

## 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

February 2, 2025

## FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

### First Sunday of Black History Month



### National Day of Prayer for the African American Family

God of Mercy and Love we place our African American Families before You today. May we be proud of our history and never forget those who paid a great price for our liberation. Bless us one by one and keep our hearts and minds fixed on higher ground. Help us to live for You and not for ourselves, and may we cherish and proclaim the gift of life. Bless our parents, guardians and grandparents, relatives and friends. Give us the amazing grace to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Help us, as Your children, to live in such a way that the beauty and greatness of authentic love is reflected in all that we say and do. Give a healing anointing to those less fortunate, especially the motherless, the fatherless, the broken, the sick and the lonely. Bless our departed family members and friends. May they be led into the light of your dwelling place where we will never grow old, where we will share the fullness of redemption and shout the victory for all eternity. This we ask in the Precious Name of Jesus, our Savior and Blessed Assurance. Amen.

#### Holy Mary, Mother of Our Families, pray for us.

--Prayer composed by Fr. Jim Goode, OFM, who in 1989 founded  
National Day of Prayer for the African American Family

In recognition of this national day of prayer, please join with the congregation in praying this prayer at the conclusion of the Prayer of the Faithful at all Masses this weekend.

### Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church! ¡Bienvenidos a OLQP Iglesia Católica!

#### Contact / Contacto:

2700 19th St S, Arlington VA 22204  
703-979-5580, office@olqpva.org

#### 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:

Feb 1-2— 11:15am and 1pm Spanish  
1-2 febrero 11:15am 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.

THIS WEEKEND'S 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION:

ARLINGTON CATHOLIC HERALD

SEGUNDA COLECTA DE ESTE FIN DE SEMANA:

PERIÓDICO DIOCESANO HERALD

NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ  
2 de febrero de 2025

Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor

## **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: \$5,722

Church in Latin America / La Iglesia en América Latina: \$4,038

Faith Direct (January Average /

promedio del mes de enero): \$13,610

### **WORD & EUCHARIST MISSALETTE/**

#### **MISAL PALABRA Y EUCARISTÍA**

Today's readings can be found on page 1110

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 1111

### **BULLETIN DEADLINE / PLAZO PARA EL BOLETÍN**

Wednesday 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, 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, Calista Downey, Tim Felker, Elizabeth (Bunny) Foster, Yvette Francois, Anne Fullerton, Joseph Funk, Iva Futrell, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, Fred Gladbach, Nancy Gormley, Yolanda Gregorio, Jo 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, Betty Mills, Yvonne Mockler, Carmen Montijo, Dorothy Moran, Dan Morrissey, Rosemary Morrissey, Luis R. Muñoz, Zoe A. Muñoz, Chelsea Murray, Connie Murray, Ellen Murray, Paul Murray, Dorothy Myrtle, Mario Amel Najarro, Karen Newman, Stephen Nutter, 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

## **FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

### **FIESTA DE LA PRESENTACIÓN DEL SEÑOR**

Malachi 3:1-4 (524C); Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Malaquías 3:1-4 (524C); Hebreos 2,14-18; Lucas 2,22-40

### **FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **QUINTO DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

Isaiah 6:1-2°, 3-8 (75C); 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 11; Luke 5:1-11

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### **MASS INTENTIONS, FEBRUARY 1-7**

### **FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

### **INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 1-7 FEBRERO**

### **FIESTA DE LA PRESENTACIÓN DEL SEÑOR**

#### **Saturday, February 1st**

5:30 pm Olga Victoria Muñoz de Alvarado (Birthday) (D)

by Luis & Zoe A. Muñoz

#### **Sunday, February 2nd**

8:00 am Mary Clare Gerhardstein (D) by Marge Schefflen

9:30 am Edward Patrick Cruz (D) by Debbie Cruz

11:15 am Joe Harrington (D) by the parish

1:00 pm The Virgin of Candelaria by the parish

6:00 pm For The Parish

#### **Monday, February 3rd**

12:00 pm Milagros Masias (D) by Lilia Koechlin

#### **Tuesday, February 4th**

12:00 pm Saturnina Arizaga & Julián Laguna (D)

by María Margarita Cabrera

#### **Wednesday, February 5th**

12:00 pm Miguel Soto (D) by María Teresa Laguna

#### **Thursday, February 6th**

11:00 am Funeral—Bernard Brown, Jr.

