

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

October 22, 2023

TWENTY-NINTH 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:

October 21-22 — 8 am and 1pm Bilingual
21-22 Octubre 8am 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.

At the General Audience on Wednesday Pope Francis asked that *Friday, October 27* be a day of prayer and fasting for the intention of peace in the world, especially in Israel and Palestine.

We encourage all the faithful of the parish to join in this day of penance for this important intention. The doors of the church will be open for silent prayer from 1-8pm on Friday, October 27th.

En la Audiencia general el miércoles, el Papa Francisco pidió que se designara el viernes, 27 de octubre como un día de oración y ayuno por la intención de obtener la paz en el mundo, especialmente en Israel y Palestina.

Animamos a todos los fieles de la parroquia a unirse en este día de penitencia por esta intención importante. Las puertas de la iglesia estarán abiertas para orar en silencio de 1 a 8pm el viernes, 27 de octubre.

Repay to
Caesar
what is
Caesar's
and to God
what is
God's.

Matthew 22:21



Den, pues,
al César lo
que es del
César,
y a Dios lo
que es de
Dios.

Mateo 22,21

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

SEGUNDA COLECTA DE ESTE FIN DE SEMANA:

DOMINGO MUNDIAL DE LAS MISIONES



NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ

22 de octubre de 2023

Vigésimonoveno 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: \$4,894

Faith Direct (September Average /

promedio del mes de septiembre): \$14,303

WORD & EUCHARIST MISSALETTE/

MISAL PALABRA Y EUCARISTÍA

Today's readings can be found on page 402

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 403

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, Susan Fratus, Anne Fullerton, Iva Futrell, Karen Gammache, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, Jean Giambalvo, 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, Julie O'Brien, Peggy O'Brien, Patrick Ogden, Carol Pacello, Delfina 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 Urquiza, Stephen Uteley, Carina Vaquez, Robin Vogel, Robert & Maureen Wallace, Bob Wilson, Kate Witkowski, Lauren Wolfe, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata, Kate Zopp.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME VIGESIMONOVENO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 (145A); 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21
Isaías 45,1, 4-6 (145A); 1 Tesalonicenses 1,1-5b; Mateo 22,15-21

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TRIGÉSIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Exodus 22:20-26 (148A); 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40
Éxodo 22,20-26 (148A); 1 Tesalonicenses 1,5c-10; Mateo 22,34-40

MASS INTENTIONS, OCTOBER 21-27

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 21-27 OCTUBRE

VIGESIMONOVENO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Saturday October 21st

5:30 pm Richard Valadez (D) by the 5:30 pm choir

Sunday October 22nd

8:00 am Narcisse Ahiboh (D) by Simplicie Zouhon

9:30 am Theresa Leeke (D) by Minkisi Ministry

11:15 am Raul Francia Jr. (D) by Susan Francia & family

1:00 pm Edwin Padovani Ramirez (D)

by Dolores Murray & Brendon Hanlon

6:00 pm the parish

Monday October 23rd

11:00 am Funeral Mass for Dave Cina

Tuesday October 24th

12:00 pm Jacqueline Klopner (D) by Michelle Klopner

Wednesday October 25th

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

Thursday October 26th

12:00 pm For the Repose of the Soul of Agnes Cherestal (D)

by her children

Friday October 27th

12:00 pm 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...

This weekend is World Mission Sunday. For many of us it conjures up images of missionary nuns and brothers and priests in habits chopping their way through jungles or climbing mountains or crossing raging rivers to carry the message of the Gospel to faraway places where the Gospel has not yet, or scarcely, been preached.

Many of us think of missionary activity as evangelization and the work of “professional religious”. But in reality it is our work. Fr. Tony Gittins, a Spiritan and internationally recognized expert in the area of mission, likes to remind us that, “the church does not have a mission, rather, “The Mission” has a Church”, the church exists for the sake of the proclamation of the Gospel, even unto the ends of the earth!”

Pope Francis has said much the same by proclaiming that the church is missionary by its nature! Pope Benedict has said that the Gospel is not a thing but rather a person, the person of Jesus Christ! When we proclaim the Gospel we are proclaiming Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis has called us all to proclaim the Gospel passionately and creatively. He challenges us to preach the Gospel with our very lives not just with our words.

Discipleship is living the Gospel, living Christ in our daily lives in and through what we choose to value and what we choose to ignore. We preach Christ each time we put the needs of others before the needs of

ourselves, each time we speak out on behalf of the ignored and voiceless, each time we speak out on behalf of the poor and the marginalized; the immigrant and refugee, then we preach Christ.

