

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

April 6, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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:

April 5-6 9:30am and 1pm Spanish
 5-6 abril 9:30am 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)*

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.

2025 PALM SUNDAY & EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Weekend—April 12-13

Special Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30pm Vigil Mass
 Sunday: 8:00am
 9:45am *Outdoor Procession*
 12noon *live-streamed*
 2:00pm in Spanish *live-streamed*
 6:00pm

Holy Thursday — April 17

7:00pm Mass *live-streamed*

Good Friday — April 18

3:00pm Passion of the Lord,
 Communion Service
live-streamed

6:00pm Stations of the Cross
 in Spanish

8:00pm Tenebrae

(Service in darkness)

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil — April 19

8:30pm *live-streamed*

Easter Sunday—April 20

Special Mass Schedule

Church: 8:00am, 9:45am,
 12noon *live-streamed*
 2:00pm in Spanish *live-streamed*,
 6:00pm
 Fr. Ray Hall: 10:00am and
 12:15pm

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).

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

Sung Stations of the Cross:

7:00pm – April 9

HORARIO DE LAS MISAS Y SERVICIOS DEL DOMINGO

DE RAMOS Y LA PASCUA 2025

Fin de semana del Domingo de ramos – 12 y 13 de abril

Horario especial de Misas

Sábado: 5:30 pm Misa de vigilia

Domingo: 8:00 am

9:45 *procesión al aire libre*

12 del mediodía *transmisión en*

Vivo 2:00 pm en español

transmisión en vivo 6:00 pm

Jueves Santo – 17 de abril

7:00 pm, *Misa transmisión en vivo*

Viernes Santo – 18 de abril

3:00 pm Pasión del Señor, Servicio

de comunión, *transmisión en vivo*

6:00 pm Viacrucis en español

8:00 pm Servicio en tinieblas

Sábado Santo, Vigilia de la Pascua – 19 de abril

8:30 pm *transmisión en vivo*

Domingo de Pascua – 20 de abril

Horario especial de Misas

Iglesia: 8:00 am, 9:45 am,

12:00 del mediodía *transmisión en Vivo*

2:00 pm en español *transmisión en vivo*, 6:00 pm

Fr. Ray Hall: 10:00 am y 12:15 pm

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 - 9 de abril

Nor do I
 condemn

you.

John 8:11



Tampoco
 yo te
 condeno.

Juan 8:11



NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ

6 de abril de 2025

Quinto 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: \$7,084
Catholic Relief Services / Servicios Católicos de Ayuda: \$10,385
Faith Direct - March Average /
promedio del mes de marzo: \$13,116

WORD & EUCHARIST MISSALETTE/

MISAL PALABRA Y EUCHARISTÍA

Today's readings can be found on page 754

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 755

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

QUINTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Isaiah 43:16-21 (36C); Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

Isaías 43:16-21 (36C); Filipenses 3:8-14; Juan 8,1-11

PALM SUNDAY

DOMINGO DE RAMOS

Procession: Luke 19:28-40 (37C); Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11;
Luke 22:14-23:56

Procesión: Lucas 19,28-40 (37C); Isaías 50,4-7; Filipenses 2,6-11;
Lucas 22,14-23,56

MASS INTENTIONS, APRIL 5-11

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 5-11 ABRIL

QUINTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Saturday, April 5th

5:30 pm Lindsey Fell (D) by the Anhut family

Sunday, April 6th

8:00 am Edward Patrick Cruz (D) by Debbie Cruz
9:30 am Raquel 'Pat' West Hall (D) by Minkisi Ministry

11:15 am Jason Jenkins (D) by Therese Powell

1:00 pm María Eugenia Jiménez (Anniversary) (D)
by Carmen Elena Ríos & family

6:00 pm Veronica Gomes (D) by Florence Gomes

Monday, April 7th

12:00 pm Mitch Michelle (D) by Pat Carty

Tuesday, April 8th

12:00 pm Ana Dysangco (L) by the Dysangco family

Wednesday, April 9th

12:00 pm Luis Millán (D) by the Lovo family

Thursday, April 10th

12:00 pm Carroll Mitchell (L) by Pat Carty

Friday, April 11th

11 am Funeral—Martha Benites

6:00 pm Marcos Cabrera Moloche (Anniversary) (D) by Lilia Koechlin

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 un nuevo cristiano.

