

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

March 9, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU LENTEN RECONCILIATION PROGRAM:

The Sacrament of Penance is offered each Wednesday evening during Lent from 6:30 to 8:30pm (except April 16).

This Lenten Wednesday evening program also includes: Reconciliation Service or Sung Stations of the Cross. See schedule below:

Sung Stations of the Cross: 7:00pm – March 12, 26 and April 9

Reconciliation Services:

7:00pm – March 19 Bilingual

Reconciliation Service

6:30pm – April 2 Family Reconciliation Service (open to all)

LA LUZ ESTÁ ENCENDIDA PARA TI

PROGRAMA DE RECONCILIACIÓN DE LA CUARESMA:

El Sacramento de la Penitencia se ofrece todos los miércoles por la noche durante la Cuaresma de 6:30 a 8:30pm (excepto el 16 de abril). El programa de los miércoles también incluye el servicio de reconciliación o el Vía Crucis cantado.

El Vía Crucis cantado: 7:00pm - 12 y 26 de marzo y 9 de abril

Servicios de reconciliación:

7:00pm – 19 de marzo (bilingüe)

6:30pm – 2 de abril Servicio de reconciliación para familias (abierto a todos)

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!

¡Bienvenidos a OLQP Iglesia Católica!

Contact / Contacto:

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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:

March 8-9 8am and 1pm Spanish

8-9 marzo 8am y 1pm en español

Masses / Misas:

Weekdays / *Días laborables:*

Mon-Thu 12pm / *lunes a jueves 12pm*

Fri. 6pm / *Viernes 6pm*

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)

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days.

Luke 4:1



Jesús, lleno del Espíritu Santo, regresó del Jordán y conducido por el mismo Espíritu, se internó en el desierto, donde permaneció durante cuarenta días.

Lucas 4,1

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 SECOND COLLECTION:

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS

SEGUNDA COLECTA DE ESTE FIN DE SEMANA:

MISIONES NEGRAS E INDIAS



NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ

9 de marzo de 2025

Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

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, Wed, 6:30-8 pm during Lent in the church,
& by appointment.

Los sábados: 4:45-5:15 pm, Los miércoles: 6:30-8 pm durante
la Cuaresma en la Iglesia, y por cita previa.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS / COLECTAS DEL DOMINGO

Sunday Collection / Colecta del pasado domingo: \$11,975
Faith Direct (February Average /
promedio del mes de febrero: \$14,075

WORD & EUCHARIST MISSALETTE/

MISAL PALABRA Y EUCARISTÍA

Today's readings can be found on page 736

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 737

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, 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, Nancy Urquizo, Stephen Utle, Alma Reyes Valentin, Carina Vaquez, Robin Vogel, Robert & Maureen Wallace, Jim Webster, Kate Witkowski, Lauren Wolfe, Mary Woods

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 (24C); Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 (27C); Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13
Deuteronomio 26,4-10 (27C); Romanos 10,8-13; Lucas 4,1-13

MASS INTENTIONS, March 8-14

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 8-14 MARZO

PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Saturday, March 8th

5:30 pm Jacqueline Rose (L) by family

Sunday, March 9th

8:00 am For The Parish

9:30 am Emma Francia (L) by Susan Francia & family

11:15 am Thanksgiving, Lawrence Over (L) by Jude & Amit Dias

1:00 pm José Gregorio Barrios Pérez (Birthday) (D) by Odalis Barrios

6:00 pm Donna Whitlow (L) by Susan Bruns

Monday, March 10th

12:00 pm Kathleen Fitton by Fran Kearney

Tuesday, March 11th

12:00 pm Aurora y Susana Cabrera (D) by María Margarita Cabrera

Wednesday, March 12th

12:00 pm Edward Patrick Cruz (D) by Debbie Cruz

Thursday, March 13th

12:00 pm Michele Luby (Anniversary) (D) by the Donovan family

Friday, March 14th

6:00 pm Padre José Nangle, OFM (D) by the Ríos Jiménez families

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH /

VIDA SACRAMENTAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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

Kayla Suzanne Svoboda, Sophia Marie Costanzo & Connor Patrick French

Baptized March 8 / Bautizados el 8 de marzo

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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

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Cecilia López Oetgen, clopez@olqpva.org

A Consistent Ethic of Life Catholic Community

JUST A THOUGHT... or two...

