se celebrará el domingo, 15 de octubre a las 3pm en la iglesia católica de St. Agnes en Arlington, VA. Contacte a Jeannette en la oficina parroquial para la fecha límite del 2 de octubre, 2023 para apuntarse (jgantzdaly@olqpva.org). Para obtener más información visite www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.

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.

JUSTFAITH -- JustFaith Ministries creates transformative programs that inspire action to address the root causes of injustice while serving with love. Interested in joining this year's cohort come to an information session on Tuesday, September 12, at 7pm in the Ministry Center Founders Room. Contact Sally Diaz-Wells at sdiazwells@olqpva.org if you can attend.

HARVEST OF BOOKS FESTIVAL -- Please join us for this family friendly event on Saturday, September 30, from 11:30am until 2:30pm in the back parking lot. Children under 17 will receive a free book and we will have crafts and snacks for families to do including Isadore Garden tours. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Sally Diaz-Wells at sdiazwells@olqpva.org

NEWS FROM MEDOR:

Between January and June of this year the St. Joseph parish agroforestry program conducted 22 kombits to maintain the parish's ten tree nurseries and conduct the transplantation of some 124,000 trees. A "kombit" is a traditional Haitian work party in which people gather, working together to achieve specific work goals. This year an average of 76 farmers participated in each of the program's kombits. About 43% of the participants were women. The kombit tradition provides a wonderful reminder of the importance of joining hands to achieve great things.

Haitian proverb: *"Men anpil chay pa lou"* (Many hands make the load light.)

OLQP's GLFF Ministry – Come and See Event

OLQP's Gay, Lesbian, Friends & Family (GLFF) Ministry works to build an affirming parish community where all people experience God's promise and love. We are coming out of several years' hiatus, ready to begin anew hosting educational and awareness-raising activities, providing advocacy on social justice issues, and supporting the parish's LGBTQIA+ community and their allies.

Join us Monday, September 18, from 7-9pm in the Ministry Center Founders Room (first floor to the right of the main entrance). Light refreshments will be served. Come share in our renewal, help us chart a path forward, and get involved. Contact Laura Rainey with questions and to help with this event, lrainey2015@gmail.com.

All are welcome.

KUDOS CORNER – Congratulations Father Joe Nangle, Teacher of Peace! Pax Christi USA recognizes Fr. Joe Nangle, OFM with the 2023 Teacher of Peace Award

"'Teacher of peace' is an apt description of Fr. Joe. His life has been lived in mission and service and he has taught first by example and then by words about what justice with peace means," said Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv., Bishop-President of Pax Christi USA. "Inspired by another teacher of peace, Francis of Assisi, Joe has been a vital part of the Assisi community since the beginning in DC; he has drawn together and trained young women and men to be in mission and to be converted by the poor. And in recent years, **his reflections** for Pax Christi have provided strong, distilled Gospel reflections that are challenging and encouraging to anyone who wants to live God's peace." A celebration is planned for Friday evening, September 29, at OLQP. Details to come.

SHARE THE WORD Bible Study

OLQP will be offering EPIC: THE EARLY CHURCH, a Study Program from Ascension Press, beginning September 9 via ZOOM. There are no prerequisites. The heart of the program is in the shared discussion that allows us to bring our own experience to bear on the scriptures. Each lesson consists of a short video and then group discussion. Study materials can be purchased on line via Ascension Press. We meet on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 9:30 to 11:00am. Please join us as we study and reflect on the Word of God at the present moment of our lives. Contact Pat Fitzgibbons: pfitzgibbons@cox.net

ED TALKS ARE COMING – This year's theme is *Walking with the Other*. On Friday, September 15, at 7pm **Ms. Mary Nell Bryant** will speak about Immigration and Refugees and how to help them. On October 6, **Mr. Ralph McCloud** will speak about the Signs of the Times. Check in to find out who will speak in November. All talks will be held in the Founders Room in the Ministry Center from 7-9pm. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Sally Diaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED -- Volunteers are greatly needed to serve in Catholic Charities St. Martin de Porres Senior Center, located in the city of Alexandria. We are seeking Nurses for health and wellness checks, Nutritionists, Exercise Instructors and Arts and Crafts instructors. Our Senior Center is a multipurpose program that provides a variety of services to prevent isolation of seniors and promote their wellness, happiness and independence. Center hours are Monday - Friday from 9am-1:30pm. Shifts are flexible, based on volunteer availability. To sign up or for more info, please visit: <https://bit.ly/SMDPVOL>, email volunteer@ccda.net or call 703-224-1478.

