

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:

May 25-26 — 9:30am and 1pm Spanish
25-26 mayo — 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)

DECLARACIÓN DE MISIÓN DE OLQP

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



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH

May 26, 2024

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Baptized in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19



Bautizándolas en el nombre del Padre
y del Hijo
y del Espíritu Santo.

Mateo 28,19

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:
DIOCESAN RETIRED PRIESTS

COLECTA DEL FIN DE SEMANA PRÓXIMO:
SACERDOTES DIOCESANOS JUBILADOS

NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ

26 de mayo de 2024

La Solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad

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: \$15,338

Spiritans Pentecost Appeal /

Llamamiento Espiritano de Pentecostés: \$8,561

Faith Direct (April Average /

promedio del mes de abril): \$14,927.75

WORD & EUCHARIST MISSALETTE/

MISAL PALABRA Y EUCARISTÍA

Today's readings can be found on page 552

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 553

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, Joe Marie Griesgraber, Fr. Tuck Grinnell, Melanie Guitreaux, Joe Harrington, Harris Family, Sally Hars, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Dee Hickey, Pamela Hoeft, 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 Morrissey, 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, 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, Jim Webster, Kate Witkowski, Lauren Wolfe, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata.

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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

LA SOLEMNIDAD DE LA SANTÍSIMA TRINIDAD

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 (165B); Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20
Deuteronomio 4,32-34, 39-40 (165B); Romanos 8,14-17; Mateo 28,16-20

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND

BLOOD OF CHRIST

LA SOLEMNIDAD DEL SANTÍSIMO CUERPO Y

SANGRE DE CRISTO

Exodus 24:3-8 (168B); Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26
Éxodo 24,3-8 (168B); Hebreos 9,11-15; Marcos 14,12-16, 22-26

MASS INTENTIONS, MAY 25-31

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 25-31 MAYO

LA SOLEMNIDAD DE LA SANTÍSIMA TRINIDAD

Saturday, May 25th

5:30 pm Jim Weber (D) by Jane & Mark Chopko

Sunday, May 26th

8:00 am Robert Yeoman (D) by Dignity Northern Virginia

9:30 am the parish

11:15 am Frank Faragasso (D) by John & Kathy Conron

1:00 pm Gregorio Antonio Quispe Burgos (D)

by Yvi Quispe & Percy Antonio Quispe

6:00 pm Concepción Manalo (D) by Carreon de Freese family

Monday, May 27th

12:00 pm Mary M. Kearney (Birthday) (D) by Francesca "Fran" Kearney

Tuesday, May 28th

12:00 pm the parish

Wednesday, May 29th

12:00 pm the parish

Thursday, May 30th

12:00 pm Cecelia Hennessy Gryzinski (D) by Dignity Northern Virginia

Friday, May 31st

12:00 pm the parish

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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

Most every year as we celebrate the feast of The Most Holy Trinity my mind returns to an 8th grade classroom and a tall red-haired nun, in a modified black habit with a short veil -- Sister Mary Janelle. I recall her patiently helping my classmates and myself as we wrestled with the concept of the Holy Trinity: three Persons who were at the same time separate, yet one.

As she went through theological gymnastics trying to help us understand, ultimately, she conceded that it was a mystery...a mystery with a capital "M". At the time my classmates and I felt it was a bit of a "cop-out" on her part...but now 50 years later I have come to see her wisdom, and have come to be comfortable with, and truly enjoy the concept of resting in the "Mystery" which is The Triune God.

We live in a society that demands to know all things, to have concrete explanations for everything, and to have it right now! All we have to do is "Google it"! But the reality is that ultimately God is beyond the fullness of our understanding. Today I realize that I am part of a religious tradition that has passed on a faith...a faith filled with mystery and awe in our God. There is a consensus of our ancestors that holds sacred "revealed truths" that are essentials of our faith that will always lie just beyond our capacity to fully understand them.

At the core of the reality of the Holy Trinity is the concept of relationship, of interconnectedness. It teaches us about the relationship of the three Persons of the Trinity; not just in their interconnectedness, but also in The Trinity's relationship to us and our relationship to one another, in and through this Triune God.

