OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH
December 10, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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:
December 9-10 — 11:15am and 1pm Spanish
9-10 diciembre 11:15am y 1pm en español

Masses / Misas:
Weekdays / *Días laborables*:
Mon-Fri 12pm / *lunes a viernes 12pm*
Weekend Mass Schedule /
Horario de misas de fin de semana:
Saturday Vigil — 5:30pm
Misa de vigilia sábados - 5:30 pm
Sundays — 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm (Spanish) & 6:00pm (Young Adult)
Domingos — 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am, 1:00 pm (español) y 6:00 pm (Misa de jóvenes adultos)

DECLARACIÓN DE MISIÓN DE OLQP

La parroquia de la iglesia católica Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz se dedica a dar testimonio de las enseñanzas de Jesucristo, especialmente el Evangelio de San Mateo, Capítulo 25:21-46. Nuestra misión es nutrir el espíritu y alentar el potencial de aquellos a quienes servimos a través de la celebración litúrgica, labores educativas y ministerios sociales. La parroquia continuará identificándose con su origen como una comunidad afro-americana, pero reflejando una congregación multi-étnica y continuará promoviendo la armonía racial y la justicia social. Si bien es cierto que nuestro enfoque principal es la vecindad comunitaria, continuaremos trabajando para proveer por el bienestar de los más necesitados en general. Es así como nos esforzamos para hacer de nuestra comunidad parroquial una familia que comparte y se preocupa por sus miembros.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
FOR MASSES AND SERVICES

Advent Reconciliation Service w/individual confessions
Monday, December 11, 7:00pm Bilingual
Advent Holy Hour, Taizé
Thursday, December 14, 7:00pm
4th Sunday of Advent, December 23-24, Special Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil Masses: 5:00pm & 7:00pm in Spanish *(livestreamed)*
Sunday morning: 8:00am *(livestreamed)* & 9:45am
Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 24
4:00pm *(livestreamed)*, 4:15pm (Hall), 6:00pm,
8:00pm (*in Spanish & livestreamed)*)
10:30pm Lessons & Carols, 11:00pm Midnight Mass *(livestreamed)*
Christmas Day
Monday, December 25, 11:00am *(livestreamed)*

HORARIO PARA LAS MISAS Y SERVICIOS
PARA LOS DÍAS FESTIVOS

Servicio de reconciliación de Adviento con confesiones individuales
Lunes, 11 de diciembre, 7pm bilingüe
Hora Santa de Adviento, Taizé
Jueves, 14 de diciembre, 7:00pm
Cuarto domingo de Adviento - Horario especial de Misas
Misas de vigilia del sábado: 5:00pm & 7:00pm en español
Domingo por la mañana: 8:00am & 9:45am
Vigilia de Navidad (Nochebuena)
Domingo, 24 de diciembre
4:00pm, 4:15pm (Hall), 6:00pm, 8:00pm (en español)
10:30pm Lecciones y villancicos, 11:00pm Misa de medianoche
Navidad
Lunes, 25 de diciembre, 11:00am

A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."
Mark 1:3

Voz del que clama en el desierto: "Preparen el camino del Señor, enderecen sus senderos".
Marcos 1,3

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:
CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

SEGUNDA COLECTA DE ESTE FIN DE SEMANA:
COLECTA ANUAL NAVIDEÑA DE LA PARROQUIA PARA LAS CARIDADES CATÓLICAS

NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ
10 de diciembre de 2023
Segundo domingo de adviento

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: $9,940
Faith Direct (October Average / promedio del mes de septiembre): $14,948

WORD & EUCHARIST MISSALETTE/ MISAL PALABRA Y EUCARISTÍA

Today's readings can be found on page 432
Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 433

