

## 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

May 4, 2025

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!**

**¡Bienvenidos a OLQP Iglesia Católica!**

**Contact / Contacto:**

2700 19th St S, Arlington VA 22204

703-979-5580, [office@olqpva.org](mailto: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](http://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org)

**Live Stream Mass Schedule:**

**Horario de Misas de transmisión en directo:**

May 3-4 8am and 1pm Spanish

3-4 mayo 8am 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)*

Come, have your breakfast.

*John 21:12*



*Vengan a almorzar.*

*Juan 21,12*

### 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.



NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ

4 de mayo de 2025

Tercer Domingo de Pascua

## **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 & by appointment.

Los sábados: 4:45-5:15 pm, y por cita previa.

## **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS / COLECTAS DEL DOMINGO**

Sunday Collection / Colecta del pasado domingo: \$8,304

Faith Direct - April Average /

promedio del mes de abril: \$15,351

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

#### **MISAL PALABRA Y EUCARISTÍA**

Today's readings can be found on page 790

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 791

### **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, Alexa LaRue, 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, Daphne Rufner, Marco Cristiaan Rufolo-Roger, Josefina Salgado, Carolyn Santos, Jane Shepard, Donna Smith, Jeffrey Smith, Mary E. Smith, Lora Smolenski, Eva Souza, Grace Starbird, George Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Nancy Urquizo, Alma Reyes Valentin, Dan Van Belleghem, Carina Vaquez, Robin Vogel, Robert & Maureen Wallace, Jim Webster, Kate Witkowski, Lauren Wolfe, Mary Woods

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **TERCER DOMINGO DE PASCUA**

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 (48C); Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19  
Hechos 5,27-32, 40b-41 (48C); Apocalipsis 5,11-14; Juan 21,1-19

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **CUARTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA**

Acts 13:14, 43-52 (51C); Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30  
Hechos 13,14, 43-52 (51C); Apocalipsis 7,9, 14b-17; Juan 10,27-30

## **MASS INTENTIONS, MAY 3-9**

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

#### **INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 3-9 MAYO**

### **TERCER DOMINGO DE PASCUA**

**Saturday, May 3rd**

5:30 pm Mercedes García (Anniversary) (D) by the Oetgen family

**Sunday, May 4th**

8:00 am Sarah Jane Harris (D) by Kathy & Bobby Rando

9:30 am Mrs. Amaka Suzanne Moukwe (L) by Regina Okonkwo

11:15 am Wilfredo Francia Villaluz (D) by Judith Francia-Reyes & family

1:00 pm Carmen Ferrer Donato (Anniversary) (D)

by George Donato & family

6:00 pm For The Parish

**Monday, May 5th**

12:00 pm Paul Bradley (D) by Ann Johnson

**Tuesday, May 6th**

12:00 pm Bill Schofield (D) by Ann Johnson

**Wednesday, May 7th**

12:00 pm For The Parish

**Thursday, May 8th**

12:00 pm For The Parish

**Friday, May 9th**

12:00 pm Mary Kay Parker (D)

by the Oetgen Family

## **CONGRATULATIONS! / ¡FELICIDADES!**

### **Megan Pham and Hien Quoc Vuong**

Married May 3 / Casados el 3 de mayo

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

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

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

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

#### **Parish Office / Oficina parroquial**

*Business Manager / Gerente de Negocios:* **Christina Kozyn**, ckozyn@olqpva.org

*Social Justice & Outreach Minister / Ministro de Justicia Social y*

*Acercamiento (bilingüe):* **Sally Díaz-Wells**, sdiazwells@olqpva.org

*Youth & Young Adult Minister / Ministro de Adolescentes y Jóvenes Adultos:*  
**Rebecca Grant Jenkins**, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org

*Faith Formation Director / Director de Formación de Fe (bilingüe):*  
**Cecilia López Oetgen**, clopez@olqpva.org

## A Consistent Ethic of Life Catholic Community

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

In the readings this Sunday, the spiritual dynamic seems to be multifaceted: God draws near...sensing our own unworthiness, we protest...grace overcomes our weaknesses, failings, and fear resulting in abundance far beyond our imagining...and our nets overflow with God's love and grace!