Remember in the Gospel of John the indwelling nature between the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are key elements of John's theology. In the Gospel Jesus says, I am in the Father and the Father is in me...and we will send an Advocate, and this

Advocate, the Holy Spirit is from them and in them. It is this same Holy Spirit whom we receive at Baptism and Confirmation. And so, we need to remember that This Divine indwelling goes beyond just the Holy Spirit, for as Jesus proclaims that "I am in my Father, and you in me and I in you." (John 14: 20).

The Holy Spirit has been sent into our hearts to lead us headlong into The Mystery...to live out in concrete terms what we say we believe even though we do not fully understand.

Our lack of understanding has no impact on The Mystery itself. The Mystery -- God desires us and loves us just as we are...conflicted and wrestling with our faith.

One of the most important realities is that we remain engaged...wrestling with our faith... engaged with God and engaged with each other, "all others"!

Remaining engaged in the struggle for understanding and keeping open hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit -- the bringer of wisdom -- ultimately brings us closer to God and closer to one another.

And what wisdom and understanding is the Holy Spirit trying to bring us today in the midst of the light that is being shined on the darkness, of the sin of the systemic racism and bigotry that is woven into the very fabric of our nation? What wisdom and insight is the Holy Spirit trying to impart to us as to how to respond to the humanitarian crisis in Palestine, in the midst of the war between Israel and Hamas? What wisdom is the Holy Spirit seeking to impart to us on how we might grow closer to the Triune God through putting Jesus' commandment to love one another into action in our daily lives with ALL our sisters and brothers, even with those with whom we disagree?

May the blessings of our Triune God be upon you all, Fr. Tim

MATTHEW 25 -- If you have some time during the spring and summer months, please consider volunteering as a sorter for Matthew 25. Sorters work Monday-Thursday from 9am until 12noon. You do not have to come each day, but if you are blessed with some free time, please consider coming to the Ministry Center and help sort the donations. If interested, contact Sally Diaz-Wells at sdiazwells@olqpva.org

MATTHEW 25 NOW ACCEPTING SUMMER CLOTHING

We have transitioned the store from fall/winter clothing to summer clothing. We ask that you hold your winter items until October when we switch the store again. We really need summer clothing to stock our store. Thank you for your continued support.

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION: "Hope just means another world might be possible, not promised, not guaranteed. Hope calls for action; action is impossible without hope." (quote from Gratefulness.org). Mark your calendars for action opportunities and join others with hope from OLQP:

- Monday, May 27, noon, 2024 annual Memorial Day Parade in Falls Church; participate with a community organization, Concerned Citizens Against Gun Violence, by walking a few blocks in the parade behind the OLQP church banner — wear orange.
- Be at North West St and Oak St before 1:30pm. The parade starts at 2pm.

JUNE 8/9 IS WEAR ORANGE WEEKEND ACROSS THE USA

Join OLQP members in wearing something orange the weekend of June 8-9 to show your support for gun violence prevention and gun safety. Look for stickers distributed at all OLQP Masses. Contact Sally Diaz Wells, sdiazwells@olqpva.org, for further information.

SPANISH INTERPRETERS NEEDED: Please consider volunteering as an Interpreter for the Catholic Charities Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinics. You can volunteer remotely or in-person at the Manassas or Woodbridge locations. The clinics provide free, quality healthcare to low-income individuals who are uninsured or under-insured. Pope Francis said, "In the poor and outcast we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ." If interested, follow this link <http://bit.ly/MomNewVolunteer>

MATEO 25 – Si tiene tiempo durante la primavera y el verano, por favor considere ofrecerse de voluntaria/o para clasificar ropa para Mateo 25. Las personas que clasifican trabajan de lunes a jueves de las 9am a las 12 del mediodía. No tiene que venir todos los días, pero si tiene tiempo libre, por favor considere venir al Ministry Center y ayudar con las donaciones. Si está interesada/o, contacte a Sally Díaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org

MATEO 25 AHORA ACEPTA ROPA DE VERANO

Hemos hecho la transición en la tienda de ropa de otoño/invierno a ropa de verano. Pedimos que guarden los artículos de invierno hasta octubre cuando cambiaremos la tienda otra vez. Verdaderamente necesitamos ropa de verano para abastecer la tienda otra vez. Gracias por su continuo apoyo.

