

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 16, 2024

ELEVENTH 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 15-16 — 5:30pm and 1pm Spanish

15-16 junio — 5:30pm 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)

"To what shall we compare
the kingdom of God or what parable
can we use for it?"

Mark 4:30



“¿Con qué compararemos el Reino de Dios?
¿Con qué parábola lo podremos representar?”

Marcos 4,30

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

16 de junio de 2024

Undécimo 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: \$8,082
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 604
Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 605

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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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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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DUODÉCIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Job 38:1, 8-11 (95B); 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41
Job 38,8-11 (95B); 2 Corintios 5,14-17; Marcos 4,35-41

MASS INTENTIONS, JUNE 15-21

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 15-21 JUNIO

UNDÉCIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Saturday, June 15th

5:30 pm Joseph & Verna Gregos (D) by Kris Gregos

Sunday, June 16th

8:00 am Richard Valdez, Sr. (D) by Bernadette Lozano

9:30 am Anthony Kenneth Stepka (D) by Helen Samhan

11:15 am Graduating Sisters Cabrera Sánchez (L) by Alba Sánchez

1:00 pm Deceased Members of family Villca Yucra (D) by Lourdes Villca

6:00 pm Saint-Preux family (D) by Venise Darisme

Monday, June 17th

12:00 pm Bryan Ross (L) by Susan Bruns

Tuesday, June 18th

12:00 pm Karns children (L) by Susan Bruns

Wednesday, June 19th

12:00 pm Laura G. Bernabe (D) by Thelma Molina & family

Thursday, June 20th

12:00 pm María Reyes Zarate (D) by Jazmin Albarran

Friday, June 21st

12:00 pm Luis R. Francia (D) by the Francia family

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 nuevas cristianas.

Adely Denisse Escobar Salazar & Alice Dayana Flores Escobar

Baptized June 15 / Bautizadas el 15 de junio

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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

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Cecilia López Oetgen, clopez@olqpva.org

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

This weekend, once again we hear Jesus speak to us in parables... multifaceted gems that once tumbled around in our hearts and we ruminated upon, yield unbelievable insights into the Reign of God.

While the disciples certainly preferred straightforward answers, Jesus obviously preferred parables. Of the comparisons of the reign of God to a field, a mustard seed or the leaven in bread, I have always liked the comparison of the mustard seed to the Reign of God. This tiny little seed grows into a great bush...so large that the birds of the air make their nests in it. If you take the parable at its face value, it all seems quite lovely.

However, there is a dark side that farmers know well: the mustard bush is an invasive plant. It grows wildly and rapidly, quickly overtaking a garden, ruining the plants that had been planted with care and reducing their yield, if not completely choking them out. Mustard bushes are uncontrollable and rapidly spread across a farm if not quickly uprooted before going to seed.

Surely this reality was not lost on Jesus...nor on those who heard him tell the parable. It seems that perhaps Jesus is presenting an image of the expansion of the Reign of God as something uncontrollable, invasive and fast growing!

Looking through the lens of this image, the Reign of God is not something that can be domesticated or controlled. By its very nature it grows uncontrollably and burst forth and, very importantly, offering refuge.

I believe that most of us though would prefer something that we could contain and control and domesticate! But the truth is that the Reign of God is just that – “God’s Reign” – not ours! We are part of it by our baptism and we are called to help

water it so that it continues to grow and “invade” every crevice and furrow of this earth, but we don’t get to tame it. Two thousand years ago Jesus’ vision of the bursting forth of the Reign of God was nothing less than radical...and it still is today.

We are called to be part of that radical vision: to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and imprisoned, to welcome the stranger -- to love one another as Christ loves us and to reach out and to care for “the other,” to proclaim the deep and passionate love that God has for all peoples!

And wasn’t it just this radical vision of the reign of God that Jesus preached that got him labeled crazy, and branded a danger and ultimately crucified? As his disciple, just how radical of a life am I willing live? In a world that proclaims a “gospel of personal prosperity” with tax cuts for the rich at the cost of healthcare cuts for the poor, in a nation where overt acts of racism and discrimination are on the rise across the country, in a nation that arrests and turns away those who are seeking asylum or immigrating looking for a better life...to what lengths am I willing to go in building up this radical vision of the Reign of God that Jesus preached?