Warren Daniel Brosnan

Baptized April 5 / Bautizado el 5 de abril

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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

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A Consistent Ethic of Life Catholic Community

JUST A THOUGHT... or two...

I find it interesting that twelve years ago on the fifth Sunday of Lent, it was the first Sunday of Pope Francis' pontificate and in the first reading that Sunday, as today, the prophet Isaiah told us that God said "see I am doing something new!"

And on this Sunday, amid all of the chaos, disgrace and scandal in our country, the Gospel tells us of a woman caught in the midst of adultery, (my question is: where is the man?)...dragged through the streets, demeaned and "disgraced," screamed at and taunted knowing all the time that she was about to be stoned to death!

Undoubtedly, she could feel the intense violent energy of the crowd that was gathering around her. How desperate she must have felt knowing there was nothing she could do to stop it. And yet, Jesus stopped it...drawing in the sand, some scholars say...writing out the sins of the very people who had condemned her and were about to stone her. About to stone her, supposedly all "in the name of God."

Jesus told the religious leaders they had it wrong...ultimately challenging "their reading of laws" that demanded such violence. Asking for the one among them without sin to cast the first stone. But none dared for they themselves were all sinners as Jesus was pointing out as he wrote their sins in the sand.

There has been much written about this Gospel story, about it being *a story of second chances...that it is a story of new beginnings*. We know that scripture abounds with stories of the lavish forgiveness God pours forth upon us, about God putting our "sin as far from us as the east is from the west." Stories about us always being able to start over, to start anew with God. This is, after all, the whole role and meaning of the sacrament of reconciliation. A new start, a new beginning!

Some scholars argue about the final line of this Gospel we hear today, as most translations have Jesus saying "neither do I condemn you, be on your way and sin no more." However, scholars point out that some ancient Greek texts do not actually contain the Greek words that would be translated "sin no more" but rather these ancient texts in question use an archery term that means "to take better aim."

It would seem then that Jesus encouraged the woman to be on her way and *to take better aim with her life*.

Perhaps this is a moment in the church for us all to "take better aim" with our lives -- to be more intentional in the way we choose

to live our day to day lives. And most certainly, we as a nation, need to reassess the aim of this current government administration and call upon all our elected officials to "take better aim" with how they are governing and what they are prioritizing in their legislation and political agendas.

Perhaps it was no coincidence that on the first Sunday of Pope Francis' pontificate, the Gospel story was about a "woman" demeaned and disgraced, about to be violently murdered -- a Gospel story about the place and treatment of women in Jesus' culture and society, and Jesus' refusal to participate in the systematic oppression, misogyny and violent treatment of women.

I believe that this Gospel story in fact call us to question the place and status of women in the church and in the world! Perhaps there is a lesson here for all of us, especially men and in particular the clergy and religious leaders!

In today's Gospel...just as Jesus challenged the "law" and the religious leaders...so too, we are called to do the same!

We live – *still* – in a world where women are bought and sold; where they are leered at but not listened to; where true lasting and substantive justice and equality remain denied to women and especially women of color. It was all on full display these past years as more women run for significant political office -- their abilities are questioned in ways that their male counterparts are not. All we need do is think back to the Senate confirmation hearings for then Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's appointment to the US Supreme Court.

And while the official church has been vocal on civil and human rights abuses of women around the world, she still struggles in making just and more meaningful roles for women within the church.

We need to ask ourselves, especially those of us who are men: how do I treat girls and women in my life? What do I really think about the role of women in church, politics and society in general? Do my views on women and their role and place in church and society truly reflect Gospel values as presented by Jesus? What would Jesus think about my views and attitudes towards girls and women?

As we move forward, let us all "try to take better aim" in our daily lives in how we treat and value one another.

Lenten Blessings,
Fr Tim

FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND IS NEXT WEEKEND, APRIL 12

-13 – please help stock our food pantry! Donate some or all these items: canned/pouch tuna, Instant yellow corn tortilla flour (not corn meal), cereal (low sugar), can of fruit in its own juices, can of corn, can of sweet peas, 1 lb. bags of white rice, 1 lb. bags of black, pinto, lentil beans, 1box of macaroni and cheese, 24 oz. of oil, 1lb. box of pasta and pasta sauce. Thank you for your continued support.

