

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

August 25, 2024

TWENTY-FIRST 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:

August 24-25 — 5:30pm and 1pm Spanish

24-25 agosto - 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)

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.

“To whom shall we go?”

John 6:68



¿a quién iremos?

Juan 6, 68

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

COLECTA DEL FIN DE SEMANA PRÓXIMO:

LA UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA



NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ

25 de agosto de 2024

Vigesimal primer 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: \$6,230

Faith Direct (August Average / promedio del mes de agosto): \$13,318

WORD & EUCHARIST MISSALETTE/ MISAL PALABRA Y EUCARISTÍA

Today's readings can be found on page 642

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 643

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 DiCerro, 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 Morrissey, 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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

VIGESIMOPRIMER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b (122B); Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32; John 6:60-69
Josué 24,1-2a, 15-17, 18b (122B); Efesios 5:2a, 25-32; Juan 6,60-69

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

VIGESIMOSEGUNDO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 (125B); James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27;
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Deuteronomio 4,1-2, 6-8 (125B); Santiago 1,17-18, 21b-22, 27;
Marcos 7,1-8, 14-15, 21-23

MASS INTENTIONS, AUGUST 24-30

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 24-30 AGOSTO

VIGESIMOPRIMER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Saturday, August 24th

5:30 pm Hugh Nugent (D) by friends

Sunday, August 25th

8:00 am the parish

9:30 am María Polio (D) by Fritzi Yurick

11:15 am Christopher A. Solomon (L) by Judith Francia-Reyes

1:00 pm Gregorio Antonio Quispe Burgos (D)

by Yvi Quispe & Percy Antonio Quispe

6:00 pm the parish

Monday, August 26th

12:00 pm Adela Moloche (L) by Lilia Koethlin

Tuesday, August 27th

12:00 pm the parish

Wednesday, August 28th

12:00 pm the parish

Thursday, August 29th

12:00 pm Funeral—Theda Fitzpatrick

Friday, August 30th

12:00 pm Kryztien Octavio Loza Muñoz (Birthday) (L)
by the Loza Muñoz family

In Memoriam

THEDA FITZPATRICK

Died in the Lord August 18, 2024

Mass of Christian Burial is scheduled for Thursday, August 29, at 11am. Notes of condolences may be sent to the family in care of the parish. Please keep David (son) and Lourdes (daughter-in-law) in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH /

VIDA SACRAMENTAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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

Max Sebastian Guscoff, Ronald Thomas Grogan, & Catherine Sheedy Pantoja

Baptized August 24 / Bautizados el 24 de agosto

Linh Nguyen

Baptized August 25 / Bautizada el 25 de agosto

JUST A THOUGHT... or two...

“And some of them found his words too hard and just walked away”! Can you imagine it? There you are following Jesus all around Judea, watching him do astounding things -- raising the dead, restoring sight to the blind, healing the sick. He’s preaching the coming of the Reign of God, you’re hanging on his every word filled with a deep sense that somehow the whole world is about to change...and then he says something that is so strange, so totally out of bounds that even having seen him perform miracles, you just can’t be a part of it anymore and so you walk away from him and return to your former way of life!

That is what today’s Gospel says happened to some of Jesus’ disciples. What words could be so powerful? How disappointed they must have been thinking they had found the Messiah, having personally witnessed Jesus’ astounding power, having been mesmerized by his words and vision of the Reign of God...until he told them they had to eat his flesh and drink his blood; that he was the “bread of life come down from heaven.” It was just too much!

When I reflect on this Gospel reading I can’t help but think of all the times and ways in which “I have just walked away”; when I felt that it was all just too much! I have a sense that I am not alone in my walking away.

But the wonder of it is that when I have felt that way, Jesus always called me back! He’s not willing to let me be, and just walk away. And curiously enough, given the context of this Gospel, it is usually Eucharist that calls me back!

And it’s not just me, I hear it over and over again from people who have tried to walk away...but just can’t break loose from the “pull” of the Eucharist.

