

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

June 9, 2024

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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:

June 8-9 — 6pm and 1pm Spanish

8-9 junio — 6pm 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)

Whoever does the will of God
is my brother and sister and mother.

Mark 3:35



Porque el que cumple la voluntad de Dios,
ése es mi hermano, mi hermana y mi madre.

Marcus 3,35

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

9 de junio de 2024

Décimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

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: \$9,935

Diocesan Retired Priests /
Sacredotes Diocesanos Jubilados: \$3,268
Faith Direct (May Average /
promedio del mes de mayo): \$14,478

WORD & EUCHARIST MISSALETTE/

MISAL PALABRA Y EUCARISTÍA

Today's readings can be found on page 598
Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 559

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 Hoef, 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, Karen Newman, 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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TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DÉCIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Genesis 3:9-15 (89B); 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35
Génesis 3,9-15 (89B); 2 Corintios 4,13-5,1; Marcos 3,20-35

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

UNDÉCIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Ezekiel 17:22-24 (92B); 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34
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MASS INTENTIONS, JUNE 8-14

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 8-14 JUNIO DÉCIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Saturday, June 8th

5:30 pm Lawrence Doran (D) by Kate Wilson

Sunday, June 9th

8:00 am Peter Filty (D) by Bonnie Keightley
9:30 am John Garufi (D) by Mike & Mary Ray
11:15 am Julia Toure (D) by Maritza Roldán
1:00 pm Carmen Amagdis Ferrer (D) by Donato Muñoz
6:00 pm the Ryan Sisters (L) by Carreón de Freese family

Monday, June 10th

12:00 pm Genevieve Gramlich (D) by Lynn Hoover

Tuesday, June 11th

12:00 pm Robert Meighan (D) by the Family

Wednesday, June 12th

12:00 pm Vincenza, John & Sue Schaler (D)
lovingly Cindy, Barry & Dave

Thursday, June 13th

12:00 pm John Gramlich (D) by Lynn Hoover

Friday, June 14th

12:00 pm Mary Claire Penney (D) by John Atkinson

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH / VIDA SACRAMENTAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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

Gabriel Hagos Bishop & Jian Ross Lázaro Pérez

Baptized June 8 / Bautizados el 8 de junio

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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

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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 this Sunday's Gospel we hear that Jesus' family comes looking for him; it would seem that they are concerned about his mental health while scribes accuse him of being possessed by the devil!

It is common technique of Mark to "sandwich" two stories or events in the telling of an event in the life of Jesus. There are often multiple things going on around Jesus in Mark's Gospel -- Jesus is always presented as harried and hurried, moving from place to place at breakneck speed, leaving the reader almost breathless.

Jesus is so bound up in preaching the Reign of God, in healing the sick, in reaching out to the poor and the marginalized, making sure that the sinner and the outcast know that they are the beloved of God to the point that it seems that even his own family wonders about his sanity.

And yet he preaches with such authority that the people's hearts are transformed and more and more come to believe in him as the Messiah, the long awaited One of Israel!

But others refuse to see the signs and wonders he works because their eyes and hearts are closed to the very living grace of God that stood before them.

As Jesus proclaims that "his family" was made up of all those who do the will of God, it must have been shocking to ears of the hearers! In Jesus' culture, how one was related to another person was absolutely essential to the individual's personal identity and their place in the family and in the wider community. So for Jesus to redraw the lines of familial relationships and tie it to doing the will of God, was truly a bold statement, that would clearly impact societal norms.

On one level Jesus is expanding people's identity and relationships to one another to include people who otherwise would be outsiders, now becoming insiders,

becoming part of the clan and no longer foreigners. This would come about by doing the will of God, as understood by the way Jesus was preaching it! By loving God with your whole being and your neighbor as yourself!

In the first reading from Genesis, we have the story of the origin of sin. And as misogynistic as this story presents, almost all cultures have stories that seek to explain how sin and evil got into the world.

Handed down from one generation to the next these stories were meant to help explain the brokenness of the human condition, to tell us something about God and our relationship to God, our relationships with each other, and how we've ended up with all the greed, sin and evil in the world today.