In today's Gospel, I am sure Peter remembers well what he had done before the cock crowed three times, and the other disciples know as well — they had abandoned Jesus in his darkest hours. But, each one eventually opens their heart and responds to Jesus' call.

What is God calling me to in my life? When I hear God's call how do I move from protest to grace? Am I willing to follow Jesus' directive to "launch out into the deep?"

I always smile at Peter's response to Jesus revealing himself to the disciples, yet another time..."Let's go fishing." The truth is, the disciples, dazed and confused, return to that which they knew best...fishing! However, even the one thing that they thought they knew how to do, doesn't work anymore!

Everything has changed...and then there are these appearances of Jesus, raised from the dead! He appeared to them and breathed on them and gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit, he gave them a mission and sent them out to proclaim the Good News...*but instead, they went fishing!*

And so, Jesus follows them and tries again to help them understand what their mission is and what it is that he is sending them to do — he makes another attempt to guide them on their way.

Jesus tells Peter explicitly that he is to shepherd his flock...and for each of the three times he denied he knew Jesus, Jesus asks Peter if he loves him.

And Peter eventually accepts this new role but with the knowledge that it will ultimately take him to a similar death as Jesus...who is asking Peter to take up "his" cross and follow him.

The disciples are often presented as not fully understanding Jesus' message and to what it is that Christ is calling them...but

he is patient and calls them again and again...just as Christ continually calls us to follow him.

Over and over again, no matter how many times we find our nets empty and think that all the fish are gone, Jesus comes to us and tells us to try the other side of the boat. Regardless of how many times we deny Jesus or refuse to throw our nets on the other side of the boat, Jesus is patient and will lovingly ask us again...with God there is always another chance! Where is God calling me to cast my nets?

Imagine for a moment how the disciples must have felt. I think that we all know how Peter and the other fishermen must have felt. After a long and fruitless night they're tired and disappointed...and they are confused about what has happened to Jesus, dawn arrives and the nets are empty. We've all invested time and energy into things that simply did not pan out; we've known failure in one guise or another.

In the midst of the daybreak of their disappointment, with empty nets in hand, Jesus called Peter to go back out into the deep and lower their nets one more time. Disciples trust, even when their nets are empty, that there are fish out there to be caught. Jesus calls the disciples to action, to show their faith in him.

Even though Peter three times denied he knew Jesus, he was given the opportunity to three times proclaim his love for Jesus!

We are called to measure our fruitfulness, not by individual success, but by our faithfulness to our call...our call to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Our trust remains not because of what we can do, but rather, *because of what God can do through us.*

And so we continue to stand up and to witness to truth and justice in the face of disinformation and lies and utter disregard for the rule of law in our nation. Knowing that the Holy Spirit will guide us and that we are not abandoned, even in these dark days, the Risen Christ walks by our side.

May the peace of the Risen One be with you always,  
Fr. Tim

### CHRIST IS RISEN!

As His disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of Christ's Resurrection. The fruitful ministries at our parish are examples of how many of you have answered, and continue to answer, that call. To ensure such work can continue requires not only gifts of time, but also of financial help. I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct.

Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/VA271](http://faith.direct/VA271) or call their Customer Service team at 866-507-8757.

### ¡CRISTO HA RESUCITADO!

Como sus discípulos, estamos llamados a salir y difundir las buenas nuevas de la resurrección de Cristo. Los ministerios fructíferos en nuestra parroquia son ejemplos de cuántos de ustedes han respondido y continúan respondiendo a esa llamada. Para asegurar que ese tipo de trabajo pueda continuar lo que se necesita no es solo donaciones de tiempo, sino ayuda financiera también. Le pido que considere en oración apoyar nuestra parroquia con donaciones electrónicas por medio de Faith Direct.

Inscríbese hoy al visitar [faith.direct/VA271](http://faith.direct/VA271) o al llamar a su equipo de servicio al cliente: 866-507-8757.

