

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:

July 27-28— 8am and 1pm Spanish
27-28 julio - 8am 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

July 28, 2024

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION AT OLQP

August 7-9!

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¡DEVOCIÓN DE LAS CUARENTA HORAS OLQP:

7-9 de agosto!

Las Cuarenta Horas comenzarán con una Misa el miércoles, 7 de agosto a las 8:00PM y terminarán con una Bendición eucarística el viernes, 9 de agosto a las 12:00 del mediodía, seguidas por la celebración de la Misa diaria.

There is a boy here
who has five barley
loaves and two fish.

John 6:9



Aquí hay un muchacho que trae cinco
panes de cebada y dos pescados.

Jose 6,9

NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ

28 de julio de 2024

Decimoséptimo 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 and by appointment.

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

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS / COLECTAS DEL DOMINGO

Sunday Collection / Colecta del pasado domingo: \$10,125

Faith Direct (July Average /

promedio del mes de julio): \$14,305

WORD & EUCHARIST MISSALETTE/

MISAL PALABRA Y EUCARISTÍA

Today's readings can be found on page 626

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 627

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, 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, 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, Zoe A. Muñoz, Chelsea Murray, Connie Murray, Ellen 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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DECIMOSÉPTIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

2 Kings 4:42-44 (110B); Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

2 Reyes 4,42-44 (110B); Efesios 4,1-6; Juan 6,1-15

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DECIMOCTAVO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 (113B); Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

Éxodo 16,2-4, 12-15 (113B); Efesios 4,17,20-24; Juan 6,24-35

MASS INTENTIONS, JULY 27 – AUGUST 2

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 27 JULIO – 2 AGOSTO

DECIMOSÉPTIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Saturday, July 27th

5:30 pm Nina Burke (D) by Kate Wilson

Sunday, July 28th

8:00 am Kelly Posiviata (L) by Members of the Class of 66

9:30 am For the Parish

11:15 am For the Parish

1:00 pm Rosa Aranda (D) by the Lovo family

6:00 pm Abraham Rodrigo Díaz Torres (D) by Diva & Yafit Díaz Osinaga

Monday, July 29th

12:00 pm the Soul of Lawrence Dias (D) by Jude Dias

Tuesday, July 30th

12:00 pm Gracia Gavidia (D) by María Teresa Laguna

Wednesday, July 31st

12:00 pm Robert Fischetti (D) by Mike & Mary Ray

Thursday, August 1st

Fr. Martin Vu, CSSp, on the occasion of his

14th Anniversary to the Priesthood by the Parish

Friday, August 2nd

12:00 pm For the Parish

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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JUST A THOUGHT... or two...

This Sunday's Gospel tells the story of the feeding of the five thousand. This is often considered a foreshadowing of the Eucharist and it gives us insight into what is expected of us when we gather around the Table of the Lord.

In our celebration of the Eucharist we are first nourished ourselves, then by the grace of the Eucharist, we are emboldened to go out into the world to feed others.

We are emboldened to take the living presence of Christ out into the world and share it with all whom we encounter. We are called to go to those who hunger not only for real food but to those who hunger for racial justice and mercy as well...to go to those who hunger for peace and forgiveness; to go to those who hunger for affordable housing and just wages.

The "real presence" has the power to feed the hungers of the world but only if we are willing to share it with the world. We may often feel as though we do not have enough to share because the hunger is so overwhelming. But, just as Jesus took the boy's five loaves and two fishes and fed thousands, God will take our "lacking" and turn it into abundance, so that all may be fed.

The Eucharist fills us with the very presence of the Risen One and emboldens us to feed those who hunger for asylum and seek a better life in this country and for those

who hunger for an end to racism, bigotry and misogyny. Filled with the very presence of the Risen One we can work to heal divisions in our families, our places of work, school and our local communities.

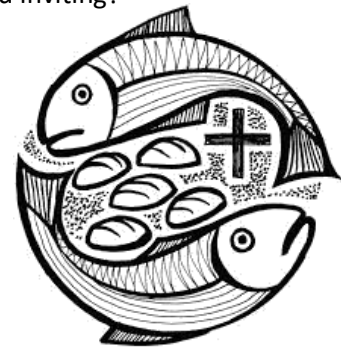
The Eucharist empowers us to do this with love and compassion, so that in the midst of fearful and violent rhetoric we might become the voice of Christ calling all of us to open, honest and compassionate dialogue aimed at healing our divisions.