#### **Friday, February 7th**

12:00 pm Adriana Sierra (D) by María Margarita Cabrera

### **IN MEMORIAM**

#### **Bernard Brown, Jr.**

#### **Died in the Lord January 26, 2025**

It is with much sadness we share the news of Bernard's passing. His aunt and uncle, Clarence and Selena, were founding members of OLQP. Please hold Bernard's wife, Cynthia (Lector and former Parish Advisory Board member) and their son, Christopher, in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Condolences to the family may be sent in care of the parish office.

Arrangements are for Thursday, February 6:

Viewing at 10am,

Funeral Mass at 11am

#### **OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA**

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

*Parochial Vicar / Párroco Asociado:* **Fr. Martin Vu, CSSp,** mvu@olqpva.org

*Parochial Vicar / Párroco Asociado:* **Fr. Pontien Kenfack, CSSp,** pkenfack@olqpva.org

*Deacon / Diácono:* **Dcn. Tony Remedios,** tremedios@olqpva.org

## A Consistent Ethic of Life Catholic Community

### JUST A THOUGHT... or two...

In today's Gospel we have a scene of the holy family fulfilling an ancient Jewish religious ritual, consecrating their newborn son to God. We call this the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It is one of the Churches oldest feast days.

Historically it first was celebrated forty days after Epiphany on February 15<sup>th</sup> but was later moved to forty days after Christmas, to February 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is a moment in the life of the holy family in which we see their faithfulness to their Jewish faith, which in these days of rising anti-Semitism is important for us to take note of -- that Jesus, Mary and Joseph were born, lived and died as faithful Jews!

Until Vatican II the Roman Catholic Church along with other Christian Churches were openly anti-Semitic which led to centuries of persecution and ultimately to the holocaust. It does us well to reflect on this reality and to be willing to speak out against anti-Semitic statements and actions.

We find ourselves living in a time where there is a stark rise in, not only anti-Semitism, but in racism and bigotry of all stripes. There has been an astonishing rise in anti-immigrant and migrant sentiment not only here in the US but around the world. People of color, immigrants, Jews, Muslims, members of the LGBTQ community, as well as women, are all feeling less and less safe in their own communities because of the rise in violent acts against them.

Most of these acts of violence are perpetrated almost exclusively by men who are often in some way associated with the

Christian Nationalist Movement or by other racist, bigoted motivations.

This weekend we also mark the beginning of Black History Month and celebrate The National Day of Prayer for the African American Family. The setting aside of this month and this weekend, in the midst of the most disturbing increase and attempted normalization of racism, bigotry, xenophobia and misogyny, calls for us to reflect on the core message of Jesus' message of radical love of God and neighbor, and Jesus' way is very clear as to *who is our neighbor!*

We need to reflect on the reality that Jesus taught his disciples to cross borders, to reach out to others who were different from themselves. To be willing to let go of the stereotypes of the past, like that of the Samaritans, and to see ALL other people as sisters and brothers, as beloved children of God, worthy of our love, worthy of being treated with dignity and respect. It is a clarion call for ALL who call themselves Christians. There is no way around it.

Jesus made himself extremely clear: if we do not care for the least among us, we will suffer the loss of heaven. He gave no qualifiers about the nationality, political status, gender, race or place of birth of the person in need. They are our sister and brother, and we are called to love them and care for them, to bind up their wounds, to give of our time and resources, like the Good Samaritan. And in doing so we live out our discipleship of Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Fr. Tim



**CELEBRATING 80 YEARS**

**CELEBRANDO 80 AÑOS**

**1945—2025**

### Next weekend's Special 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: L.A. Wildfire Disaster Relief

*(Catholic Charities USA is currently accepting individual donations to support and assist in humanitarian relief efforts in response to the devastation wrought by the wildfires in Los Angeles. Click [here](#) to donate.)*

### 2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Please watch for your 2024 contribution statement in the mail. Statements detailing your 2024 donations are being mailed through the end of the month. Please note: USPS service in our area has been sporadic so please be patient; however, if you have not received your statement by the second week in February please email or call Christina, [ckozy@olqpva.org](mailto:ckozy@olqpva.org), 703-979-5580, to have a copy emailed or resent. Thank you.