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

**FEDERAL WORKERS** -- We will gather on Tuesday, May 13, at 7pm in the Library of Father Ray Hall. The theme will be *Moving beyond being Fed up* and the second topic being discussed is *Career Advancement*. Please join us for these hours of information and fellowship.

**FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND:** Next weekend, May 10-11, is food collection weekend to stock our food pantry. Please pick up some or all of 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, 1lb bags of white rice, 1lb 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.

**FOOD PANTRY:** We need drivers who can pick up food at two different locations to help with stocking our pantry each week. For more information, please contact Sally Diaz-Wells: [sdiazwells@olqpva.org](mailto:sdiazwells@olqpva.org)

**MATTHEW 25:** The season has finally changed, and we are now collecting only Spring and Summer items. (We appreciate your generosity, but we don't have space for winters items until September. So please hold your winter items.) Our donation drop-off hours have not changed: Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday from 9am until 12noon; Wednesdays from 9am until 7pm. We do not take any donations on Thursday and Fridays. Thank you for your continued support.

**GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION & MEMORIAL DAY PARADE:** Join fellow OLQP members for the Falls Church City Memorial Day Parade and Festival on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. We participate with the Concerned Citizens Against Gun Violence for this event. If you would like to participate with the contingency for Our Lady Queen of Peace, please contact Sally Diaz-Wells: [sdiazwells@olqpva.org](mailto:sdiazwells@olqpva.org)

### **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. Adult volunteers also needed (compliance required) Please contact Rebecca, Youth & Young Adult Minister, [rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org](mailto:rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org), to sign up.

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

**WHERE:** Bishop O'Connell High School, Arlington

**COST:** Free

**TRABAJADORES FEDERALES** – Nos vamos a reunir el martes, 13 de mayo, a las 7pm en la Biblioteca de Father Ray Hall. El tema va a ser *Más allá del estar harto* y el Segundo tema que se discutirá es *Desarrollo profesional*. Por favor únase a nosotros para estas horas informativas y diversión.

**EL FIN DE SEMANA DE RECOGIDA DE ALIMENTOS:** El próximo fin de semana, 10-11 de mayo, es el fin de semana de recogida de alimentos para nuestra despensa de alimentos. Por favor compre algunos de estos artículos o todos: Tuna en latas o en sobres, harina instantánea de maíz amarilla para tortillas (no corn meal), cereal (de baja azúcar), lata de fruta en su propio jugo, lata de maíz, lata de guisantes dulces, bolsas de 1lb. de arroz blanco, bolsas de 1lb. de frijoles negros, pintos o lentejas, 1 caja de 1lb de macarrones y queso, botella de 24 onzas de aceite, caja de 1 lb. de pasta y salsa para pasta. Gracias por su continuo apoyo.

**LA DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS:** Necesitamos personas para conducir y recoger alimentos en dos lugares diferentes para ayudar a abastecer nuestra despensa cada semana. Para obtener más información, por favor contacte a Sally Díaz-Wells: [sdiazwells@olqpva.org](mailto:sdiazwells@olqpva.org)

**MATEO 25:** Por fin el tiempo ha cambiado y ahora estamos aceptando solo artículos de primavera y verano. (Apreciamos su generosidad, pero no tendremos espacio para la ropa de invierno hasta septiembre. Así que por favor, guarden sus artículos de invierno.) Nuestras horas de donaciones no han cambiado: sábado, domingo y lunes de 9am hasta las 12 del mediodía; los miércoles de 9am a las 7pm. No aceptamos donaciones los jueves ni los viernes. Gracias por su continuo apoyo.

**PREVENCIÓN DE LA VIOLENCIA CAUSADA POR ARMAS DE FUEGO Y DESFILE DEL DÍA DE LA RECORDACIÓN** – Únase a otras personas de OLQP para participar en el Desfile y festival del día de la recordación de la ciudad de Falls Church el lunes, 26 de mayo. Para este evento participamos con los Concerned Citizens Against Gun Violence. Si desea participar con la contingencia de Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz, comuníquese con Sally Díaz-Wells: [sdiazwells@olqpva.org](mailto:sdiazwells@olqpva.org).

