

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

April 14, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!
¡Bienvenidos a OLQP Iglesia Católica!

Contact / Contacto:

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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:

April 13-14 — 9:30am and 1pm Spanish

13-14 abril — 9:30am 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)

Look at my hands and my feet.

Luke 24:39



Miren mis manos y mis pies.

Lucas 24,39

DECLARACIÓN DE MISIÓN DE OLQP

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



NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ

14 de abril de 2024

Tercer Domingo de Pascua

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION / PREPARACIÓN SACRAMENTAL

Baptism / Bautizo:

Please email Baptism Coordinator Mary Ann Suhocki, baptism@olqpva.org.

Por favor mande un correo electrónico a la coordinadora de los bautizos, Mary Ann Suhocki, 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

Sat, 4:45-5:15 pm, & by appointment.

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

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS / COLECTAS DEL DOMINGO

Sunday Collection / Colecta del pasado domingo: \$9,446

Faith Direct (March Average / promedio del mes de marzo): \$12,865

WORD & EUCHARIST MISSALETTE/

MISAL PALABRA Y EUCARISTÍA

Today's readings can be found on page 520

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 521

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, Sheila Betit, 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, Adele Crump, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Jim Davis, Adrienne DiCerbo, Patricia "Pat" Dowd, Calista Downey, Tim Felker, Irene Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth (Bunny) Foster, Yvette Francois, Anne Fullerton, Joseph Funk, Iva Futrell, Karen Gammache, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, Jean Giambalvo, Fred Gladbach, Nancy Gormley, Yolanda Gregorio, Melanie Guitreaux, Joe Harrington, Harris Family, Sally Hars, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Dee Hickey, Patrick Hynes, Lillian Jay, Pat Johnson, Sharon Jourdan, William Kahl, Ruth Klarman, 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, Connie Murray, Paul 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, Donna Smith, 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, Kate Witkowski, Lauren Wolfe, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY

TERCER DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 (47B); 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48
Hechos 3,13-15, 17-19 (47B); 1 Juan 2,1-5a; Lucas 24,35-48

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY

CUARTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Acts 4:8-12 (53B); 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18
Hechos 4,8-12 (53B); 1 Juan 2,1-5a; Juan 10,11-18

MASS INTENTIONS, APRIL 13-19

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 13-19 ABRIL

TERCER DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Saturday, April 13th

5:30 pm Bob Wilson (D) by Susan Thompson

Sunday, April 14th

8:00 am Dominga de Guillen (D) by Odalis Barrios

9:30 am Ernest Donatto (D) by the Minkisi Ministry

11:15 am Makoba Jeffers Aloys (D) by Jenny Beth Aloys

1:00 pm Teofila Manzo (D) by María Teresa Laguna

6:00 pm Ken Ikenberry (D) by the Leahy family

Monday, April 15th

12:00 pm Mal Young (D) by Kate Wilson

Tuesday, April 16th

12:00 pm José Cabrera (D) by the Cabrera family

Wednesday, April 17th

12:00 pm Monica Payawal (D) by Marjorie Berdan

Thursday, April 18th

12:00 pm Allen Jarnot (D) by Julene Jarnot

Friday, April 19th

12:00 pm Henry Francia (D) by the Francia family

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH /

VIDA SACRAMENTAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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

Logan Alexander Rovira, Aidan James Rovira,

Nathan Daniel Kahsai & Isabella Grace Gaske Gervasio

Baptized April 13 / Bautizados el 13 de abril

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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

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Youth & Young Adult Minister / Ministro de Adolescentes y Jóvenes Adultos:

Rebecca Grant Jenkins, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org

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

Cecilia López Oetgen, clopez@olqpva.org

FR. TIM'S JUST A THOUGHT...OR TWO...

In today's Gospel Jesus ask the disciples "why are you troubled"?WHY ARE THEY TROUBLED? I think because they are not accustomed to seeing someone who has died raised from the dead!

They are trying to wrap their hearts and minds around what it all means for them and for their future! And Jesus knows this and lays out their future. He sends them forth into the world to preach to all nations that He is the Christ who suffered, died and rose from the dead on the third day and the repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all nations and that they are the witnesses of these things!