PREVENCIÓN DE LA VIOLENCIA CAUSADA POR

ARMAS DE FUEGO: "La esperanza solo significa que otro mundo puede ser posible, no prometido ni garantizado. La esperanza nos llama a actuar; las acciones son imposibles sin esperanza". (cita de Gratefulness.org). Marque su calendario para ver oportunidades de actuar y unirse a otras personas de OLQP que también tienen esperanza:

- Lunes, 27 de mayo al mediodía, en Falls Church, desfile anual 2024 del Día de la recordación. Participe con una organización comunitaria, *Concerned Citizens Against Gun Violence*, al caminar unas cuantas cuadras en el desfile detrás de la bandera de la iglesia OLQP – vista algo anaranjado.
- Vaya a North West St. y Oak St antes de la 1:30pm. El desfile empieza a las 2pm.

El 8/9 de junio es el fin de semana nacional en los EE. UU. para LLEVAR ROPA DE COLOR NARANJA

Únase a los feligreses de OLQP vistiendo algo de color naranja el fin de semana del 8 al 9 de junio para demostrar su apoyo por la prevención de la violencia causada por las armas de fuego y la seguridad de las armas de fuego. Busque las calcomanías que se distribuyen en todas las Misas en OLQP. Contacte a Sally Díaz-Wells, sdiazwells@olqpva.org, para obtener más información.

SE NECESITAN PERSONAS QUE HABLAN ESPAÑOL

PARA SER INTÉRPRETES: Por favor considere ofrecerse de voluntaria/o como intérprete para las clínicas gratis Mother of Mercy de Caridades católicas. Puede ser voluntaria/o remotamente o en persona en las localidades de Manassas o Woodbridge. Las clínicas les proveen atención médica gratis de buena calidad a personas que no tienen seguro médico o que no tienen cobertura suficiente. El Papa Francisco dijo, "En las personas pobres y marginadas vemos la cara de Cristo; al amar y ayudar a las personas pobres, amamos y servimos a Cristo". Si está interesada/o, siga este enlace <http://bit.ly/MomNewVolunteer>

**PARDON OUR
NOISE AND DUST**

PLEASE PARDON OUR CONSTRUCTION MESS

Thank you for your patience while the Ministry Center's elevator is being replaced. Good News — the company is looking to finish by the end of May.

DIOCESAN JUBILEE FESTIVAL: Saturday, June 8

Bishop Burbidge invites you to the Diocesan Jubilee Fest at Warren County Fairgrounds in Front Royal, Virginia on Saturday, June 8, 2024! Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Diocese of Arlington with your parish family and thousands of faithful from across northern Virginia. Kick off the festival giving thanks to God with the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, celebrated by Bishop Burbidge. Following Mass, enjoy live music by headliner Celtic rock band, Scythian. This is a free event for all ages! Registration is required to receive a complimentary meal.

Visit arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-fest to learn more and register!

NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH -- OLQP is a model for serving children. Many parishioners are foster or adoptive parents, either to children born in this country or abroad. The Building Forever Families ministry helps support these parents, potential parents, and their children. Please drop off donations for kids in foster care (new backpacks and/or supplies for toddlers to teens) in the vestibule of Fr. Ray Hall. And if you're interested in serving the most vulnerable children, or learning more, please join us for our annual BBQ on Sunday June 2. Contact Rebecca Carpenter (Rebecca.e.carpenter@gmail.com) or Debra & Ralph Johnson (Debralpholqp@gmail.com) for details. Thank you for supporting the kids who need us the most.