So that through open and compassionate dialogue we might come to see "the other" as sister and brother, as children of God graced with human dignity that needs to be respected and protected at all costs.

What are the "five loaves and two fishes" of my life that I can share with someone who hungers? Who is God calling me to feed today? What conversations am I being called to have with others who hold different views and how can I keep Christ at the center of that conversation to keep the dialogue cordial and inviting?

Blessings,

Fr. Tim



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO
CELEBRATE FR. TIM'S
25TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY!**

We will be celebrating Fr. Tim's 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the priesthood the weekend of August 17-18. Several events are planned – plan to join us for one:

- Saturday evening outdoor reception after the 5:30 Mass
- Sunday morning "cake receptions" after each of the morning Masses
- Sunday afternoon reception with the 1pm community, and
- Sunday evening reception hosted by the young adults.

More details to come...

**¡MARQUEN SUS CALENDARIOS Y PLANEEN
CELEBRAR EL 25 ANIVERSARIO DE LA
ORDENACIÓN DEL PADRE TIM!**

Vamos a celebrar el 25 aniversario de la ordenación al sacerdocio del Padre Tim el fin de semana del 17 y 18 de agosto. Se han planeado varios eventos – planeen participar en uno de ellos:

- Una recepción al aire libre la noche del sábado después del la Misa de las 5:30
- "Recepciones con bizcochos" el domingo por la mañana después de las Misas
- Una recepción el domingo por la tarde con la comunidad de la 1pm y
- Una recepción el domingo por la noche patrocinada por los jóvenes adultos.

Pronto habrá más detalles...

THANK YOU FROM FR. JOE

Father Joe wishes to thank his beloved Latina Community for their many gestures of love and appreciation on the occasion of his birthday last weekend. In particular, he very much loved the creative way in which the celebration was integrated into the 1:00pm Mass in Spanish.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS MORE DRIVERS

If you haven't already heard this amazing news – the parish is now serving more than 800 families each week who need food assistance. That's each week! We can really use your help if you own a SUV/van/truck and can lift at least 25 pounds. Please contact Sally Diaz-Wells sdiazwells@olqpva.org for details.

Thank you to all our parishioners who provide food each week to our community in need. And a very special thank you to Jim, Roger and Susan for helping with food pickup for the food pantry!

JOIN US FOR ISIDORE'S GARDEN FESTIVITY AND BLESSING!

We are delighted to invite you to Isidore's Garden Festivity and Blessing on Sunday, July 28, at 7 pm (after the 6 pm Mass). This special event will take place at Isidore's Garden, where we will gather to celebrate and bless the garden that provides fresh produce to the OLQP Food Pantry. Isidore's Garden is more than just a place where plants grow; it is a symbol of our commitment to serving our community with fresh, locally grown food. The garden's fence is also a symbol of Abraham's tent, representing welcome and hospitality to all. We hope you will join us for an evening of gratitude, fellowship, and joy.

Event Highlights -- Blessing of the Garden: A meaningful ceremony to bless the garden and give thanks for the bountiful harvest it provides. **Appetizers and Drinks:** Enjoy appetizers featuring a local food theme.

This event is open to all. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow community members and learn more about our garden's impact. If you have any questions or would like to help make this celebration a success, please email Julene at julenejarnot@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you and sharing this special occasion with you!

VOLUNTEER AS A COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE (CASA)

SCAN is a non-profit organization whose mission is to protect children from abuse in Northern Virginia through education, advocacy, and community engagement. Within SCAN, we have three programs, one of which is the Court Appointed Special Advocates program. We do everything possible to match the families we serve with volunteers who speak their language and understand their culture. We are in dire need of diverse volunteers to advocate for the best interests of children who have experienced abuse and neglect. You can find out more about SCAN, our other programs, and the CASA program here. (<https://scanva.org/about/>)

UNA NOTA DE AGRADECIMIENTO DEL PADRE JOSÉ

El Padre José quiere darle las gracias a su querida comunidad latina por sus muchos gestos de cariño y aprecio con motivo de su cumpleaños el fin de semana pasado. En especial, para él la manera tan creativa en que integraron la celebración a la Misa de la 1:00pm en español.