At some level the story of the forbidden apple is a story of scapegoating, blaming the other for our own poor choices or inaction. We see it all the time in our politicians, they scapegoat "the other party" and/or blame it on "the foreign evil". We see it in schools, workplaces, in the church, in our personal relationship and in our own families. The lack of ability to take responsibility for one's actions and decisions is truly a sign of our times.

But following Jesus' example is the cure for our times! Opening our eyes and our hearts to his presence in our midst, in our lives, can transform us just as it did his first disciples. Transform us to truly see all others, no matter how different they seem to be from us...to see them as Jesus sees them, to love them as sisters and brothers, members of our family, members of God's family!

Where do I see Jesus in my life? What action is my discipleship calling me to today? And in what ways can I best live out my faith and proclaim Jesus' Gospel of love, acceptance and forgiveness through my daily words and actions?

Blessings,
Fr. Tim

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).



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).

JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY, JUNE 19

OLQP Outreach Programs Closed

The Gabriel Project, Food Pantry and Matthew 25 programs will be closed on Wednesday, June 19, in observance of Juneteenth National Independence Day. We will not be accepting donations on the 19th so please hold your donations for another day. Thank you.

FOOD PANTRY FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND

This weekend, June 8-9, is collection week for our busy food pantry. Please drop off your donations in the bin in front of the church or stop by during the week. If you were unable to shop, please consider making a monetary donation to our Food Pantry either by check or online at Faithdirect.net. Thank you.

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 9 am until 12 noon. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS FIRST COMMUNION CLASS OF 2024!

Congratulations to our First Communion Class of 2024! Through participation in one of their class projects, they helped Saint Joseph Parish -- our sister parish in Medor, Haiti -- by raising \$937.56 — sharing the wages they earned from mowing lawn and helping around the family home. Thank you for your good work!

YOUTH MINISTRY:

- **CRAVING THE PHO** from Father Martin's Dinner? You can go to Saigon City Restaurant!
Saigon City Restaurant (6333 Brand Avenue, Springfield)
Thank you, Saigon City for all your support!
- **YOUTH MINISTRY TEEN NIGHTS** will meet this Sunday, then be on hiatus until September. Enjoy the Summer!
- **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUTH MINISTRY HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:** Azat Hartman, Cassidy Hudson, Eli Jackson, Charlotte Lawler, and Bridget Watterson! Best wishes and prayers on your next adventures!

DÍA FESTIVO JUNETEENTH, 19 DE JUNIO

Programas de difusión de OLQP cerrados

El Proyecto Gabriel, la Despensa de alimentos y Mateo 25 van a estar cerrados el miércoles, 19 de junio en cumplimiento de la celebración del día nacional de la independencia de Juneteenth. No vamos a aceptar donaciones el 19, así que por favor, traigan sus donaciones otro día. Gracias.

FIN DE SEMANA DE RECOGIDA DE ALIMENTOS

Este fin de semana, 8 y 9 de junio, es la colecta de alimentos para abastecer nuestra despensa de alimentos. Por favor ponga sus donaciones en el contenedor al frente de la iglesia o venga durante la semana. Si no pudo ir de compras, por favor considere hacer una donación en efectivo a nuestra Despensa, con un cheque o en línea en FaithDirect.net. Gracias.

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 9 am 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.

¡FELICIDADES CLASE DE PRIMERA COMUNIÓN 2024!

¡Felicidades a nuestra clase de Primera Comunión de 2024! Por la participación en uno de los proyectos de su clase, los estudiantes ayudaron a la Parroquia Saint Joseph — nuestra parroquia hermana en Medor, Haití — recaudando 937.56, al compartir sus ganancias podando el césped y ayudando en su casa. ¡Gracias por su buen trabajo!