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### La segunda colecta especial el fin de semana próximo es para: Ayudar con los incendios forestales en Los Ángeles

*(Las Caridades católicas USA está aceptando donaciones individuales para apoyar y ayudar en los esfuerzos de ayuda humanitaria en respuesta a la ruina ocasionada por los fuegos devastadores.)*

### CERTIFICACIÓN DE CONTRIBUCIÓN DEL 2024

Espere la certificación de su contribución de sus donaciones del 2024 a la parroquia. Las certificaciones detallando sus donaciones se están enviando de ahora hasta finales de mes. Por favor tome nota: el servicio de correo en nuestra área ha estado esporádico así que por favor tenga paciencia, pero si no ha recibido la certificación para la segunda semana de febrero por favor mándele un correo electrónico o llame a Christina, [ckozy@olqpva.org](mailto:ckozy@olqpva.org), 703-979-5580 para recibir una copia por correo electrónico o para volver a recibirla. Gracias.

## ***Una comunidad católica con una ética consistente con la vida***

**CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP** registration closes February 14th, space is limited! We are heading to Morganton, North Carolina, near Asheville, NC, July 13-18th for a week of service, faith development, and fun for rising 9th - 12th graders! Possible worksites include working farms, an orphanage, churches, and habitat for humanity build sites, as well as local government agencies. Adult volunteers are also needed! Apply, here:

<https://tinyurl.com/OLQPVACHWC2025> or scan the QR code:



La inscripción para el **CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP** termina el 14 de febrero. ¡El espacio es limitado!

Vamos a ir a Morganton, North Carolina, cerca de Asheville, del 13 al 18 de julio para pasar una semana ofreciendo servicio, desarrollando la fe y divirtiéndonos. ¡Es para futuros estudiantes de los grados 9 al 12! Lugares donde posiblemente se trabajará incluyen granjas en funcionamiento, un orfanato, iglesias, lugares donde Habitat for Humanity tiene sitios de construcción, como agencias del gobierno. ¡También se necesitan personas adultas a servir de voluntarias! Inscríbete aquí: <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPVACHWC2025> o escanea el código QR:

**MATTHEW 25** -- Please review your outerwear closets and donate gently used or new jackets for men, women, and children. Car-coat lengths work best for our predominantly petit client base; longer length coats tend to linger in the store. Thank you for your continued support.

**MATEO 25** – Por favor, revise sus **roperos/armarios** y done chaquetas nuevas o poco usadas para hombres, mujeres, niñas y niños. Las chaquetas menos largas son mejores para la clientela menudita porque las chaquetas y abrigos más largos suelen permanecer en la tienda. Gracias por su continuo apoyo.

### **PARISH ADVISORY BOARD – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!**

Did you know OLQP has elected lay leadership that supports Fr. Tim and parish activities? Parish Advisory Board (PAB) members commit to attend bimonthly meetings (currently 2nd Thursday of the month), serve on committees as needed, and listen to and present parishioners' views. The PAB strives to represent the many backgrounds, ages, mass cohorts, and ministry groups of the parish. Six (6) seats are up for election, with new members serving a two-year term. Registered parishioners who have been active for at least two years are eligible and encouraged to consider the PAB – nominate yourself or a fellow parishioner. Nomination slips are available in the sanctuary, or you may submit nominations via email to [carlsonbsa@gmail.com](mailto:carlsonbsa@gmail.com). (Please include the nominee's full name, phone number, and email address). The nomination period closes at the end of the day on Sunday, February 2.

### **JUNTA CONSULTORA DE LA PARROQUIA – ¡LLAMADO DE CANDIDATURAS!**

¿Sabía que OLQP ha elegido un liderazgo de personas laicas que apoya al Padre Tim y las actividades parroquiales? Los miembros de la junta consultora de la parroquia (PAB por sus siglas en inglés) se comprometen a asistir a reuniones bimensuales (actualmente el 2do jueves del mes), a servir en comités cuando es necesario y a escuchar a las personas de la parroquia y a presentar sus opiniones. La PAB se esmera por representar las muchas experiencias, edades, grupos de Misas y grupos de ministerios de la parroquia. Hay seis (6) puestos para llenar y las personas nuevas sirven un término de dos años. Feligreses inscritos que han sido miembros activos por un período mínimo de 2 años son elegibles y se les anima a considerar la PAB – puede nominarse o nominar a otra persona. En el santuario hay boletas para nominaciones o puede someter las nominaciones por correo electrónico – [carlsonbsa@gmail.com](mailto:carlsonbsa@gmail.com). (Por favor incluya el nombre completo de la persona nominada, número de teléfono y correo electrónico.) El período de nominación cierra al final del día el domingo, 2 de febrero.