DINNER & FAITH SHARING - ALL ARE WELCOME!

Are you looking for community? To share your faith with new friends? Join the Arlington Cursillo community and fellow parishioners on Saturday, April 12, at 6:45 pm (after the 5:30 pm Mass) in the Founder's Room of the Ministry Center. Together we will pray, eat, and share personal stories of God's Grace. Dinner is a potluck, so bring food or drinks to share. Questions - contact Jennifer & Linda at OLQP.Ultreya@gmail.com.

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EL FIN DE SEMANA DE COLECTA DE ALIMENTOS ES EL PRÓXIMO FIN DE SEMANA, 12 Y 13 DE ABRIL – ¡por favor ayude

a abastecer nuestra despensa de alimentos! Done algunos o todos estos artículos: tuna en latas o sobres, harina instantánea de maíz amarilla para tortillas (no cornmeal), cereal (de baja azúcar), lata de frutas en su propio jugo, lata de maíz, lata de guisantes dulces, bolsas de 1 lb. de arroz blanco, bolsas de 1 lb. de frijoles negros, pinto, lentejas, 1 caja de macaroni y queso, botella de 24 onzas de aceite, 1 caja de 1 lb de pasta y salsa para pasta. Gracias por su apoyo continuo.

COMIDA Y COMPARTIR LA FE –

¡TODAS LAS PERSONAS SON BIENVENIDAS!

¿Está buscando comunidad para compartir su fe con nuevas amistades? Únase a la comunidad de Cursillos de Arlington y compañeras/os feligreses el sábado, 12 de abril a las 6:45 pm (después de la Misa de las 5:30 pm) en el Founder's Room del Ministry Center. Juntos vamos a rezar, comer y compartir historias personales de la gracia de Dios. La comida es compartida (potluck), así que traiga comida o bebidas para compartir. Si tiene preguntas contacte a Jennifer y Linda: OLQP.Ultreya@gmail.com.

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

5:00—5:45pm

Alternating each week
between English and Spanish:
April 11 — Spanish



**SUNG STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Wednesday – 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 - 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

It's all about Family -- the Family of God fed by the Eucharist, your Family learning from the Rice Bowl stories, the Family in Guatemala or Northern Virginia whose children are hungry. Your generosity unites the Global Family to allow Catholic Relief Services to help. What is your reaction to the stories of Hope? What are some creative ways you are filling your Rice Bowl? Thanks for being together on this Lenten journey toward Easter.

MEN'S RETREAT - April 24-27

Join men from across the Arlington Diocese for the next Men's Cursillo Weekend. It is a retreat, but also so much more. It is an opportunity to examine and celebrate yourself, deepen your relationship with Christ, and continue – or begin – your faith journey with the love and support of the Christian community. You will grow spiritually, make new friends, and experience Christ's unlimited love. For more information, or to register to attend the retreat, contact Jennifer at OLQP.Ultreya@gmail.com or visit the website: arlingtoncursillo.org.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

We invite you to remember deceased loved ones – one intention per family, please -- with an Easter Flower Memorial. Memorials will be published in the bulletin on Easter Sunday April 19-20. Complete the form below, make your donation payable to Our Lady Queen of Peace Church (donation amount is at your discretion) and send to the parish office (attention Christina) or drop in the collection basket by Monday, April 14th. Please be sure to meet the deadline of 4/14! Donations can also be made through FaithDirect.net (OLQP code: VA271) but be sure to send an email with memorial information to office@olqpva.org with "Flower Memorial" in the subject line, again by 4/14.

Hnooring / En honor de: _____

Requested by / A petición de: _____

Donation / Donativo: \$ _____

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

5:00 a 5:45pm

Alternando cada semana entre inglés y español:
11 de abril – español

VIACRUCIS CANTADO

los miércoles– 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 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

Todo gira en torno a la familia – la Familia de Dios nutrida por la Eucaristía, su familia que aprende de las historias del Plato de arroz, la familia en Guatemala o del norte de Virginia cuyas hijas e hijos tienen hambre.