In this Sunday's Gospel we encounter Jesus being tempted by the devil with temptations to power, fame and pride. Some Scripture scholars have argued that it was through his experience of forty days of fasting and prayer in the desert that Jesus came to a deeper understanding of his true identity and his mission.

The desert or the "wilderness" is, in the history of the people of Israel, both a place of danger and a place of encounter with God. As we begin Lent it is appropriate for us to reflect a bit on our own lives, our own desert experiences and our own temptations -- our own encounters with God.

Most all of us, as humans, are tempted by pride, arrogance, selfishness, anger and greed...the real question is whether or not we give in to those temptations.

For those who give in, they are often led to disgraceful acts of greed and ego, with catastrophic results. All we need to do is to read the headlines in the newspapers or listen to the nightly news -- Putin's ongoing invasion of the sovereign state of Ukraine is a prime example. We know he is wrong and we are able to judge the seriousness of his acts and the human suffering, death and devastation his blind ambitions are causing. And yet many of our current leaders in Washington are supporting his illegal war against a sovereign nation and even blaming Ukraine. We all know this is a LIE!

It is imperative for the survival of our democracy that we call out the lies and misinformation that is spewed by our political leaders, everywhere and everytime we encounter them!

For most of us, our sins are somewhat more contained: a white lie here and there...perhaps a small theft once in a while...a few carelessly chosen harsh words that wound.

Most of us are basically good people, trying to live as God has calls us to live. In the recesses of our hearts we know we've

been tempted. We've seen people surrender to their baser desires -- enticed by money, recognition, or power -- take advantage of situations or people, neglect their responsibilities towards others, or treat others with disregard and disrespect. We read about it and see it in the news every day. We must stay vigilant and speak out and make our voices heard. Continue calling and writing to the White House and all elected officials. Put them on notice that we will not stand idly by and let them dismantle our Federal Government and our democracy!

During Lent as we are called to reflect on our own personal sins let us not forget the structural sins of our society...systemic racism, rampant greed, arrogance, pride and the vengeance that sometimes is feebly masked as justice.

As Jesus came forth from the wilderness of the desert proclaiming the coming of the Reign of God bursting forth in the world through the preaching of the Gospel, he forever linked "the Gospel imperatives" to the Reign of God.

To the extent that we live out the imperatives of Jesus: to love one another as he has loved us, to love our enemies, to actively seek to alleviate the suffering of the poor and the marginalized... to that same extent we participate in the building up of the Reign of God.

Lent is meant to be a time of reflection **and of action!** We are called to a conversion of heart...to turn away from selfishness and sin and all that gets in the way of our living as true disciples of Jesus Christ.

What can I do, or stop doing, in order to become a more faithful disciple of Jesus Christ? What acts of **alms-giving, prayer and fasting** can I commit to this Lent that will help build up the Reign of God in the midst of a suffering world? Let us keep calling, keep writing, keep resisting, keep living our discipleship of Jesus Christ!

Blessings,
Fr. Tim

PARISH ADVISORY BOARD ELECTIONS BEGIN THIS WEEKEND!

Voting begins Saturday, March 8, at 4pm and is open through Sunday, March 16, at 7pm. Please vote only once -- either paper ballot or electronically. Vote for up to six candidates.

Paper ballots are in the sanctuary. Online voting is available using the QR code (Open your phone's camera app, point it at the QR Code -- dotted image below. Your phone will automatically detect and display the voting website; tap on your screen for the website to load.), or use this

link: <https://forms.gle/jg1fwMkSXsQByGPw5>



¡LAS ELECCIONES PARA LA JUNTA CONSULTORA DE LA PARROQUIA EMPIEZAN ESTE FIN DE SEMANA!

La votación empieza el sábado, 8 de marzo, a las 4pm y dura hasta el domingo, 16 de marzo, a las 7pm. Por favor vote solo una vez -- o por una papeleta o electrónicamente. Vote por un máximo de seis personas.