### **NEWS FROM THE STREET**

Every Thursday, the Feast on the Street Serving Team packs the parish van with bins full of donated sandwiches, hot chili, fruit, water and sweets which feed 160-200 persons in need. Behind the parish van are 2 other vehicles filled with clothing and toiletries. All of these resources are so generously donated by the good people of OLQP. Thank you!

As the need is growing, and this ministry approaches its 5<sup>th</sup> year on the street, we are seeking more individuals to help lessen the load on our food donors. Please consider donating a pan of baked ziti, mac and cheese, or another pasta dish on the third Thursday of each month. Donations are dropped off to the lobby of the Ministry Center before 3:00. Please contact us if you are able to contribute and would like to be added to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday pasta team.

With Gratitude from Katie ([katie.remedios@gmail.com](mailto:katie.remedios@gmail.com)) and Jack ([mchalej68@gmail.com](mailto:mchalej68@gmail.com)),  
Ministry co-chairs.

### **NOTICIAS DE LA CALLE**

Todos los jueves, el equipo de servir de Fiesta en la calle llena la camioneta de la parroquia con depósitos llenos de emparedados que han sido donados, chili, frutas, agua y dulces que le dan a comer a entre 160-200 personas necesitadas. Detrás de la camioneta de la parroquia, hay otros 2 vehículos llenos de ropa y artículos de tocador. Las personas generosas de OLQP son quienes han donado todos estos recursos. ¡Gracias!

Como las necesidades aumentan y este ministerio llega a su quinto año en la calle, estamos buscando más personas para ayudar a reducir la carga de nuestros donantes. Por favor considere donar una bandeja de ziti horneado, mac & cheese u otro tipo de pasta el tercer jueves de cada mes. Las donaciones se llevan al vestíbulo del Ministry Center antes de las 3:00. Por favor contáctenos si puede contribuir y quisiera ser parte del equipo de pasta del tercer jueves.

Muy agradecidos, Katie ([katie.remedios@gmail.com](mailto:katie.remedios@gmail.com)) y Jack ([mchalej68@gmail.com](mailto:mchalej68@gmail.com)),  
Copresidentes del ministerio.

**BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY S.T.A.R.,  
Share, Teach and Reflect Corner**

Venerable Pierre Toussaint (1766-1853) was born into slavery in Haiti and moved with his owners to New York City in his 20s, where he apprenticed as a hairdresser. When his owners fell on hard times, his wages supported them. He was freed upon his owner's death in 1807. Toussaint donated to orphanages, helped finance the construction of St. Patrick's Cathedral, and cared for the sick during epidemics. He is credited with founding Catholic Charities of New York. Toussaint is the only layperson buried at St. Patrick's Cathedral alongside former archbishops. Pope John Paul declared him Venerable in 1997, the second step to sainthood.

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

In his message for the 33<sup>rd</sup> World Day of the Sick which will take place on Tuesday February 11, the optional Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, Pope Francis writes, "How can we be strong, for example, when our bodies are prey to severe, debilitating illnesses that require costly treatment that we may not be able to afford? How can we show strength when, in addition to our own sufferings, we see those of our loved ones who support us yet feel powerless to help us? In these situations, we sense our need for a strength greater than our own. We realize that we need God's help, his grace, his Providence, and the strength that is the gift of his Spirit (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1808)."

*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, HAITI**

There are ten tree nurseries in the 74 square miles that make up St. Joseph of Medor parish. Each nursery is replanted twice per year. In the last six months 200 pounds of tree seeds, including coffee, lemon, papaya, and cedar were planted in the nurseries. Agroforestry program participants filled small tree sacks with a mixture of soil and organic compost and planted tree seeds in each sack. They filled 50,000 tree sacs in the last six months! All that organizing and labor enabled the nurseries to produce 111,400 tree seedlings in the last six months. Thank you to everyone involved in Medor's agroforestry program. Please pray for peace and security in Haiti.