.CATHOLIC SOLAR HOME WORKSHOP

Catholic Climate Covenant along with Interfaith Power & Light invites us to join them in heeding Pope Francis' call to replace fossil fuels with renewable energy "without delay," for the sake of our neighbors and our common home. Solar United Neighbors is forming groups to guide homeowners through the process of going solar this spring in the DMV. Learn more through an online solar workshop on Thursday evening May 30th at 7 pm:

bit.ly/CatholicHomeSolarWorkshop

Now is an auspicious time to go solar at home. The Inflation Reduction Act has increased the federal solar tax credit, making solar panels less expensive. Enter your address to find out if your home is a good fit for solar panels: bit.ly/IPLsolarswitch24

FRANCISCAN MISSION FELLOWS – NEW COHORT FORMING

Franciscan Mission Service (FMS) is now accepting applications for its year-long fellowship program. Through monthly in-person gatherings in the Washington, DC area, fellows discover how to apply the Franciscan Charism in the midst of daily life and are strengthened in their capacity to live out their baptismal call to mission. The application is brief, and program participation is free. For more information and to apply, visit

www.franciscanmissionservice.org/programs/fellows.

FESTIVAL JUBILEO DIOCESANO: el sábado, 8 de junio

¡El Obispo Burbidge le invita al Festival jubileo diocesano en Warren County Fairgrounds en Front Royal, Virginia el sábado, 8 de junio, 2024! Celebre el 50 aniversario de la Diócesis de Arlington con su familia parroquial y miles de fieles de la parte norte de Virginia. Empiece el festival dándole gracias a Dios con la celebración de la Santa Misa, celebrada por el Obispo Burbidge. Después de la Misa, disfrute de música por la celebrada banda rock celta Scythian. ¡Este es un evento gratis para personas de todas las edades! Se requiere que se inscriba para recibir una comida gratis. ¡Visite arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-fest para aprender más e inscribirse!

NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH – OLQP es un modelo de servicio a niñas y niños. Muchos feligreses son madres y padres de cuidado tutelar y adoptivos, para quienes han nacido en este país o en el extranjero. El Ministerio de Creando familias para siempre ayuda a apoyar a estas madres y padres y a sus hijas e hijos. Por favor traiga donaciones para quienes están en cuidado tutelar (mochilas nuevas y/o artículos para desde la niñez hasta adolescentes) al vestíbulo de Fr. Ray Hall. Y si está interesada/o en servir a las niñas y niños más vulnerables o en aprender más acerca de esto, por favor únase a nosotros para la barbacoa (BBQ) el domingo, 2 de junio. Contacte a Rebecca Carpenter (Rebecca.e.carpenter@gmail.com) o a Debra & Ralph Johnson (Debralpholqp@gmail.com) para obtener detalles. Gracias por apoyar a las niñas y niños que más nos necesitan.

TALLER SOBRE LA CASA SOLAR CATÓLICA

El Pacto católico por el clima e Interfaith Power and Light nos invita a unirnos a ellos al prestar atención al llamado del Papa Francisco de reemplazar combustibles fósiles con energía renovable "de inmediato", en beneficio de nuestro prójimo y nuestro hogar común. Solar United Neighbors está formando grupos para guiar a propietarios por el proceso de cambiar a energía solar esta primavera en el DMV. Aprenda más mediante un taller en línea sobre la energía solar la noche del jueves, 30 de mayo a las 7 pm: bit.ly/CatholicHomeSolarWorkshop. *Ahora es un momento prometedor para cambiar a energía solar en la casa.* El acta de Reducción de inflación (Inflation Reduction Act, en inglés) ha aumentado el crédito fiscal federal, reduciendo el costo de los paneles solares. Introduzca su dirección para averiguar si los paneles solares son una buena opción para su casa.

SE ESTÁ FORMANDO UN GRUPO NUEVO DE LOS COMPAÑEROS DE LA MISIÓN FRANCISCANA

Franciscan Mission Service (FMS) está aceptando solicitudes para su programa de formación de un año. Por medio de reuniones mensuales en persona en Washington, DC, los compañeros descubren cómo aplicar el carisma franciscano a la vida diaria y se fortalecen en su capacidad de vivir el llamado bautismal a la misión. La solicitud es corta y la participación en el programa es gratis. Para obtener más información y solicitar, visite: www.franciscanmissionservice.org/programs/fellows.