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, Javier Fernandez Castillo, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claure, 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, Yevette Francois, Susan Fratus, Anne Fullerton, Iva Futrell, Karen Gammache, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, Jean Giambalvo, Fred Gladbach, Nancy Gormley, Yolanda Gregorio, Melanie Guitreaux, Joe Harrington, Harris Family, Sally Harrs, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Dee Hickey, Margaret Howe, Patrick Hynes, Lillian Jay, Pat Johnson, Sharon Jourdan, Bill Kahl, Ruth Klarman, Sally Krahn, Carmen Andrea Lara, Patrick Lawrey, John Lawyer, Kathleen Love, Lidia Montero Lopez, Olga MacKenzie, Wil McBride, Stefan McGuigan, Martha Gladys Medina, Maria Magdalena Medrano de Ventura, Eileen Melia, Frances Mierzwa, Arthur Miller, Mary Miller, Yvonne Mockler, Carmen Montijo, Dorothy Moran, Rosemary Morrisey, Luis R. Muñoz, Chelsea Murray, Dorothy Myrtle, Mario Amel Najarro, Julie O'Brien, Peggy O'Brien, Patrick Ogden, Carol Pacello, 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, Grace Starbird, Nina Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Carmelita and Roy Tucker, Nancy Urquizo, Stephen Utley, Alma Reyes Valentin, Carina Vaquez, Robin Vogel, Robert & Maureen Wallace, Bob Wilson, Kate Witkowski, Lauren Wolfe, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata, Kate Zopp.
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (5B); 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8
Isaías 40,1-5, 9-11 (5B); 2 Pedro 3,8-14; Marcos 1,1-8

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Isaiah 61:1-2°, 10-11 (8B); 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28
Isaías 61,1-2°, 10-11 (8B); 1 Tesalonicenses 5,16-24; Juan 1,6-8, 19-28

MASS INTENTIONS, DECEMBER 9-15
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 9-15 DICIEMBRE
SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Saturday December 9th
5:30 pm David Paul Cina (D) by Hertig family
Sunday December 10th
8:00 am Mary Clifford Ballmann (D) by Lisa Lucrezi-Bond
9:30 am Agatona & Henry Hunt (D) by the Francia family
11:15 am Evelyn Mercantini (D) by John Mercantini
1:00 pm Adalid & Pura Montano Villarroel (D) by Felipe Montano & family
6:00 pm the parish
Monday December 11th
12:00 pm Robert Meighan (D) by the Meighan family
Tuesday December 12th
12:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe (Feast Day) by the parish
Wednesday December 13th
12:00 pm In thanksgiving for Anika Khetarpaul (L) by Jude Dias
Thursday December 14th
12:00 pm In thanksgiving for Daniel D'Souza (L) by Jude Dias
Friday December 15th
12:00 pm Jeanmarie Petrino (D) by Mary Ann Petrino

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH / VIDA SACRAMENTAL DE LA PARROQUIA

This weekend we welcome one new Christian. Este fin de semana le damos la bienvenida a una nueva cristiana.

Rosalind Alana McMahon

Baptized December 9 / Bautizada el 9 de diciembre

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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JUST A THOUGHT...OR TWO…

REPENT! Prepare the way of the Lord!
These words of John the Baptist echo down through the centuries and are as pertinent to us today as they were to those who first heard them in the Judean countryside almost two thousand years ago.

John came from the desert crying out to the people, calling them to a moment of "metanoia"…from the Greek, literally meaning "a turning around" -- changing one's direction in life. The Voice of John the Baptist cries out to us in the midst of the rush and chaos of the Advent season, calling us to a conversion of heart.

John the Baptist announces the breaking forth of the Reign of God in our very midst. But can we hear him amid the cacophony and the clamor of our busy and overscheduled lives? I think it is very difficult unless we are willing to step back, to sit down and to spend a moment reflecting on our lives and our relationships…and ask ourselves how are we living our life in Christ?

The Scriptures during Advent speak of a new time for the people of Israel, a time of great hope…a new reign that is breaking forth. In this new world, mercy and justice will flourish and the wicked and unjust ones will be banished forever. But as we look around it seems as if we are a long way off from a "peaceful Reign of God". Wars rage and political unrest swirl around us like the biting winds of a cold December night. Millions of our sisters and brothers desperately seek refuge, with no home in sight. Terrorists strike the innocent and fill us with fear. It all seems so bleak.

Where is the Reign of God bursting forth? I believe the answer is that the Reign of God is waiting to burst forth from within each one of us! The Reign of God bursts forth each and every time we respond to a person or a situation in a Christ-like manner.

Are we brave enough to "turn around," to allow ourselves to have that "metanoia moment" and answer the call of John the Baptist; to allow the love of God to soften our hearts and enlighten our minds?