### **¡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](mailto: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:** gratis

**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](mailto:rgrantjenkins@olapva.org), or drop them off. They will be scanned and returned.

### **ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY SHELTER DINNER SERVICE - WEDNESDAY, MAY 14**

Menu: Chicken Breasts or Chicken Tenders, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Green Salad, Strawberries and Pineapple, Chocolate Chip Cookies and Lemonade  
Food donations can be delivered to the parish office kitchen from Monday to Wednesday during office hours (8:30am - 4:30pm). Alternatively, you can bring food to Fr. Ray Hall kitchen on the day of the dinner between 4:15pm and 4:45pm. Please label all food items with the date and a description, and place them in the refrigerator, freezer, or on the counter.

If you are delivering food directly to the Shelter located at 2355-B Mill Rd, Alexandria, please label the items in the same manner, adding "OLQP" and "Dinner." Contact Emily Porterfield with questions: [Bellefontebarbelle@gmail.com](mailto:Bellefontebarbelle@gmail.com)  
Use this link to sign-up via [Sign-Up Genius](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054BABAF2BA7F49-56388620-acsdinnermay):  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054BABAF2BA7F49-56388620-acsdinnermay>

### **CARPENTER'S SHELTER DINNER, THURSDAY, MAY 15**

Our dinner this month is baked or fried chicken, mac and cheese, salad, green beans, 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 "Carpenter's Shelter", date, 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](mailto:mary.resnick@gmail.com).

### **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](mailto:shinnerones5@gmail.com), who has been volunteering with this organization for over 25 years. The website for FFO is <https://foodforothers.org/>.

**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](mailto:rgrantjenkins@olapva.org), o tráigalos. Los escanaremos y se los devolveremos.

### **CENA DEL REFUGIO DE ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY EL MIÉRCOLES, 14 DE MAYO**

Menú: Pechugas de pollo o filetes de pollo, macarrones y queso, frijoles verdes, ensalada verde, fresas y piña, galletas con trocitos de chocolate y limonada. Puede llevar las donaciones de comida a la cocina de la oficina de la parroquia de lunes a miércoles durante las horas de trabajo (8:30am a 4:30pm). También puede llevar comida a la cocina de Fr. Ray Hall el día de la cena entre las 4:15pm y 4:45pm. Por favor identifique la comida con la fecha y la descripción y póngala en el refrigerador, congelador o mostrador. Si va a llevar la comida directamente al Refugio en 2355-B Mill Rd, Alexandria, por favor identifíquela de la misma manera y añada "OLQP" y "Dinner". Contacte Emily Porterfield si tiene preguntas: [Bellefontebarbelle@gmail.com](mailto:Bellefontebarbelle@gmail.com) Use este enlace para apuntarse por Sign-Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054BABAF2BA7F49-56388620-acsdinnermay>

### **LA CENA REFUGIO DEL CARPINTERO, EL JUEVES, 15 DE MAYO**

La cena este mes es pollo asado o frito, macarrones y queso, ensalada, judías verdes, frutas, brownies y limonada. Puede llevar sus 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](mailto:mary.resnick@gmail.com).

### **¡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](mailto:shinnerones5@gmail.com), que ha sido voluntario con esta organización por más de 25 años. El sitio web para FFO es <https://foodforothers.org/>.

## BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY S.T.A.R.

### Share, Teach and Reflect Corner

Onyebuchi "Buchi" Medani moved to Arlington with his family from Abuja, Nigeria in 2021. The day after he arrived, he searched Google for a Catholic Church, walked to OLQP's 8:00 Mass, and met Fr. Tim. OLQP is now his second home, with vibrant worship and ministries that remind him of his home parish in Abuja. He serves with the Children's Liturgy of the Word and the Parish Advisory Board. Mr. Medani works as a businessman and is married with three sons aged 10, 12, 14. He appreciates that this country provides them the liberty to aspire to anything.

### LLT STEMPOWER CAMP AT MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY!

This is an exciting opportunity for girls to dive into different fields, from science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM). The best part? It's FREE, and we invite middle school students in the DMV area to apply! The LLT STEmpower Camp, formerly known as Latina Labs, is a dynamic, hands-on experience designed to engage and inspire young minds. With expert instructors and interactive activities, campers will explore STEM fields in a fun and supportive environment. **Registration is open!** Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity. Spaces are limited, so be sure to register early!

