

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 9, 2025

FIFTH 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:

Feb 8-9— 6pm and 1pm Spanish

8-9 febrero 6pm y 1pm en español

Masses / Misas:

Weekdays / *Días laborables:*

Mon-Fri. 12pm / *lunes a viernes 12pm*

Weekend Mass Schedule /

Horario de misas de fin de semana:

Saturday Vigil — 5:30pm

Misa de vigilia sábados - 5:30 pm

Sundays — 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am,

1:00pm (Spanish) & 6:00pm (Young Adult)

Domingos — 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am,

1:00 pm (español) y 6:00 pm (Misa de

jóvenes adultos)

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.

**They caught a great
number of fish.**

Luke 5:6



**Cogieron tal cantidad
de pescados.**

Lucas 5,6

THIS WEEKEND'S SPECIAL 2ND COLLECTION:

L.A. WILDFIRE DISASTER RELIEF

**LA SEGUNDA COLECTA ESPECIAL ESTE FIN DE SEMANA:
AYUDA CON LOS INCENDIOS FORESTALES EN LOS ÁNGELES**

NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ

9 de febrero de 2025

Quinto Domingo en el 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: \$9,254

Arlington Catholic Herald / Periódico Diocesano Herald: \$1,660

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 856

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 857

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 Harrs, 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 Morrisey, Rosemary Morrisey, 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

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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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEXTO DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Jeremiah 17:5-8 (78C); 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26

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MASS INTENTIONS, FEBRUARY 8-14

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 8-14 FEBRERO

QUINTO DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Saturday, February 8th

5:30 pm Alice H. Francia (D) by Judith Francia-Reyes

Sunday, February 9th

8:00 am Nancy & Glenn Hettterscheidt (D) by John & Nikki Clifford

9:30 am Miguel Soto (D) by María Teresa Laguna

11:15 am Rosalba Conklin (D) by Shari & John Zamarra

1:00 pm Daniel Castro (D) by Hilda Rocha

6:00 pm Aurelio Bravo (Anniversary) (D) by María Teresa Laguna

Monday, February 10th

12:00 pm Tom O'Connor (D) by ALIVE!

Tuesday, February 11th

12:00 pm Dina Heredia (D) by María Margarita Cabrera

Wednesday, February 12th

12:00 pm Adrianna Lopaczynska (L) by Susan Bruns

Thursday, February 13th

12:00 pm Julia García (D) by María Teresa Laguna

Friday, February 14th

12:00 pm Padre José Nangle, OFM (D) by Muñoz Schaaft families

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH /

VIDA SACRAMENTAL DE LA PARROQUIA

This weekend we welcome one new Christian. Este fin de semana le damos la bienvenida a una nueva cristiana.

Faelyn Rhea Allen

Baptized February 8 / Bautizada el 8 de febrero

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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JUST A THOUGHT... or two...

We find ourselves living, perhaps better said “struggling” to make it through one day at a time in a country filled with fear and anxiety over what our futures hold...as individuals, as families, as communities and as a nation! We ask ourselves: what is happening to the order of our lives; what can we count on; how are we going to carry on with our lives? Scripture scholars believe that this is very similar to the geo-political reality of the people living in the Kingdom of Judah after the death of King Uzziah. His reign had been marked with constancy, economic growth, safety and an overall sense of wellbeing. But after his death people were fearful of the future and what would happen to them and what kind of ruler his son would indeed turn out to be.

It is into this socio-economic and political turmoil that the great prophet Isaiah was called by God and rose up to provide guidance and assure the people that God was with them and that God sent him to speak his word to them.

Times of transition from one governmental administration to another whether kingly or democratic in nature, often cause fear, anxiety and uncertainty -- especially when those in leadership show no care or concern for lives and the welfare of those they are called to govern. When leadership acts in ways that show a lack of respect for the dignity of other human beings and disrespects the rules and laws of the land, they show themselves to be unworthy to be leaders.