WE'RE CELEBRATING PARISH GRADUATES

Each year, OLQP proudly honors parish graduates by publishing their picture in the Graduation Bulletin. We include middle school, high school and college. If you would like your graduate's picture in the bulletin, please email the photo to office@olqpva.org and include a notation with the graduate's name and school. Please indicate "graduation bulletin" in the subject line of your email message. Deadline is Sunday, June 23 (for publication in the June 29-30 Graduation Bulletin).

TAU YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

TAU Young Adult Ministry is 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; her information is on page 2 of the bulletin. Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPFEEYOURFIRE> or scan here:



ESTAMOS CELEBRANDO A LOS GRADUADOS DE LA PARROQUIA

Cada año, OLQP honra orgullosamente y publica las fotos de los miembros de la parroquia que se graduaron en el *Graduation Bulletin* (el Boletín de la graduación). Incluimos a estudiantes de escuela media, escuela superior y universidad. Si quiere que la foto de su graduada/o salga en el boletín, por favor mande la foto por correo electrónico a office@olqpva.org e incluya una nota con el nombre de quien se gradúa y el de su escuela. Por favor indique "graduation bulletin" en la línea del asunto de su mensaje. La fecha límite es el domingo, 23 de junio (para la publicación en el boletín de graduación del 29 y 30 de junio).

MINISTERIO TAU PARA JÓVENES ADULTOS

El Ministerio TAU para jóvenes adultos va a tener **un retiro en el lago 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 de atrás para obtener más información o contacta a Rebecca Grant Jenkins. Su información está en la página 2 del boletín. Apúntate en: <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPFEEYOURFIRE> o escanea aquí:

YOUTH MINISTRY:

No Confirmation or Teen Night this Sunday, May 26th. See you on June 2nd.

MINISTERIO DE ADOLESCENTES:

Este domingo, 26 de mayo no tendremos clases de Confirmación ni Noches para adolescentes. Los veremos el 2 de junio.

THANK YOU to the OLQP Community for making Father Martin's Pho Dinner a success! See you next year!



¡GRACIAS a la comunidad de OLQP por hacer que la cena Pho del Padre Martin fuera un éxito! ¡Les veremos el año que viene!

*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.*

MAY 26 IS MOTHER'S DAY IN HAITI

This weekend we join our Medor family in celebrating Haitian mothers. Mothers and mother figures of Medor, we recognize your love, strength, resilience, and hope. We applaud you as the heart of the family, the backbone of Haitian society, and the force supporting much of Haiti's economic activities. We applaud your many acts of courage and determination and the extraordinary role you play in your community, fighting to improve the lives of your children and neighbors. You inspire us.

Haitian Proverb: "Gason konn bouke, men pa fanm"
Translation: Men experience fatigue, but not women.
Women work continually, to better their world.

MONDAY EVENING MEDITATION GROUP for OLQP

This is an Invitation to join the 7 PM Meditation Group that meets on Monday Evenings on Zoom at 7pm. Whether you have experience meditating or not we would be happy to welcome you. For more information and the link please contact Susan at susanstarrstompson@juno.com

CARE FOR CREATION MEETING

The parish Integrity of Creation Team will be having their monthly meeting on Monday, June 3, at 7PM via Zoom. All are invited to join us and help our parish care for our common home. For more information and for the zoom link, please email Michelle at: michellem.knight@gmail.com

ECO-TIP: Attract birds by growing native plants. Bird-friendly landscaping means more food and shelter for birds. It saves water and fights climate change while making your outdoor space beautiful and easier to care for. To learn more, visit audubon.org/Native-Plants ([here](#)).

FAITH COMMUNITIES CAN BUILD A MOVEMENT FOR CEASE-FIRE

BY WESLEY GRANBERG-MICHAELSON

More than 100 days after Hamas' brutal killing spree on Oct. 7, the Israeli Defense Force has callously killed more than 23,000 Palestinians. That means **1 out of every 100** people living in Gaza have died, and an estimated 1 in 40 have been wounded. The U.N. estimates that **1.9 million** Palestinians have been displaced from their homes, **including** the families of those originally driven from their homes in 1948. Many people in Gaza have little access to food, water, and medical supplies; humanitarian experts say it is the most extreme example of **food deprivation in warfare** in "generations." In recent military conflicts, there is no precedent for the IDF's destruction in Gaza.