LA DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS NECESITA MÁS PERSONAS PARA CONDUCIR

Si todavía no ha escuchado esta gran noticia – la parroquia ahora sirve semanalmente a más de 800 familias que necesitan ayuda alimentaria. ¡Esto es cada semana! Realmente podemos usar su ayuda si tiene un SUV/una camioneta/un camión puede levantar una carga de por lo menos 25 libras. Por favor contacte a Sally Díaz-Wells, sdiazwells@olqpva.org, para obtener detalles.

Gracias a todas las personas de la parroquia que proveen comida semanalmente para nuestra comunidad. ¡Y un agradecimiento especial a Jim, Roger y Susan por ayudar con la recogida de alimentos para la despensa!

¡ÚNASE A NOSOTROS PARA LA FIESTA Y BENDICIÓN DEL JARDÍN DE ISIDORO!

Nos complace muchísimo invitarle a la fiesta y bendición del Jardín de Isidoro el domingo, 28 de julio a las 7 pm (después de la Misa de las 6 pm). Este evento especial tendrá lugar en el Jardín de Isidoro, donde nos reuniremos para celebrar y bendecir el jardín que provee vegetales a la despensa de alimentos de OLQP. El Jardín de Isidoro no es solo un lugar donde las plantas crecen. Es un símbolo de nuestro compromiso de servir a nuestra comunidad con alimentos frescos cultivados localmente. La cerca del jardín también es un símbolo de la tienda de Abrahán, que representa la bienvenida y la hospitalidad para todas las personas. Esperamos que se unan a nosotros para pasar una noche de gratitud, compañerismo y alegría.

Momentos culminates — La bendición del jardín: Una ceremonia significativa para bendecir el jardín y dar gracias por la cosecha abundante que provee. Entremeses y bebidas: Disfrute de entremeses que destacan un tema de comida local.

Este evento es para todas las personas. Es una oportunidad maravillosa de conectar con todos los miembros de la comunidad y de aprender más acerca del impacto que nuestro jardín tiene. Si tiene preguntas o quisiera ayudar a que esta celebración sea un éxito, por favor mándele un correo electrónico a Julene, julenejarnot@gmail.com. ¡Esperamos verle allí y compartir esta ocasión especial con usted!

OFRÉZCASE DE VOLUNTARIA/O COMO DEFENSORA O DEFENSOR ESPECIAL DESIGNADO POR EL TRIBUNAL (CASA, en inglés)

SCAN es una organización sin fines de lucro en el norte de Virginia cuya misión es proteger a niñas y niños del abuso por medio de la educación, apoyo y participación comunitaria. En SCAN tenemos tres programas, uno de los cuales es el de Defensora o defensor especial designado por el tribunal. Hacemos todo lo posible para armonizar a las familias que servimos con personas voluntarias que hablan su idioma y comprenden su cultura. Tenemos una gran necesidad de personas voluntarias para apoyar y promover los mejores intereses de las niñas y los niños que han experimentado abuso y descuido. Puede encontrar más información sobre SCAN, nuestros otros programas y el programa CASA [aquí](https://scanva.org/about/). (<https://scanva.org/about/>)

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Searching for a spiritual home? RCIA provides a personal journey leading to transformation of mind and spirit, in which we consider and deepen our relationship with God. Guided by the Gospel and by the examples provided by church members and fellow journeyers, you can be baptized or become fully integrated into the Catholic community of believers through the RCIA process. If you are looking into fully realizing your faith walk and learning about the Catholic tradition, you are invited and encouraged to participate. The journey begins with a “no obligation” inquiry session this fall in Founders Room. For further information, contact Kevin and Alice Curtin (acurtin947@aol.com or 703-461-3082).

Mission Appeal – Oblates of St. Francis de Sales 2nd Collection August 10-11

The Mission Appeal: The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales serve some of the poorest people in the world as parish priests, ministers, educators and social workers by providing human and spiritual support to them. The funds raised help provide living supplies, establish food centers and support work training centers as well as provide transportation vehicles to transport children to school and activities. The donations raised support the oversight of a hospital and seminary in the Ivory Coast in North Africa and help ensure female students choose a path other than prostitution due to their poor living and social backgrounds. Saint Francis de Sales Catholic school in Parakou just north of Benin opened three years ago and needs financial help for children's programs and activities.