Su generosidad une a la familia global para facilitar la ayuda de los Servicios de auxilio católico. ¿Cuál es su reacción a estas historias de esperanza? ¿Cuáles son algunas maneras creativas que llenan su Plato de arroz? Gracias por unirse en esta jornada de Cuaresma hacia la Pascua.

RETIRO PARA HOMBRES/CABALLEROS – 24 al 27 de abril

Únase a otros hombres de la Diócesis de Arlington para el próximo fin de semana de Cursillo para hombres. Es un retiro, pero también mucho más. Es una oportunidad para examinar y celebrarse, profundizar su relación con Cristo y continuar – o empezar – su jornada de fe con el cariño y apoyo de la comunidad cristiana. Usted va a crecer espiritualmente, hacer nuevas amistades y experimentar el amor ilimitado de Cristo. Para obtener más información o para inscribirse para asistir al retiro, contacte a Jennifer: OLQP.Ultreya@gmail.com o visite el sitio web: arlingtoncursillo.org.

MEMORIALES DE FLORES DE PASCUA

Le invitamos a recordar a seres queridos – por favor, una intención por familia – con un Memorial de flores de Pascua. Los memoriales se publicarán en el boletín del domingo de Pascua, el 19-20 de abril. Complete el formulario abajo, haga su donación a nombre de Our Lady Queen of Peace (usted determina la cantidad) y mándelo a la oficina parroquial (atención de Christina) o póngalo en la colecta para la fecha límite del lunes, 14 de abril. ¡Por favor, asegúrese de que llegue para el 14 de abril! También puede donar por FaithDirect.net (código de OLQP: VA271) pero asegúrese de mandar un correo electrónico a office@olqpva.org con "Flower Memorial" en la línea del asunto, para la fecha límite del 14 de abril.

2025 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

Monthly Reminders!

If you have not yet made a pledge to the BLA, please use this QR Code or complete one of the pledge envelopes in the pews.



¡Recordatorios mensuales para LA CAMPAÑA CUARESMA 2025 DEL OBISPO!

Si todavía no se ha comprometido a donar a la BLA, por favor use este código QR o complete un de los sobres de promesa en las bancas.



OLQP JUBILEE OF YOUTH FLY AWAY FUNDRAISER RAFFLE!

Starting Monday, April 7th, we will be raffling off four pairs of JetBlue® plane tickets to anywhere they fly. Tickets may be used by 03/31/2026. Please note that upon booking a credit card will be required for taxes and fees. **All proceeds benefit OLQP Jubilee of Youth Pilgrims. Participants must be registered members of OLQP.** Raffle entries accepted from 12:00am, Monday, April 7, 2025 to 11:59pm, Monday, April 21, 2025 **(Entries before or after these dates and times will not be accepted.)** \$50 per entry, multiple entries permitted. To enter go to: <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPVAFLYAWAY> or scan the QR Code:

Please use the designated button on FaithDirect "JetBlue Raffle for Jubilee of Youth" **(Entries will not be included in drawings unless payment has been received.)** Winners will be posted in the May 4th bulletin. **Good Luck!**



¡RIFA "FLY AWAY" PARA RECAUDAR FONDOS PARA EL JUBILEO DE LOS PEREGRINOS ADOLESCENTES DE OLQP!

Empezando el lunes, 7 de abril, vamos a rifar cuatro pares de boletos para cualquier lugar que vuela JetBlue. Los boletos se pueden usar hasta la fecha límite 31 marzo 2026. Por favor note que al hacer la reservación tiene que dar una tarjeta de crédito para cubrir los impuestos y tarifas. **Lo recaudado es para beneficiar a los peregrinos de OLQP para su jubileo. Las personas que participan tienen que ser miembros inscritos de OLQP.** Los boletos de la rifa se aceptan de las 12:00am el lunes, 7 de abril hasta las 11:59pm el lunes, 21 de abril, 2025. **(No se va a aceptar ninguna papeleta ni antes ni después de estas fechas.)** \$50 por papeleta y puede comprar múltiples papeletas. Para participar vaya a: <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPVAFLYAWAY> o escanee el código QR: Por favor use el botón designado en FaithDirect "Jet Blue Raffle for Jubilee of Youth". **(No se van a incluir papeletas si no se ha recibido el pago por las mismas.)** Las personas ganadoras se van a anunciar en el boletín del 4 de mayo. **¡Buena suerte!**