What concrete action can I take today to “water” the Reign of God that Jesus preached where the poor are to be housed and fed, the stranger is to be welcomed and the sick and imprisoned are to be cared for and visited?

As a disciple of Jesus, to what lengths am I willing to go to live out his radical vision of total love of God and neighbor, and forgiveness of neighbor as boundlessly as God forgives me, and to be as accepting of “the other” as God is of me?

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).

OLQP'S ANNUAL BACKPACK AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

We need your help providing 850 local children, including Afghans and recently arrived Ukrainians, with backpacks & school supplies. We will distribute the filled backpacks August 16th & 17th.

We need backpacks as well as the supplies including pencils, markers, wide and college ruled notebooks, erasers, binders, glue sticks, pencil sharpeners and crayons etc. Please see the **Signup Genius**:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4CA5AE29ABFB6-olqp7#/>

Please Place donations in either the Matt 25 or the food pantry collection bins by Sunday, August 4th. Sorry for the early deadline but local schools are starting earlier this year and we need a week to organize supplies and pack.

If you would like to volunteer to help pack and/or help distribute backpacks, please use the **Volunteer Signup Genius**: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B45A4AC29A3F5C70-49950245-2024#/>

If you would prefer to shop online, you can ship directly to parish, just include "school supply drive" in the address.

If you would prefer not to shop, monetary donations may be dropped in the collection labelled backpack drive, dropped off in the parish office or online through Faith Direct (please note backpack drive in the notes section).

FATHER FRANTZ, PASTOR OF ST. JOSEPH OF MEDOR PARISH, SENDS A MESSAGE TO OLQP'S FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Dear Children of Our Lady Queen of Peace's First Communion Class,

"Good has infinite or eternal value." I use this phrase to say a big thank you to the First Communion class of Our Lady Queen of Peace who raised \$938 for the education and water programs in Médor.

According to what I learned: You earned this money by mowing lawns and helping your families around their house! That's really inspiring! It's something that touches me to the bottom of my heart.

May God Our Father in his infinite goodness fill you with his infinite grace for this gesture, this infinite good, that you have done. May you abide in Jesus Christ just as He abides in you from now on and forever.

Thank you!

Father Frantz Aimé,

Pastor St. Joseph in Medor

ESL TEACHER AND AIDE NEEDED

Can you volunteer two hours a week as an English as a Second Language teacher or aide? REEP, a part of Arlington Public Schools, is recruiting volunteers for their free ESL classes for adults. For the new term starting in July, morning and evening classes will be offered at community centers in Arlington and online. No prior ESL experience is required and training is provided. You can help immigrants from all cultures and backgrounds gain the tools to thrive in a new country! For details, visit reep.apsva.us/volunteer or email OLQP parishioner Elizabeth Hilla (a REEP volunteer) at hilla@hida.org.

CAMPAÑA ANUAL DE OLQP PARA RECOGER MOCHILAS Y MATERIALES ESCOLARES

Necesitamos su ayuda para proveer a 850 niñas y niños, incluidos afganos y recién llegados de Ucrania, con mochilas y materiales escolares. Vamos a distribuir las mochilas llenas el 16 y 17 de agosto.

Necesitamos mochilas y también materiales escolares como lápices, marcadores, cuadernos con renglones anchos y cuadernos universitarios, gomas de borrar, carpetas, barras de pegamento, sacapuntas, lápices de cera (crayons), etc. Por favor vean el **Signup Genius**:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4CA5AE29ABFB6-olqp7#/>

Por favor ponga las donaciones en los contenedores de Mateo 25 o de la despensa de alimentos para la fecha límite del 4 de agosto. Perdone que la fecha límite sea temprano, pero las escuelas locales van a empezar más temprano este año y necesitamos una semana para organizar los materiales y empacar. Si quiere ofrecerse para ayudar a llenar las mochilas y/o a distribuir las, por favor use el

Volunteer Signup Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B45A4AC29A3F5C70-49950245-2024#/>

Si prefiere comprar en línea, puede mandar la compra directamente a la parroquia. Incluya "school supply drive" en la dirección.