It is precisely in these times when we are most in need of prophets' words, and need to look to God for guidance on how to respond and how to move forward.

Paul's letter to the Corinthians, is written to a divided and troubled Church. There are serious disputes over leadership and allegiance to different leaders. There are disputes over the Gospel itself and Paul is writing to them to call them back to return to the unity that they had once shared and to correct the errors that had crept into their preaching. He sought to do this by reminding them of the central message of the Gospel and of the way of life that discipleship in Jesus Christ called them to live. And it would be through living their discipleship that they would avoid falling into the wickedness and depravity of the city in which they lived.

And in the Gospel we have the story of the great call of the first disciples. Jesus preaching to a crowd of people along the shore of Lake Gennesaret and in an effort to escape the crush of the people, he gets into Simon's boat and goes out into deeper water. Here he performs the miracle of the great fish catch, so large that it threatens to swamp the boat. But it seems that what is most poignant in this Gospel story is the response of Simon, James and John...“they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.”

The focus of the passage seems to be found in the final words, “they left everything and followed him.” It is the utter abandon with which they take to Jesus and leave behind their family and livelihoods. James and John left their father there on the shore with the hired help; did they know what lay ahead for them,

were they going just for a moment? Well, it would appear not as Jesus tells them that from now on they are going to be fishing for women and men. So he is proposing something totally new for them, something they likely had never thought of doing before.

Remember that in the Gospels, Jesus was preaching the inbreaking of the Reign of God, coming into their very presence in a new and exciting way. He was calling everyone to a new way of life -- by loving God with their whole being and their neighbor as themselves. And we are called to the same, in the here and now.

We are called to speak out against those governmental actions and directives that harm and seek to diminish the dignity and safety of any of our sisters and brothers.

Amongst the list of human rights listed by the Church are the rights to:

food, clean water, adequate housing, a right to a good education, a right to a just wage and safe working conditions. A right to health care, a right for immigrants and refugees to be treated with dignity and respect by the host country. Many of these rights are being violated at this very moment and a whole host of others.

And we know that hundreds of thousands of faithful government worker's jobs are threatened by callous and immoral persons who seek to destroy all of the federal programs that support and uphold millions of our sisters and brothers, not to mention the millions of children and adults who will suffer famine at the loss of USAID feeding programs.

And so what does our discipleship call us to do when faced with such overwhelming discord and injustice? I think we are called to join peaceful protests, letter writing campaigns, phone calls to all elected officials, Democratic and Republican. For those who are not directly affected, think about reaching out to friends and neighbors who are being adversely affected by what is happening in the US Government today; we all know Federal Employees and contractors who are or will be affected. Think about how you might be able to help our immigrant sisters and brothers, especially members of our parish. We are currently working with multiple immigration legal services trying to connect them with those in need of their services. When someone is arrested or deported, or loses a job, they and their family may well be in dire straits and need help, even if it is a bag of groceries or some food cards -- reaching out to them is a sign that you see them and you care about them.

The truth is that lives are being destroyed and forever changed. We cannot stop all of it at this very moment, but we can try to make a difference in those whose lives we can touch.

Our discipleship of Jesus Christ calls us to stand up and to seek to be heard and to work towards a different future from what we are seeing being laid out now -- a different future where all women, men and children are treated with dignity, respect and equality.

Blessings, Fr. Tim

Una comunidad católica con una ética consistente con la vida

YOUNG DISCIPLES WORK CAMP INFORMATION MEETING in 1915, on Saturday, February 15th, after the 5:30pm Mass. This work camp will be on the OLQP campus, July 7-11, and is for rising 7th, 8th, and 9th graders. This camp is a week of service to OLQP ministries and in partnership with Phoenix Bikes that fosters faith, fellowship and fun in service.

FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND is this weekend, February 8-9 to stock our Food Pantry. Please donate any (or all!) of the following: Instant Yellow Corn Tortilla flour (NOT cornmeal), 32 oz. Canola or Corn Oil, low sugar Cereal, Canned Tuna, and Canned Fruit in its juices, Pasta Sauce, Canned Vegetables, Rice, Dried Beans, and Macaroni and Cheese. Thank you for your donations!

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

We have six participants in the OCIA process as catechumens, candidates for reception into the Catholic Church and confirmation. Each of our participants has a sponsor who will be serving as a guide and mentor throughout the process of preparation. We are grateful to these sponsors who are generously sharing their time and Christian experience: Beatriz Castellanos, Sandra de la Cruz, Bob Finke, Brigid Hobbs, Jerry Oetgen, and Ana Yulmar Salgado.

Companions on the Journey have been praying for our participants, as well as for our sponsors and team members, since November. In addition, each of the Companions has been assigned an individual participant for whom they are praying daily and sending periodic messages of encouragement on behalf of the wider OLQP community. We send a special thank you to our Companions for their generosity and loving support: Venise Darisme, Steve Glymph, Rebecca Makar, Barb McKeough, Gail Meighan, Jessica Morton, Anne Murphy, Members of Namaste, Steven Novotny, Carly Onopa, Bonnie Ryan, Gerry Wallace, and Kathleen Waugh.

GABRIEL'S PROJECT

Thanks to everyone who provided newspaper sleeves for diaper and clothes packaging. We now have enough to last for the rest of the year. We don't need more. We are now in need of LARGE shopping bags, preferably reusable one, to distribute things for the babies to their moms...And of course we can always use diapers, especially newborn and size 5. Thank you in advance for taking care of our youngest parishioners!

SPANISH-SPEAKING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To help people apply for SNAP

In the past few months VOICE/OLQP volunteers have helped 48 people/families who visit our OLQP Food Pantry apply for SNAP (the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – previously known as Food Stamps – which provides money to eligible individuals and families to buy groceries). While we are achieving the desired results – enrolling people in SNAP - we can be even more successful if we have more Spanish-speaking volunteers (46 of the 48 people we have helped apply for SNAP speak only Spanish). Volunteers work on Wednesday or Saturday mornings one or sometimes two times per month. To volunteer or to learn more, contact us at VOICE.OLQP@gmail.com

REUNIÓN INFORMATIVA PARA EL CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP PARA JÓVENES DISCÍPULOS en 1915 es el sábado, 15 de febrero después de la Misa de las 5:30pm. Este campamento de trabajo va a ser en el campus de OLQP, del 7 al 11 de julio, para futuros estudiantes de los grados 7, 8 y 9. Este campamento es una semana de servicio a los ministerios OLQP y es en asociación con Phoenix Bikes que fomenta la fe, el compañerismo y la diversión en el servicio.

EL FIN DE SEMANA DE COLECTA DE ALIMENTOS es el 8 y 9 de febrero para abastecer nuestra despensa de alimentos. Por favor traiga cualquier artículo (¡o todos!) de los siguientes: harina instantánea de maíz amarilla para tortillas (NO corn meal), 32oz. aceite de maíz o canola, cereal de baja azúcar, tuna en latas y fruta en latas en su propio jugo, salsa para pasta, latas de vegetales, arroz, frijoles secos y macarrones y queso. ¡Gracias por sus donaciones!

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

En el proceso RICA tenemos seis participantes como catecúmenos, candidatos a iniciarse en la Iglesia católica y confirmarse. Cada una de las personas que participan tiene una madrina o un padrino que va a servir de guía y de tutora o tutor durante el proceso de preparación. Muchas gracias a estas madrinas y padrinos que generosamente comparten su tiempo y experiencia cristiana: Beatriz Castellanos, Sandra de la Cruz, Bob Finke, Brigid Hobbs, Jerry Oetgen y Ana Yulmar Salgado.