That is living our discipleship. Each time we stand with women who are sexually abused, harassed, or humiliated. Each time we call it out for what it is and work to put an end to it, we put our discipleship into action!

Discipleship is missionary by its nature and so we are indeed called to be missionaries who climb the mountains of racism and bigotry, who cross the raging rivers of misogyny and hack through the jungles of poverty and exclusion to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for while it may have been preached in many places, clearly it has not been well heard!

Where am I being called to preach the Gospel by how I live my life? What mountain am I being called to climb or rivers to cross or jungles to hack through to preach the Gospel, and to whom?

Let us all continue to pray for an end to the terrorism and war in Israel and Palestine, and in all the other war torn countries and regions around the world. And let us pray especially for the international community to help work to broker a lasting peace agreement for the people of Palestine and Israel.

Blessings,
Fr. Tim

**ANNUAL MASS IN COMMEMORATION OF
ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)**

The Mass in Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) will be held on Thursday, November 2 at 11 am at Fairfax Memorial Park, 9900 Braddock Road, Fairfax. The Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Included in this beautiful liturgy will be the traditional blessing of the gravesites of deceased priests. Please join us as we pray for our loved ones who have gone on to their eternal reward. Rain Site: Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 8800 Braddock Road, Annandale.

**MISA ANUAL EN CONMEMORACIÓN DE
TODOS LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS**

La Misa en conmemoración de todos los fieles difuntos se va a celebrar el jueves, 2 de noviembre a las 11 am en el Fairfax Memorial Park, 9900 Braddock Road, Fairfax. El Reverendísimo Michael F. Burbidge, Obispo de Arlington, va a ser el celebrante principal y homilista. En esta bella liturgia se va a incluir la bendición tradicional de las tumbas de los sacerdotes difuntos. Por favor únase a nosotros en oración por nuestros seres queridos que han ido a su recompensa eterna. Si llueve celebraremos en la iglesia católica Holy Spirit, en 8800 Braddock Road, Annandale.

Una comunidad católica con una ética consistente con la vida

VOTE -- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 IS ELECTION DAY

Please exercise your civic duty and vote.

REGISTRATION FOR THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

We need help registering families for the Thanksgiving food baskets. We will begin registering Families on Thursday, October 26 from 10am – 12pm in Father Ray Hall. The second registration will be held on Monday, October 30 from 5 – 7pm in Father Ray Hall. The third registration will be held on Saturday, November 4, from 9am – 12pm in the Ministry Center. English and Spanish are needed. Other languages are welcomed too. Contact Sally Diaz-Wells at sdiazwells@olqpva.org to volunteer.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS -- RCIA

- Seeking to be baptized?
- Already baptized in another faith tradition and considering joining the Catholic Church?
- Interested in adult confirmation?

RCIA is a place to ask questions and seek understanding of how God acts in our lives and how our faith motivates us to serve others. A new group has begun meeting, and it's not too late to join. We meet on Thursday evenings at 7 pm in Founders Room. For information, contact Alice and Kevin Curtin (703-461-3082 or acurtin947@aol.com). Contact Cecilia Lopez Oetgen, clopez@olqpva.org, for classes in Spanish.

ESSENTIALS DRIVE hosted by the Arlington County Police Department to benefit unsheltered individuals in our community. Officers will be present at the following location and time to collect new toiletries and cold weather items as well as engage with community members:

Donation Time and Location

Wednesday, October 25, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Arlington County Police Department, 1425 N. Courthouse Road

Suggested Items for Donation

The following new, unopened items are needed most:

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

Deodorant

Soap

Socks

Backpacks

T-Shirts*

Underwear*

Pants*

Jackets*

Gloves/hats/scarves

Blankets

*Most needed for adult males

VOTE – EL MARTES, 7 DE NOVIEMBRE SON LAS ELECCIONES

Por favor ejerza su obligación cívica y vote.

REGISTRO PARA LOS CESTOS DE COMIDA DEL DÍA DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS

Necesitamos ayuda para apuntar a las familias para los cestos de comida del Día de acción de gracias. Empezaremos a apuntar a las familias el jueves, 26 de octubre de 10am a las 12 del mediodía en Father Ray Hall. La segunda sesión será el lunes, 30 de octubre de 5 a 7pm en Father Ray Hall. La tercera sesión va a ser el sábado, 4 de noviembre de 9am a las 12 del mediodía en el Ministry Center. Se necesitan personas que hablen español e inglés. Se agradecen también otros idiomas. Contacte a Sally Díaz -Wells - sdiazwells@olqpva.org para ofrecerse de voluntaria/o.