ECO-TIP: Hunger Action: About one third of the food intended for human consumption globally is wasted or lost. If just 25% of this food were saved, it would be enough to feed the over 800 million hungry people in the world.

Rethink your food use, buy only what you need. Support organizations like the World Food program, Heifer International, Bread for the World and leaders who champion effective climate action. To learn more, see Earth.org.

BUILD YOUR CIVIC MUSCLE

In last week's Parish Bulletin, all were invited to the first step in building our civic muscle — verify our status as a Virginia Voter (<https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/voterinformation>). There is still time to take the first step — do it now!

Big changes are coming to the Virginia General Assembly. All 140 seats (40 in the Senate & 100 in the House) in the state legislature are on the ballot for the November 7, 2023 election. Recent redistricting in Virginia led to the retirement of many long-serving legislators. In January 2024 there will be many new faces in Richmond. We have a unique opportunity to lay the foundation for transformative change in Virginia. Our participation in the democratic process can shift the process of policymaking to reflect the values we espouse as Catholic Christians. Our vote is our voice!

Lord, let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong... nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich. Help us O God to build our civic muscle to cry out as Jeremiah and the prophets did so long ago to work for justice and peace.

MARY GARDEN EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT (Everett Broadbent):

Thank you very much to the OLQP family for your very generous support of my Eagle Scout project to add a pergola over the Mary statue and to reconfigure the garden around the statue and refurbish benches. We completed the project on Saturday, August 26th. Due to the significant financial contributions from the congregation, I was able to expand the scope of the project (like adding solar-powered lights) and improve the design (using nicer hardware and more plants). I also want to thank those who came out during the two Saturdays of the project to volunteer their time and efforts. While the scope of the Eagle Scout project is now complete, thanks to your support I will be able to repair the rest of the benches in the garden area. I truly appreciate you all ensuring my Eagle Scout project was a success! Please check it out when you have a chance.

MASS and HEALING PRAYER SERVICE

Tuesday, September 26, scheduled for 7:30pm, at St. Ann Catholic Church (5300 N. 10th Street, Arlington). Fr. John Melmer of St. John the Beloved Church of McLean will celebrate. Confessions will be available. This liturgy comes through the diocesan Catholic Healing Ministry. For more information, contact Grace Sims, 703-981-4620.

DEAR OLQP PARISHIONERS,

Our fellow 11:15 choir member Carey is in immediate need of a second kidney transplant. You may have heard us pray for Carey in the past—she has Polycystic Kidney Disease and received a transplant in 2011 from her best friend from college. That kidney has worked beautifully until recently, but it's now at the end of its life (transplants last anywhere from 5 to 25 years). We are prayerfully asking you to consider whether you or a member of your family, or perhaps one of your friends, might be open to being tested to see if you're a match for Carey. There is no commitment in getting tested, and no cost. Carey would not even be informed until, or unless, the person had already felt called, been matched, and decided for themselves and with their family that they would be willing to donate. We'd love to have Carey back singing with us and returning to the work she relishes (she is a talented, compassionate therapist). She is currently on dialysis and unfortunately getting too weak to attend mass or see patients regularly. Living kidney transplant donors are screened rigorously, and no one is accepted as a donor unless they have been found to be healthy enough to live a full life with only 1 kidney. (As spirited Carey would say, it's the best free physical you'll ever have!)

If you are interested in becoming a living organ donor, now or in the future---for Carey or for anyone else, please go to the following sites for more information:

<https://www.kidneyregistry.org> or <https://www.kidney.org>. If you are particularly interested in donating to Carey, please see Mike Hanna (choir leader) after the 11:15am mass, or email Mike or Meade at meade.mike@verizon.net or meadejoneshanna@gmail.com or hannakmichael@gmail.com.

Many blessings, and thanks for your consideration,

The 11:15am Choir

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO INVITE YOU TO OUR FIRST ANNUAL GATHER OUR GIFTS FRIENDRAISER & FUNDRAISER!

Join us as we:

- Connect with friends old and new. Bring the whole family and invite your friends! Everyone is welcome.
- Share our talents. We believe everyone has gifts to share.
- Look to the future by raising funds to benefit the people and mission of L'Arche GWDC. Together, we can create a more human world.
- Celebrate our past. If you've known us a while, wear your old L'Arche t-shirts and bring your stories. And if you're a new friend, get ready to make some memories!