While we are free to walk away...God never just lets us go...God continues to follow after us...hunting us down like the “The Hound of Heaven”. I think it is also interesting to note that this total gift of self, by Jesus in the Eucharist, was precisely what caused some disciples to walk away -- they left at Jesus’ total gift of himself to them! It was just too much for them to be able to comprehend and to accept that we are so loved by God that God’s very self is made food for us. And it is that same God who searches us out when we walk away...bringing us back home.

And today in the midst of all the suffering, injustice and pain in the world, God is here with us right this moment, weeping with us for all those who are sick and those who are suffering.

In the midst of wars and famine God is with them in the midst of their sorrow and suffering. And God touches our hearts to reach out to them in their misery, to help them, to speak out on their behalf when and where their voices are silenced or ignored!

As we are so fortunate to be able to gather around the table of the Lord, to be nourished by Christ’s very body, let us not “walk away.” For filled by this Divine presence within us, we are emboldened to go forth from here and fight for all those who suffer and are burdened; for that is our call as disciples of Jesus Christ! To do as Christ did!

Blessings, Fr. Tim

SPECIAL BILINGUAL LABOR DAY MASS

Monday 9/2 at 11am

Join the parish and other workers in our community for a very special bilingual Mass on Labor Day, Monday, 9/2 at 11:00am. Let’s gather to honor and pray for workers and their movement. Email Laura with questions at htlaura1@gmail.com

MISA BILINGÜE ESPECIAL EL DÍA DEL TRABAJO

El lunes, 2 de septiembre a las 11am

Únase a la parroquia y a otras personas en nuestra comunidad que trabajan para celebrar una Misa muy especial el Día del trabajo el lunes, 2 de septiembre a las 11am. Reunámonos para honrar y rezar por las personas que trabajan y por su movimiento. Mándele un correo electrónico a Laura (htlaura1@gmail.com) si tiene preguntas.

SPAM EMAIL & TEXT MESSAGES

ON THE RISE, AGAIN!

Please be on the alert for suspicious email and text messages seemingly from Fr. Tim. The messages typically ask if you are available, coaxing you to respond. Do not respond in any way. Just delete the message. Watch for the sender’s email address. It’s usually a “gmail” address. Please know that Fr. Tim will never send a message asking for gift cards.

¡OTRA VEZ LOS CORREOS ELECTRÓNICOS Y

TEXTOS SPAM VAN EN AUMENTO!

Por favor, esté alerta si recibe correos electrónicos y textos del Padre Tim. Los mensajes normalmente preguntan si está disponible, persuadiéndole a responder. No responda de ninguna manera. Borre el mensaje. Fíjese en la dirección del correo electrónico de quién lo manda. Generalmente es una dirección de Gmail. Por favor sepa que el Padre Tim nunca va a mandar un mensaje pidiendo tarjetas de regalo.

Una comunidad católica con una ética consistente con la vida

MATTHEW 25 -- Due to the voluminous amount of donations we have received it is necessary to stop accepting donations from Sunday, August 25, through Monday, September 2 (Labor Day). Donations will be accepted again on Tuesday, September 3. We thank you for your donations and your continued support. Unfortunately, anything left at the door of the Ministry center during the week we are closed will be recycled.

THANK YOU -- You sent 935 local children back to school in style! Our backpack distribution last weekend was enormously successful. Thanks to all of you who donated, shopped, sorted, packed and distributed backpacks. Special thanks for DeeDee Tostanowski, Megan Garnett, Louise Drucker, Susan Leverone, Peg Butner, Michael Hill and the entire parish staff. The children were delighted with the parish's generosity; truly discipleship in action!