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA DE ADULTOS – RICA

- ¿Busca ser bautizada/o?
- ¿Ya se bautizó en otra tradición de fe y está pensando convertirse a la Iglesia católica?
- ¿Está interesada/o en la confirmación para personas adultas?

El RICA es un lugar donde hacer preguntas y buscar la comprensión de cómo Dios obra en nuestras vidas y como nuestra fe nos motiva a servir a los demás. Un grupo nuevo ya se está reuniendo y no es muy tarde para unirse al mismo. Nos reunimos los jueves por la noche a las 7 pm en el Founders Room. Para obtener información contacte a Alice y Kevin Curtin (703-461-3082 o acurtin947@aol.com). Contacte a Cecilia López Oetgen – clopez@olqpva.org, para clases en español.

CAMPAÑA ESENCIAL patrocinada por el Departamento de policía del condado de Arlington en beneficio de personas en nuestra comunidad que no tienen alojamiento. Los oficiales van a estar presentes en las siguientes localidad y hora para recoger artículos nuevos de tocador, artículos para el invierno y también establecer contacto con las personas de la comunidad:

Lugar y hora para las donacion

El miércoles, 25 de octubre de 10:00 am a 3:00 pm en el Departamento de policía del condado de Arlington, 1425 N. Courthouse Road

Artículos sugeridos para donar

Los siguientes artículos nuevos, sin abrir son los que más se necesitan:

Cepillos de dientes

Pasta de dientes

Desodorante

Jabón

Medias

Mochilas

Camisetas/T-Shirts*

Ropa interior/Calzoncillos*

Pantalones*

Chaquetas*

Guantes/sombreros/bufandas

Frazadas

*Verdaderamente se necesitan para hombres adultos

RINCÓN DEL RECONOCIMIENTO

Una historia personal de la emigración a los EE.UU. de uno de nuestros miembros: Yohan García.

Conozcan al hombre que arriesgó su vida por emigrar
[Meet the man who risked his life to migrate
\(oursundayvisitor.com\)](http://oursundayvisitor.com).

EL PAPA EMITIÓ UN DOCUMENTO DE SEGUIMIENTO A LAUDATO SI'

El 4 de octubre, el Papa Francisco publicó *Laudate Deum* (Alabar a Dios), una exhortación apostólica en la que expresa su más sincera preocupación acerca del estado de nuestro hogar común. “El mundo que nos acoge se va desmoronando y quizás acercándose a un punto de quiebre”. Él comparte una nueva urgencia para personas y naciones para que trabajen juntas y cumplan los objetivos del Acuerdo de París y mucho más. Para obtener más información, busque “[LaudateDeum.Church](https://www.LaudateDeum.Church)”

LA DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS BUSCA PERSONAS VOLUNTARIAS

Se necesitan personas voluntarias para ayudar a recoger compras al por mayor de dos mercados. Si está disponible durante la mañana y algunos fines de semana sería maravilloso. Si está dispuesta/o a usar su propio auto sería muy bueno también. Usted estaría ayudándonos a buscar los alimentos necesarios que se necesita cada semana para alimentar a nuestros vecinos. ¿Está interesada/o? Contacte a Sally Díaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpvva.org

CELEBRATE OLQP'S 35 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP WITH CARPENTER'S BY OFFERING A GIFT...



⇒ Target or Giant Gift Card

⇒ **Donation to Carpenter's**
(Monetary donations provide critical support to Carpenter's families and help with shelter needs)

Deliver or send to:
Carpenter's Shelter
930 N. Henry Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Questions?: **Contact Mary Resnick**
mary.resnick@gmail.com, 703-462-4841

In addition to parishioners who serve or have served this ministry, two OLQP members were/are on staff at Carpenter's Shelter. **Mary Parker Lamm**, a longtime 5:30 Mass community member, served as the shelter's Deputy Director for 15 years until retiring and moving to New Jersey two years ago. **Finnie Caldwell** is currently Therapeutic Services Director.

A note from Finnie..."If you are looking for another opportunity to live out Matt 25, please consider a volunteer role at Carpenter's : front desk, activities for youth, serve meals, and much more. All onsite volunteers must be 18+, but families or younger groups can contribute by preparing a meal. Please contact volunteer coordinator, Demi Henry at 703-548-7500, or DHenry@carpentersshelter.org for more information"

Or, simply **sign up** online to volunteer: <https://carpentersshelter.org/volunteer/>

*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.*

**TWINNING BETWEEN OLQP &
ST. JOSEPH OF MEDOR PARISH:**

On this World Mission Sunday we pray that the twinning relationship between Our Lady Queen of Peace and St. Joseph parish in Medor, Haiti continues to transform hearts in both communities, that our solidarity continues to grow, and that we follow Pope Francis' World Mission Day theme of *Hearts on fire, feet on the move* (cf. Lk 24:13-35) as we love and serve each other.