Saturday, September 30, 3-5pm

The Mater Center at Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart, 9101 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD

RSVP encouraged: [Gather Our Gifts - L'Arche Greater Washington, DC \(larche-gwdc.org\)! https://larche-gwdc.org/gather/](https://larche-gwdc.org/gather/)

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Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River

Amos 5:24

This year's *Season of Creation*, which began on September 1 and concludes on October 4, is a time to reflect on our relationship with the environment, how we live, and how our lifestyles impact the natural world, humans and other creatures inhabiting it. This "time for creation" offers, in the words of Pope Francis, ¹"individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation...".

Our Lady Queen of Peace Integrity of Creation Team has planned several opportunities during this year's season of creation to participate together in allowing the Spirit to transform us as we journey to be better stewards of creation (see box to right). The main resource for our offerings is the message of Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on September 1, 2023. He states that when mankind is in a ²"right relationship with God, humanity, and nature, then justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures," and goes on to say that we can do this by resolving to "transform our hearts, our lifestyles and the public policies ruling our societies."

¹ Message of the Holy Father for the celebration of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, September 1, 2023
<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/events/event.dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2016/9/1/messaggiocuracreato.html>

² Show Mercy to our Common Home, September 1, 2016
<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2023/documents/20230513-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html>

Weekend of September 10: **Transforming Public Policy**

Advocacy action

After Mass

An opportunity to sign letters to our Members of Congress asking them to support a Farm Bill that protects and sustains creation

Parish Picnic on September 17:

Transforming our Hearts

Nature-walk

In Barcroft Park

Weekend of September 24:

Transforming our Lifestyles

Sidewalk chalk messaging

At the church after all Masses

October 1, 3:00 PM:

Transforming our Hearts

"Songs for the Earth"

Concert at the church

With reception to follow.

October 6, Time TBD:

Transforming our Lifestyles

Blessing of the animals



Que la justicia y la paz fluyan

Tiempo de la creación 2023

Este año el *Tiempo de la creación*, que empezó el 1ro de septiembre y termina el 4 de octubre, es un tiempo para reflexionar sobre nuestra relación con el medio ambiente, como vivimos y como nuestro estilo de vida impacta el mundo natural, a la humanidad y a otras criaturas que habitan en el mundo. Este “tiempo para la creación” ofrece, en las palabras del Papa Francisco, “a cada creyente y a las comunidades una valiosa oportunidad de renovar la adhesión personal a la propia vocación, elevando a Dios una acción de gracias por la maravillosa obra que ha confiado a nuestro cuidado, invocando su ayuda para la protección de la creación...”.

El fin de semana del 10 de septiembre:

Transformando la política pública

Acción de promoción después de la Misa

Una oportunidad para firmar cartas para los miembros del Congreso pidiéndoles que apoyen una Ley Agraria que protege y sostiene la creación

El picnic de la parroquia el 17 de septiembre:

Transformando nuestros corazones

*Paseo por la naturaleza
en Barcroft Park*

El fin de semana del 24 de septiembre:

Transformando nuestros estilos de vida

*Mensajes con tiza en la acera
en la iglesia después de todas las Misas*

El 1ro de octubre a las 3:00PM:

Transformando nuestros corazones

*“Canciones para la Tierra”
concierto en la iglesia con una recepción a seguir*

El 6 de octubre, hora por determinarse:

Transformando nuestros estilos de vida

Bendición de los animales

El equipo de la Creación de Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz ha planeado varias oportunidades durante el tiempo de la creación de este año para participar juntos y permitir que el Espíritu nos transforme mientras tratamos de ser mejores administradores de la creación. El recurso principal para nuestro ofrecimiento es el mensaje del Papa Francisco para el Día mundial de oración para el cuidado de la creación el 1ro de septiembre de 2023. Él dice que cuando la humanidad mantiene una “justa relación con Dios, la humanidad y la naturaleza, entonces la justicia y la paz pueden fluir, como una corriente inagotable de agua pura, nutriendo a la humanidad y a todas las criaturas”, y continúa diciendo que podemos hacer esto al resolver “transformar nuestros corazones, nuestros estilos de vida y las políticas públicas que gobiernan nuestra sociedad”.

Labor Day Statement 2023

Most Reverend Borys Gudziak
Archbishop of Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia
Chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
September 4, 2023

Radical Solidarity with Working Families

On this Labor Day, we hear a passage from the Gospel of Luke: Jesus reading Isaiah in the synagogue.

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor...”*

This is how Jesus chooses to announce himself as he embarks on his public ministry. Bringing glad tidings to the poor is a distinguishing mark that the good news is truly good. Jesus concludes, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” What do we hear about bringing glad tidings to the poor today?