**CONFERENCE: GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION**

Diocese of Arlington Peace and Justice Conference, at Nativity Catholic Church in Burke on Saturday, March 8, 5-8:30pm. The topic for this year's conference is gun violence prevention. The conference will begin at 5pm with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Burbidge. Mass will be followed by dinner and a speaker from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Registration information should be available soon. Mark your calendars!

**MINISTERIO CATÓLICO NEGRO S.T.A.R.  
¡Comparta, enseñe y reflexione!**

El Venerable Pierre Toussaint (1766-1853) nació en la esclavitud en Haití y se mudó a Nueva York con sus amos cuando tenía unos 20 años y allí hizo de aprendiz como peluquero. Cuando sus dueños cayeron en malos tiempos, su salario los mantuvo. Recibió su libertad cuando su dueño murió en 1807. Toussaint hizo donaciones a orfanatos, ayudó a financiar la reconstrucción de la catedral de San Patricio y cuidó a personas enfermas durante epidemias. Se le acredita la fundación de las Caridades católicas de Nueva York. Toussaint es la única persona laica que está enterrada en la catedral de San Patricio junto a ex arzobispos. El Papa Juan Pablo lo declaró Venerable en 1997, el segundo paso a la santidad.

**JORNADA MUNDIAL DEL ENFERMO,  
martes, 11 de febrero**

En su mensaje para el 33<sup>ra</sup> Jornada mundial del enfermo que se celebrará el martes, 11 de febrero, el opcional memorial de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, el Papa Francisco escribe, "¿Cómo podemos ser fuertes, por ejemplo, cuando nuestros cuerpos son presa de una enfermedad grave que requiere un tratamiento costoso que puede que no podamos pagar? ¿Cómo podemos demostrar fortaleza cuando, además de nuestros propios sufrimientos, vemos los de nuestros seres queridos que nos apoyan, pero se sienten inefectivos para ayudarnos? En estas situaciones, sentimos nuestra necesidad de una fuerza mayor que la nuestra. Nos damos cuenta de que necesitamos la ayuda de Dios, su gracia, su Providencia y la fuerza que es el don de su Espíritu (cf *Catecismo de la Iglesia católica*, 1808)".

**ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT  
POLITICAL POLARIZATION?**

*Want to Talk? Communication Tools for Divided Times* is an eight-session small group program that guides you in deepening your relationships while staying true to your values. This program draws upon the wisdom of experts in nonviolent communication, civil dialogue, and grassroots organizing, providing practical tools for navigating the political polarization of our time, as well as tough conversations with our loved ones. Program begins Feb 10, in-person. For more information, click here [Learn More](#) or contact Michele Chang, [rise2gthr@gmail.com](mailto:rise2gthr@gmail.com).

**VIGIL FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT**

Saturday, February 8, 10-11am – Pax Christi Metro DC-Baltimore's quarterly vigil for nuclear disarmament, in front of the White House. All are invited to join our regional Pax Christi group and members of Consistent Life Network and Rehumanize International to urge the United States and other nuclear powers to live up to their obligations under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and undertake serious negotiations leading to comprehensive disarmament, as urged by Pope Francis. The group will gather on Pennsylvania Avenue for a peaceful vigil.

## 2025 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA) BEGINS!

The 2025 BLA mailing was recently sent to parishioners. This year's theme is: "Abounding in Hope." After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider a pledge. Sharing your gifts with the 40+ ministries and programs funded by the BLA truly impacts the lives of thousands across our diocese. You can make a gift at: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA) or scan the QR code here:



SCAN ME



2025 Office of Catholic Schools  
Job Fair Registration

### 2025 TEACHER JOB FAIR

The Office of Catholic Schools is holding the 2025 TEACHER JOB FAIR at St. Bernadette School in Springfield, VA on Saturday, March 8, 2025 from 9 - 11 AM. Principals from over 30 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Arlington will be available to

meet with teaching candidates for the 2025-2026 school year. To register in Advance, please go to this link and complete the online form - <https://forms.office.com/r/5VEiXMSmAG> or scan the QR. For questions, please email [catholicchools@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:catholicchools@arlingtondiocese.org).