GABRIEL PROJECT -- Bonuses Provided for Gabriel Project Volunteers! Volunteers for the Gabriel Project get big payments for their 3 hours of work. Workers may work one, two, or three Wednesday mornings a month. Pay includes meeting grateful mothers, getting education on new baby products, talking with fellow OLQP parishioners, seeing big baby smiles and the bonus of meeting new gifts from God soon after their birth! If this huge payout interests you, contact Rosie at rosie.saberton@verizon.net or Chrissie at Chrissi152@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH (HAM) -- This is Feeding America nationwide network of food banks' awareness campaign designed to mobilize the public to act on the issue. This September, choose to stand against hunger. Sharing, volunteering, pledging, fundraising, and donating are just a few ways to help end hunger. Look for the HAM calendar insert in next weekend's bulletin. Thank you for your support to end hunger in our community.

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

If you have not officially registered with the parish, we invite you to do so. Updated, accurate information is very useful to us, especially in communicating important news like a weather-related closure. Visit the parish website (www.olqpva.org) click on About Us >> Register >> Register With Us.

If you have had an addition to your family, if you have had a change of address or if you would like to know what information we have on file for your family, please send a message to Jeannette Gantz Daly in the parish office: jgantz Daly@olqpva.org

MATEO 25 -- Debido a la gran cantidad de donaciones que hemos recibido es necesario no aceptar donaciones del domingo, 25 de agosto al lunes, 2 de septiembre (Día del trabajo). Aceptaremos donaciones otra vez el martes, 3 de septiembre. Les damos las gracias por sus donaciones y su continuo apoyo. Desafortunadamente cualquier artículo que deje a la puerta del Ministry Center durante la semana cuando estaremos cerrados se reciclará.

¡GRACIAS -- Usted mandó a 935 niñas y niños locales de regreso al colegio con estilo! El fin de semana pasado nuestra distribución de mochilas fue un gran éxito. Gracias a todos ustedes que donaron, compraron, organizaron, empacaron y distribuyeron las mochilas. Un agradecimiento especial a DeeDee Tostanowski, Megan Garnett, Louise Drucker, Susan Leverone, Peg Butner, Michael Hill y a todo el personal de la parroquia. Las niñas y los niños estaban encantados con la generosidad de la parroquia, ¡verdaderamente el discipulado en acción!

PROYECTO GABRIEL -- ¡Bonos para las personas voluntarias del Proyecto Gabriel! Las personas voluntarias del Proyecto Gabriel reciben una gran paga por sus 3 horas de trabajo. Las personas pueden trabajar los miércoles una, dos o tres mañanas al mes. La paga incluye conocer a madres agradecidas, educarse sobre nuevos artículos para bebés, hablar con otras personas de OLQP, ver a los bebés sonreír y ¡el bono de conocer a nuevos dones de Dios pronto después de su nacimiento! Si esta paga enorme le interesa, contacte a Rosie, rosie.saberton@verizon.net o a Chrissie, Chrissi152@gmail.com

SEPTIEMBRE ES EL MES DE LA ACCIÓN CONTRA EL HAMBRE (HAM) -- Esta es una campaña de sensibilización de Feeding America (Dar de comer a América) -- una red nacional de bancos de alimentos movilizados para animar al público a que tomen medidas sobre la cuestión del hambre. Este septiembre escoja hacerle frente al hambre al compartir, ofrecerse de voluntaria/o, comprometerse, recaudar dinero y donar. Estas son solo unas cuantas maneras de ayudar a erradicar el hambre. Busque el encarte del calendario de HAM en el boletín del próximo fin de semana. Gracias por su apoyo para terminar con el hambre en nuestra comunidad.

INSCRÍBASE EN LA PARROQUIA/ PONGA AL DÍA SU INFORMACIÓN DÉJENOS SABER SI SE VA A MUDAR

Si no se ha inscrito oficialmente en la parroquia, le invitamos a hacerlo. Información actualizada y correcta nos es muy útil, especialmente para comunicar noticias importantes como un cierre por mal tiempo. Visite el sitio web de la parroquia (www.olqpva.org) y haga clic en About Us >> Register >> Register With Us.