Las papeletas están en el santuario. Puede votar en línea usando el código QR (Abra la aplicación de la cámara de su teléfono, apunte hacia el código QR -- la imagen de puntos abajo. Su teléfono automáticamente detectará y mostrará el sitio web de la votación. Pulse sobre su pantalla para cargar el sitio web), o use este enlace:

<https://forms.gle/jg1fwMkSXsQByGPw5>

**OLQP STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS DURING LENT IN THE CHURCH**

5:15—5:45pm

Alternating each week
between English and Spanish:

March 14 — Spanish

March 21 — English

March 28 — Spanish

April 4 — English

April 11 — Spanish



**VIACRUCIS EN LA IGLESIA DE OLQP
LOS VIERNES DURANTE LA CUARESMA**

5:15 a 5:45pm

Alternando cada semana entre inglés y español:

14 de marzo – español

21 de marzo – inglés

28 de marzo – español

4 de abril – inglés

11 de abril – español

SUNG STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays – March 12, 26 & April 9 at 7pm

Come refresh your soul during Lent with the Sung Stations of the Cross. In the musical style of Taize, these unique stations invite you to pray along with thoughtful reflections on the Via Crucis and join in a meditative refrain. The Sung Stations will be offered on three Wednesdays - March 12, March 26, and April 9 at 7 pm in the church and live streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/OLQPArlington>. Reconciliation will be offered from 6:30-8 pm. For more information, contact Monica Perz-Waddington at monica.perz@verizon.net.

Here's a link to an article that was written in 2018:

https://www.catholicherald.com/news/arts/sung_stations_of_the_cross_at_our_lady_queen_of_peace/

CRS RICE BOWL – As we begin our Lenten journey, will Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving guide you and your family? Can we re-commit to end global hunger? Yes - if you have a Rice Bowl on your table. It's an adventure. Pick one up today from the back of church. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-1 to read this week's Story of Hope.

RETURN LAST YEAR'S BLESSED PALM

A basket is at the back of church where last year's blessed palm can be placed. The palm will be used to make ashes for next year's Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

**2025 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA)
ABOUNDING IN HOPE**

This weekend each household is asked to make a pledge or gift to the BLA. This appeal provides an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family and to support the various programs and ministries that help tens of thousands of people in our diocese. After reflecting upon God's blessings to you, please consider a pledge that will allow you to share your gifts with your neighbors. Each donation is vital to the success of the appeal and the important work that it funds. You may complete a pledge card at Mass, mail in your pledge, go online to www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code below to make a gift.



SCAN ME

VIACRUCIS CANTADO

**los miércoles – el 12 y 26 de marzo y el 9
de abril a las 7pm**

Venga a refrescar su alma durante la Cuaresma con el Viacrucis cantado. Al estilo musical de Taize, este Viacrucis le invita a orar y reflexionar seriamente sobre el Viacrucis y a unirse en el estribillo de meditación. El Viacrucis cantado se va a ofrecer tres miércoles – el 12 y el 26 de marzo y el 9 de abril a las 7pm en la iglesia y retransmitido en directo en <https://www.facebook.com/OLQPArlington>. La reconciliación se va a ofrecer de 6:30 a 8 pm. Para obtener más información, contacte a Monica Perz-Waddington, monica.perz@verizon.net.

Aquí tiene un enlace a un artículo que se escribió en el 2018:

https://www.catholicherald.com/news/arts/sung_stations_of_the_cross_at_our_lady_queen_of_peace/

PLATO DE ARROZ CRS – Al empezar nuestra jornada de Cuaresma, ¿la oración, el ayuno y la limosna le guiarán a usted y a su familia? ¿Podemos volver a comprometernos a eliminar el hambre en el mundo? Sí – si usted tiene un Plato de arroz en su mesa. Es una aventura. Tome uno hoy en la parte trasera de la iglesia. Visite crsricebowl.org/week-1 para leer la Historia de la esperanza esta semana.

DEVUELVAN LAS PALMAS BENDITAS DEL AÑO PASADO

Hay una cesta en la parte trasera de la iglesia donde puede poner las ramas benditas del año pasado. Las ramas se van a usar para hacer las cenizas para el Miércoles de ceniza del año que viene. Gracias.