CURSILLO ULTREYA – ALL ARE WELCOME! Calling all Cursillistas, those interested in the Cursillo community, and anyone looking for friends and faith sharing. You are invited to an Ultreya on Saturday, August 10, at 6:45pm (after the 5:30pm Mass). An Ultreya is an opportunity to gather in community to pray, eat, and share personal stories of God’s Grace. Bring food or drinks to share and join fellow parishioners of all ages in the Founder’s Room of the Ministry Center. Contact Jennifer and Linda at OLQP.Ultreya@gmail.com for more information.

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA DE ADULTOS (RICA)

¿Qué diferencia puede marcar Dios en mi vida? RICA es el camino para quien busca una relación más profunda con Dios y una mejor comprensión de la fe católica ya sea que recién está comenzando su viaje de fe, viene de otra tradición cristiana y desea explorar el catolicismo o es una persona católica bautizada que busca los sacramentos. ¡Únase a nosotros! Para más información, comuníquese con Cecilia López al 703-642-6465.

Llamamiento misionero – oblatos de San Francisco de Sales, Segunda colecta agosto 10 y 11

El Llamamiento misionero: los oblatos de San Francisco de Sales sirven a algunas de las personas más pobres del mundo como sacerdotes, ministros, educadores y trabajadores sociales al proveerles apoyo humano y espiritual. Los fondos recaudados proveen suministros vitales, establecen centros de alimentación y apoyan centros de entrenamiento como también proveen vehículos para la transportación para llevar a niñas y niños a la escuela y las actividades. Las donaciones que obtienen apoyan la supervisión de un hospital y un seminario en la Costa de Marfil en el norte de África y ayudan a garantizar que las niñas que estudian escojan un camino diferente al de la prostitución debido a su contexto vital y social. La escuela católica San Francisco de Sales en Parakou, justo al norte de Benin abrió hace tres años y necesita ayuda financiera para los programas y las actividades de las niñas y niños.

ULTREYA DE CURSILLO – ¡TODAS LAS PERSONAS CON BIENVENIDAS!

Llamado a todas las personas que son cursillistas, las que están interesadas en la comunidad de los Cursillos y cualquiera que busca amistades y compartir la fe. Está invitada/o a asistir a una Ultreya el sábado, 10 de agosto, a las 6:45pm (después de la Misa de las 5:30pm). Una Ultreya es una oportunidad de reunirse en comunidad para rezar, comer algo y compartir historias personales de la gracia de Dios. Traiga comida o bebidas para compartir y únase a otros feligreses de todas las edades de la parroquia en el Founder’s Room del Ministry Center. Contacta a Jennifer y Linda, OLQP.Ultreya@gmail.com para obtener más información.

Congratulations Fr. Martin on the 22nd Anniversary of your Profession and the 14th Anniversary of your Ordination!

¡Felicidades, Padre Martin en el 22 aniversario de su profesión y el 14 aniversario de su ordenación!

*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.*

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: laika1031@gmail.com.

NEWS FROM MEDOR

Timote Georges, director of the Smallholder Farmers Alliance (SFA), the group which implements Medor's agroforestry program, recently sent a progress report on the program's accomplishments in the first half of 2024. He wrote, "The gravity of Haiti's political chaos coupled with gang activity in Port au Prince delays some of SFA's planned activities. However, the work in Medor has been running smoothly and the farmers are more than ever determined to engage in the agroforestry program. The many accomplishments are possible thanks to the participating farmers, the support of OLQP, and SFA's leadership." Thank you for your love and support for our Medor family. Please pray for peace and security in Haiti.