MINISTERIO PARA ADOLESCENTES:

- **¿SE LE ANTOJA COMER EL PHO** de la comida del Padre Martin? ¡Puede ir al restaurante Saigon City!
Restaurante Saigon City (6333 Brand Avenue, Springfield)
¡Gracias, Saigon City por todo su apoyo!
- **NOCHES PARA ADOLESCENTES DEL MINISTERIO PARA ADOLESCENTES** tendrá una reunión este domingo y entonces vamos a tomar un descanso hasta septiembre. ¡Disfruten el verano!
- **FELICITACIONES A NUESTROS SENIORS DE ESCUELA SUPERIOR DEL MINISTERIO DE ADOLESCENTES:**
¡Azat Hartman, Cassidy Hudson, Eli Jackson, Charlotte Lawler y Bridget Watterson! ¡Nuestros mejores deseos y oraciones en sus próximas aventuras!

CARPENTER'S SHELTER DINNER --

Thursday, June 20

This month's dinner is meatloaf, rice, pinto beans, green salad, fruit, brownies and lemonade. Contributions can be brought to the Parish Office 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday-Thursday the week of dinner, or Fr. Ray Hall kitchen on the day of dinner 4:30-5:00 pm. Please label food with dinner date & description and place it in the refrigerator, freezer or counter. If delivering directly to the Shelter (930 N. Henry Street, 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. Once again, friends of Carpenter's, thank you!

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

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.

MASS TO PRAY FOR HEALING OF VICTIMS/ SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

All of the faithful are invited to attend a Mass to Pray for Healing of Victims/Survivors of Sexual Abuse celebrated by Bishop Burbidge on Thursday, June 20, at 6:30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 830 23rd Street S., Arlington. Reception to follow. Please join us as we gather to pray for the healing of victims/survivors, their loved ones, and for the Church. This event is hosted by the Diocese of Arlington's Office of Victim Assistance. For more information, please call (703) 841-2530 or email victimassistance@arlingtondiocese.org.

LA CENA REFUGIO DEL CARPINTERO –

el jueves, 20 de junio

La cena este mes es rollo de carne, arroz, frijoles pintos, ensalada verde, frutas, brownies y limonada. Puede llevar la comida a la oficina de la parroquia de lunes a viernes, de 8:30 a 4:30 pm la semana de la comida, o a la cocina de Fr. Ray Hall el día de la comida de 4:30 a 5:00 pm. Por favor identifique la comida con la fecha y la descripción y póngala en el refrigerador, congelador o mostrador. Si lleva la contribución directamente al Refugio (930 N. Henry Street en 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 alguna pregunta, por favor contacte a Mary Resnick, 703-462-4841, mary.resnick@gmail.com. ¡Y de nuevo, amistades de Carpenter, gracias!

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

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.

MISA PARA ORAR POR LAS VÍCTIMAS/ SUPERVIVIENTES DEL ABUSO

Todos los feligreses están invitados a asistir a una Misa celebrada por el Obispo Burbidge para orar por las víctimas/supervivientes del abuso sexual en la iglesia católica Our Lady of Lourdes, 830 23rd Street S., Arlington el jueves, 20 de junio, a las 6:30 pm. Habrá una recepción después. Por favor únase a nosotros cuando nos reunamos para orar por la sanación de las víctimas/supervivientes, sus seres queridos y por la Iglesia. La Oficina de la asistencia para víctimas de la Diócesis de Arlington patrocina este evento. Para obtener más información, por favor llame al 703-841-2530 o mande un correo electrónico a victimassistance@arlingtondiocese.org.

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION – Common Sense Gun Laws

This week in the news there was a story of a 3-year-old toddler injuring himself by firing an unsecured firearm. In another story a 4-year-old found a loaded ghost gun under a bed and shot herself. These stories are reported almost nightly and yet this spring, Virginia's Governor Youngkin vetoed a bill which called for a requirement for locked storage of firearms in a residence where a minor or person prohibited from possessing a firearm is present. Our faith teaches us that we cannot sit back and do nothing. We need common sense gun law!

June 8/9 — WEAR ORANGE weekend across the USA; wear something orange to show your support for GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION & GUN SAFETY; look for stickers distributed at all OLQP Masses. Contact Sally Diaz Wells, sdiazwells@olqpva.org, for further information.