**PETICIÓN CUARESMAL DEL OBISPO DEL 2025 (BLA)
ABUNDANDO EN LA ESPERANZA**

En este fin de semana se le pide a cada familia que haga una promesa de una donación a la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo. Esta petición nos da la oportunidad de unirnos como familia católica y de apoyar los varios programas y ministerios que ayudan a decenas de miles de personas en nuestra diócesis. Después de reflexionar sobre las bendiciones que Dios les ha dado, piensen en hacer una promesa de contribución que les permitirá compartir sus dones con sus vecinos. Cada donación es vital para el éxito de la Petición y para el importante trabajo que financia. Pueden llenar una tarjeta de promesa de contribución durante la Misa o hacer su ofrenda por correo postal, en línea en www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA o al escanear el código QR que aparece a continuación.



ESCANÉAME

Una comunidad católica con una ética consistente con la vida

YOUNG DISCIPLES WORK CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

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. This year's theme is Embrace: Trust With All Your Heart. To register go to: <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPYDWC2025> or scan the qr code, here:



LA INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EL CAMPAMENTO DE JÓVENES DISCÍPULOS está abierta ahora

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.

FOOD PANTRY -- This weekend is the parish Food Collection for our busy food pantry. If you were unable to bring food, please consider dropping off your donation anytime during the week or make a monetary donation on our [website](#). We have been experiencing another increase in clients. We are now helping to end food insecurity **for over 800 clients a week**. We could not do this without your generosity. Thank you for your continued support.

CARPENTER'S SHELTER DINNER – Thursday, March 20

Our dinner this month is homemade stews, salad, hearty bread, fruit, 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. Please note, if you're delivering directly to the Shelter (930 N. Henry Street in Alexandria), label food the same adding our church name & "dinner". If you have a question, please contact mary.resnick@gmail.com. Thank you!

HELP IS NEEDED at Food for Others!

Food for Others (FFO) distributes food to our neighbors in need in the Green Valley area, and its mission has never been more important than now. There is currently an urgent need for additional volunteers to help with the Tuesday evening pickup of food from FFO's Merrifield warehouse and distribution of the food at Gunston Community Center. Volunteers need to be at least 21 years old, but a child may accompany the adult volunteer and help with the distribution, which makes this a good family volunteer opportunity. If you might be interested in helping, please contact OLQP parishioner Gary Shinner 703-650-8688, shinnerones5@gmail.com, who has been volunteering with this organization for over 25 years. The website for FFO is <https://foodforothers.org/>.

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION -- For 10+ years on the **14th of every month** a cadre of advocates for justice form a witness line in front of the National Rifle Association (NRA) headquarters on Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax. All are welcome and encouraged to join us on **Friday, March 14 at 10:00 am**. Many wear orange to show our support for gun safety laws. Because thousands are maimed or killed in the US each year due to readily available guns, we advocate for state and local legislation to curb access to guns. Our Christian ideals and values call us to advocate for life, especially the life of our brothers and sisters. We welcome the presence of others, especially people of faith. We meet on the sidewalk at 11250 Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax 22030.

LA DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS – Este fin de semana es la colecta de alimentos de la parroquia para nuestra despensa. Si no pudo traer comida, por favor considere traer su donación durante la semana o hacer una donación monetaria en nuestro sitio web. El número de clientes ha aumentado. Ahora estamos ayudando a **800 personas a la semana** para eliminar la inseguridad alimentaria. No podríamos hacer esto sin su generosidad. Gracias por su continuo apoyo.

LA CENA REFUGIO DEL CARPINTERO – el jueves, 20 de marzo

La cena este mes es guisos caseros, ensalada, pan, fruta, brownies y limonada. Puede llevar las contribuciones a la oficina de la parroquia de lunes a jueves de 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 al refugio directamente el día de la comida (930 N. Henry Street in Alexandria), identifíquela de la misma manera y añada el nombre de nuestra iglesia y "dinner". Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor contacte a Mary Resnick, mary.resnick@gmail.com. ¡Gracias!

¡SE NECESITA AYUDA en Food for Others!

Food for Others (FFO) distribuye comida a nuestras vecinas y vecinos necesitados en el área de Green Valley y su misión nunca ha sido tan importante como hoy día. Actualmente hay una necesidad urgente de personas voluntarias adicionales para ayudar con la recogida de comida del almacén Merrifield de FFO los martes por la noche y la distribución de la comida en el Gunston Community Center. Las personas voluntarias tienen que tener por lo menos 21 años, pero una niña o niño puede acompañar a la persona adulta voluntaria y ayudar con la distribución. Esto hace que sea una buena oportunidad de voluntariado familiar. Si puede que esté interesada/o en ayudar, por favor contacte a Gary Shinner, miembro de OLQP, 703-650-8688, shinnerones5@gmail.com, que ha sido voluntario con esta organización por más de 25 años. El sitio web para FFO es <https://foodforothers.org/>.