### CONFIDENTIALITY IN STEPHEN MINISTRY

For good reason, folks who consider contacting Stephen Ministry ask about confidentiality.

**Step 1:** A potential care receiver contacts Stephen Ministry to find out about services. They speak to a Stephen Ministry leader who answers questions about the Ministry and, with the Stephen leader, decide together if the Ministry would be beneficial.

**Step 2:** The Stephen Leader matches a potential care giver with the care receiver, sharing the identifiable information only with that Stephen Minister care giver.

Stephen Minister care givers meet regularly for peer supervision. The purpose of peer supervision is to support the process of care provided to care receivers. Identifying information (names, etc.) are never shared. In addition peer supervision is used to provide on-going training for care givers, supporting the initial intensive training given to all care givers. Care givers meet with care receivers outside of Our Lady Queen of Peace at a mutually agreed time, place, and frequency. Care receivers may or may not be practicing Catholics, may or may not be a member of our parish.

We believe all of us face crises in our lives. Through the power of compassionate listening, care receivers have a safe, dependable person with whom they are able to process painful information. Each hurting person is unique, each one an individual.

At the conclusion of a care receiver's involvement with Stephen Ministry, all identifying information obtained in the initial screening is destroyed. We do not maintain records of care receivers.

Questions about Stephen Ministry? Please contact Louise Drucker: (703) 635-0469 or [Louisedrucker@gmail.com](mailto:Louisedrucker@gmail.com).

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**ADVOCATES FOR JUSTICE:** Since the 2025 Virginia General Assembly convened on January 8 there has been a LOT of legislation under consideration. Decisions have been forthcoming and new laws are scheduled to begin. Many organizations and communities of faith have already completed advocacy days in Richmond in order to bring messages of support and opposition to the attention of the elected Members, who we must remember, work for us!

*Pilgrims of Hope* spoke with Members about the current practice of shackling youth offenders during court appearances. Many hope-full advocates told legislators that access to voting ought to be restored after offenders have completed their incarceration. Other healthcare advocates encouraged elected Members to require continuing education on unconscious bias and cultural competency to ensure appropriate care for a diverse population. Caring advocates ask that labor and delivery units remain open in locations known as "maternity care deserts". And more if the General Assembly and Legislative Information System (LIS) websites (*links in last week's bulletin*) is any indication.

Pope Francis reminds us *Pilgrims of Hope* that we are "to recover lost hope, renew that hope in our hearts and sow seeds of hope amid the bleakness of our time and our world..."

Here's a good reminder of our power: "One voice can change a room, and if one voice can change a room, then it can change a city, and if it can change a city, it can change a state, and if it can change a state, it can change a nation, and if it can change a nation, it can change the world. Your voice can change the world." — Barack Obama

**ECO TIP:** from the *Integrity of Creation Ministry*: When possible, use smaller appliances instead of your electric oven to save energy. A toaster oven uses about half the energy of a regular oven. Using a slow cooker, even for several hours, uses less energy. Microwaves are fast and energy efficient.

# Pax Christi USA statement on Executive Orders impacting immigration



*Thus says the Lord of hosts: Render true judgments, show kindness and compassion toward each other. Do not oppress the widow or the orphan, the alien or the poor; do not plot evil against one another in your hearts. – Zechariah 7:9-10*

Pax Christi USA is deeply concerned about and vigorously condemns the recent Executive Orders on immigration issued by the new Trump administration, which enable mass deportations, militarizes immigration enforcement, expands detention infrastructure, and effectively ends asylum, violating not only the rights and dignity of millions of immigrants and their families, but also the very traditions that have made our country a beacon to refugees fleeing violence and persecution the world over.

The drastic and draconian measures being put in place by the Trump administration are sowing fear among immigrants and their families, threatening to tear families apart and put in danger the lives of those waiting in Mexico to apply for asylum in the United States.

As many as 11 million people in the United States are reported to be undocumented, not for fault of their own, but because Congress and prior administrations have failed for 40 years to pass legislation that would fix our broken immigration system.