Si preferiría no comprar, puede poner donaciones monetarias en la colecta, identificadas con "backpack drive", puede llevarla a la oficina de la parroquia o donar por Faith Direct (por favor ponga backpack drive en la sección de notas).

EL PADRE FRANTZ, PÁRROCO DE LA PARROQUIA ST. JOSEPH DE MEDOR, LE MANDA UN MENSAJE A LA CLASE DE PRIMERA COMUNIÓN DE OLQP

Queridas niñas y niños de la clase de Primera Comunión de Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz,

"El bien tiene un valor infinito o eterno", uso esta frase para darle las gracias a la clase de Primera Comunión de Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz que recaudó \$938 para los programas de educación y agua en Medor.

¡De acuerdo a lo que he aprendido, ganaron este dinero podando céspedes y ayudando a sus familia en la casa! ¡Eso es verdaderamente inspirador! Es algo que me emociona en lo mas profundo de mi corazón.

Qué Dios, nuestro Padre, en su infinita bondad les llene de su gracia infinita por este gesto, este bien infinito, que ustedes han hecho. Qué permanezcan en Jesucristo igual que él permanece en ustedes ahora y para siempre.

¡Gracias!

Padre Frantz Aimé

SE NECESITA UNA MAESTRA O UN MAESTRO Y UN/A ASISTENTE PARA CLASES DE ESL (Inglés como segundo idioma)

¿Puede ofrecerse de voluntaria/o dos horas a la semana como maestra/o o ayudante? REEP, parte de las escuelas públicas de Arlington, está contratando personas voluntarias para las clases gratis de ESL para personas adultas. Para el nuevo curso que empieza en julio, se van a ofrecer clases por la mañana y noche en centros comunitarios en Arlington y en línea. No se necesita experiencia previa en ESL y se ofrece entrenamiento. ¡Puede ayudar a personas inmigrantes de muchas culturas y contextos diversos a obtener las destrezas para prosperar en un país nuevo! Para obtener detalles, visite reep.apsva.us/volunteer o mándele un correo electrónico a Elizabeth Hilla, (hilla@hida.org) parroquiana de OLQP (representante de REEP).

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.

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!
- **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!

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!

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!

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.

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!
- **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!

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!

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!

**TO ALL OUR "FATHERS" –
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**

Thank you for offering care, for being present, for taking responsibility, for listening, caring and understanding. We wish you a blessed and joy-filled day today and every day.



**¡FELIZ DÍA DE LOS PADRES
A TODOS NUESTROS
"PADRES"!**

Gracias por ofrecer cuidado, por estar presente, por asumir responsabilidad, por escuchar, preocuparse y comprender. Les deseamos un día lleno de bendiciones y felicidad hoy y todos los días por venir.

**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 10:00 am. 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)

VOTE JUNE 18, VIRGINIA DUAL PRIMARY ELECTION

DAY for Democratic and Republican local and state candidates that will be on the November elections ballot. Same day registration available. For Arlington sample ballots and more information: [Elections – Arlington County VA Voting and Elections \(arlingtonva.gov\)](https://www.elections-arlingtonva.gov).

ECO-TIP: The "free shipping and free return policy" of many online retailers encourages shoppers to order more than they plan to keep. Be wise in what you order. An estimated 20% of returns, especially clothing, ends up in landfills.

*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.*

**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

THE ADVOCATE IS SEEKING ADDITIONAL WRITERS

The parish newsletter highlights church ministries, explores social justice issues, and features OLQP members who put their faith to action. If interested in joining the volunteer staff, please contact Paula Cruickshank, Editor: lajka1031@gmail.com.

PARISHIONER SEEKING ROOM TO RENT

Longtime, middle-age, male parishioner is looking for a room to rent. If you can help, please contact this parish member at: 703-454-1169 or jcaugust1979@gmail.com.

**SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP --
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

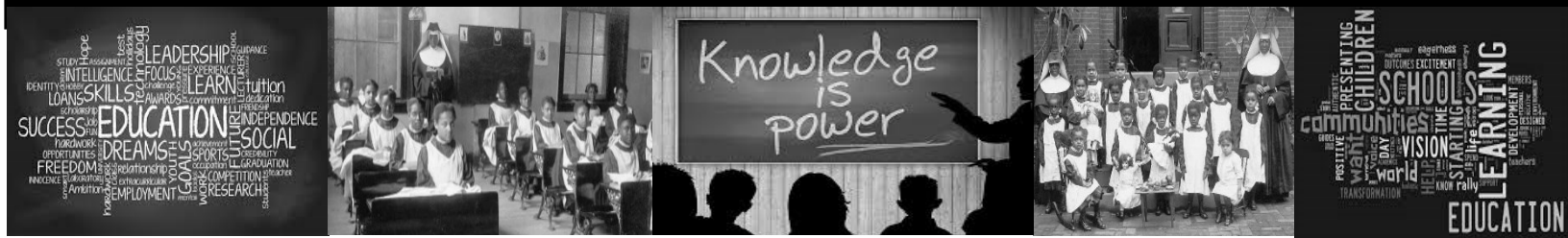
We all welcome summer and OLQP's newest opportunity for fellowship while enjoying coffee and donuts! Join us for what's evolved into a festive continental breakfast, which will soon include gluten free items. Sunday Morning Fellowship is for everyone -- feel free to join your fellow parishioners.

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

MAKE A COMMITMENT TO RAISE AWARENESS

Here are two more opportunities to get involved in the Gun Violence Prevention movement:

- 1) Join Nuns Against Gun Violence on June 18 at 7 pm ET for a virtual webinar entitled Firearms and Faith: Navigating Catholic Social Teaching in a World of Gun Violence featuring Angie McParland and Dr. Jennifer Kyszak. Use this link to register on Zoom. ([Webinar Registration - Zoom](#))
- 2) Check out the Gun Violence Prevention working group page on the Pax Christi USA website to learn more about the many ways you can join in the movement to stop gun violence. Feel free to use the recording of the recent webinar, "Beating guns into plowshares: A challenging conversation about gun violence with Shane Claiborne" to inspire action in your community. You can find an interfaith toolkit on the webpage as well to provide resources for your group as you strategize to address the violence in your own community.



**32nd Anniversary OLQP/UJAMAA
Scholarship & Awards Program**

“Empowering Our Youth to Lead and Serve in Our Communities.”

Saturday, June 22, 2024, 3:00 PM

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 2700 So. 19th St., Arl. Va.

Guest Speakers:



Dr. Robert E. Efimba
Associate Professor, Dept, of
Civil and Environmental
Engineering, CEA
Howard University

And

Tara D. Newton, Ph.D., LCSW

Howard University

2024 Past Scholarship Recipient & Student Spokesperson

Prayer v Song v Scholarships v Community Service Awards

For More Information, Contact Veronica Dabney: E-mail – vdabney@cox.net

This Juneteenth, make racial reconciliation a priority

American Catholics must ask God to convert our hearts. It's time to heal.

PATRICK SAINT-JEAN, S.J.

On June 19, 2019, Congress introduced a new bill: [H.R. 40](#). The bill advocates for the creation of a commission to examine the possible payment of reparations to African Americans descended from enslaved persons.

The date—June 19—was intentional. On June 19, 1865, the last enslaved people gained news of their emancipation in Galveston, Texas, two years after the Emancipation Proclamation. Today, many in the Black community consider Juneteenth to be their true Independence Day.

Today, Juneteenth is a day not only to celebrate, but also for remembering and reflecting on African American history in the United States. It is a time to acknowledge that, even in the midst of celebration, Black people are still fighting to be seen and heard as humans and for fundamental rights.

H.R. 40 was an attempt to resolve some of what Black Americans are still fighting for. The name of the bill recalls the Reconstruction Era, when newly emancipated enslaved people were promised “40 acres and a mule,” a guarantee that never actualized.