PREVENCIÓN DE LA VIOLENCIA CAUSADA CON ARMAS DE FUEGO – Por más de 10 años **el 14 de cada mes** un grupo de defensores de la justicia forman una fila de testigos frente a la sede de la National Rifle Association (NRA) en Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax. Todas las personas son bienvenidas y las animamos a que se unan a nosotros el **viernes, 14 de marzo a las 10:00 am**. Muchas personas visten el color naranja para demostrar su apoyo por leyes sobre seguridad de las armas. Debido a que miles de personas son mutiladas o mueren cada año en los Estados Unidos debido al fácil acceso de las armas, abogamos por legislación estatal y local para limitar el acceso a las armas. Nuestros ideales y valores cristianos nos llaman a abogar por la vida, especialmente la vida de nuestras hermanas y hermanos. Apreciamos la presencia de otras personas, especialmente personas de fe. Nos reunimos en la acera en 11250 Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax 22030.

*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.*



STONE SOUP SUPPER SERIES - continues this coming Friday, March 14, with 6pm Mass followed by a modest meal with our **Pastor, Timothy J. Hickey** who will speak on Fasting beginning promptly at 7pm. This year's theme is **Fasting: What You Can Do**. If you want to hear a different take on what Lent has to offer, come join us for a wonderful evening. The series will be held in Father Ray Hall.

LIVE JESUS! 2025 The 20th Annual Live Jesus! Virginia will be held on March 29 at St. John Neumann Parish in Reston, from 9 am to 12:45 pm. This year's theme is "Bend Don't Break: The Art of Salesian Spirituality". Keynote speaker will be Rev. James Greenfield, OSFS, President of DeSales University. For more information and to register, visit Oblates.Org.

NEW! IN PERSON WEEKLY Women's Faith Sharing Group - Starting THURSDAY, March 13, 7-8:30pm in the OLQP Library. Want more Jesus, and female fellowship? Email olqp.wwp@gmail.com (parishioner Mary Wulf) to learn more. Mary has loved being part of such a group and now wants to open a group at our parish, OLQP: "This faith sharing group prompts me to do bite sized daily reading and reflection to deepen my connection to God and God's will in my life. I then get to meet with other faith filled funky female friends for fellowship to share our learnings, and how we will apply them practically in our lives. This group rocks!"

NEWS FROM MEDOR

The community's agroforestry program is improving the environment and enhancing livelihoods. In 2024 Medor farmers planted 202,600 tree seedlings on surrounding hillsides and in their garden plots. Since 2010 they have planted close to 1.5 million trees! This work allows farmers to earn crop seeds, training, and hand tools. Some results include increased biodiversity, improved soil, and water conditions, as well as increased harvests and incomes. Thank you for your love and support for the people of Medor.

Please pray for peace and security in Haiti.

ECO-TIP from the Integrity of Creation Ministry: Caring for Creation during Lent isn't just about sacrifices. There are many opportunities to live out your Care through almsgiving. Volunteer at an invasive species or neighbor trash cleanup event, start composting, grow a native plant, educate a friend, or give to an environment-focused charity, like Catholic Climate Covenant or the Catholic Garden Network.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA) Rite of Sending/Call to Continuing Conversion and Rite of Election This Weekend

Our catechumens, **Travis Treon and Joseline Villalobos**, will participate in the **Rite of Sending** at Saturday's 5:30 p.m. Mass this weekend. Our candidates, **Erick Cruz, Megan Hagen, AJ Skiera, and Aracelli Vasquez**, will celebrate the **Call to Continuing Conversion**. Through these rites, their sponsors will testify to our parish community that the catechumens and candidates have taken their formation seriously, have given evidence of their conversion and are ready to move forward in the OCIA process. Our participants will sign the Book of the Elect or the Book of Candidates as appropriate. On Sunday, our catechumens will go to St. Thomas More Cathedral for the **Rite of Election**. Through this celebration, the Church is recognizing that God has called these catechumens to his banquet of love and to his work of building the Kingdom. One of our catechumens will go forward on behalf of the group for Bishop Burbidge to sign the Book of the Elect. Please continue to pray for our participants as they celebrate this important transition point in their preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation or be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, or to receive Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral in June.