And filled with the Holy Spirit they are sent forth to tell the world of its salvation! It is through this Easter miracle that all of us have been raised to new life in Christ; that we gain with Christ immortality because of the love of God, who so deeply and passionately loves us even in the midst of our brokenness and our sinfulness!

We are the beloved, and this is what we celebrate each Sunday, but especially during the Easter Season, and we too are sent to spread the good news of Jesus' resurrection and our salvation!

How do we do that? How do we share God's amazing and passionate love for each of us...with others in our lives, in our families, our friends, at school, at work, in

our neighborhood, our county, our nation and the world?

In the face of war and famine, in the midst of political and racial injustice and the immigration and refugee crisis, in the middle of the environmental crisis, in the midst of family disputes or conflict...how can I or do I share or show forth God's amazing and passionate love for each one of us and for all of creation?

What gestures or actions can I make this week that in some way will help someone else discover or feel God's love for them? This is central to our discipleship, that we -- each one of us -- **preach the "Good News" that we are the "beloved of God"!** That we are never abandoned, no matter how sad or lonely or troubled we feel. We are never left alone -- our God is with us -- whether we feel that Divine presence or not; **God is within us** and surrounds us with this Divine Love! Regardless of the particular situations of our lives, we are deeply and passionately loved by God, each and every one of us, **without exception!** That my sisters and brothers is the **"Good News" of Jesus Christ**, so let us embrace this transformative truth, and share this Good News, with everyone, especially with those who feel troubled!

Easter Blessings,

Fr Tim

THIS IS FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND

Thank you for supporting our busy food pantry. If you were unable to shop this month, please consider making a donation to the food pantry. Click on the "[donate](#)" button or drop off groceries during the week.

REUSE THOSE GROCERY BAGS! Please donate your plastic and **brown paper bags with handles** that you may have collected to the OLQP food pantry. These help volunteers package our foods and give the bags a second life before recycling. Thank you for working to reduce waste. Please drop them off to the bins outside of Father Ray Hall or leave them at the back of church.

**ESTE ES EL FIN DE SEMANA DE
RECOGIDA DE ALIMENTOS**

Gracias por apoyar nuestra atareada despensa de alimentos. Si no pudo ir de compras este mes, por favor considere hacer una donación a la despensa. Haga clic sobre el botón "[donate](#)" o traiga los artículos durante la semana.

¡REUTILICE ESAS BOLSAS DEL MERCADO! Por favor done sus bolsas plásticas o de papel que puede que haya acumulado a la despensa de alimentos de OLQP. Las mismas ayudan a los voluntarios a empaquetar nuestros alimentos y le dan a las bolsas una nueva vida antes de ser recicladas. Gracias por sus esfuerzos por reducir el desperdicio. Por favor tráigalas a los contenedores afuera de Father Ray Hall.

WITH GRATITUDE...

We are an Easter people; a people of hope. The partnership between St. Joseph of Medor parish and OLQP is a sign of Easter hope. When we receive good news from Medor - - that 3,200 children attend school, that new trees are being planted, that the seed bank is thriving - - we continue to have hope that our partnership makes a lasting difference. The hope we have and the love we give to our friends at St. Joseph's Parish, in the form of prayers and donations, shows that we are an Easter people. Thank you for your support of the Haiti Easter Drive!



CON GRATITUD...

Somos un pueblo de la Pascua, un pueblo de esperanza. La asociación entre la parroquia St. Joseph de Medor y OLQP es una señal de esperanza pascual. Cuando recibimos buenas noticias de Medor – que 3,200 niñas y niños asisten a la escuela, que se están sembrando nuevos árboles, que el banco de semillas está prosperando – seguimos teniendo esperanza de que nuestra asociación marca una diferencia duradera. La esperanza que tenemos y el cariño que les damos a nuestras amistades en la parroquia St. Joseph en oraciones y donaciones demuestran que somos un pueblo de la Pascua. ¡Gracias por su apoyo de la Campaña de Pascua para Haití!

CRS RICE BOWL - Collection of the Bowls continues. A white basket for the Bowls is in the sanctuary to the right of the Baptismal Font. Checks for the amount of your donation can be made payable to OLQP with CRS Rice Bowl on the memo line. 25% of the funds raised in our Diocese will remain to fund local programs that feed the hungry. A heartfelt thank you to all who participated. You have made a difference!