*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.*

### REFLECTION ON OUR SISTER PARISH, ST. JOSEPH IN MEDOR, HAITI

In today's gospel, we hear Jesus ask Simon Peter if he loves Him. When Simon says Yes, Jesus tells him "Feed my lambs". And that is exactly what we are doing by twinning with Saint Joseph parish in Medor, Haiti. Each day, our contributions help to feed the youngest members of the community a nutritious meal at school. Our support allows households to earn goats to raise for food. Our help gives farmers better seeds, training and tools to grow more food for their families. Knowing that we are heeding Jesus' call in such a direct way also feeds us with His joy. What better way to respond to Jesus' call of "Feed my lambs" than this? Donations to the Haiti Easter Drive help us sustain this longstanding and fruitful partnership, which has grown a forest and continues to educate a new generation of spirit-filled leaders committed to their community. Help support our Haiti Easter Drive. 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:



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Onyebuchi "Buchi" Medani se mudó a Arlington con su familia de Abuja, Nigeria en el 2021. Al día siguiente de llegar, buscó una iglesia católica en Google, caminó a OLQP para la Misa de las 8:00 y conoció al Padre Tim. Ahora OLQP es su segundo hogar, con culto dinámico y ministerios que le recordaban su parroquia en Abuja. Él sirve con la Liturgia de la palabra para niñas y niños y en la Junta consultora de la parroquia. El Sr. Medani trabaja como hombre de negocios, está casado y tiene tres hijos que tienen 10, 12 y 14 años. Él aprecia que este país les provee la libertad de aspirar a cualquier cosa.

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# Pope Francis and the future of Catholic moral theology

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As we prepare for a new papacy, an important question faces the church: What foundations do we inherit from Pope Francis' bold reimagining of Catholic moral theology? How will the church carry forward the vision he nurtured—a vision both thoroughly traditional and courageously new? The future of Catholic moral theology will be shaped not only by how we remember these initiatives, but by how we respond to the deeper transformation he began—reshaping how we speak with, discern with and accompany one another in faith. Before we can move forward, we must first understand the depth of that change.

When we discuss Pope Francis' contributions to Catholic moral theology, it is tempting to focus narrowly on how he paved new directions on neuralgic issues: the treatment of the divorced and remarried, the engagement with the L.G.B.T.Q. community or the challenge of climate change and the threat to our "common home."

It is just as tempting—and just as limiting—to pigeonhole Francis, forcing him into the political categories of "progressive" or "conservative." But I believe that to understand Pope Francis' distinctive impact accurately, we need to take a broader view that appreciates how revolutionary, yet thoroughly traditional, was his approach to theological ethics and the Christian life.

A key to Francis' approach was fostering a culture of ecclesial *parrhesia*. In the Acts of the Apostles, *parrhesia* is described as boldness in announcing the Gospel and courageous speech in witnessing to Jesus: "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness (*meta parrhesias*)" (Acts 4:31).

Francis encouraged this same spirit of courageous speech and forthright truth-telling in the church. In his opening address to the Synod of Bishops in 2014—the first synod of his pontificate—he exhorted the gathered leaders to speak forthrightly, candidly and boldly, even on controversial issues in the church such as sexual morality. "One general and basic condition is this: speaking honestly. Let no one say: 'I cannot say this,'" he said. "It is necessary to say with *parrhesia* all that one feels."

This is a major difference from his immedi-

ate predecessors. Under their pontificates, many theologians and ethicists felt constrained, as they were explicitly told not to question issues that were considered closed and beyond discussion. These were chiefly in the areas of reproductive, gender and sexual ethics. Those who did so were considered "dissenters" and subjected to various kinds of censure. I remember, as a young theologian, constantly worrying about what I said, how I said it and who would report me for being what they considered "disloyal."

Pope Francis had a different approach and style. It is often remarked that he did not change official moral doctrines concerning abortion and L.G.B.T.Q. issues. Yet he did something more.