LENTEN CREATION CARE CALENDAR IS HERE!

See pages 7 & 8 of this bulletin for inspirational and challenging messages on how we can love the earth.

ADDITIONAL LENTEN RESOURCES:

Explore the many online resources available for spiritual growth during Lent. Review programs from Ignatian Spirituality, weekly reflection guides from Maryknoll, Audio meditations, Lenten family resources, Stations of the Cross and many more. Go to: [2025 Lenten Resources](#).

HAVE ANY PHOTOS, HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS or the like to share for our 80th anniversary celebration? We'd love to hear from you — scanned items work. Contact Rebecca Grant Jenkins: rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org

MINKISI'S ANNUAL VIRTUAL PRAYER SERVICE

Pause and praise in **OLQP Minkisi's annual "Way of the Cross - Lament and Call for Justice"**. Come to a virtual gospel music prayer service using the Stations of the Cross icons from our church walls, scripture meditations, and quiet prayer on Thursday, March 20, 6:45-8:30 PM. Questions: worship--Cecilia Braveboy, jisaac3@verizon.net and tech help—Julia Rocchi, rocchijulia@gmail.com. See details in the required Eventbrite registration by Sunday, March 16: <https://bit.ly/Minkisi20March2025>.

FAITH DIRECT e-Giving — OLQP's online giving program. The parish's website Donate page (<https://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/donate.html>) is linked to Faith Direct, taking you right to their safe and secure site. You can choose a one-time gift or setup recurring gifts to Sunday Offertory or Pastor's Outreach or Food Panty, or any combination.

OLQP's code: VA271

NoVA Because our world can change a lot in 40 days. Lenten Creation Care 2025

Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, and more intentional sharing. This year, our church is joining with many others in heeding the call to be stewards of God's Creation throughout this season. May this calendar remind us to be more mindful of the ways that our daily habits impact both our common home and all those with whom we share it. On behalf of future generations and all living in poverty — those most harmed by our damaged climate — may we answer God's call to be faithful stewards, speaking out for Creation care.

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Our religious response to climate change.