Mass of Thanksgiving

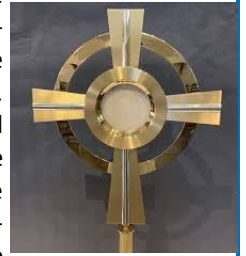
Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge invites you to join him in celebrating a special Mass of Thanksgiving for the completion of the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More renovations. Pray with us on Sunday, September 8, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the 11 am Mass; a reception will follow in Burke Hall. The Cathedral of Saint Thomas More, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington. www.cathedralstm.org

JOIN MARIAN HOMES, INC. FOR A CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER on September 27 at 7:00pm, at the Country Club of Fairfax. All proceeds support intellectually disabled adults. Purchase tickets here: <https://shorturl.at/vm2XD> Contact marketing@marianhomes.org for more information. Enjoy a night of high stakes and excitement to benefit the Marian Homes, Inc. capital campaign. Tickets are \$100 until August 1.

OLQP FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

August 7-9, 2024

In honor of the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese of Arlington this year, celebrations of Forty Hours Devotion have been going on throughout the Diocese. Our Forty Hours Devotion will be held at OLQP August 7th-9th; please use sign up to take part, this way we can be sure that someone will always be present for adoration. We need people to sign up to be present for adoration and prayer around the clock during the full Forty Hours Devotion including through the night.



Forty Hours will begin with a Mass on Wednesday, August 7th at 8:00PM and conclude with Benediction on Friday, August 9th at 12:00 Noon, followed by the daily Mass.

- Adoration will continue around the clock, except during noon Mass on Thursday, August 8th
- Come to pray by yourself, as a family, or as a ministry group
- Bring a friend or three!
- Need at least 2 parishioners present between, 9pm—6am
- Even if slots are full, come!

- To sign up and for more details, go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/OLQPVA40Hours2024>

- Or scan the QR Code, here :

Questions? Contact
Rebecca Grant Jenkins,
rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org



CARE FOR CREATION MEETING

Please join the parish Integrity of Creation Team for their monthly meeting. Our August meeting will be August 5 at 7PM via Zoom. This month we are finalizing our plans for the Season of Creation which begins Sept. 1. For more information and for the Zoom link, please email: michellem.knight@gmail.com

ECO-TIP: Heat pump water heaters (HPWH) have become a popular choice for homeowners seeking an efficient and environmentally friendly solution for heating water. With rebates and incentives, a HPWH may be a viable and cost effective option to consider. For more information: energy.gov.

OLQP Annual Backpack & School Supply Drive

Campaña anual para recoger mochilas y materiales escolares



It's that time again, and we need your help to send **850** local children (including Afghan & Ukrainian children) back to school ready to learn!

When: Collections start now, with distributions of supplies August 16th & 17th (right before school starts)

What we still need:

We are getting there! Our biggest needs are...
pocket folders
glue sticks
high school backpacks

Please check the [Signup Genius](#) for the most up to date list.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4ca5ae29abfb6-olqp7#/>

Where: Place donations in the food pantry collection bins by 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.

- **Shopping online?** Ship directly to parish, by noting "school supply drive" in the address.
- **Prefer to make a monetary donation?** Donations labelled "Backpack drive" can be dropped in the Sunday collection, dropped off in the parish office, or made online through Faith Direct.

Want to Volunteer? If you would like to help pack backpacks and/or help distribute backpacks, please signup [here](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B45A4AC29A3F5C70-49950245-2024#/): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B45A4AC29A3F5C70-49950245-2024#/>

Questions? please contact Patvinkenes@yahoo.com



¡Es el momento otra vez y necesitamos su ayuda para ayudar a mandar a **850** niñas y niños locales (inclusive a niñas y niños afganos y ucranianos recién llegados) a la escuela, listos para aprender!

¿Cuándo?: La colecta empieza ahora, con la distribución de materiales a mediados de agosto (justo antes de que empiecen las clases)

Lo que necesitamos:

¡Ya casi lo tenemos todo! Lo que más necesitamos son carpetas con bolsillos, barras de pegamento y mochilas para estudiantes de escuela secundaria.

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¿Dónde?: Ponga sus donaciones en los contenedores de la despensa de alimentos para el 4 de agosto (fecha límite).

- **¿Compra en línea?** Envíenla directamente a la parroquia, poniendo "school supply drive" en la dirección.
- **¿Prefiere hacer una donación monetaria?** Las donaciones marcadas con "Backpack drive" se pueden poner en la colecta del domingo, se pueden llevar a la oficina parroquial o se pueden hacer en línea por Faith Direct.