VOICE/OLQP UPDATE

Founded in 2008, VOICE is a nonpartisan coalition of over 50 faith communities in Northern Virginia working together to build power to improve the lives of our families and communities. OLQP is a founding member of VOICE. Recent accomplishments resulting from VOICE organizing efforts:

- Gov Youngkin allocated \$58 million in the state budget for Crisis Receiving Centers statewide
- Arlington County strengthened oversight and increased funding for low income housing, e.g., increased inspections of committed affordable housing units
- Arlington County allocated 1.5 million for new after school programs

REV KENNETH NIXON TO SPEAK ON YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS June 20 at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center, Founder's Room Sponsored by VOICE/OLQP

Rev. Kenneth Nixon, Jr is an African American Baptist Minister, a Supreme Court certified mediator, author and a community organizer for VOICE (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement). Rev. Nixon is an outspoken millennial leader in the mental health community. He has served on the VOICE Strategy Team and helped lead several statewide and local campaigns for increased funding for mental health services and affordable housing. Rev. Nixon was born in Arlington and as a youth lived in the Green Valley community. He will speak here at OLQP on June 20th at 7:30 pm about his book, [Born into Crisis](#), and about the youth mental health crisis in our community. Join us!

PREVENCIÓN DE LA VIOLENCIA CAUSADA POR LAS ARMAS DE FUEGO –

Leyes de sentido común sobre armas

Esta semana hubo una noticia de un niño de 3 años que sufrió una herida porque disparó un arma de fuego no asegurada. En otra historia, una niña de 4 años encontró un arma de fuego cargada debajo de una cama y se hirió al dispararla. Estas historias se reportan casi todas las noches y sin embargo, el gobernador Youngkin de Virginia, vetó un proyecto de ley que requería tener un arma de fuego bajo llave en una residencia donde vive un menor de edad o una persona a la que se le prohíbe poseer un arma de fuego. Nuestra fe nos enseña que no podemos quedarnos de brazos cruzados y no hacer nada. ¡Necesitamos leyes de sentido común sobre las armas de fuego!
Fin de semana del 8 y 9 de junio: VESTIR DE NARANJA en todo Estados Unidos. Lleve algo color naranja para mostrar su apoyo para la PREVENCIÓN CONTRA LA VIOLENCIA CON ARMAS Y LA SEGURIDAD CON ARMAS. Busque calcomanías distribuidas en todas las misas de OLQP. Comuníquese con Sally Díaz Wells, sdiazwells@olqpva.org, para obtener más información.

ACTUALIZACIÓN DE VOICE/OLQP

Fundada en 2008, VOICE es una coalición neutral de más de 50 comunidades de fe en el norte de Virginia que trabajan juntas para aumentar poder para mejorar las vidas de nuestras familias y comunidades. OLQP es un miembro fundador de VOICE. Algunos logros resultantes de los esfuerzos organizadores de VOICE son:

- El gobernador Youngkin asignó \$58 millones en el presupuesto del estado para Crisis Receiving Centers por todo el estado.
- El condado de Arlington fortaleció la supervisión de unidades de vivienda asequible permitidas
- El condado de Arlington asignó 1.5 millones para nuevos programas para después de las clases

EL REVERENDO KENNETH NIXON VA A HABLAR SOBRE LA CRISIS DE SALUD MENTAL JUVENIL 20 de junio a las 7:30 pm en el Ministry Center, Founder's Room, patrocinado por VOICE/OLQP

El Reverendo Kenneth Nixon, Jr. es un ministro bautista afroamericano, un mediador certificado en la Corte Suprema, autor y un organizador de comunidades para VOICE (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement). El Reverendo Nixon es un líder milenarista franco en la comunidad de la salud mental. Ha servido en el Strategy Team de VOICE y ayudado a dirigir varias campañas estatales y locales para aumentar los fondos para los servicios para la salud mental y vivienda asequible. El Reverendo Nixon nació en Arlington y cuando era joven vivió en la comunidad de Green Valley. Él va a hablar aquí en OLQP el 20 de junio a las 7:30 pm sobre su libro, [Born into Crisis](#), y sobre la crisis de salud mental juvenil en nuestra comunidad. ¡Únase a nosotros!