PLATO DE ARROZ CRS – La recogida de los Platos de arroz continúa. Hay una cesta blanca en el santuario, a la derecha de la pila bautismal, para poner los Platos. Se pueden donar cheques por su donación a nombre de OLQP con “CRS Rice Bowl” en la línea del asunto. El 25% de los fondos que se recojan se quedarán en nuestra diócesis para financiar programas locales que alimentan a las personas con hambre. Nuestras más sinceras gracias a todas las personas que participaron. ¡Ustedes han marcado la diferencia!

CARPENTER'S SHELTER DINNER,

Thursday, April 18

This month's dinner is chicken a la king, green salad, fruit, brownies and lemonade. Contributions can be brought to the Parish Office 8:30-4:30 the week of dinner, or 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. If 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, please contact Mary Resnick, 703-462-4841, mary.resnick@gmail.com. Thank you once again!

LA CENA REFUGIO DEL CARPINTERO,

el jueves, 18 de abril

La comida este mes es pollo à la King, ensalada verde, frutas, brownies y limonada. Puede traer la comida a la oficina parroquial de 8:30 a 4:30 la semana de la comida 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. Por favor, si lleva la comida directamente al Refugio (930 N. Henry Street in Alexandria) identifique la comida de la misma manera y añada el nombre de nuestra iglesia y “dinner”. Si es la primera vez que contribuye o tiene preguntas, por favor contacte a Mary Resnick, 703-462-4841, mary.resnick@gmail.com. ¡Gracias!

YOUR CHANCE TO HELP REFUGEE FAMILIES...

Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services seeks your help to secure desperately needed household goods for our new arrivals. Donations directly benefit refugees settling inside our Diocese by outfitting their apartments with basic household necessities. Using our Amazon Gift Registry (<https://a.co/3CwylQ9>), linens, kitchen, bedding, or other household items can easily be purchased.



SU OPORTUNIDAD DE AYUDAR A FAMILIAS DE PERSONAS REFUGIADAS...

Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services busca su ayuda para obtener artículos para el hogar que las familias recién llegadas necesitan desesperadamente. Las donaciones benefician directamente a las personas refugiadas que se establecen en nuestra diócesis al habilitar sus apartamentos con necesidades básicas para la casa. Usando nuestro Amazon Gift Registry (<https://a.co/3CwylQ9>), fácilmente puede comprar ropa de cama y toallas, artículos para la cocina u otras cosas para la casa.

ARE YOU IN 7-12TH GRADES? Join us for Teen Nights on Sundays after the 6pm Mass at 1915. Join us for food, fellowship, and fun!

CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMPERS

APRIL MEETINGS:

Thursday, April 25th at 6:00pm for Dinner, then Adoration.

TAU YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY will be having a retreat at Lake Anna, May 31st to June 2nd. The theme is *Feed Your Fire: Faith, Inspiration, Renewal, and Engagement in the Holy Spirit*. Please see the fliers in the back for more information or contact Rebecca Grant Jenkins, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org.

YOUNG ADULTS' EASTER FISHBOWL EVENT

TAU Young Adults Ministry invites all young adults to the Easter Fishbowl Event with Father Tim and Deacon Tony. "Fishbowls" are interactive dialogue where the audience submits questions in advance for the speakers. The speakers discuss the questions amongst themselves while the audience observes and listens, followed by a Question and Answers section. Come join TAU for this event on Thursday, April 18, at 1915 Edgewood Street at 7:00 pm. Appetizers will be served; feel free to bring drinks or dessert to share. Have a question you would like to add to the discussion? Please send an email to Monica Rivera at monicariver@gmail.com. We hope you can join us.

¿ESTÁS EN LOS GRADOS 7-12? Únete a nosotros para las Noches para adolescentes los domingos después de la Misa de las 6pm en 1915. ¡Únete a nosotros para disfrutar de comida, compañerismo y diversión!

REUNIONES EN ABRIL PARA CAMPISTAS DEL CATHOLIC HEART WORK :

El jueves, 25 de abril a las 6:00pm para una comida y después Adoración.