¿Quiere ser voluntaria o voluntario? Si quisiera ayudar a empacar las mochilas y/o ayudar a distribuir las, por favor contacte a DeeDee.Tostanoski@gmail.com.

¿Tiene preguntas? Por favor contacte a Patvinkenes@yahoo.com

GOAL: 850 filled Backpacks by mid-August
La meta es llenar 850 mochilas para mediados de agosto

Kindness is neither obvious nor easy

An ethics of compassion can provide common ground for discussion in a polarized world.

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At a recent fitness class, I saw a T-shirt slogan that stuck with me: “In a world where you can be anything, be kind.” While it may sound trite, often kindness is neither obvious nor easy. We must actively choose to be kind, and this can sometimes be quite difficult. As Pope Francis notes, “We need to acknowledge that we are constantly tempted to ignore others, especially the weak.” In our deeply divided society, the reminder to be kind is really a reminder to love our neighbor.

“Who is my neighbor?” A lawyer asks Jesus this simple yet provocative question in Luke’s gospel. Jesus tells the story of a wounded man left injured on the side of the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. The religious elites do not show kindness; they simply keep walking. But a Samaritan traveler, someone who would likely have been considered an enemy of both the wounded man and Jesus’ original audience, stops to provide aid. Scripture tells us he was “moved with compassion at the sight” (American Standard Version). Kindness or compassion begins in recognizing the common human dignity of our neighbor and propels us to act.

In [Compassionate Respect](#) (Paulist Press), Sister Margaret Farley argues that “compassion requires normative shaping.” When we are moved with compassion, she notes, we must ask, “What does compassion require?” Without that second step, compassion fails to truly be present.

This is particularly true in health care. Medical care teams can only provide effective medical treatment if it is done with an ethic of compassionate respect. Patients must always be recognized as people first. Addressing their needs requires taking into consideration their concrete symptoms but also their spir-

itual, familial, and cultural contexts.

“Compassion allows you to see reality,” [says Pope Francis](#), for “compassion is like the lens of the heart: It allows us to take in and understand the true dimensions.” If we consider the parable of the Good Samaritan, we can see a model of this ethics of compassionate respect. In the story, the Samaritan did three things: poured wine over the man’s open wounds to disinfect them, poured oil to protect and soothe them, and brought the wounded man to an inn for further care. There is nothing abstract or ephemeral about the practice of compassion. It is concrete and practical.

The ethics of compassion is also a place of convergence in our pluralistic and often divided society. Over the last school year, I have been revising my theological ethics of health care course with help from Interfaith America. In their final exam essays, many of my students chose compassion for their interfaith essay topic. A central virtue in basically all religious traditions, an ethics of compassion can provide important common ground for discussion in a polarized world.

In Buddhism, distance from suffering does not mean distance from people who are sick or in pain. In fact, according to the Dalai Lama, compassion is a “deep inborn emotion and the source of happiness.” Prioritizing holistic care that included spiritual dimensions, early Buddhist monasteries served as hospices and infirmaries. It is easy to see common ground in this commitment to alleviate suffering and a sense of happiness in a life lived through love of neighbor.

For the Abrahamic traditions, the ultimate common reference point is God as creator and God’s own compassion. In “Towards an understanding of compassion from an Islamic perspective,” [published in the Journal of Clinical](#)

[Nursing](#), authors Jalal Alharbi and Lourance Al Hadid note that “among God’s own names that are recited repeatedly in every prayer are Rahman and Rahim (meaning compassionate and merciful).” The refrain to be compassionate as God is compassionate is interwoven within the three traditions’ instructions to believers on how to care for the sick, the poor, and all those who are suffering. [According to the late Rabbi Jonathan Sacks](#), “Justice plus compassion equals *tzedek*, the first precondition of a decent society.”

Returning to the parable of the Good Samaritan, [Pope Francis suggests it](#) as a blueprint for rebuilding “our wounded world,” arguing that “Jesus’ parable summons us to rediscover our vocation as citizens of our respective nations and of the entire world, builders of a new social bond.” Perhaps in an ethics of compassion, we find a deep and nuanced invitation to live into our common humanity. And perhaps we will also find some common ground from which to build a world with more kindness.

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