Please pray for peace and security in Haiti.

ED TALKS –Walking with the Other

On Monday, November 6, at 7pm **Jack McHale** and **Katie Remedios** will discuss *Walking with the Other* as it relates to Feast on the Streets ministry. Please come out and support our guests. 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.

NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

We've Come this far by Faith:

Continuing to Write the Vision

Saturday, November 4, Our Lady Queen of Peace

Join us for this year's Black Catholic History Month program. We invite you to attend the 5:30pm Vigil Mass, followed by refreshments in Fr. Ray Hall. The keynote speaker (7:00pm) will be Fr. Anthony Bozeman, SSJ, Academic Dean of St. Joseph Seminary. The program will include a presentation of the Fr. Augustus Tolton/Mother May Lange Award. Registration required at www.arlingtondiocese.org/NBCHM2023. Sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Office of Multicultural Ministries.

YOU'RE INVITED to OLQP Minkisi's "Feel Joy!" -- a Black Catholic History Month prayer service on Monday, November 6, 6:45 pm (in Zoom). Charlene Howard a director/teacher from Archbishop Carroll High School will be featured. For questions, contact Cecilia Braveboy, jisaac3@verizon.net and for information and registration by Fri., Nov. 3, see: <https://bit.ly/MinkisiNovember2023>

THE 31ST INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER AND

FASTING happens October 20-28. Please see the flyer in the church vestibule for program details. Registration is required for the Virtual Conference and watch free on Day of Presentation at www.iwopf.org or call 888-478-PRAY. On-demand replays of speakers' talks are available by registering online at www.iwopf.org for an ALL-ACCESS PASS.

ECO-QUOTE: Did you know that there are federal tax credits up to 30% for purchase and installation of solar panels, heat pumps and other high efficiency electric equipment? Learn details at the Arlington Initiative to Rethink Energy (AIRE) -- [Welcome to the AIRE Newsletter! \(govdelivery.com\)](http://Welcome to the AIRE Newsletter! (govdelivery.com)). Save money and help heal the earth.

SEE ~ JUDGE ~ ACT

This is a tool for how people of conscience make decisions about an array of situations by using the moral lens that is formed by the Church's teaching. It works well to help Virginians of faith make voting decisions as the countdown to a very important election has begun. The Church has already taught that living in a democracy requires people of faith to exercise their moral obligation to participate in political life by casting a vote.

Using the moral lens, SEE what is happening in the community. Ask: Is every human person able to live in dignity and acquire the necessities for human life to flourish? JUDGE what you see? Is it acceptable that people are struggling to keep a roof over their head? Food is expensive and wages are low — Is that just too bad? If people get sick, what happens to them (and the community) when medical care is not affordable to see a doctor or fill a prescription? Jobs are hard to find if there is a language and/or educational barrier. What action needs to be taken to dismantle barriers in order to provide people with access to such necessities?

The November 7 election calls the eligible community to ACT for justice. Vote for the candidates who will work to implement solutions to move our community in the direction of solving these thorny issues.

Remember, if you have not voted yet, make a plan today to cast your vote for problem solvers by using your moral lens: SEE ~ JUDGE ~ ACT!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs) support the parish by distributing the Sacred Body at the Liturgy and to our homebound, ill and hospitalized parishioners. EMHCs are mandated by the Bishop of the Diocese of Arlington for a term of five-years through participation in a required Diocesan training; in addition OLQP in-house training is also offered. Typically, ministers are scheduled once or twice a month to serve at Mass. Though full participation in this ministry comes only by way of the Bishop's mandate, interested people may also begin with visits to the homebound offering company and reading material. Please contact Keren Charles, kerencc@gmail.com, for interest in becoming an EMHC, or Kay Sempel, kaysempel1@gmail.com for interest in the Visitation Ministry.