As Christians how do we "live" the Reign of God through our daily actions? What would I have to change in my life for me *to be a clearer living sign* to others of the bursting forth of the Reign of God…bringing love, mercy and forgiveness into a world so full of anger, violence and fear? Let us prepare the way of the Lord this Advent season by spreading love, mercy and forgiveness in our families, in our schools, in our communities and in the world around us! Advent blessings, Fr. Tim

Advent Blessings!
Fr. Tim

FAREWELL THELMA MOLINA

It is with much gratitude, love and appreciation we say farewell to Thelma who will be retiring in mid-December. Thelma has been a member of the parish staff for more than eighteen years, offering warmth and welcome from the front desk of the parish office. We are grateful for her dedication to the parish, and for the care and kindness she offers those who come to us in need. A note of appreciation and thanks can be emailed to Thelma at tmolina@olqpva.org.

WELCOME LIGIA LOZA

It is with great pleasure we welcome Ligia Loza who will be OLQP's new Office Manager. Ligia brings to this position the requisite skill set, but more importantly, she is a genuinely kind, gifted and joyful person. The Muñoz Loza family have been faithful members of the parish for nearly twenty-five years. Please join us in welcoming Ligia who will be starting full-time later this month!

ADIÓS, THELMA MOLINA

Con mucha gratitud, cariño y apreciación le decimos adiós a Thelma quien se retira a mediados de diciembre. Thelma ha sido miembro del personal de la parroquia por más de dieciocho años, ofreciendo calor y bienvenida del escritorio de recepción de la oficina de la parroquia. Le agradecemos su dedicación a la parroquia y el cuidado y bondad que les ofrece a las personas necesitadas que vienen a la parroquia. Puede mandarle una nota de apreciación y agradecimiento por correo a Thelma: tmolina@olqpva.org.

BIENVENIDA, LIGIA LOZA

Nos place mucho darle la bienvenida a Ligia Loza quien va a ser la nueva Gerente de la oficina. Ligia trae el conjunto de habilidades requerido para la posición, pero lo que es más importante, ella verdaderamente es una persona amable, talentosa y alegre. Los miembros de la familia Muñoz Loza han sido miembros fieles de la parroquia por casi veinticinco años. ¡Por favor únanse a nosotros en darle la bienvenida a Ligia que va a empezar a tiempo completo más tarde este mes!

HAITI CHRISTMAS DRIVE: FOSTERS SUCCESS

Vannia Lauent, one of the agronomists in Medor's agro-forestry program, attended primary and secondary school in Medor. She then attended university on a scholarship provided by friends from OLQP. She is proud of her current contributions to her community and is grateful for the education she received, thanks to support from Our Lady Queen of Peace.

Here is how we can continue making a difference in Medor:

Checks can be made out to OLQP with "Haiti" on the memo line and placed in the Haiti box at the church entrance or mailed to the parish office. Online gifts can be made through faith direct to https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA271/6766

The Haiti Christmas Card Alternative Gift Program offers both printed and electronic cards.

- **How to get Haiti printed cards:**
  Pick up cards at the self-serve table at the church entrance.
- **How to get the Haiti E-card:**
  Download here and attach the card in an email to your loved ones.

Podcast on the Twinning of OLQP and St. Joseph Parish

Sue Carlson, chair of our Haiti Ministry, was interviewed for a podcast on parish twinning. She speaks about our twinning with the people of Medor, If you would like to listen, here is the link:
https://uscatholicmission.org/news/dr-sue-carlson-st-joseph-parish-medor-haiti

LA CAMPAÑA NAVIDEÑA PARA HAITÍ: FOMENTA EL TRIUNFO

Vannia Lauent, una de las agrónomas en el programa agroforestal de Medor**,** asistió a la escuela primaria y secundaria en Medor. Ella entonces asistió a la universidad con una beca proporcionada por amistades de OLQP. Ella está orgullosa de sus contribuciones a la comunidad y agradece la educación que recibió, gracias al apoyo de Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz.

Aquí vemos cómo podemos continuar marcando la diferencia.

Puede hacer el cheque a nombre de OLQP con "Haití" en la línea del asunto y ponerlo en la caja de Haití en la entrada de la iglesia. También puede mandarlo por correo a la oficina parroquial. Puede donar en línea por medio de faith direct:
https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA271/6766

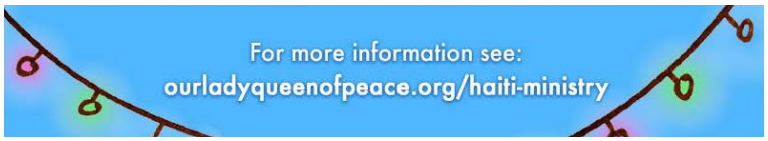
El programa de tarjetas navideñas de Haití para regalos alternativos ofrece tarjetas impresas y electrónicas.