CARPENTER'S SHELTER DINNER, Thursday, April 18

This month's menu is baked salmon, rice, broccoli, salad, and of course, lemonade and brownies. Your food can be delivered to the parish office kitchen Monday through Thursday, during their office hours, 8:30-4:30pm, 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 on the day of dinner (930 N. Henry Street in Alexandria), label food the same adding our church name & "dinner". If you have a question, please email:

mary.resnick@gmail.com

Thank you for your dedication to Carpenter's! You may have seen in the bulletin that the parish has committed to provide and serve dinner on the second Wednesday of every month at the Alexandria Community Shelter. If you're able to contribute to the ACS dinner, please respond to the bulletin or upcoming email.

WE'RE STILL ACCEPTING PHOTOS, ARTICLES, HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS, AND MEMORABILIA FOR OLQP'S 80TH ANNIVERSARY. If you have any of these OLQP items to share, we would be greatly appreciative. Please email scans of your material to Rebecca Grant Jenkins, rgrantjenkins@olapva.org, or drop them off. They will be scanned and returned.

BASH 2025! MIDDLE SCHOOL DIOCESAN EVENT

Join Catholic middle school students from around the Diocese of Arlington (6th-8th graders) in celebration of our Catholic faith and love of the Lord. This event includes music, games – Gaga Ball, rock climbing wall, inflatables, food – pizza, Rita's, Smiley's Ice Cream, inspirational speakers, confessions, and a Vigil Mass for Sunday, with Bishop Burbidge. Please contact Rebecca, Youth & Young Adult Minister, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org, to sign up.

WHEN: Saturday, May 10, 3:30 pm - 8:30 pm

WHERE: Bishop O'Connell High School, Arlington

COST: \$15.00 per participant (youth and adults)

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LA CENA REFUGIO DEL CARPINTERO es el jueves, 18 de abril

Nuestra cena este mes es salmón horneado, arroz, brócoli, ensalada y, por supuesto, limonada y brownies. ¡Por favor apúntese! Puede llevar su comida a la oficina de la parroquia de lunes a viernes, durante las horas de trabajo de 8:30 a 4:30pm, 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. Si lleva la contribución directamente al Refugio (930 N. Henry Street en Alexandria), identifique la comida de la misma manera y añada el nombre de nuestra iglesia y "dinner". Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor contacte a Mary Resnick, 703-462-4841, mary.resnick@gmail.com. **¡Gracias por su dedicación al Refugio!** Puede que haya visto en el boletín que la parroquia se ha comprometido a proporcionar y servir la comida el segundo miércoles de cada mes en el Albergue Comunitario de Alexandria. Si puede contribuir a la comida del ACS, por favor responda al boletín o a un futuro correo electrónico.

TODAVÍA ESTAMOS ACEPTANDO FOTOS, ARTÍCULOS, DOCUMENTOS HISTÓRICOS Y MEMORABILIA PARA EL 80 ANIVERSARIO DE OLQP. Si tiene algunos de estos artículos para compartir, lo apreciaríamos mucho. Por favor escanee estos artículos y envíenselos a Rebecca Grant Jenkins, rgrantjenkins@olapva.org, o tráigalos. Los escanaremos y se los devolveremos.

¡BASH 2025! EVENTO DIOCESANO PARA ESTUDIANTES DE ESCUELA MEDIA

Únete a otros estudiantes católicos de escuela media de la Diócesis de Arlington (estudiantes de grados 6 a 8) para celebrar nuestra fe católica y nuestro amor por el Señor. Este evento incluye música, juegos – Gaga Ball, pared de escalada (rock climbing wall), hinchables (inflatables), comida – pizza, Rita's, helado de Smiley's, oradores inspiradores, confesiones y una Misa de vigilia para el domingo con el Obispo Burbidge. Por favor contacta a Rebecca, Ministro para adolescentes y jóvenes adultos, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org, para inscribirte.

CUÁNDO: el sábado, 10 de mayo, de 3:30 pm a 8:30 pm

DÓNDE: Bishop O'Connell High School, Arlington

COSTO: \$15.00 por participante (jóvenes y adultos)

HELP PROVIDE A HOME-COOKED MEAL AT THE ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY SHELTER!