EL MINISTERIO TAU DE JÓVENES ADULTOS va a tener un retiro en Lake Anna del 31 de mayo al 2 de junio. El tema es *Feed Your Fire: Faith, Inspiration, Renewal, and Engagement in the Holy Spirit*. Por favor busca los volantes en la parte trasera de la iglesia para obtener más información o contacta a Rebecca Grant Jenkins, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org.

EVENTO EASTER FISHBOWL PARA JÓVENES ADULTOS

El ministerio TAU para jóvenes adultos invita a todos los jóvenes adultos al Evento Easter Fishbowl con el Padre Tim y el Diácono Tony. "Fishbowls" son diálogos interactivos en los cuales las personas que participan presentan preguntas por anticipado para los oradores. Los oradores discuten las preguntas mientras los participantes observan y escuchan. Después hay una sección de preguntas y respuestas. Ven y únete a TAU para este evento el jueves, 18 de abril, en 1915 Edgewood Street a las 7:00pm. Va a haber aperitivos, pero siéntete libre para traer bebidas o un postre para compartir. ¿Tienes una pregunta que quisieras añadir a la discusión? Por favor mándale un correo electrónico a Monica Rivera: monicariver@gmail.com. Esperamos que te unas a nosotros.

OLQP ON-LINE GIVING

Spring is in full bloom – God's glory is all around us! If you want to help Our Lady Queen of Peace flourish, now is the perfect time to make the switch to eGiving. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift; you'll be growing our ministries that share the Good News of God's love. Your recurring gifts will sustain and strengthen our parish. You'll provide us with consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/VA271. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

Easter Blessings, Fr. Tim and Fr. Martin

EGIVING EN OLQP

La primavera está en flor de arriba abajo – ¡la gloria de Dios está a nuestro alrededor! Si usted quiere ayudar a Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz a prosperar, ahora es el momento perfecto para cambiar a eGiving. Se puede apuntar desde su computadora, teléfono inteligente o tableta y establecer una donación recurrente o hacer una donación sencilla. Hará que nuestros ministerios, que comparten las Buenas Nuevas del amor de Dios, prosperen. Su donación recurrente mantendrá y reforzará nuestra parroquia. Usted nos dará apoyo constante que nos ayuda a siempre estar listos con programas, servicios y ministerios para nuestras familias de la parroquia y para las personas necesitadas por toda la comunidad. Apúntese hoy al visitar faith.direct/VA271. Gracias por su continuo apoyo de nuestra familia parroquial.

Bendiciones de Pascua, Padre Tim y Padre Martin

PUPUSAS FUND RASIER – Sunday, April 14

OLQP invites you to come, support this fund raiser to purchase musical instruments that will benefit young Salvadoran artists in the Bajo Lempa Region; Usulután, El Salvador. \$10 for 3 pupusas and a soda. The fund raiser begins at 10am at OLQP, Father Ray Hall. Thank you for your support!

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION — Our Easter readings and prayers call us to be a people aligned with God's vision of life. The Easter Sequence tells us that the risen Christ is *OUR HOPE*. On April 20, 1999, our hope was shaken when 15 teens were murdered and 20 others injured at Columbine High School in CO. It was the worst high school shooting in U S history. There was widespread shock and the shooting prompted a national debate about gun violence and gun safety. In the 25 years since Columbine, there have been far too many school shootings and we grieve the losses of so many young people.

The “whys” persist and people of faith lament every time there is another explosion of gun violence perpetrated against family, friends, neighbors and community members.

Every 14th of the month for 10+ years, concerned citizens against gun violence witness to this horror at the national headquarters of the National Rifle Association at 11250 Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax. This monthly rally is quiet and non-confrontational. ALL are welcome to join us on April 14 (SUNDAY). The 1 hour vigil on Sundays starts at 2:00 pm.

PUPUSAS PARA RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS - DOMINGO, 14 DE ABRIL

OLQP le invita a apoyar esta recaudación de fondos para comprar instrumentos musicales que van a beneficiar a jóvenes artistas salvadoreños en la región Bajo Lempa, Usulután, El Salvador. \$10 por 3 pupusas y un refresco. La recaudación de fondos empieza a las 10am en OLQP, Fr. Ray Hall. ¡Gracias por su apoyo!