Desde noviembre, acompañantes en la Jornada han estado rezando por las personas participantes, como también por las madrinas, padrinos y miembros del equipo. Además, a cada acompañante se le ha asignado una persona participante por quien están rezando a diario y a quien le mandan mensajes de estímulo en nombre de toda la comunidad de OLQP. Gracias especiales a nuestras y nuestros acompañantes por su generosidad y apoyo cariñoso: Venise Darisme, Steve Glymph, Rebecca Makar, Barb McKeough, Gail Meighan, Jessica Morton, Anne Murphy, miembros de Namaste, Steven Novotny, Carly Onopa, Bonnie Ryan, Gerry Wallace y Kathleen Waugh.

EL PROYECTO GABRIEL

Gracias a todas las personas que donaron fundas de periódico para empacar pañales y ropa. Ahora tenemos suficientes para el resto del año. No necesitamos más. Ahora lo que necesitamos son bolsas de mercado GRANDES, preferiblemente las que se pueden reutilizar, para distribuir artículos para los bebés. Y, por supuesto, siempre podemos usar pañales, especialmente para recién nacidos y talla 5. ¡Gracias por adelantado por cuidar de nuestros feligreses más pequeños!

SE NECESITAN PERSONAS VOLUNTARIAS QUE HABLAN ESPAÑOL

Para ayudar a personas a solicitar a SNAP

En los últimos meses personas voluntarias de VOICE/OQLP han ayudado a 48 personas/familias que visitan nuestra Despensa de alimentos a solicitar ayuda de SNAP (el programa de ayuda de nutrición suplementaria) que antes se llamaba Food Stamps. Este programa les da dinero para comprar alimentos a personas y familias que cualifican. Estamos logrando los resultados que deseamos inscribiendo a personas en SNAP, pero podríamos tener más éxito todavía si tuviéramos más personas voluntarias que hablan español (46 de las 48 personas que hemos ayudado solo hablan español). Las personas voluntarias trabajan el miércoles o sábado por la mañana una o dos veces al mes. Para ofrecerse o para obtener más información, contáctenos en VOICE.OLQP@gmail.com

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 or scan the QR code here:



SCAN ME

CARPENTER'S SHELTER DINNER – Thursday, February 20

Our dinner this month is lasagna, broccoli, salad, brownies & lemonade. Your food can be delivered to the parish office kitchen Monday through Thursday, during their office hours, 8:30-4:30, or to Fr. Ray Hall kitchen on the day of dinner, 4:30-5:00pm. Please label food with date and description and place it in the refrigerator, freezer or counter. Note, if you're delivering directly to the Shelter (930 N. Henry Street in Alexandria), label food the same and add our church name & "dinner". Susan Bruns is coordinating this month. If you have a question, please contact her at mumbruns@gmail.com. Thank you!

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 5th 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 3rd Thursday pasta team. With Gratitude from Katie (katie.remedios@gmail.com) and Jack (mchalej68@gmail.com), Ministry co-chairs.

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Stand with us to show your support Feb 14

Rest In Peace — Let us pray for the 17 victims of gun violence that occurred 7 years ago on Valentines Day, February 14, 2018 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland FL. 17 other students were seriously injured by the gunman. The dead included 2 staff persons. Aren't we all victims of gun violence? In his letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us that we are all part of the one body and if one suffers, all suffer.

Concerned Citizens of Northern Virginia who advocate for gun safety laws will gather again on Friday, February 14 as they do on the 14th of every month for the past 10 years. Their quiet witness is a stark reminder of the toll that gun violence has taken and continues to take in our country and in our schools. All are welcome to join the 1 hour witness at 10:00 am on February 14 in front of the National Headquarters of the National Rifle Association, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030.

¡COMIENZA LA PETICIÓN CUARESMA DEL OBISPO DE 2025!