There are signs of improvement and concern regarding the economy. Inflation is slowing as price increases return to near-normal levels.¹ For several months, workers’ wages have risen faster than inflation,² which will ease some of the burden of enduring high prices. The labor market remains strong with unemployment low and new jobs being added.³

However, despite some of these indications, a report from the Federal Reserve on economic well-being found that more families feel like they are worse off today than the year before.⁴ Inflation has forced families to spend more and save less.⁵ The percentage of Americans who cannot afford an unexpected \$400 expense has increased to 37%.⁶ While price increases are not as steep as they once were, grocery prices have still risen nearly 5% over the last year.⁷ Three out of ten mothers report that there have been

¹ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, "Consumer Price Index - July 2023," August 10, 2023, <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/cpi.pdf>.

² Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, "Real Earnings - July 2023," August 10, 2023, <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/realer.pdf>.

³ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, "The Employment Situation - July 2023," August 4, 2023, <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empstat.pdf>.

⁴ Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, *Economic Well-Being of U.S. Households in 2022*, May 2023, <https://www.federalreserve.gov/publications/files/2022-report-economic-well-being-us-households-202305.pdf>.

⁵ Aditya Aladangady et al., "FEDS Notes: Excess Savings During the COVID-19 Pandemic," Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 21, 2022, <https://www.federalreserve.gov/econres/notes/feds-notes/excess-savings-during-the-covid-19-pandemic-20221021.html>.

⁶ Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, *Economic Well-Being of U.S. Households in 2022*.

⁷ Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Consumer Price Index - July 2023."

times in the past year when they could not buy food.⁸ Millions have been priced out of homeownership while rental housing becomes even less affordable.⁹ Healthcare is yet another expense that is becoming out of reach for too many. Roughly one out of two adults have difficulty affording medical care, causing many to delay or forgo care.¹⁰

We are called to join Jesus in his ministry to bring glad tidings to the poor. We must do more to support families. It has been almost one year since my predecessor and fellow bishop chairmen wrote to Congress in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision in the *Dobbs* case, [calling for radical solidarity](#) with mothers, children, and families, sharing the bishops' vision for an authentically life-affirming society that truly prioritizes the well-being of families and generously welcomes new life. They highlighted the USCCB's long history of support for nutrition programs, affordable housing, access to healthcare, safety net programs, and justice for workers – including things like just wages, support for organized labor, and safe working conditions regardless of immigration status – and called for policy solutions to support all children and families.

The purpose of the economy is to enable families to thrive. This notion is deeply rooted in Catholic social teaching. The Church teaches that “it is necessary that businesses, professional organizations, labor unions and the State promote policies that, from an employment point of view, do not penalize but rather support the family nucleus.”¹¹ Similarly, the Second Vatican Council concluded that “[t]he entire process of productive work... must be adapted to the needs of the person and to his way of life, above all to his domestic life, especially in respect to mothers of families”¹² Are we meeting these standards? There is much more we can do.

Congress enacted important laws at the end of last year that the U.S. bishops had supported including the [PUMP Act](#) and a permanent option for states to extend postpartum Medicaid coverage for one year after birth. While these are promising steps, there remains much to be done to advance policies that help women, families, and children. The USCCB continues to urge bipartisan solutions on these issues.

- Congress should [strengthen the Child Tax Credit](#). The credit is a powerful pro-family and anti-poverty program, yet it currently excludes too many children in need. Congress can better support families by structuring the credit so that it is fully refundable in order to have the biggest impact on the lowest-income families. It is also vital that the credit continue to serve all families with U.S. citizen children regardless of their parents' immigration status, be made available for the year before birth, not undermine the building of families, and not be paid for by cutting programs that serve those most in need.

⁸ Dana Braga, “One-in-Four U.S. Parents Say They’ve Struggled to Afford Food or Housing in the Past Year,” Pew Research Center, December 7, 2022, <https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2022/12/07/one-in-four-u-s-parents-say-theyve-struggled-to-afford-food-or-housing-in-the-past-year/>.

⁹ Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University, “The State of the Nation’s Housing 2023,” June 21, 2023, https://www.jchs.harvard.edu/sites/default/files/reports/files/Harvard_JCHS_The_State_of_the_Nations_Housing_2023.pdf, 25, 36.

¹⁰ Audrey Kearney and Alex Montero, “Americans’ Challenges with Health Care Costs,” KFF, July 14, 2022, <https://www.kff.org/health-costs/issue-brief/americans-challenges-with-health-care-costs/>.