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An immediate, permanent cease-fire is imperative, not only to combat the starvation of the criminally besieged people of Gaza, but also to liberate a political, military, and diplomatic landscape starved of courageous vision for a different future. The prevailing public narratives we have used to justify military strategies amid diplomatic fantasies are being exposed as meaningless: Unfettered Israeli military power can never impose a lasting solution nor quench Palestinian aspirations for sovereignty and justice. Likewise, Palestinian armed factions can never defeat Israel's military power, backed by the unequivocal support of the U.S. These exclusionary self-vindicating visions dominate in a completely zero-sum game. Escalating violence wantonly kills, intensifying the compulsion to eradicate the human dignity of the "other." In short, there is no military solution to the raging warfare spilling over our screens and tearing our hearts asunder.

So, the carnage must stop — but what

will it take to get there? If nothing changes, it's clear what will happen: Violence will continue to escalate; fear, enmity, and hatred will become more intractable; and the horizon for any lasting, sustainable solution will slip further into the distance. We've got to get the questions right, facing all the realities, and courageously claiming the truths which can ground our vision and action. Any return to the former status quo is hopeless: Today, far more is required than life-saving humanitarian aid; the international community must create the genuine prospect of delivering a new political future.

Here are some suggestions for how each of us, in our different contexts, might enter courageous conversations that open hope for such an alternative future.

1. The U.S. must ask: Will we hold Israel accountable?

When U.S. politicians talk about Israel, **most begin** with the **mantra**, "The State of Israel has the right to defend itself" — as if each of the 193 member states in the United Nations did not have that same right! Then, politicians use this right to justify Israel's military actions with moral impunity. If U.S. politicians mention Palestinian "rights" at all, it's typically as a **humanitarian** footnote.

Instead, the U.S. and the international community should ask whether and how Israel — like any other nation — will be held accountable for its actions. This is especially important given Israel's dependence on an infusion of U.S. military, financial, and diplomatic support. As long as this support remains intact, **history shows us**, nothing decisive will change. Throughout the years, presidents and diplomats have voiced hesitant, awkward words of "**concern**" over some Israeli actions, but these words matter little as long as Israel knows it can depend, in the

end, on U.S. guns and vetoes.

Of course, some will immediately insist on accountability for Palestinian terrorism; I totally agree. But the U.S. already has a complete political **consensus** condemning Hamas' terror on Oct. 7. What we *don't* have are serious conversations in the Oval Office or Capitol Hill about accountability for what must be named as Israeli war crimes in Gaza and the West Bank.

2. The Palestinian community and its allies must ask: What is the moral vision of the society we want to create?

Many of us are already convinced that the injustice, humiliation, and indignity of Israel's more than 56-year occupation (**recognized** by the U.N. as illegal in 2022) must be addressed if there is to be any hope of peace in the land which some still call holy. We grasp the anguish and trauma of Palestinian displacement from their homeland. We've witnessed the arrest, imprisonment, and frequent torture of **thousands** of Palestinians, **often without charges**, in Israeli detention centers.

But this shared solidarity does not absolve us from asking honest questions about ourselves and the Palestinian cause. All too often, those allied with Palestine invoke decades of Israel's wanton brutality to grant Palestinians moral absolution for shedding innocent blood — often out of callous, hateful revenge — in their tactics of resistance. This will never lead to a liberating way forward. We cannot let the moral bankruptcy of our adversaries recalibrate our moral compass. Beneath all the tactical and strategic debates about resistance, an underlying question should weigh heavily upon us: What is the moral vision of the society we are endeavoring to create?