Si tiene un nuevo miembro en la familia, si ha tenido un cambio de dirección o si quiere saber qué información tenemos de su familia, por favor mándele un mensaje a Jeannette Gantz Daly en la oficina parroquial: jgantz Daly@olqpva.org

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you ready to take your next steps on your journey of faith? RCIA provides a personal journey leading to transformation of mind and spirit, in which we consider and deepen our relationship with God and consider how we can serve others. 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, you are invited and encouraged to participate. The journey begins this fall. For more information, contact Kevin and Alice Curtin (acurtin947@aol.com or 703-461-3082). Contact Cecilia Lopez Oetgen, clopez@olqpva.org, for classes in Spanish.

LIVESTREAM EVENT:

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Celebrate our Diocese's Golden Jubilee by attending a special livestream on Thursday, September 5! This virtual event will begin at 12:30pm and feature: The premiere of an historical documentary of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington; an exclusive narrated first-look of the renovated Cathedral of Saint Thomas More; and a livestream of the Solemn Mass and Altar Dedication celebrated by the Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge. Narrated by Father James Hudgins, pastor of Saint Theresa's Catholic Church in Ashburn, this is a livestream event you will not want to miss. <https://youtube.com/live/UEIykiwRXnE> Join us as we continue to give thanks to God for our Golden Jubilee!

RETREAT FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL

This retreat provides a chance for those with serious illness to find spiritual renewal and comfort. Held at San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia, from Friday-Sunday, September 27-29, it includes a special opening Mass with Bishop Michael Burbidge. Caretakers are also welcome. Please email retreat@ccda.net or call 703-841-3830 if you are interested in attending, or have questions.

BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

S.T.A.R., Share, Teach and Reflect Corner!

Cameroonian-American parishioner Bob Efimba celebrates 50 years as an Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Howard University. He attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), earning four engineering degrees there, including a PhD and a CE "Wall of Fame" listing. At OLQP, he was a Parish Advisory Board member and has for many years served on the Ujamaa Committee and the Haiti Committee. In 2016, he led nine engineering students from Howard to OLQP's sister parish, St. Joseph's in Medor, Haiti, to evaluate the road to Medor and to explore water treatment options. One of those Howard students has become a physician and another a PhD in aeronautical engineering.

RITO DE LA INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA DE ADULTOS (RICA)

¿Está lista/listo para dar sus próximos pasos en su jornada de fe? RICA provee una jornada personal que conduce a la transformación de la mente y el espíritu, en la cual consideramos y profundizamos nuestra relación con Dios y pensamos como podemos servir a los demás. Guiadas/os por el Evangelio y por los ejemplos de los miembros de la iglesia y compañeras/os en la jornada, se puede bautizar o integrarse plenamente a la comunidad católica de creyentes por medio del proceso de RICA. Si busca realizar totalmente su jornada de fe, está invitada/o y animada/o a participar. La jornada comienza este otoño. Para obtener más información, contacte a Kevin y Alice Curtin (acurtin947@aol.com o llame al 703-461-3082). Contacte a Cecilia López Oetgen, clopez@olqpva.org para clases en español.

EVENTO DE COBERTURA EN DIRECTO:

Celebración del 50 aniversario

¡Celebre nuestro 50 aniversario asistiendo a una cobertura en directo especial el jueves, 5 de septiembre! Este evento virtual va a empezar a las 12:30pm y va a presentar el estreno de un documento histórico de la Diócesis católica de Arlington. Es una exclusiva primera mirada narrada de la renovada Catedral de Saint Thomas More y una cobertura en directo de la Misa solemne y dedicación del altar celebradas por el Muy reverendo Michael F. Burbidge. Narrado por el Padre James Hudgins, párroco de Saint Theresa Catholic Church en Ashburn, este evento en directo es uno que no va a querer perderse. <https://youtube.com/live/UEIykiwRXnE> ¡Únase a nosotros mientras continuamos dándole gracias a Dios por nuestro 50 aniversario!