¿Cómo obtener las tarjetas impresas de Haití?

Recoja las tarjetas en la mesa de autoservicio en la entrada de la iglesia.

¿Cómo obtener las tarjetas electrónicas de Haití?

Descargue aquí y fije la tarjeta en un correo electrónico dirigido a sus seres queridos.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Last weekend at the 9:30am Mass, our community celebrated the Rite of Welcoming. Through this Rite, our inquirers declared their intention to continue their faith journey toward full communion in the Catholic tradition, and the Church (represented by the OLQP community) accepted them into the formal process for doing so. Our Candidates are Phillip Fucella, Tara May, Morgan Snader, Daniel Stapelkamp and Graydon Vann, and they'll complete their initiation sacraments in the spring . Each of our participants has a sponsor who will be serving as a guide and mentor through the coming months of preparation. We are grateful to these sponsors who are generously sharing their time and Christian experience -- Dianne Casey, Venise Darisme, Sharon De La Cruz, Jerry Oetgen, and Tim Murphy. Please remember all of our RCIA participants in your prayers as we make this faith journey together.

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

El fin de semana pasado en la Misa de las 9:30am, nuestra comunidad celebró el Rito de bienvenida. Por medio de este Rito nuestros indagadores declararon sus intenciones de continuar su jornada de fe hacia la comunión plena en la tradición católica y la Iglesia (representada por la comunidad de OLQP) los aceptó en el proceso formal para hacerlo. Nuestros candidatos son Phillip Fucella, Tara May, Morgan Snader, Daniel Stapelkamp y Graydon Vann y completarán la recepción de los sacramentos de iniciación en la primavera. Cada una de las personas que participa tiene una madrina o un padrino que va a servir de guía y consejera/o durante los próximos meses de preparación. Les damos las gracias a estas madrinas y padrinos que generosamente comparten su tiempo y experiencia cristiana – Dianne Casey, Venise Darisme, Sharon De La Cruz, Jerry Oetgen y Tim Murphy. Por favor recuerde a todas las personas que participan en el RICA en sus oraciones al unirnos en esta jornada de fe.

MATTHEW 25 is in need of warm jackets and car coats. Please clear your closets of gently used warm jackets and car coats that you no longer wear. Donations are accepted every day **except Fridays**. Please drop off donation between 9am and 12noon. Drop offs can be made through the evening Mondays and Wednesdays until 7pm. Thank you for your continued support.

MATEO 25 necesita chaquetas y abrigos cálidos. Por favor deshágase de las chaquetas y abrigos cálidos en su closet que ya no usa. Se aceptan donaciones todos los días **excepto los viernes**. Por favor traiga sus donaciones ente las 9am y las 12 del mediodía. Puede traer las donaciones hasta las 7pm los lunes y los miércoles. Gracias por su continuo apoyo.

FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND

Second weekend of the month is Food Collection weekend to help stock our busy food pantry. If you were unable to shop for this weekend, please consider making a donation to the OLQP Food Pantry. Please know that food can be donated at any time during the month. Thank you for your continued support.

FIN DE SEMANA DE COLECTA DE ALIMENTOS

El segundo fin de semana del mes es el fin de semana de colecta de alimentos para abastecer nuestra despensa de alimentos. Si no pudo ir de compras para este fin de semana, por favor considere donar algo a la Despensa de alimentos de OLQP. Por favor tenga en cuenta que se puede donar comida en cualquier momento durante el mes. Gracias por su apoyo continuo.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR MASSES AND SERVICES

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joesph
Regular Weekend Masses: 5:30 Vigil, 8am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 1pm (in Spanish) & 6pm
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Monday, January 1, 11am Bilingual
The Epiphany of the Lord Special Sunday Mass schedule
Saturday, January 6, 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday, January 7, 8:00am, 9:30am, 12noon (*bilingual & livestreamed)*) & 6:00pm
Prayer Service honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Monday, January 15, 11:00am

HORARIO PARA LAS MISAS Y SERVICIOS PARA LOS DÍAS FESTIVOS

Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios
Lunes, 1 de enero, 11:00am, bilingüe
La Epifanía del Señor horario especial de Misa dominical
Sábado5 — 5:30pm (Misa de vigilia)
Domingo, 7 de enero — 8:00am, 9:30am, 12 del mediodía (bilingüe) y 6:00pm
Servicio de oración para honrar al Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Lunes, 15 de enero, 11:00am

ADVENT HOLY HOUR
SONG – SILENCE – SCRIPTURE

Please join us in the church for an Advent Holy Hour, on Thursday December 14th at 7pm.
We will meditate on Scripture readings, (in Spanish and English), sing Taizé style songs and sit quietly in prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.
A wonderful opportunity to slow down and sit with God in the midst of this busy season.