One day before the House was scheduled to hold a hearing on H.R. 40, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell told reporters he was opposed to the bill, despite its aims of promoting unification and reconciliation.

McConnell's response revictimized the descendants of those enslaved and deferred responsibility for the systems of oppression that have remained in place for 400 years.

“I don't think that reparation for something that happened 150 years ago, for whom none of us currently living are responsible, is a good idea,” McConnell [said](#). “We have tried to deal with our original sin of slavery by fighting a Civil War, by passing landmark civil rights legislation. We elected an African American president.”

Through these remarks, Senator McConnell reinforced stereotypes and implied that slavery was so long ago that it should not be addressed. Such a response shows that the sin of racism is still running rampant. While financial reparations cannot overcome hundreds of years of oppression, this nation needs to have a conversation about its legacy of racism and to examine its conscience.

These conversations must be multifaceted and include not only topics such as reparations, but also how white privilege maintains inequitable situations. This includes not just slavery, but also Jim Crow-era segregation, the effects of which are still felt in how neighborhoods are

designed and in access to resources, as well as in how America responds for justice for victims of police brutality.

This Juneteenth, American Catholics must take the time to pray, asking God to convert our hearts and redirect our actions toward racial justice. This may be difficult, but we can no longer remain complicit participants in inequitable systems. The time has come to take risks and to stand with those people who need reparations.

Slavery remains the epitomical symbol of American inequality and exclusion. Much of the nation's wealth was [built on the backs of slaves](#): corporations, universities, and elite families made and maintained their fortunes through the institution of slavery. Economic disenfranchisement is at the core of this nation's being.

Even today, the economic gap between Black and white Americans remains and can be seen in everything from slavery to Jim Crow, redlining to school segregation, and from mass incarceration to environmental racism. It is within this context that the conversation for reparations must occur.

However, this Juneteenth it is also important to acknowledge that the Black community is not merely calling for monetary reparations. They also desire the recognition of their existence: a stop to the killing of Black people by police and other vigilantes.

Black people want to be noticed, to be seen by their peers as human and not as objects. The racist attitudes in this country have become a source of trauma for many, especially when they are reinforced by people in power, such as Senator McConnell. Such trauma prevents them from gaining peace.

The trauma of the Black community requires conversion, reconciliation, and healing. It is time for the deep conversion of heart that St. Paul alludes to in his letter to the Ephesians (2:12–20).

One way to envision reconciliation is to acknowledge that all trauma causes wounds. The loss of dignity for Black people forced to rely on humanitarian handouts for survival is a wound inflicted by the portion of the white community in power. The constant microaggressions from government and neighbors also take a toll on the soul.

Reconciliation seeks to heal these wounds. As Pope Francis stated in his [homily](#) for the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ on June 14, “We need to pray for healing of our

negative memory.”

It is hard to take time to look beyond the surface, stand up, and begin community healing. It is hard to create time to listen to the pain of others: sometimes because of our own pain and sometimes because it is simply hard to confront the realities of suffering daily police brutality, prison, discrimination in the workplace, and more.

Rather than Senator McConnell's dismissive words, what this nation actually needs is a dialogue about Black lives in this country and how their condition could be improved.

Today, in the midst of our Juneteenth celebration, we must ask ourselves: Who do we want to become as a community? As a country?

It is our obligation to acknowledge that the wounds of slavery and continued lack of responsibility to deal with its legacy are painful and must be addressed with care and compassion through a process of conversion and reconciliation.

American has failed the Black community numerous times in its silence regarding the trauma of enslavement and the subsequent forms of institutionalized oppression. Senator McConnell has echoed what many feel: the pain of the Black community is not his pain and he feels no responsibility to fix it.

Juneteenth is our pain, our dream, our freedom, and our hope. Henri Nouwen introduced us to the concept of the *wounded healer*, and this model rings true for those seeking to do the work of conversion and reconciliation for racial justice.

Our legislators should be champions of reconciliation. We need to be aware of our own wounds and how they shape the ways in which we perceive the world. We've been wounded for hundreds of years: It's time to heal.

Patrick Saint-Jean, S.J.

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