**We cannot ignore such cruelty, and we call on Pax Christi members and Catholic leaders to elevate our voices and stand in solidarity with immigrants and their families, whose inherent dignity is a foundation of our faith.**

“Rather than focus on real solutions to the immigration issues,” said Pax Christi USA Executive Director Charlene Howard, “we lament that the new administration has used racist and xenophobic language like ‘an invasion’ at the southern border, painting immigrants with a broad stroke as ‘criminals’ to fan fear and pit communities against each other.”

Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv, from Lexington KY, bishop president of Pax Christi USA, raised concern just weeks after the November election: [\*\*“To stand with immigrants and refugees, recognizing that we are all sojourners with no lasting home, will be more costly in many ways.”\*\*](#)

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## **The response from the Church**

[In a January 22 statement](#), Archbishop Timothy Broglio, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), called these Executive Orders “deeply troubling,” because

they “will harm the most vulnerable among us.” Cardinal Joseph Tobin of Newark, NJ warned against the impact of mass deportation on children and families, and the newly appointed archbishop of Washington DC, Cardinal Robert McElroy, said that plans for mass deportation run contrary to the tenets of Catholic Social Teaching. Cardinal Joseph Cupich of Chicago has also spoken out.

Archbishop John Wester of Santa Fe NM also rejected mass deportation and “simplistic” solutions such as open or closed borders. “The United States owes much to immigrants,” he said, adding that “we must not treat immigrants as mere pawns in a game of chess, nor politicize them.”

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El Paso’s Bishop Mark Seitz, head of the USCCB’s committee on migration, condemned the decision to permit immigration raids in schools and churches, a measure he said that “strikes fear into the heart of our community,” creating anxiety for families “worshiping God, seeking healthcare, and dropping off and picking up children at school.”

Even Pope Francis weighed in on inauguration day urging President Trump to reject “hatred, discrimination or exclusion,” and denouncing the president’s plans for mass deportation, which if true, he said, “were disgraceful.”

Many women religious congregations are also speaking out and organizing at local levels to offer protection to immigrant communities. And in response to the president’s rescission of protected areas from immigration enforcement, the Catholic Health Association, Catholic Charities USA, and USCCB issued a joint statement, [“Human dignity is not dependent on a person’s citizenship or immigration status,”](#) warning that “turning places of care, healing, and solace into places of fear and uncertainty for those in need, while endangering the trust between pastors, providers, educators and the people they serve, will not make our communities safer.”

From day one, President Trump’s Executive Orders and Vice President JD Vance’s recent comments have put the new administration on a collision course with Pope Francis and the USCCB who have been vocal in their opposition to these orders. The vice president, who became a Catholic in 2019, said in a January 26 interview that the Catholic bishops “have not been a good partner” in supporting “the immigration enforcement that the American people voted for ... I hope that they’ll do better.”

## **A call to raise our voices**

President Trump’s Executive Orders already are facing fierce public opposition, including from lawsuits that have been filed and from federal judges, one of whom has already blocked his attempt to repeal birthright citizenship. In directly and respectfully addressing President Trump in the national prayer service following Inauguration Day, Bishop Mariann Budde of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington made clear broad public opposition on faith grounds to these drastic measures – words which ignited both strong support as well as a demand from President Trump for an apology – an indication of the costs of speaking truth to power.

“Everyone is a child of God and deserves respect,” said Fr. Chris Ponnet, a Pax Christi USA Ambassador of Peace and pastor and chaplain in East Los Angeles. “Each of our patients or neighbors are each a child of God. We must stand up. We must not be silent. This is our time of solidarity.”

**We invite all members of Pax Christi USA to continue to boldly speak out, organize public prayer vigils, advocate with elected officials, and lend solidarity to our immigrant sisters and brothers.**

**We join with the many immigrant rights groups, civic organizations and faith communities, local governments and major cities that are organizing to protect immigrants, including calling on local police departments not to cooperate with federal agents in mass deportation efforts.**

And we continue to support the work of organizations like the Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC), USCCB’s Justice for Immigrants network, and Catholic parishes and their pastors who are being explicit in their welcome of immigrants, promoting “Know Your Rights” resources, and pledging to defend the rights of their immigrant parishioners and the sanctity of their churches as sanctuaries.