UNA HORA SANTA de ADVIENTO
CANCION – SILENCIO – ESCRITURA

Únase a nosotros en la iglesia para un Hora Santa, de Adviento, el jueves 14 de diciembre a 7p.m.
Meditaremos sobre lecturas de las Escrituras (en español e inglés), cantaremos canciones en estilo Taizé,
Y siéntate tranquilamente en oración en la presencia del Santísimo Sacramento.
Una maravillosa oportunidad para reducir el ritmo de su día y sentarse con Dios en medio de esta tiempo tan ocupado.

THE GIVING TREE – Support SEEC Day Laborers! We invite you to support the parish in providing lunch for SEEC day labors. Each week a group of volunteers shop, prepare and package lunches for Shirlington Day Laborers through the Brown Bag Lunch Program. The Giving Tree supports this effort: take a 'brown bag angel' ornament from the basket under the giving tree in the sanctuary, place your donation inside the ornament and hang it on the tree. The tree will be in the sanctuary through the Christmas season.

THE GIVING TREE -- ¡Apoye a los jornaleros de SEEC! Los invitamos a apoyar a la parroquia al darle almuerzo a los jornaleros de SEEC. Cada semana un grupo de personas voluntarias que forman parte del *Brown Bag Lunch* van de compras, preparan y empacan almuerzos para los jornaleros de Shirlington. El *Giving Tree* apoya este esfuerzo: tome un ornamento, "un ángel de papel", de la canasta que está debajo del "*giving tree"* en el santuario, ponga su donación dentro del ornamento y cuélguelo en el árbol. El árbol va a estar en el santuario durante la temporada navideña.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

We invite you to remember a deceased loved one with a Christmas Flower Memorial. Memorials will be published in the Sunday bulletin on the weekend of December 23-24. Please complete this form, make your donation payable to Our Lady Queen of Peace Church (donation amount is at your discretion) and send to the parish office (attention Christina) or drop in the collection basket by Sunday, December 17th. **Please be sure to meet the deadline of 12/17!** Donations can also be made through FaithDirect.net (OLQP code: VA271) but be sure to send an email with memorial information to office@olqpva.org with "Flower Memorial" in the subject line, again by 12/17.

Christmas Flower Memorial:

Honoring:_____

Requested by:_____

Donation: $_____

MEMORIALES DE FLORES DE NAVIDAD

Invitamos a todos a recordar a un ser querido difunto con un Memorial de flores de Navidad. Los memoriales se publicarán en el boletín del domingo del fin de semana del 23-24 de diciembre. Por favor, complete esta información, pague a nombre de OLQP (el donativo se deja a su discreción) y mándela a la oficina parroquial (atención: Christina) o póngala en el cesto de la colecta en o antes del 17 de diciembre. **¡Por favor asegúrese de que llegue a tiempo para del 17 de diciembre!** También puede mandar su donación por FaithDirect.net (OLQP código: VA271), pero asegúrese de mandar un correo electrónico con la información del memorial a office@olqpva.org con "Christmas Flower Memorials" en la línea del asunto en el cheque para la fecha límite del 17 de diciembre.

Memorial de flores de Navidad:

En honor de: _____

A petición de: _____

Donativo: $_____

CARPENTER'S SHELTER SUPPER -- Thursday, December 21

Our dinner this month is meatloaf, a veggie option, mashed potatoes, broccoli, salad, and brownies. Your food can be delivered to the parish office kitchen Monday through Friday, during their office hours, 8:30-4:30, or to Fr. Ray Hall kitchen on the day of dinner, 4:30-5:00pm. Please label food with date and description, and place it in the refrigerator, freezer or counter. Note, if you're delivering directly to the Shelter (930 N. Henry Street in Alexandria), label food the same and add our church name & "dinner". If you are a new contributor, or have a question, contact Mary Resnick, 703-462-4841, mary.resnick@gmail.com. Thank you!