.RETIRO PARA PERSONAS GRAVEMENTE ENFERMAS

Este retiro provee una oportunidad para encontrar renovación espiritual y consuelo. Se llevará a cabo en el San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia, del viernes 27 de septiembre al domingo 29 de septiembre. Incluye una Misa de apertura con el Obispo Michael Burbidge. Las personas que cuidan a las personas enfermas también son bienvenidas. Por favor mande un correo electrónico a retreat@ccda.net o llame al 703-841-3830 si está interesada/o en asistir o si tiene preguntas.

MINISTERIO CATÓLICO NEGRO

S.T.A.R., ¡Comparta, enseñe y reflexione!

Bob Efimba, un miembro camerunese-americano de la parroquia, celebra 50 años de ser un profesor asociado de ingeniería civil y medioambiental en Howard University. Asistió al Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) y allí obtuvo cuatro títulos de ingeniería, incluyendo un PhD y una mención CE "Wall of Fame". En OLQP fue miembro de la Junta consultora de la parroquia y ha servido en el Comité Ujamaa y el Comité de Haití por muchos años. En 2016, llevó a nueve estudiantes de ingeniería de Howard a la parroquia hermana de OLQP, St. Joseph en Medor, Haití, para evaluar el camino a Medor y para explorar opciones de tratamiento del agua. Uno de esos estudiantes de Howard se ha convertido en médico y otro en ingeniero aeronáutico.

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.

NEWS FROM MEDOR

Of the 110,435 tree seedlings that were produced in Medor's ten tree nurseries in the first half of this year, 85,765 were transplanted onto farmers' plots, and degraded hills during that time frame. If conditions are favorable, the rest will be transplanted in the coming months. Twenty-nine tree transplantation events took place from Jan-June this year, with about 90 people participating in each one. These work parties, called "kombits" are a Haitian tradition, in which people gather together to work for the common good. After the work is done, each kombit ends with a shared meal. We are grateful to our Medor family for showing us their kombit tradition. We commend their sense of community and solidarity.

Please pray for peace and security in Haiti.

SHARE THE WORD Bible Study

This year OLQP will be offering PSALMS: The School of Prayer. This program from Ascension Press, begins September 14 via Zoom. There are no prerequisites. The heart of the program is the shared discussion that allows us to bring our own experience to bear on the scriptures. Each lesson contains a video and then group discussion. Study materials can be purchased on the internet from the Ascension Press website. We meet on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, from 9:30-11am. Please join us as we study and reflect on the Word of God at the present moment of our lives. Contact Patricia Fitzgibbons: fitzgpa525@gmail.com

GREENS ORGANIC FARM IN SOUTH ARLINGTON!

Did you know? There is a greens organic farm in South Arlington, only 1 mile from OLQP! It might be a well-kept "secret", BUT no longer! Have YOU visited the farm on South Oxford St.? Adults and school-age children, here's your chance! In conjunction with the celebration of the Season of Creation we are going on a 1-hour tour of AREA 2 FARM on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 1:00 pm. For details and to register, contact anne.murphy2244@gmail.com. There is a limited number of slots, so do not delay. Contact Anne Murphy today!

GO ELECTRIC – Sunday, September 8 at 9:30 AM on the Hall Stage. During the Season of Creation, the Integrity of Creation Team invites you to a presentation by parishioner John Cullather who has successfully converted his home to electricity using the tax credits available through the Inflation Reduction Act. Bring your questions and/or your experience for ways to reduce your carbon emissions and save money through electrification. Questions: kathleenabrown@verizon.net

JustFAITH – A new 8-week program called "Preventing Gun Violence: From Rhetoric to Real Solutions" will begin in September. There are only 12 slots for this class, so if you are interested, please contact Sally Diaz-Wells at sdiazwells@olqpva.org.