Our Lady Queen of Peace is excited to announce that we are now providing dinner at the Alexandria Community Shelter on the second Wednesday of every month! This residential shelter, staffed by Carpenter's Shelter, houses approximately 64 people, mostly adults. We invite you to join us in serving a warm, home-cooked meal to our neighbors in need.

Food can be delivered to the parish office kitchen Monday through Wednesday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, or directly to Fr. Ray Hall kitchen on the day of dinner from 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM. Please label your food with the date and description and place it in the refrigerator, freezer, or on the counter. If you are delivering directly to the shelter at 2355-B Mill Rd, Alexandria, VA, please deliver on the day of dinner and label it OLQP DINNER. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Emily Porterfield at bellefontebarbelle@gmail.com. Let's come together and make a difference! Please sign up using this link for Wednesday, April 9:
<https://forms.gle/FUeoZNwaHABiKasQ9>

¡AYUDE A PROPORCIONAR UNA COMIDA HECHA EN LA CASA EN EL ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY SHELTER!

¡Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz se entusiasma al anunciar que ahora estamos proveyendo comidas en el Alexandria Community Shelter el segundo miércoles de cada mes! Este refugio residencial, atendido por el Refugio del Carpintero, aloja a aproximadamente 64 personas, la mayoría adultas. Le invitamos a unirse a nosotros para servirles una comida caliente hecha en casa a nuestras vecinas y vecinos necesitados.

Puede llevar la comida a la cocina de la oficina parroquial de lunes a miércoles de 8:30 AM a 4:30 PM o directamente a la cocina de Fr. Ray el día de la cena de 4:30 PM a 5:00 PM. Por favor, identifique su comida con la fecha y la descripción y póngala en el refrigerador, congelador o el mostrador.

Si la lleva directamente al refugio en 2355-B Mill Rd. Alexandria, por favor identifíquela con OLQP y Dinner. Para obtener más información o para ofrecerse de voluntaria o voluntario, por favor contacte a Emily Porterfield:

bellefontebarbelle@gmail.com. Por favor, inscríbese para el miércoles, 9 de abril usando este enlace: <https://forms.gle/FUeoZNwaHABiKasQ9>

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

The annual series continues Friday, April 4, with 6pm daily Mass followed by a modest meal with a speaker beginning promptly at 7pm. Restorative OLQP will host the evening's events. The theme for the evening is: **What does Lent mean to you?** If you need a refresher or just want to hear a different take on what Lent has to offer, come join us for a wonderful evening. We're in Father Ray Hall after Mass.



VOLUNTEER TO TEACH KIDS ABOUT STAYING SAFE

Are you available on weekdays during school hours and enjoy working with kids? If so, this opportunity is for you! The Department of Family Services Body Safety Program needs volunteer classroom instructors to help empower elementary students with the tools they need to prevent or interrupt child abuse. Apply online at bit.ly/BodySafeVol or contact the Body Safety staff at DFSBodySafety@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-324-7459. The next volunteer training is Friday, August 8th.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A YOUNG CHILD?

Are you available on the *weekends*? The Fairfax County Department of Family Services' BeFriend-A-Child program may be the opportunity for you. You can work around your schedule to spend time with your mentee. Build social skills and increase a child's self-esteem while preventing child abuse and neglect through fun activities. Mentors are needed now! The next training for new mentors will take place on Saturday, July 12th from 12 pm-3 pm. Go to bit.ly/DFSBC for more information.

REFLECTION ON MEDOR...

In today's responsorial psalm we hear: "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy". Garden fountain designers throughout history have known that the sound of water can fill us with joy. And today, we are filled with joy together with the mothers in Medor, who can give their children clean water to drink. We are filled with joy together with the mothers of Medor who now know how to prevent cholera and other diarrheal diseases in their families, thanks to the work we are doing together to protect water at the source and in the home. Donations to the Haiti Easter Drive help us sustain this longstanding and fruitful partnership. Checks may be made out to OLQP with "Haiti" on the memo line and mailed to the parish office or placed in the Haiti box at the church entrance. Online donations may be made here: (insert QR code)



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](#).