La correspondencia sobre la Petición Cuaresma del Obispo (BLA por sus siglas en inglés) de 2025 se les envió recientemente a los feligreses. El tema de este año es "Abundando en la esperanza". Después de reflexionar sobre las bendiciones que Dios les ha dado, en espíritu de oración piensen en hacer una promesa de contribución. El compartir sus dones con los más de 40 ministerios y programas financiados por la BLA verdaderamente tiene un gran impacto en la vida de miles de personas en toda nuestra diócesis. Pueden enviar una donación a www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA o escanear el código QR que aparece aquí:



ESCANÉAME

LA CENA REFUGIO DEL CARPINTERO es el jueves, 20 de febrero

La cena este mes es lasaña, brócoli, ensalada, brownies y limonada. Puede llevar las contribuciones a la cocina de la oficina de la parroquia de lunes a jueves durante las horas de trabajo, 8:30 a 4:30 o a la cocina de Fr. Ray Hall el día de la comida de 4:30 a 5:00pm. Por favor identifique la comida con la fecha y la descripción y póngala en el refrigerador, congelador o mostrador. Atención, si va a llevar la comida directamente al refugio (930 N. Henry Street en Alexandria), identifique la comida de la misma manera y añada nuestro nombre y "dinner". Susan Bruns es la coordinadora este mes. Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor, su contacto es: mumbruns@gmail.com. ¡Gracias!

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) y Jack (mchalej68@gmail.com), Copresidentes del ministerio.

PREVENCIÓN DE LA VIOLENCIA CAUSADA POR ARMAS DE FUEGO

Únase a nosotros para demostrar su apoyo el 14 de febrero

Descansen en paz – Oremos por las 17 víctimas de la violencia causada por las armas de fuego que ocurrió hace 7 años el día de San Valentín, 14 de febrero, 2018 en la escuela superior Marjory Stoneman Douglas en Parkland FL. El atacante también les causó heridas graves a otros 17 estudiantes. Entre las personas que fallecieron había 2 miembros del personal. ¿No somos todos víctimas de la violencia causada por las armas de fuego? En su carta a los corintios, San Pablo nos recuerda que somos parte de un cuerpo y si una persona sufre, todas sufren.

Los Concerned Citizens de Northern Virginia que abogan por leyes relacionadas con la seguridad con las armas se van a reunir otra vez el viernes, 14 de febrero, como lo han hecho por los últimos 10 años, el 14 de todos los meses. Su testimonio silencioso es un claro recordatorio del costo que la violencia armada ha cobrado y continúa cobrando en nuestro país y nuestras escuelas. Todas las personas son bienvenidas a unirse durante 1 hora para dar testimonio a las 10:00am el 14 de febrero frente a la sede de la National Rifle Association, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030



Happy Birthday

To our beloved clergy!!

Fr. Martin Vu

February 8th

Fr. Tim Hickey

February 12th

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.

COMMUNICATION TOOLS FOR DIVIDED TIMES

Is there a tough topic you want to bring up, but you don't want another argument? *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

OLQP's Social Justice and UJAMAA Ministries presents BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN FILM:

- *Stamped From the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America* - This deeply researched and fast-moving narrative chronicles the entire story of anti-black racist ideas and their staggering power over the course of American history. Saturday, February 15th, 3:00pm, Ministry Center Founder's Room
- *Barry Farm: Community, Land, and Justice in Washington, DC* - This documentary examines the history and impact of redevelopment on African American communities, looking at Barry Farm in Washington D.C. in particular. Thursday, February 20th, 7:00pm, Founders Room Ministry Center Founder's Room

Light refreshments will be served. For questions or details, please contact Sally Diaz-Wells, sdiazwells@olqpva.org.

ADVOCATES for JUSTICE:

At the Virginia General Assembly, the House of Delegates and the State Senate unveiled their chamber's amended budget this past week. As we *follow the money*, eyes and ears will be attuned to how those budgets mirror each other and how they differ. Each chamber will be scrutinizing the details, engaging in discussions, listening to constituents and advocates and ultimately compromising in order to develop a document that is acceptable and successfully adopted. Then the final document will advance to the Governor's desk for his approval.