JustFAITH -- Do you want to talk about racism in your faith community, but you don't know where to begin? This small group program guides participants in telling the truth about the history of racism in the United States, that we might work toward true reconciliation with God and restoration with one another. **Interested?** Contact Sally Diaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org

CALLED 2024 -- Bishop Burbidge invites all young adults (ages 19 to 35, single and married) to join him at the second annual CALLED: A Conference for Young Adults! Join hundreds of young adults at the Sheraton Hotel in Reston, VA on Saturday, September 21, for Mass with Bishop Burbidge and an incredible keynote from Arthur C. Brooks, Harvard professor and best-selling author. Arthur teaches courses on leadership, happiness, and social entrepreneurship. The day will also include breakout sessions, dinner, prayer, live music, and plenty of social time! Complimentary childcare is available throughout the entire event. Encounter Jesus, connect with other young adults and to your local Young Adult Ministries and be encouraged in how the Lord has CALLED YOU to holiness. Last year CALLED sold out ahead of time and you are not going to want to miss being a part of this incredible event. Registration with a special early bird rate is now open at <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/young-adult-ministry/called>

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 at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington. www.cathedralstm.org

ADVOCATES for JUSTICE

Summer is drawing to a close and we are on the cusp of the season of action! The society in which we are living today is ripe with issues that provide us, the followers of Jesus Christ, with advocacy opportunities for action! Advocates for Justice are beginning to spread the contagious power of hope, by calling all to prayer — prayers for courage to say yes to action on behalf of justice. That action can begin with voting. Watch for voting information — important dates and how to make a voting plan.

ECO-TIP: Ceiling fans can be an effective complement to home air conditioning. By helping to circulate air, ceiling fans can lower energy costs. Many people install ceiling fans in bedrooms. This allows them to sleep in comfort and economize by not using central air.

Bilingual Labor Day Mass

Honoring Workers and their Unions

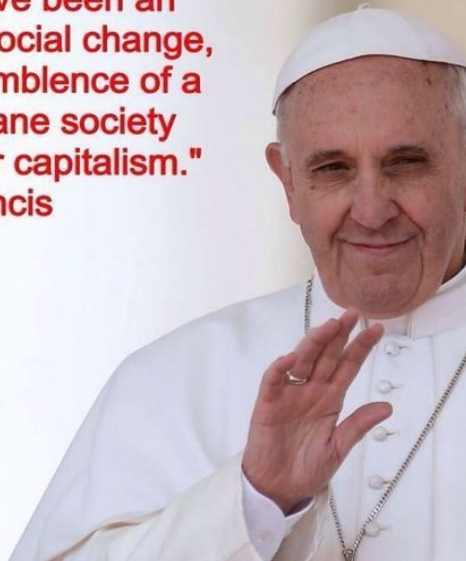
Monday, Sept 2nd — 11am

Misa bilingüe por el Día del trabajo

Honrando a los trabajadores y sus sindicatos

Lunes, 2 de sept — 11am

**"Trade unions have been an essential force for social change, without which a semblance of a decent and humane society is impossible under capitalism."
Pope Francis**



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Email Laura Bandini al HTLaura1@gmail.com si tiene preguntas



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. We celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created.

This year, the theme for the season is “To hope and act with Creation”. Amid the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution, many are beginning to despair. As people of faith we are called to lift the hope inspired by our faith. This is not a hope without action but one we can apply in concrete actions of prayer, service and solidarity.

The OLQP Integrity of Creation Team is coordinating a number of events and activities to observe the Season. Please read the bulletin, listen to the clergy announcements and watch for flyers with more details and information about all of these events. Join us!!

SEASON OF CREATION CALENDAR

September 1 Most Masses throughout the season will have special prayers for Creation	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
September 8 9:30 AM Hall Stage	GO ELECTRIC Presentation by parishioner John Cullather
September 8 or 22 1 PM meet at Hall or the Farm	Tour Area 2 Farm in Shirlington
September 14 6:30 PM Isidore’s Garden	Music in the Garden Featuring Celtic Underground
September 15	Composting at the Parish picnic
September 22 11 AM Hall Stage	GO SOLAR Presentation by Interfaith Power and Light
October 5 10:30 AM Parish courtyard	Blessing of the Animals