*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.*

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP -- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We all welcome summer and OLQP's newest opportunity for fellowship while enjoying coffee and donuts! Join us for what's evolved into a festive continental breakfast, which will soon include gluten free items. Sunday Morning Fellowship is for everyone -- feel free to join your fellow parishioners. Summer also means many of our volunteers and coordinators will be travelling, so this is an appeal for more volunteers to help serve after the 8:00, 9:30 and 11:15 Masses. The commitment is light and flexible: you may volunteer for any mass, once, twice or more each month, and you will have time fellowship while helping. To join us and volunteer please contact Mary Jo Johnson, at johnsonmaryjo@hotmail.com.

JOIN US ON JUNETEENTH FOR A DAY OF SERVICE AND REFLECTION!

OLQP and the Mount Zion UMC church of Georgetown have bonded over their shared history as historical churches of color, born from the reality of racism, segregation, and oppression. In the past year families, choir directors, musicians, and clergy representatives from both parishes have met to listen, learn, worship, and celebrate in song together. Our next gathering will take place on Juneteenth and you are all invited!

Please join us for a day of service and learning, as we help weed and dignify the forgotten grave sites of thousands of enslaved, freed, and possible ancestors of our own parish founders at the Mount Zion and Female Union Band Society Cemetery of Georgetown. This 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Family Friendly service opportunity also entails a tour of the Underground Railroad, musical selections from the Voices of Zion, and a picnic lunch. Those who would like to carpool can meet in the parish parking lot at 10:00am. If you choose to drive yourselves we look forward to seeing you there. All are welcome! For more information please contact Deacon Tony (Tremedios@OLQPVA.org)

CAN YOU HELP WITH THIS LIFE-SAVING WORK?

The International Center for Religion & Diplomacy, a non-profit which works with religious communities around the world on violence prevention and peacebuilding, is assisting in efforts to help a Yemeni family facing persecution and military violence in Yemen resettle in the United States. The immediate need is to raise \$4300 for their airfare to the US, and then to support other resettlement costs. Please consider donating to this life-saving work: 1) at <https://icrd.org/donation-page/> (putting 'Yemeni family resettlement' in the 'Company Name' field), OR 2) send a check to International Center for Religion & Diplomacy, with 'Yemeni family resettlement' in the memo line, and mail c/o 4605 Valerie Court, Annandale, VA 22003. For more information contact rec@icrd.org. Thank you!

NEWS FROM ST. JOSEPH PARISH IN MEDOR, HAITI

Meet Cerna Dolian, a resident of Medor. When she finished secondary school, her teachers, members of the parish council, other community leaders, and Father Frantz chose her to receive a university scholarship provided by friends of OLQP. She was chosen because of her excellent grades, her community service, and her dedication to return to Medor after completing her studies. Cerna graduated from University of Notre Dame of Haiti last month with a management degree. She is currently enrolled in a 12-month management internship with the Smallholder Farmers Alliance, the group that implements Medor's agroforestry program. She hopes to work in Medor after the internship. Congratulations to Cerna and to all who helped her along the way!



Please pray for peace and security in Haiti.

HONORING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

In honor of Mental Health Awareness month, we are sharing a link to our "From Inclusion to Belonging Conference: Creating Communities that Foster Mental Health for All." With the Diocese of Arlington and the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA), we highlight the unique mental health challenges that individuals with disability face as well as practical ways to identify and utilize support systems in the community.

The conference featured an opening blessing by Bishop Burbidge, a keynote address titled "Disability and Human Flourishing" by Mark Bradford of *Word on Fire* which can be accessed here [Virtual Conference | Porto Charities](#).