LA CENA REFUGIO DEL CARPINTERO, -- el jueves, 21 de diciembre

Nuestra comida este mes es pastel de carne, un vegetal, papas majadas, brócoli, ensalada y brownies. Puede llevar su comida a la cocina de la oficina de lunes a viernes durante las horas de trabajo 8:30-4:30pm **o** a la cocina de Fr. Ray Hall el día de la comida de 4:30 a 5:00pm. Por favor identifique la comida con la fecha y la descripción y póngala en el refrigerador, congelador o mostrador. Si va a llevar la comida directamente al Refugio, 930 N. Henry Street en Alexandria, identifíquela de la misma manera y añada el nombre de nuestra iglesia y "dinner". Si va a llevar comida por primera vez o tiene alguna pregunta, contacte a Mary Resnick, 703-462-4841, mary.resnick@gmail.com. ¡Gracias!

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

DECEMBER 14, 2012 — a day of infamy and unspeakable destruction; do you remember? 20 innocent young children and 6 adults in Newtown, CT went to be with God — unexpectedly, tragically and painfully. And so many others — family, friends, relatives, strangers —suffered grief as well.

For 10+ years on the 14th of every month a cadre of advocates for justice form a witness line in front of the National Rifle Association (NRA) headquarters on Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax. All are welcome and encouraged to join us on Thursday, December 14 at 10:00 am. Many of us wear orange to show our support for gun safety laws. Because thousands are maimed or killed in the US each year due to readily available guns, we advocate for state and local legislation to curb access to guns. Our Christian ideals and values call us to advocate for life, especially the life of our brothers and sisters. We welcome the presence of others, especially people of faith. Thursday, December 14 (*and the 14th of every month)* at 10:00 am on the sidewalk at 11250 Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax.

PREVENCIÓN DE LA VIOLENCIA POR ARMAS DE FUEGO

14 DE DICIEMBRE, 2012 – un día de infamia y destrucción indescriptible. ¿Se acuerda? 20 niñas y niños inocentes y 6 personas adultas en Newtown, CT, de una manera inesperada, trágica y dolorosa, fueron a encontrarse con Dios. Y muchas otras personas más – familiares, amistades, desconocidas – sufrieron también.

Por más de 10 años, el 14 de cada mes, un grupo de defensores de la justicia forman una línea de testimonio frente a la sede del National Rifle Association (NRA) en Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax. Todas las personas son bienvenidas y se anima a todas a unirse a nosotros el jueves, 14 de diciembre a las 10:00am. Muchos de nosotros llevamos el color naranja para demostrar nuestro apoyo de las leyes sobre seguridad de las armas de fuego. Porque en los Estados Unidos miles de personas quedan discapacitadas o mueren debido al fácil acceso a las armas de fuego, abogamos por legislación estatal y local para limitar el acceso a las armas de fuego. Nuestros ideales y valores cristianos nos llaman a abogar por la vida, especialmente la vida de nuestras hermanas y hermanos. Acogemos la presencia de otras personas, especialmente personas de fe. El jueves, 14 de diciembre (*y el 14 de cada mes)* a las 10:00am en la acera en 11250 Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax.

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.

PARTICIPATING IN STEPHEN MINISTRY

We all experience challenges in life and with some of these challenges having someone providing a compassionate presence helps sustain us through the crisis. OLQP Stephen Ministers provide the emotional and spiritual care we need when faced with a crisis. Whether you have experienced the loss of a loved one, divorce, job crisis, loneliness, illness or other life challenges, OLQP Stephen Ministers will listen as fully as possible and with reliance on God's healing grace, journey with you.

OLQP Stephen Ministry is a diverse group of men and women. Confidentiality and a caring relationship are the hallmarks of our ministry. If you have additional questions or think you might benefit from participating in Stephen Ministry, please contact Joan Brown at jogebrown737@gmail.com or 703-608-5059.

LOOKING FOR RESOURCES TO ENRICH YOUR ADVENT?