The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis, a non-partisan organization that is well positioned to help advocates and all Virginians understand the intricacies of the state budget, produces a useful chart for examining the budget. The chart is posted on the website, www.thecommonwealthinstitute.org.

As conscientious Catholics exercising our faithful citizenship responsibilities, let us first and foremost pray for our elected Members during these final days of the 2025 General Assembly. Let us remember that the budget is a moral document. The budget establishes the state's priorities, vision and goals. Our responsibility, as Christian Disciples, is to learn, pray and act in accordance with our values.

NEWS FROM MEDOR

Because of gang presence near the base of the mountain leading to Medor, the most direct route to and from the community is not safe for travel. Father Frantz, pastor of St. Joseph parish, uses a different, longer route, that requires more hiking through the mountains and crossing a river on a wooden raft whenever he travels outside the parish. This route is also used to transport school supplies, school lunch food, as well as seeds and tools for the agroforestry program. Groups of farmers with their mules form a caravan to transport needed supplies along the treacherous path. With this route there is less chance of encountering gang members, but it is still dangerous. The people of Medor exhibit extraordinary bravery to enable the programs they cherish to thrive.

Please pray for peace and security in Haiti.

SHARED READING with DEACON TONY

If you're looking for an energy boost for your spirituality this Spring, some soul-stretching to loosen the stiffness in your spiritual joints, this experience may be just the ticket. Dcn Tony invites you to join him in a parallel reading of two books: "Cherished Belonging", by Greg Boyle, S.J., and "The Diary of Jesus Christ", by Bill Cain, S.J. Fr Boyle is the founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, and the author of the highly acclaimed "Tattoos on the Heart", "Barking to the Choir", and "The Whole Language". Fr Cain is an author, playwright and screen-writer. His work often explores themes of faith, imagination, and storytelling. His book "The Diary of Jesus Christ" is a delightful imagining of back-stories for some key Gospel passages, telling them from Jesus's perspective.

We'll do a parallel reading of the two books, interleaving chapters here and there. And we'll meet to discuss and process. We'll gather here at the parish for those who can make it, and welcome fishbowl (non-speaking) participants to join over Zoom, for those who can't. Sessions will begin Thursday 2/27, 7pm, and continue every other week, ending Thursday 4/10. To register, and for questions or more info, please send your contact info to Dcn Tony at tremedios@olqpva.org Please register so we know how many to plan for, and to receive handouts, guides, Zoom, and up-to-date schedule info.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY -- OLQP is partnering with Aspire, a local nonprofit focused on expanding learning opportunities that help historically underserved students fulfill their potential through afterschool and summer learning programs that support and connect families, schools, and communities. We want to strengthen our partnership by encouraging OLQP practitioners to volunteer at an upcoming event. You can support young learners by volunteering at a Community Art Night on February 9 at 5 pm. In person events are held at the Arlington Mill Community Center. You can learn more and register for this event at <https://www.aspireafterschool.org/events/>

ECO-TIP: *from the Integrity of Creation Ministry.* When shopping for a new appliance, look for Energy Star labels. This ensures that the products meet or exceed federal standards for efficiency and quality. For further details, see www.Energystar.gov/products.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE YOUNG DISCIPLES WORK CAMP 2025

EMBRACE

- God calls us to give Him our past, present, and future.
 - He calls us to turn over our minds and bodies.
- He calls us to live as a people set apart in the world and to live as He has demonstrated.
 - He has called us to totally give ourselves to Him in every possible way.

INFORMATION MEETING, Saturday, February 15th, 6:45pm, 1915 (Casa Guadalupe)



Week of service, faith, fellowship & FUN!

Recycle & repair bikes (@ Phoenix Bikes) | Matt 25/Food Pantry/Gabriel Project

Feast on The Streets | Back Pack Ministry | Reading at daily Mass

- Rising 7th, 8th, and 9th Graders (bring a friend!)
- OLQP Campus & on-site at Phoenix Bikes
- July 7—11, 2025
- \$50 nonrefundable deposit to reserve spot
- \$125 (financial assistance available, if needed)

Scan here to register or go to link below:



Space is limited -
Register today!