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<p>A prayer from Psalm 51:</p> <p><i>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Creator God, we begin this Lenten season asking for Your renewal. Through prayer, fasting, and sharing over these 40 days, we ask that our eyes be opened to the ways we can do better; in our relationships with You, Your Creation, and all those with whom we share this, our common home. Lord, help us to restore what has been damaged through our sinful overconsumption and the systemic injustices that surround us, returning to You with renewed spirits.</i></p>	<p>Want a deeper theological frame for Creation care? Download "Power of God" from Creation Justice Ministries to learn how God calls us to a restorative faith. bit.ly/CJM2025</p>	<p>Our friends at the Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions are helping Northern Virginia faith communities take action together: faithforclimate.org</p>	<p>MARCH 5 Ash Wednesday IPC's Faithful Green Leaders training can help strengthen environmental efforts at your church. Today is the last day to sign up for the March sessions! bit.ly/greenteamtraining</p>	<p>The Catholic Diocese of Arlington Creation Care Network is a group of Northern Virginia parishes committed to caring for our common home. Learn how NoVA Catholic communities are living out <i>Laudato Si'</i>: bit.ly/catarlcn</p>	<p>Interested in going solar at home? Join a purchasing group with neighbors through Capital Area Switch Together: bit.ly/faithinsolar</p>	<p>For International Women's Day, learn why educating women and girls around the world is a key climate solution: bit.ly/learnthwomen</p>
<p>9 Ps 91:15, "I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them." No community is disposable. Learn about "sacrifice zones" and how we can help: bit.ly/ted_sacrificezones</p>	<p>Climate grief is our response to witnessing ecological crisis. Learn more about GreenFaith's online climate grief circles, or start your own: bit.ly/gfgriefcircles</p>	<p>Reduce your food waste by planning well and eating leftovers. Consider composting what's left at home or get table scraps picked up: CompostCrew.com, VeteranCompost.com, KeyCompost.com</p>	<p>Burning gas indoors harms the climate and our health. Beyond Gas groups tested NO2 levels in over 600 gas-burning kitchens while the stoves were on. Read the results: bit.ly/beyondgasreport</p>	<p>Christians have fasted from meat during Lent for generations. Try eating vegetarian today and check out Oxfam's Eat for Good resources for other ways to use your fast to bless others: bit.ly/eat4good</p>	<p>Ps 104:24, "How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures." Go for a nature walk and meditate on this verse. What is the psalm saying about creation?</p>	<p>Ps 27:1, "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" Our faith can help us face eco-anxiety and live with resilience. bit.ly/candmcsf</p>
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2 Cor 5:20, "We are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us." How can you and/or your church be an ambassador for God's creation?"	The United Church of Christ has worked on Environmental Racism since the 80's. Learn more and incorporate anti-racism into your worship. bit.ly/uccenvracism	APRIL How can we heat and cool our buildings without causing harm? Heat pumps! Watch IPL's webinar on Holy Heat Pumps: bit.ly/holy_heatpumps , and learn about incentives at rewiringamerica.org	Lk 9:31 "He replied, 'You give them something to eat.'" Support the Black Church Food Security Network and learn how churches garden to care for the environment and feed our neighbors: bit.ly/bcfsnet	Gn 1: "Let there be light!" Could your congregational facility go solar? Explore IPL's solar congregations map and learn about no-money-down solar financing at ipldmv.org/solar	Purchase locally-grown food this weekend. Walk to a farmers' market or join a community-supported agriculture group: LocalHarvest.org , or sign up to receive rescued produce weekly: HungryHarvest.net	Gn 2:15, "God took the human and put them in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it." Plan a garden today and start some seeds to germinate indoors: bit.ly/gavictorygardens
Arbor Day is around the corner. Consider planning to plant more native trees at your congregation: bit.ly/vatregrants	1 Ti 4:4, "For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving." Gratitude can help us with grief and fear. Write a gratitude list and keep it somewhere visible.	Care for Creation and support clean energy by divesting from fossil fuels: bit.ly/gadivest-reinvest and choosing a bank that aligns with your values: bit.ly/gabetterbanking	All are called to repair our climate. In April, our Jewish neighbors will gather for Passover seder to retell their story. Learn some Jewish teachings for climate action: dayenu.org/resources	Caring for creation includes responsibly disposing of electronics. Organize "E-cycling" for your congregation to dispose of old phones, tablets, computers, and TVs responsibly: bit.ly/esrecycler	Want to hear a sermon on climate change, sing a song about creation, or host a workshop on the harms of gas? Request a speaker here: ipldmv.org/learn/find-a-speaker/	Righteousness in the Bible is always connected to justice. Take time to read the Principles of Environmental Justice and reflect on how to embody them in your faith community: bit.ly/17EJPrinciples
Palm Sunday Lk 19:40, "He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'" Jesus says if we do not speak out, nature will. How is creation crying out today, and what can we do about it?	We can never give in to despair ... Eco-feminist author Rebecca Solnit reminds us in her book <i>Not Too Late</i> that we can never lose hope. Listen to her speak: bit.ly/solnitinterview	As people of faith, we are called to make the injustices of colonization right. Visit native-land.ca to learn about the Indigenous peoples of the places where you reside.	How can I be a part of faithful stewardship? What is mine to do? Listen to the BTS Center's podcast <i>Climate Changed</i> to hear how we all have a part to play in caring for Creation: bit.ly/btswhatamine	Maundy Thursday Jn 13:35, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Reflect on how strengthening our bonds within the church can help us be more resilient.	Good Friday Ps 22:1, "My God, why have you forsaken me?" Jesus quotes a psalm of anguish and despair. What suffering and injustice from environmental crises do we need to call out today? bit.ly/hrwenvy	Holy Saturday Welcome wildlife onto your congregation's grounds with the National Wildlife Federation's Sacred Grounds program: nwf.org/sacredgrounds

20 Easter Sunday

Lk 24:1, "But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them."

It is hard to find good news these days. Can your community make space for good acts to rise amongst the chaos?



Take some time today to reflect on all of the activities that you have performed during Lent, and how they have brought you into greater harmony with the earth and with all life. Conclude your Lenten Creation care practice by making a personal pledge to serve God and serve others by pursuing a more sustainable way of life.