ECO-TIP: *from the Integrity of Creation Ministry.* Spring is in the air! As you begin to feel the cleaning itch, examine your household cleaners and consider making your own! Save money, reduce your exposure to harmful chemicals, and produce less waste. Find recipes online for natural cleaners that can be used for everything from counter tops to toilet bowls.



OLQP Jubilee of Youth Fly Away Fundraiser Raffle!

Starting Monday, April 7th, we will be raffling off four pairs of JetBlue® plane tickets to anywhere they [fly](#).

Tickets may be used by 03/31/2026. Please note that upon booking a credit card will be required for taxes and fees.

**All proceeds benefit
OLQP Jubilee of Youth Pilgrims.
Participants must be registered
members of OLQP.**

Raffle entries accepted from 12:00am, Monday, April 7, 2025 to 11:59pm, Monday, April 21, 2025 **(Entries before or after these dates and times will not be accepted.)**

\$50 per entry
multiple entries per item permitted.

[Enter Raffle, here!](#)



Please use the designated button on [FaithDirect](#), “Jet Blue Raffle for Jubilee of Youth” to pay for entries. **(Entries will not be included in drawings unless payment has been received.)**

Winners will be posted in the May 4th bulletin.

Good Luck!

¡RIFA “FLY AWAY” PARA RECAUDAR FONDOS PARA EL JUBILEO DE LOS PEREGRINOS ADOLESCENTES DE OLQP!

Empezando el lunes, 7 de abril, vamos a rifar cuatro pares de boletos para cualquier lugar que vuela JetBlue. [viaja](#).

Los boletos se pueden usar hasta la fecha límite 31 marzo 2026. Por favor note que al hacer la reservación tiene que dar una tarjeta de crédito para cubrir los impuestos y tarifas.

Lo recaudado es para beneficiar a los peregrinos de OLQP para su jubileo.

Las personas que participan tienen que ser miembros inscritos de OLQP.

Los boletos de la rifa se aceptan de las 12:00am el lunes, 7 de abril hasta las 11:59pm el lunes, 21 de abril, 2025. **(No se va a aceptar ninguna papeleta ni antes ni después de estas fechas.)**

\$50 por papeleta y puede comprar múltiples papeletas.

Para participar vaya a:

<https://tinyurl.com/OLQPVAFLYAWAY>

Por favor use el botón designado en [FaithDirect](#) “Jet Blue Raffle for Jubilee of Youth”. **(No se van a incluir papeletas si no se ha recibido el pago por las mismas.)**

Las personas ganadoras se van a anunciar en el boletín del 4 de mayo.

¡Buena suerte!

Crowds flock to newest Catholic saint in Assisi — a millennial teen whose ordinariness is the draw

Over the last year, more than a million pilgrims paid homage to Carlo Acutis

Giovanna Dell'orto

Assisi, Italy — March 27, 2025

"St. Francis, St. Clare, of course, important saints who marked an epoch — but that's far removed from today's teens. Carlo is like the kids," said Maria Rosario Riccio, a mother and educator who was visiting Acutis' shrine recently with a 50-strong parish youth group from southern Italy. "He's a near-saint of our time, who can show teens that it's possible to love Jesus while being a regular youth."

The group lined up to enter the Santuario della Spogliazione — a somber church, also known as Santa Maria Maggiore, marking the spot where more than 800 years ago St. Francis renounced his family's wealth. There, they prayed by the monument where Acutis' body is on view, wearing jeans, a sweatshirt and sneakers.

On that Saturday, hundreds filed past — a priest and his parishioners from the Azores islands, a nun from Colombia and her Passionist sisters, a family with two teens from near Venice. Some [clutched rosaries](#), others took selfies or touched the protective glass in front of the seemingly sleeping young man, who died of leukemia at 15 in 2006 and is generating a devotion that astonishes even Assisi's bishop.

"I'm seeing here a volcano of grace erupting ... I can't believe my eyes," said Bishop Domenico Sorrentino. When he became bishop two decades ago, the church next to his residence just off the main street was "forgotten" by the throngs that visited the monumental Basilica of St. Francis.

Over the last year, more than a million pilgrims paid homage to Acutis, Sorrentino said, drawn by "his smiling way of living our faith."