“This is a critical moment in our nation’s history and our democracy – and for our Church,” said Sherry Simon, chair of the Pax Christi USA national council. “Welcoming the stranger and defending our immigrant sisters and brothers is not only or primarily a tenet of Catholic Social Teaching; it is the heart of the Gospel and who we are as followers of Jesus Christ.”

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# Black History Month 2025

## *African Americans and Labor*

**By Veronica Dabney**

The national theme for Black History Month 2025, as designated by The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) is *African Americans and Labor*. ASALH describes 2025 as the year that, “focuses on the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled, and unskilled, vocational and voluntary – intersect with the collective experiences of Black people. Indeed, work is at the very center of much of Black history and culture. Be it the traditional agricultural labor of enslaved Africans that fed Low Country colonies, debates among Black educators on the importance of vocational training, self-help strategies and entrepreneurship in Black communities, or organized labor’s role in fighting both economic and social injustice, Black people’s work has been transformational throughout the U.S., Africa, and the Diaspora.” <sup>1/</sup>

With that focus in mind, and despite current efforts to erase or deny the true history of African Americans, this series of articles will not dwell so much on the reality of unpaid chattel slavery, but on the 100 years, and beyond, convoluted and painful journey toward progress in the workplace. The journey’s impact on the lives and psyche of Black people, though well known, is often denied. We will contend here, that the contributions of Black people from field to factory, and in every war ever fought by this country, has played an integral role in this country emerging as the wealthiest and most powerful nation on earth.

### Post Civil War: 100 Years of “Wandering”

The move from farm to factory was inevitable, even though an ill-advised, bloody Civil War was fought to preserve Ameri-

ca’s dying agrarian “industry”. The post Civil War Reconstruction period saw the ratification of “...between 1865 and 1870, the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution, known as the “Reconstruction Amendments,” ended slavery in the United States, ensured birthright citizenship, as well as due process and “equal protection of the laws” under the federal and state governments, and expanded voting rights by prohibiting discrimination based on “race, color, or previous condition of servitude.” <sup>2/</sup>

During and after the short-lived post-Civil War Reconstruction Era, segrega-



tionist mainly, but not exclusively, in the south were busy in the courts and in government, ensuring that laws were passed to “otherize” and marginalize newly freed people who had been enslaved. Most Black people who remained in the south lived their lives in constant fear. Their work was mostly tenant farming, share cropping, domestic work, or schemes like the convict leasing system.

“While many believe that the [13th Amendment](#) ended slavery, there was an exemption that was used to create a prison convict leasing system of involuntary servitude to fill the labor supply shortage in the southern states after the

Civil War. [Black Codes](#) regulated the lives of African Americans and justice-involved individuals were often convicted of petty crimes, like walking on the grass, vagrancy, and stealing food.” <sup>3/</sup>

With their livelihoods and their lives so tenuous, Blacks began to flee the south in droves, beginning around 1916, to find better conditions and work in rapidly industrializing northern towns and cities. In the north, they encountered a whole new set of challenges. Meanwhile, decisions to move north were not without peril as southern bosses began to realize they were losing a valuable source of labor. Some even tried to forcibly prevent the moves. (We most likely will face in reverse, the same reality in this day and age, as the vigorous and ill conceived mass deportations of another reliable and valuable workforce continues.

The ill treatment of its workforce which led to mass exits, most likely contributed to the south becoming the most impoverished and dependent region in the United States. That condition remains to this day. The exit of Blacks from the south—North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, etc., referred to as the Great Migration, continued until the early 1970s. (The OLQP series in 2019 explored the causes and effects of the Great Migration.)

The passage, 100 years after Emancipation, of civil rights legislation signed by President Lyndon Johnson—the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Fair Housing Act of 1968, opened the doors of opportunity not only for Blacks, but for other minority groups, the disabled, and for women. But as always, we will have to remain vigilant and prepared. Today, these gains are proving to be fragile.

<sup>1/</sup> <https://asalh.org/black-history-themes/>

<sup>2/</sup> <https://history.nycourts.gov/democracy-teacher-toolkit/civil-rights-and-reconstruction/>

<sup>3/</sup> [https://blogs.loc.gov/inside\\_adams/2021/06/convict-leasing-system/](https://blogs.loc.gov/inside_adams/2021/06/convict-leasing-system/)