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ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED —NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Join our young disciples as they encounter Christ during this week of service, fellowship, and fun.

Volunteer for a day or for the entire week.



Black History Month 2025

African Americans and Labor Unions: Organizing for Change

By Shiela Harmon Martin

The labor of African Americans has played an essential role in the building of America. However, African Americans have had to struggle against discrimination by engaging in various organized labor actions. Following is a brief overview of their efforts to organize and fight both economic and social injustice.

The formation of American trade unions increased during the early Reconstruction period. But, even prior to that, before the Civil War, African Americans participated in labor actions. In 1835... there is documentation of a strike by black caulkers at the Washington Navy Yard. Caulking was important in shipbuilding, for a ship was not fit for service unless it was caulked to prevent leaking. (1)

In the late 1900s, Black and White workers shared a heightened interest in trade union organization, but because trade unions organized by White workers generally excluded Blacks, Black workers began to organize on their own. The Colored National Labor Union (CNLU) organized in 1869, represented laborers in 21 states. Although the CNLU petitioned Congress twice, to fulfill its promise of forty-acre farms to newly freed slaves in southern states, it was not successful. By 1872, the CNLU had ceased most of its operations and would eventually disband.

During the Great Migration in 1916–1930, over one million blacks moved from the south to the north in search of better lives. It is conservatively estimated that 400,000 left the South during the two-year period of 1916–1918 to take advantage of a labor shortage in the wake of the First World War. African

Americans made significant gains in industrial employment, particularly in the steel, automobile, shipbuilding, and meatpacking industries. Between 1910 and 1920 the number of blacks employed in industry nearly doubled from 500,000 to 901,000. (2)

In 1925 A. Philip Randolph began his twelve-year fight to gain recognition of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters by the Pullman Car Company, the American Federation of Labor (AFL), and the U.S. government. Randolph ultimately succeeded in his quest in 1937, and in the process became a leader in the fight against racism in the workplace and the nation.

In 1929, the onset of the Great Depression brought the Roaring Twenties to a crashing halt. President Franklin Roosevelt and his New Deal advisers sought ways to put people back to work and increase purchasing power. Many federal agencies were created during the New Deal. Noted educator and African American leader. Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, was chosen to head the Division of Negro Affairs of the National Youth Administration.

In 1930 no more than 50,000 out of 1,500,000 Black workers who were engaged in transportation, extraction of minerals, or manufacturing were members of any trade union. The American Federation of Labor, organized in 1886, though it preached a policy of egalitarianism, actively discriminated against African American workers. particularly in the construction and railroad industries. However, the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO), founded in 1935, actively organized

of the most prominent labor unions to support civil rights for African Americans. From 1935-1955, thousands of African American workers joined CIO affiliated unions. (3)

The 1940s was a decade when African Americans achieved their greatest economic gains. These advances were the result of the nation's wartime emergency need for workers and soldiers. In 1943 the National War Labor Board issued an order abolishing pay differentials based on race, pointing out, "America needs the Negro . . . the Negro is necessary for winning the war."(4)



Black labor unionism became part of a wider campaign for civil rights after World War II. In 1955, the CIO and the AFL merged. It was the era of the civil rights movement, and Black union officials were among the leaders during the Montgomery bus boycott and the 1963 March on Washington. African Americans continued to press demands for justice within unions in the 1960s and 1970s through internal union organizations. Civil right groups also sought redress through several court cases under Title VII, Equal Employment Opportunity, of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Despite a decline in overall labor union membership in recent years, in 2024, 11.8% of African American workers were members of labor unions, which is higher than the union membership rate for other racial groups. (5) Through unions they have successfully combated racial wage inequality and workforce disparities. Additionally, together, the Civil Rights Movement and labor movement have organized and successfully fought economic and social injustices that led to greater inclusion of African American workers in American society.

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