The teen's happy image, usually in a red polo shirt and carrying a backpack, is as popular in souvenir shops across town as Francis in his simple brown habit.

One store owner picked up a blessed icon the first time she went to the shrine and keeps it glued to her cash register.

"I was really curious about this new saint who attracts youth," Silvia Balducci said.

Both the church and his family describe Acutis as an exceptionally devout but otherwise regular Italian boy, who's working miracles after his untimely death precisely by drawing youth to faith when [most of his contemporaries are abandoning](#) organized religion.

"Carlo wasn't an alien, he was a normal person. But if it's illuminated by the light of Christ, a life

becomes extraordinary," his mom, Antonia Salzano Acutis, told The Associated Press. "We always pray to the saints, and in the end, what did saints do? They opened the doors of their lives to Christ."

She quoted one of her son's favorite phrases: "'Everyone is born an original, but many die photocopies.'"

"The saint is one who didn't die like a photocopy, who realized that project of holiness that God established in eternity for each of us, as we all should," she said.

Not an observant Catholic herself when she had him, Acutis used to joke with her husband that their young son was "a little Buddha" because of his unselfishness, attention to others, and cheerful obedience.

He developed a precocious interest in faith, such as wanting to enter every church to "say hi" to Jesus and Mary. Later, he started attending Mass, [adoring the Blessed Sacrament](#) and praying the rosary daily — while also entertaining with jokes his friends who were less interested in religion and more into going to nightclubs with their girlfriends and smoking an occasional joint.

"This was a bit of a way of hiding his faith life, because Carlo knew that his friends couldn't understand," his mother said. "But Carlo was a witness, a silent witness through the value of friendship, through the value of generosity, helping his classmates in school, defending the teens who were bullied."

Acutis often helped the homeless and was uninterested in the trappings common for a wealthy child in Milan, one of Europe's [fashion and business capitals](#). He asked his parents to donate to the poor what they would have spent for a second pair of sneakers for him, and insisted he wanted to teach catechism at his parish instead of going on skiing holidays at fancy resorts like his peers.

That denial of privilege is a parallel with St. Francis, to whom Acutis was so devoted that he asked to be buried in Assisi, said Fr. Enzo Fortunato, who spent most of his religious career there and heads the pontifical committee for World Children's Day.

"And there are more similarities with St. Francis. St. Francis left the churches and went to the squares to preach. Carlo Acutis prophetically realized that today the public squares are online, on the Web," Fortunato said. "That's where youth are, that's where people are, so he lives and brings the Gospel in those squares.

That's one of the reasons why he will become the patron of the Web, Internet and social media."

Particularly devout to the eucharist and wanting to share the Catholic belief that Jesus is literally present in it, Acutis created an online exhibit about miracles where the bread and wine became flesh and blood throughout the centuries. It's been used in thousands of parishes worldwide, his mother said.

For her, his being "a bridge to Jesus" — even in his terminal illness, which he faced without complaining, certain of eternal life — is a more important legacy than any miracles or supernatural signs.

To become a saint, however, [miracles do need to be attested](#). One in Acutis' canonization process was the healing of a Costa Rican student from a bicycle accident in Italy after her mother prayed to him, Sorrentino said.

Sabina Falcetta goes often to Acutis' shrine from the nearby city of Perugia with a group of fellow mothers to pray for their children.

"Carlo Acutis gives us peace," she said. "Most importantly he gives us the certainty that God is a good father. And you can't ask for more."

As she talked outside the sanctuary, a Confirmation group from Lake Garda in northern Italy was praying in a circle by a cutout of Acutis in his jeans and backpack standing by a larger-than-life monstration.

One of the catechists, Veronica Abraham, said she had been teaching about both St. Francis and Acutis, focusing on the teen's charity and his custom of sitting down to chat with anyone who looked lonely, "since even a ciao is important for those who are alone."

Her son Mario Girardi, 13, said he was really struck by the fact that Acutis — when only a couple of years older than him — "spoke with everyone, didn't let anything bother him but helped everyone."

While he's not considering the priesthood, Girardi does go to church every Sunday and plans to "always stay in this mindset" — maybe even going to daily Mass.

Would he want to become a saint, too?

"Well, let's hope. Yes, right? Never say never, who knows," the boy said, grinning.