PREVENCIÓN DE LA VIOLENCIA CAUSADA POR ARMAS DE FUEGO

— Nuestras lecturas y oraciones de la Pascua nos llaman a ser personas que se ajustan con la visión de Dios de la vida. La Secuencia pascual nos dice que el Cristo resucitado es *NUUESTRA ESPERANZA*. El 20 de abril 1999, nuestra esperanza se quebrantó cuando se asesinó a 15 adolescentes y otros 20 sufrieron heridas en Columbine High School en CO. Fue el peor tiroteo en una escuela superior en la historia de los EE.UU. Hubo un shock generalizado y el tiroteo provocó un debate nacional sobre la violencia causada por armas de fuego y la seguridad de armas de fuego. En los 25 años desde Columbine, ha habido demasiados tiroteos en escuelas y lamentamos la pérdida de tantas personas jóvenes. El “¿por qué?” persiste y las personas de fe se lamentan cada vez que hay otra explosión de violencia con armas de fuego cometida contra familias, amistades, vecinos y miembros de la comunidad.

Cada día 14 del mes por 10+ años, ciudadanos preocupados en contra de la violencia armada dan testimonio de este horror en la sede nacional de la National Rifle Association en 11250 Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030. Esta manifestación mensual es calmada y no conflictiva. Cualquier persona es bienvenida a unirse a nosotros el 14 de abril (DOMINGO). La hora de vigilia empieza a las 2:00pm los domingos.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 8 JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Come celebrate Freedom Day from 11:00am-3:00pm at St. John Neumann, Reston. Family fun—food. Entertainment, vendors, games, and more!! Mark your calendar! Sponsored by the St. John Neumann Racial Justice Ministry.

MARRIAGE HELP -- RETROUVAILLE has helped thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. For confidential information about how to register for the program beginning on the weekend of Friday, April 26, please call 703.351.7211 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY!

Join the Integrity of Creation ministry for dinner and presentations by two environmental experts. We'll gather in Fr. Ray Hall after the 5:30pm Mass on Saturday, April 20. Authors Gary Gardner and Lawrence MacDonald will provide engaging conversation based on their two recent books, [The Earth Cries Out](#) and [Am I too Old to Save the Planet: A Boomers Guide to Climate Action](#). Join us for a complementary dinner and an inspirational evening.

MASS and HEALING PRAYER SERVICE -- Tuesday, April 23, 7:30 pm at St. Luke Catholic Church, McLean. 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.

ATTACK ON SPIRITAN SCHOOL IN HAITI

A few weeks ago armed gangs targeted the Petit Seminaire College Saint Martial, in Port au Prince, Haiti, invading it and setting fire to several vehicles. The Fathers of the Holy Spirit, the same congregation that serves at OLQP, administers this school, which they founded in 1865. It is one of Haiti's most famous schools educating boys from grades 1 through 12, preparing them for college. Please join the Haitian Conference of Religious in praying to "Our Lady of Perpetual Help to intercede, with her Son Jesus, the resurrected one", to eradicate the "leprosy of violence" that challenges Haiti. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2024-04/haiti-seminary-violence-open-letter-conferene-of-religious.html>

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

Join us on a pilgrimage to Poland! Highlights include Jasna Gora Monastery, home of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy and the Divine Mercy Image, the Museum and Chapel of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the cell where he was martyred in Auschwitz, the birthplace and baptismal Church of St. John Paul, Wawel Cathedral where he was ordained a Bishop and so much more! Daily Mass. October 3-12, 2024. \$3695/per person based on double occupancy. \$150 discount if you enter coupon code Bulletin150 on the registration form. For more information, please visit www.QoHTours.com <<http://www.QoHTours.com>> or call us at 1-800-213-4295.

FALLS PREVENTION PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Please join us Saturday, April 27, from 10am-12pm at Mount Olive Baptist Church (1601 S. 13th Road, Arlington) to view a documentary presented by Marymount University Center for Optimal Aging on fall prevention. This information is vital for seniors to learn about and be reminded of the issues that can arise from a 'simple' fall. All are welcome. Hosted by St. John's Baptist Church, Arlington, Health & Wellness Ministry.