## Look at the Person

Pope Francis' encouragement of open and free discussion among church leaders showed that the world's bishops did not necessarily share a consensus that the church's official articulation of its teaching on moral theology was sufficient. During Francis' pontificate, we discovered that it was not only dissenting theologians and unorthodox Catholics who longed for a different approach in theological ethics; many bishops around the world shared that longing for developments that would reflect our deepest faith convictions while also being more respectful of the complexity of human life and of our evolving knowledge of the human condition.

As a result, under Pope Francis, the word *dissent* fell into infrequent use. All in the church were encouraged to speak freely from their experiences of life and faith in the search for moral truth. His hallmark initiative, the promotion of synodality, is an outgrowth of Francis' conviction that the Holy Spirit is still speaking in the church, and that it is only by listening to the voices of all that we can discern what the Spirit is asking and requiring of us.

This trust that the Spirit is still active in the church, and can speak in new and fresh ways, is what underpinned and girded Francis' transformational relationship with the L.G.B.T.Q. community. His famous question from 2013 is often quoted: "If someone is gay, and searches for the Lord, and has good will, who am I to judge?" The last five words are more often cited, but what is most important are those that precede

them. Francis' move from a stance of judgment to one of accompaniment and discernment was a turning point. Rather than being preoccupied with an *issue*—like homosexuality—he urged theologians and the whole church to look at the *person*.

In an [interview](#) conducted by Antonio Spadaro, S.J., in 2013 on behalf of *La Civiltà Cattolica*, **America** and several other major Jesuit journals around the world, Francis expanded upon his insight, explaining (emphases are my own):

When God looks at a gay *person*, does he endorse the existence of the *person* with love, or reject and condemn the *person*. Here we enter into the mystery of the human being. In life, God accompanies *persons*, and we must accompany them, starting from their situation.

This declaration, with its multiple repetitions, reveals the revolution at the heart of Francis' changed engagement with moral issues. He puts the emphasis on *persons*, not their *behaviors or conduct*. He thus exhorted ethicists to never lose sight of the concrete persons who wrestle with moral dilemmas. In fact, he charged ethicists to adopt a stance of discernment. Rather than give answers to what people are to do, ethicists are to help people realize where the Spirit is leading them. As he taught in "[Amoris Laetitia](#)," the church was to help form consciences, not replace them. An implication is that a conscience rightly formed within the tradition may, in good faith, peacefully discern a course of action that responds to concrete realities in ways the church's general teaching cannot fully anticipate.

But perhaps the lasting feature of Francis' approach to theological ethics and Catholic moral theology was that he strove to situate the moral life within the context of God's loving embrace and encounter with human beings. In his first major document, "The Joy of the Gospel" ("[Evangelii Gaudium](#)"), Francis lamented how "certain issues which are part of the Church's moral teaching are taken out of the context which gives them their meaning. The biggest problem is when the message we preach seems identified with those secondary aspects which, important as they are, do not in and of themselves convey the heart of Christ's message" (No. 34).

In other words, he believed that the church too often conveyed the moral life as a system of rules and laws that were to be unquestioningly obeyed, and that Christian morality was a set of judgements to be inflexibly imposed upon human life, rather than a response to a living relationship with God.

Francis declared a different approach was needed—one that better described the heart of the Gospel and Christ's relationship with God's people. This message, he insisted, had to concentrate on "the essentials, on what is most beautiful, most grand, most appealing, and at the same time most necessary" (No. 35). His words never fail to move me, and deserve to be cited in full (emphases are my own):

Christian morality is not a form of stoicism, or self-denial, or merely a practical philosophy or a catalogue of sins and faults. *Before all else, the Gospel invites us to respond to the God of love who saves us, to see God in others and to go forth from ourselves to seek the good of others....* All of the virtues are at the service of this response of love. If this invitation does not radiate forcefully and attractively, the edifice of the Church's moral teaching risks becoming a house of cards, and this is our greatest risk. It would mean that it is not the Gospel which is being preached, but certain doctrinal or moral points based on specific ideological options. The message will run the risk of losing its freshness and will cease to have "the fragrance of the Gospel" (No. 39).