OLQP LECTOR MINISTRY – Call for Volunteers

The Bishop's Committee on the Liturgy explains that "in proclaiming the word of God, lectors exercise their responsibility in the liturgical celebration. God speaks to the faithful through them, and the effectiveness of their proclamation of God's word depends significantly on their conviction, preparation and delivery." Lectors are given training at the parish. While they are not required to be eloquent speakers, the very nature of this ministry calls forward those who can speak/read effectively in public and who are willing to commit themselves to careful preparation. Lectors are scheduled to read approximately once a month. Please contact Beth Koprowski,



National Black Catholic History Month

*We've Come This Far by Faith:
Continuing to Write the Vision*

Saturday, November 4, 2023

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church

2700 19th St S, Arlington, VA 22204



Write the Vision
A PROPHETIC CALL TO THRIVE
THE NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS

5:30PM Vigil Mass, Fr. Anthony Bozeman, SSJ, Concelebrant & Homilist

6:45PM Refreshments

7:00PM Keynote Address – Fr. Anthony Bozeman, SSJ

Presentation of the Fr. Augustus Tolton/Mother Mary Lange Award

REGISTER HERE: www.arlingtondiocese.org/NBCHM2023



Office of Multicultural Ministries
Catholic Diocese of Arlington



Keynote Speaker:
Fr. Anthony Bozeman, SSJ
Academic Dean of St. Joseph Seminary,
Washington, DC



Pope Francis appeals to all believers on Israel-Hamas war: 'Take only one side...that of peace'

By: **Gerard O'Connell**

Pope Francis today called for the silencing of guns and the avoidance of "a humanitarian catastrophe" in Gaza. He also declared Oct. 27 as World Day of Prayer for peace, which he invited all Christians and people of any faith to join.

He made his appeal for a stop to the war when he greeted thousands of pilgrims in St. Peter's Square at the general audience on Oct. 18. His call came in the wake of the explosion at the Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza City the previous evening. The Hamas militant group blamed the blast on an Israeli airstrike, while the Israeli military blamed a rocket misfired by other Palestinian militants. Upon arriving in Israel on an mission to keep the Israel-Hamas war from spiraling into a broader regional conflict, President Joe Biden told Israeli leaders: "Based on what I've seen, it appears as though it was done by the other team, not you" but that there were "a lot of people out there" who were not sure.

During the general audience, Pope Francis said, "Dear brothers and sisters, my thoughts go to Palestine and Israel," a remark that drew long applause from the crowd. "The victims increase, and the situation in Gaza is desperate," he said. According to the Palestinian Health Ministry, some 3,200 Palestinians, including around 1,030 children, have been killed and 12,500 injured in Gaza by the constant Israeli bombing over the past 12 days. The strikes come in retaliation for the more than 1,400 Israelis, mostly civilians, killed in the attack by Hamas in southern Israel on Oct. 7. Many more were injured, and nearly 200 Israelis, including women and children, were taken hostage by Hamas and are still being held in Gaza.

"The situation in Gaza is desperate," the

pope said. Gaza, a 141-square-mile enclave with a population of 2.3 million people, has been under total siege since Oct. 7, and Israel is preventing electricity, gas, food, water and medical supplies from entering the area. "Please do everything possible to avoid a humanitarian catastrophe," he said.

"The possible expansion of the conflict is disturbing, while in the world many war fronts are already open," Pope Francis said. There is deep concern at the Vatican and in many countries that the continuation of the war declared by Israel on Hamas could also lead to the involvement of Hezbollah in Lebanon, Syria and even Iran.

"Let the guns be silenced!," Pope Francis appealed yet again, as President Biden was about to land in Israel. The United States has been the biggest backer of Israel since the establishment of the state of Israel in 1948 and is seen as the only country that could pressure Israel to exercise restraint in this new war. "Listen to the cry of the poor, of the people, of the children," the pope appealed.

Pope Francis told the crowd: "Brothers and sisters, war does not resolve any problem. It only sows death and destruction. It increases hate, multiplies the vendetta. War cancels the future. It cancels the future!"

Aware that each side in this fierce conflict is seeking to draw people worldwide to support their narrative and side, Francis said: "I exhort believers to take only one side in this conflict, that of peace. But not with words but with prayer, with total dedication."

In this context, he said, "I have decided to declare Friday, Oct. 27, as a day of fasting, prayer and penance, to which I invite join—in the way that is considered

opportune—the brothers and sisters of the different Christian confessions, and the adherents of other religions who have in their hearts the cause of peace in the world."

He announced that at 8 p.m. (Rome time) on the evening of Oct. 27 there will be held in St. Peter's Basilica, "in a spirit of penitence, an hour of prayer to implore for peace in our days, peace in this world." He called on all Catholic churches in different countries to participate in this prayer event by "organizing similar initiatives that will involve the people of God."

He concluded by inviting everyone, "Let us pray for peace and let us not forget the martyred Ukraine about which there is no longer talk, but the drama continues."

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