Sadly, there are few with formal political

power in Palestine offering a compelling moral vision for the future. The Palestinian Authority has **lost its credibility, clinging to undemocratic power, refusing elections**. Hamas is controlled by an ideology of violent enmity, justifying terror — and thousands of Israeli airstrikes have vastly **increased** Hamas' popular support. Palestinians and their allies must elevate new, courageous Palestinian voices from numerous grass roots movements that imagine a future shaped by justice and grounded in the recognition of shared human dignity.

3. The Christian community must ask: How do we remain true to the prophetic biblical vision?

Theologically and historically, there is an indissoluble link between Judaism and Christianity, reflected in how the Hebrew scriptures and the New Testament are interwoven in biblical revelation. Ignoring this link has fomented heinous acts of Christian antisemitism throughout history.

But especially in the years since World War II and the Holocaust, a different transgression has emerged: namely, identifying Christianity's precious connection to the Jewish tradition with unquestioned loyalty to the emergence, aspirations, and actions of the contemporary state of Israel. The complex theological issues here include **an idea popularized** in many evangelical and Pentecostal circles: That the establishment of the state of Israel and its continuing territorial conquests are divinely ordained, fulfilling biblical prophecy. This idea is known as Christian Zionism and successive Israeli governments have manipulated those beliefs to solidify political support within U.S. politics.

But God is not a real estate agent — and a claim to the contrary demeans and distorts the biblical witness. The Bible constantly warns about **nationalistic idolatry** and its self-righteous dismissal or even annihilation of those perceived as the “other” — the “others” who actually are at the heart of God's compassion. In the Hebrew scriptures, the

prophets consistently **challenged an exclusive understanding** of whom God favored, linking blessing to the treatment of the foreigner, the stranger, the outsider. Throughout the New Testament, Jesus offers a radical gospel of social equality and inclusive love — a gospel reaching to all peoples, breaking human boundaries with the spiritual power of God's suffering and redeeming compassion. It is the unquenchable vision of the **Beloved Community** that overturns all constructs rooted in exclusive, self-righteous particularity.

Christians must honor the indissoluble links between their tradition and Judaism, reject any form of antisemitism and **“replacement theology,”** and forthrightly face the prophetic condemnation of Israel's ongoing military destructiveness and territorial dispossession of Palestinian people.

4. All religious and spiritual communities must ask: How can we make space for voices that counter strategies of revenge with a moral vision of hope?

Political and military powers, infused with myths of exclusionary grandiosity, regularly distort and misuse strands from each of the three Abrahamic religions to justify their militaristic violence. But in the process of social change, the response to bad religion is not no religion — it's true religion. That was true during the **Vietnam War** and during the **Civil Rights Movement**; it's still true today.

Spiritual and religious voices are most indispensable when transforming political options seem foreclosed and popular rhetoric becomes incapable of interrogating reality. When we are locked into binary categories that erase hope, intensify blind trust in violence, and escalate hell on earth, we need spiritual power to break the cycle. And each of the religious traditions embroiled in this annihilating war — especially Judaism, Christianity, and Islam — can offer what political leadership in Israel, Palestine, and the U.S. have proven incapable of: a compelling vision of a different future, grounded in a unitive embrace of every human life. This shared vision can prevent the past

from repeating itself, with worsening conflagrations.

About 7.2 million Jewish people and a roughly equal number of Palestinians and Arabs — in Gaza, the West Bank, and within Israel — inhabit land, contested in multiple ways, where each seek a homeland, an expression of sovereignty, security, peace, and the ability for their cultures and economies to thrive. And contrary to the fantasies of extremists on all sides of the conflict, neither of these two peoples is going anywhere. Either a means of just and acceptable co-existence will be discovered, or tortuous, unmitigated violence will continue, expanding to induce proxies and allies into military conflict.

To make a new future possible, however, honest and open conversations must take root wherever hospitable space is discovered. This should include synagogues, churches, mosques; teach-ins in colleges and universities; labor unions, city councils, and business roundtables; voluntary associations and ecumenical organizations. Before we can enter political campaigns and legislative arenas, the most important task for the international community is to create a “holding space” that halts violence and allows fresh voices to articulate a new future. The anguish of our present tragedy must end — and in doing so, become the midwife of fresh vision.

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