Theological ethics, then, is a reflection and analysis that probes the question: How are we to live as people who are radically and deeply loved by God in the face of the challenges that face us in the world? This framing of the question is both revolutionary, in that it overturns a preoccupation with rules, doctrines and judgment. But it is also completely traditional, as it summons us to love our neighbor—all our neighbors—with the same radical and unconditional love with which we have been graced.

#### Hallmarks

These, then, are the hallmarks of Pope Francis' approach to moral theology: an embrace of open dialogue and fearless discussion in the search for moral truth and insight; a confidence that the Spirit continues to speak and act within the church and that the Spirit's wisdom is discovered by respectful

listening to all; a focus on the concrete person and a sensitive respect for that person's goodwill and journey toward understanding what God's will is for that person here and now; and, above all, an understanding that the moral life is not conformity to a set of judgments and imperatives but a loving response to the God who has already lavishly loved us.

This is the love that impels us, as it did Francis, to embrace the marginalized, the stigmatized and the disdained of the world and in our church. This is the reason for his sharp challenge to a culture of indifference to the poor, his unceasing denunciation of the world's callousness to the migrant and immigrant, his scandalous (to some) embrace of L.G.B.T.Q. persons and his powerful advocacy of ecological responsibility. All of these Christian demands, he believed, flowed from his discernment of what God's mercy, compassion and love were asking of those who believe in Christ and from all people of goodwill.

As we now mourn the passing of this remarkable and even transformational pope, the question arises: What now? What is the future of Christian ethics given the powerful legacy of Pope Francis?

#### What Now?

It is foolish to pretend to know the future direction of the papacy and the church. The world's cardinals, who will gather on May 7 in conclave to elect Francis' successor, will have to consider the challenges that face humanity and the church as we move deeper into a world of increasing uncertainty—and even peril. Given this, here is what I would hope for the new pope and our church's ethical reflection:

I hope that the new pope will be *a voice of the unheard*. This is what Francis did so admirably and is a witness that is urgently needed as we live in times overshadowed by new forms of isolation, exclusion and rejection. As Pope Francis repeatedly observed, we are living in a time of "epochal change." When addressing the Vatican's doctrinal office, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, in January last year, he noted: "The Dicastery is engaged in the work of understanding the faith as it faces the epochal change that characterizes our time."

Such change is disorienting and often threatens people's sense of identity and stability—not only in the social or cultural sphere but also in the ways we live our faith. It often brings out the worst in human beings, intensifying tendencies to scapegoat those con-

sidered dangerous and foreign because of their race, sexuality, citizenship status or religion. My hope is that Christian ethics will continue to promote an option for the poor and vulnerable, and give privileged attention to those whose voices are the most silenced in times of uncertainty and deep change.

I hope that the new pope will be *a moral conscience for the world*, especially in a time when we see rising intolerance around the globe. Sadly, we see few global leaders of ethical integrity who are willing to advance the common good rather than their narrow national and political interests. The tradition of Catholic social ethics speaks of a need to act on behalf of the good of all, promoting the dignity and fundamental rights of every human being and defending the good of the planet for future generations. My hope is that Catholic ethicists, in concert with the new pope, will be courageous and prophetic witnesses who fill an ethical void, speaking boldly and fearlessly the Gospel truth that we all are truly responsible for one another.

Finally, I hope that the new pope will be *a prophet of hope*. In these uncertain times, people need someone who can inspire them with the faith that, with God's help, we can meet the serious challenges that face us. We need someone to remind us that our lives are held by the God of deep love who sustains us, wills our well-being and empowers us to act on behalf of others.

My hope is that Catholic ethicists will not only develop moral analyses that critique the serious injustices of our time but also wed these analyses to discourses of hope. For in these precarious times of racial exclusion and ethnic animosity, of tragic wars and inhumane genocides, and of environmental irresponsibility and human fragility, we need more hope, not less.

Francis was such an inspirational voice of conscience. I pray that his successor will continue his legacy and inspire the church to be an inclusive and hope-filled witness to the joy of the Gospel.

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