Click here or go to https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resources/advent-resources-2023/

PRAYER SERVICE FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

Monday, December 11, 6 PM at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church (1313 New York Avenue NW). After the service, those who wish to do so will process to the White House. If you can join, please register on Churches for Middle East Peace's (CMEP) website so we can have an idea of how many folks to expect. (CMEP's registration software includes donation requests, but those are optional; there is no fee to attend.) CMEP will also livestream it on their YouTube page: @ChurchesforMEP

Co-sponsors include Pax Christi USA, Churches for Middle East Peace, FCNL, AFSC, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns, Sojourners, FAN, Friends of Sabeel North America, Church World Service, Palestinian Christians Alliance for Peace, ELCA, Methodist Church Board of Church and Society, Presbyterian Church, Disciples of Christ, National Council of Churches, and more.

SAY "YES!" to the Pope's call to Care for Creation. Sign the Creation Care Pledge. Go to: bit.ly/LDActionPledge for details.

Shoeboxes for the Homeless Gift-Wrapping Time is Here!

This Sunday, December 10, our OLQP 20+ years tradition of preparing shoeboxes full of love and hope for our homeless sisters and brothers continues.

There is still time to bring your donations and shoeboxes and volunteer!

You can drop off your donations right outside the Founders Room. Or you can fill and wrap your own shoebox. Be sure to mark the wrapped boxes for a lady or a gentleman. (There is a greater need for gentlemen gifts.) We will be gathering donations and wrapped boxes until 6:00pm.

To volunteer use the following link to register to help fill and wrap the shoeboxes —https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044DA8A728A4F58-46463926-2023#/

You still have time to make someone smile during this Christmas Season!

For questions, please email Monica Rivera monicariver@gmail.com or text at 787-603–6654.

Suggested Donations

mittens/ gloves	Toothpaste	Candy	Toiletries (travel size)
warm socks	Toothbrush	Gum	Shampoo (travel size)
Shoelaces	Dental floss	Stamped envelopes	Conditioner (travel size)
Comb	Nail clippers	Notepads/paper	Hand lotion (travel size)
Flashlight	Deodorant	Pens	Tissues (travel size)
Lip blam	Soap	Cap/hat	Wipes (travel size)

Smart Giving from Your IRA
A Tax-Saving Way to Help Our Lady Queen of Peace

Make a difference today and save on taxes.

It is possible when you support the parish through your IRA.

A Special Opportunity for Those 70½ Years Old and Older

You can give any amount (up to a maximum of $100,000) per year from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as Our Lady Queen of Peace without having to pay income taxes on the money. Gifts of any value $100,000 or less are eligible for this benefit and you can feel good knowing that you are making a difference. This popular gift option is commonly called the IRA charitable rollover, but you may also see it referred to as a qualified charitable distribution.

To use your IRA to support the parish, please advise your IRA administrator to make the check payable to Our Lady Queen of Peace. Request that your name be listed at the bottom of the check or on the check stub so your gift can be accurately posted and have the check mailed directly to the parish office. Your IRA administrator may opt to send an email with the details especially if you are designating one of the parish programs. In this case, the email should go to Business Manger, Christina Kozyn: ckozyn@olqpva.org.

Why Consider This Gift?

· Your gift will be put to use today, allowing you to see the difference your donation is making.

· Beginning in the year you turn 73, you can use your gift to satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution (RMD).

· You pay no income taxes on the gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your deductions.

Since the gift doesn't count as income, it can reduce your annual income level. This may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax. It's smart giving from your IRA!

Make a Gift of Stock

Download the stock donation form for making gifts of stock to:

· The parish or any of the parish's programs (Medor, Haiti, Food Pantry, Pastor's Outreach, etc.)

· The Catholic Diocese of Arlington, The Bishop's Lenten Appeal, Catholic Charities, etc.

Contact your broker in writing to provide proper documentation for a gift of stock. Assuming your stock is in a brokerage account, your broker should be able to easily proceed with a stock transfer with the account information listed on the form.

Please know a reasonable fee and commission is charged by McLaughlin Ryder for their services managing stock and mutual fund gifts. Their assistance to the diocese and donors includes receiving and selling stocks or mutual funds, preparing and sending checks, sending acknowledgement letters to donors/beneficiaries and many emails and phone calls to assist donors by answering questions.

For more information or assistance please contact Christina in the parish office, 703-979-5580.

Make a year End Contribution

Through your contributions, you help keep the day to day parish operations going and our programs thriving — both faith based and outreach.

This December, please reflect on how you might further support the good work of OLQP!

Online giving is available through Faith Direct: https://www.faithdirect.net/give-now/

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