REGISTER WITH THE PARISH / UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION / LET US KNOW YOU'RE MOVING

If you have never officially registered with the parish, we invite you to do so. It is very helpful to us to have accurate information. Visit the parish website (www.olqpva.org) click on about us >> register >> register with us. If you need to update your record or would like a copy of the information we have on file for your family, please send a message to Jeannette Gantz Daly, jgantz Daly@olqpva.org.

ADVOCATES FOR JUSTICE — A few weeks ago, the Bulletin notice reminded us that the posture to assume as the 2024 General Assembly hurtled toward Sine Die on March 9 was to "keep our eyes open and follow the money." More than 1000 pieces of approved legislation was delivered to Governor Youngkin in mid-March. He is constitutionally required to decide on each of those bills (*veto, adopt, amend*) by April 8. Meanwhile, as most know from reading the paper and listening to news broadcasts, the biennial state budget is still being hotly debated and is far from settled despite the June 30 deadline for the General Assembly to adopt it.

The Members of the General Assembly will reconvene on Wednesday, April 17 to consider the Governor's actions on those 1000+ bills. *The Members welcome comments from their constituents.* If the budget is not ready for a vote on the 17th, a special session is likely to be called by the Governor to continue the work to finalize and adopt the state's operating budget. **KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE MONEY!**

Join OLQP's Ministry of Welcome USHER/GREETER MINISTRY

St. Paul instructed the assembled Community to "welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, to the glory of God." (Romans 15:7)

Ushers welcome the faithful, assist with distribution of materials, with seating, with visitors and new comers, take up the collection and organize and ready the gifts for presentation. They also assist in tidying the church in preparation for the next liturgy and place items in the lost and found that have been left behind. Serve each week or on occasion at the mass you normally attend. Arrive 20 minutes early for any special instructions; depart 10 minutes after Mass. We are recruiting for all Masses. Please contact Ginny Franco vfranco1@verizon.net, 703-919-5763.

ECO-TIP: Plastic Clamshell containers are ubiquitous in grocery stores and most cannot be recycled. Why not extend their usefulness before tossing by using for packing snacks, gifting baked goods, organizing crafts and office supplies, or packing the cooler? Uses are many and can help us avoid using zip lock bags and other single use plastics.

Celebrate Earth Day!

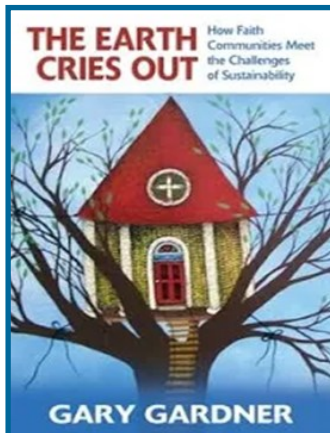
Join Us for a Special Evening at OLQP

Saturday, April 20th

5:30pm Mass

6:45pm Soup Supper & Speakers

Two inspiring environmental authors will share insights on climate action work and ways to get involved.



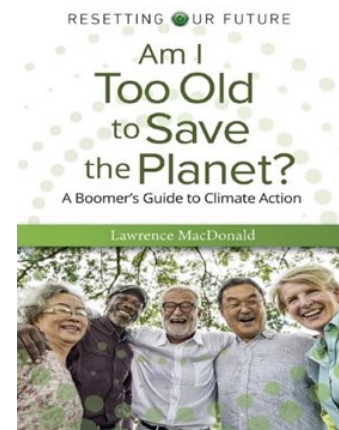
Gary Gardner, an OLQP parishioner, is a veteran analyst of global sustainability issues and served as director of Research at Worldwatch Institute and has spoken extensively at environmental and religious forums including the Vatican.

The Earth Cries Out: How Faith Communities Meet the Challenges of Sustainability

Lawrence MacDonald, a member of Temple Rodef

Shalom, is a former foreign correspondent and vice president at World Resources Institute and has become a passionate climate activist urging a powerful case for generational action.

*Am I too Old to Save the Planet?
A Boomer's Guide to Climate Action*



Free seed packets to take home to plant!
Books on hand for signing and purchase!



*Program hosted by the Integrity of Creation Team
Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Arlington*