¹¹ Pontifical Council of Justice and Peace, *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, 2004, no. 294 (Quoting *Laborem Exercens*, no. 10; *Familiaris Consortio*, no. 23).

¹² Second Vatican Council, *Gaudium et Spes* (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World), 1965, no. 67.

- There should be national support for paid family leave. The policy should be crafted in a way that does not unduly burden lower-income organizations or individuals, does not penalize larger families, and will not destabilize existing social service programs. The United States is one of only a handful of countries that does not guarantee paid family leave.¹³ It is pro-life to support families as they welcome new life and care for loved ones.
- There needs to be better access to affordable, quality child care and pre-kindergarten, which also ensures just wages for child care workers and teachers. In addition, families that choose to care for children at home should be supported. Faith-based child care and early education programs have served families for decades and should be included as part of the solution, in a manner consistent with their freedom to retain their religious character. Child care is one of the biggest expenses in many families' budgets,¹⁴ and it is causing many families to have fewer children than they would like.¹⁵ At the same time, the child care sector itself is plagued with low wages for workers, making it difficult for them to meet the needs of their own families.¹⁶ Working families need a solution to this child care crisis.

It is good that bipartisan discussions are happening right now around all of these issues. Congress should take prompt action in all of these areas to protect the well-being of mothers, children, and their families.

Public policy changes are not the only way we can help families thrive. Communities can organize to call attention to the problems facing families and to bring about solutions. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) supports this work and is a great help to families that are struggling. Recently celebrating its 50th Anniversary, the CCHD was established by the bishops to empower people experiencing poverty to take action to help themselves. For example, with the support of CCHD, [Washington Home Care Cooperatives](#) in western Washington state provides good-paying jobs through worker-owned businesses to those who deliver in-home care to elders and people with disabilities. The [Mountain Voices Project IAF](#) in Colorado has helped secure child care for low-income families who commute many miles to work in expensive resort towns. [Powerful Moms Who Care](#), made up of low-income women living in Salt Lake City, are working with their community and local government to secure more affordable housing for families and are exploring ways to address their child care needs. These examples of local communities organizing to create positive change in the lives of families remind us of the power we have when we come together to address the challenges that prevent families from flourishing.

Finally, the essential role labor unions can and often do play in society must be acknowledged and affirmed. As Pope Francis stated when meeting delegates from Italian trade unions, "... one of the tasks

¹³ WORLD Policy Analysis Center, "Is Paid Leave Available to Mothers of Infants, Including Maternity and Parental?," January 2022, <https://www.worldpolicycenter.org/policies/is-paid-leave-available-to-mothers-of-infants-including-maternity-and-parental>.

¹⁴ Economic Policy Institute, "Child Care Is One of the Biggest Expenses Families Face," October 2020, <https://www.epi.org/child-care-is-one-of-the-biggest-expenses-families-face/>; Josh Zumbrun, "Children Can Cost Parents a Fortune or Not so Much," *The Wall Street Journal*, August 26, 2022, <https://www.wsj.com/articles/children-can-cost-parents-a-fortune-or-not-so-much-11661506202>.

¹⁵ Claire Cain Miller, "Americans Are Having Fewer Babies. They Told Us Why.," *The New York Times*, July 5, 2018, <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/07/05/upshot/americans-are-having-fewer-babies-they-told-us-why.html>.

¹⁶ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, "Occupational Employment and Wages, May 2022," April 25, 2023, <https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes399011.htm>.

of the trade union is to educate in the meaning of labor, promoting fraternity between workers... Trade unions... are required to be a voice for the voiceless. You must make a noise to give voice to the voiceless”¹⁷ Unions should continue to be supported in their work that supports healthy, thriving families, especially those who are most in need, and encouraged in maintaining and increasing their focus on performing that critical role. Indeed, as Pope Francis has suggested, “there are no free workers without trade unions.”¹⁸

Each of us is called to follow the Lord and bring glad tidings to the poor. There is still urgent work needed to exercise radical solidarity with mothers, children, and families. Let us pray and act towards this end, always listening to the Lord who fulfills glad tidings in our hearing his word each day.

en español...

Solidaridad radical con las familias trabajadoras

<https://www.usccb.org/es/resources/declaracion-del-dia-del-trabajo-2023>

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/Declaraci%C3%B3n%20del%20D%C3%ADa%20del%20Trabajo%202023.pdf>

¹⁷ Pope Francis, “Address to Managers and Delegates of the Italian General Confederation of Labor (CGIL),” December 19, 2022, <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2022/december/documents/20221219-cgil.html>.

¹⁸ Pope Francis, “Address to CGIL.”