For full access to the conference recordings including the 12 breakout sessions that include sessions with Fr. Matthew Schneider, Charleen Katra, Dr. Frank Moncher and Kelly Mantoan, you may purchase a virtual registration on the Porto Charities' website for \$25.

We thank you for your support and look forward to offering more resources for the disability community in the years to come.

In Christ, The Porto Charities Team

MONDAY EVENING MEDITATION GROUP for OLQP

This is an Invitation to join the 7 pm Mediation 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

CELEBRATING THE 32ND ANNUAL OLQP/UJAMAA SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS PROGRAM

This year's theme: *"Empowering Our Youth to Lead and Serve in Our Communities."* Join us Saturday, June 22nd, 3:00 pm, in Fr. David Ray Hall for an afternoon of prayer, inspiration, scholarships, and community service awards. Our guest speakers are: Dr. Robert E. Efimba, Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Howard University, and Dr. Tara Newton, past recipient, youth representative. Reception immediately following program. For more information contact: Veronica Dabney, e-mail, vdabney@cox.net

ACTION ALERT: PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING THIS OPEN LETTER

An Open Letter to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops: The Future of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Dear Bishops,

We, the community organizers, lay faithful, supporters, friends, partnering communities and organizations have been deeply impacted by the work of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and extend our heartfelt thanks for your unwavering support of CCHD. Your commitment to this initiative is a testament to the Church's dedication to the Gospel call to serve the least among us and has permeated justice throughout the United States.

As a historic anti-poverty initiative CCHD has been a beacon of hope for impoverished and vulnerable communities across the United States. Over the past 53 years, it has awarded over 9,000 grants, fostering leadership development, systemic change, and poverty alleviation.

Through the annual CCHD National Collection, each diocese is asked to contribute 75% of their collections while retaining 25% for local efforts; these vital funds have and continue to significantly impact countless lives. We are writing to you to let you know of our prayers and conviction to support the continuing work of CCHD, for the next 50 years.

CCHD has served as a vehicle for collaboration among people of different faiths and has been successful in bringing people to the Catholic faith. CCHD supports transformative education on Catholic Social teaching and has formed hundreds of interns that have served around the country assisting dioceses to advance the social mission of the Church, many of whom have become lay ministers, women religious, and clergy.

In this time of polarization and distrust of institutions, CCHD has proven to be a solid program that transcends traditional differences promoting subsidiarity and solidarity. It is vital to support Catholic institutions that operate with a high level of transparency and accountability. CCHD utilizes rigorous standards for grant recipients that outline adherence to the teachings of the Church and requires that those who are living in poverty are an integral part of the governance of the organization.

As Jesus taught us, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). Pope Francis has emphasized that "the measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need" (Address to the U.S. Congress, 2015). Pope Benedict XVI reminded us that "The more we strive to secure a common good corresponding to the real needs of our neighbors, the more effectively we love them... This is the institutional path - we might also call it the political path - of charity, no less excellent and effective than the kind of charity which encounters the neighbor directly." (Caritas in Veritate, no. 7). Saint John Paul II declared that "the needs of the poor take priority over the desires of the rich; the rights of workers over the maximization of profits" (Centesimus Annus, 35).

These words are brought to life through CCHD, ...



SIGN HERE

IT IS WITH GREAT URGENCY we ask that you prayerfully consider signing this letter in support of the future of CCHD. The full text is available at the link below including the names of organizations and individuals who have already signed.

It is critical that you sign before 11:59pm on Sunday, June 9th as the letter will be delivered to the USCCB on Monday, June 10th, in anticipation of a June vote.

Here is the link to sign on: <https://forms.gle/qr4LL3rGjzdxnaNq6>

Thank you for joining in collective voice to demonstrate the powerful impact that CCHD has had over the last 53 years that we pray continues for the next 50!

With gratitude and hope,

Drafters:

Christian Bentley - Catholic Mental Health & Social Justice Advocate

Cecilia Flores - Chair, Young Adult Multicultural Advisory Committee

Will Rutt - Executive Director, Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center Casey Stanton - Co-Director, Discerning Deacons