

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 CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 15, 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!

¡Bienvenidos a OLQP iglesia católica!

Contact / Contacto:

2700 19th St S, Arlington VA 22204

703-979-5580, office@olqpva.org

Office Hours

Horas de oficina

Monday-Friday — 8:30am to 4:30pm

Lunes a viernes – 8:30am a 4:30pm

Website / sitioweb:

www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org

Live Stream Mass Schedule:

Horario de Misas de transmisión en directo:

February 14-15 8am and 1pm in Spanish

14-15 febrero 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)

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 25:31-46. 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES AND SERVICES FEBRUARY 18

Outdoor Prayer Service with
Distribution of Ashes:

8:00am and 5:00pm

Mass with Distribution of Ashes:
12noon

Bilingual Mass with Distribution
of Ashes: 7:00pm

Prayer Service with Distribution
of Ashes: 9:00pm

*(Services outdoors only if weather
permit; otherwise, in church.)*

**Time Change during Lent for
DAILY Mass on FRIDAYS: 6:00pm**

**February 20, 27 March 6, 13,
20, & 27**



MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA MISAS Y SERVICIOS 18 de febrero

Servicio de oración al aire libre con
distribución de las cenizas:

8:00am y 5:00pm

Misa con distribución de las cenizas:
12 del mediodía

Misa bilingüe con distribución de las
cenizas: 7:00pm

Servicio de oración con distribución de
las cenizas: 9:00pm

*(El servicio al aire libre tendrá
lugar en la iglesia si hay mal tiempo.)*

**Cambio de horario durante
la Cuaresma para la Misa**

**DIARIA los viernes: 6:00pm
20 y 27 de febrero, 6, 13,
20, y 27 de marzo**

Let your yes
mean yes,
and your no
mean no.
Matthew 5:37



Digan
simplemente sí,
cuando es sí;
y no,
Cuando es no.
Mateo 5,37

ASH WEDNESDAY 2ND COLLECTION:

EUROPEAN RELIEF

SEGUNDA COLECTA DEL MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA:

APOYO PARA EUROPA

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS

COLECTA DEL PRÓXIMO FIN DE SEMANA:

MISIONES NEGRAS E INDIAS

Iglesia Católica Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz

15 de febrero de 2026

Sexto domingo en el tiempo ordinario

A Consistent Ethic of Life Catholic Community

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 Collections / Colectas del domingo:
ParishSoft Giving - weekly avg.: \$15,099

Word & Eucharist Missalette/ **Misal Palabra y Eucaristía**

Today's readings can be found on page 308
Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 309

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: Christiana Achebe, Suri Barahona, Grace Bialecki, Cindy Bianga, Francis Bilgera, Joseph Leopold Bissonnette, Precious Bowens, April Brassard, Dave Brassard, Evie Brown, Lynne Burgh, Chris Bruns, Mary Callow, Brody Carroll, Louise Chambers, Fred Clarke, Carmen Rosa Claire, Chris Comer, Jeff Cory, Adele Crump, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Donna Davis, Jim Davis, Adrienne DiCerbo, Calista Downey, Tim Felker, Elizabeth (Bunny) Foster, Yvette Francois, Anne Fullerton, Joseph Funk, Iva Futrell, Judy Francia-Reyes, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, Fred Gladbach, Jo Marie Griesgraber, Melanie Guitreaux, Joe Harrington, Harris Family, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Dee Hickey, Pamela Hoeft, Jan Hyland, Patrick Hynes, Pat Johnson, Sharon Jourdan, William Kahl, Gus Karns, Janie J. Key, Ruth Klarman, Carmen Andrea Lara, Alexa LaRue, Patrick Lawrey, John Lawyer, Linda Lipari, Lidia Montero Lopez, Olga MacKenzie, Wil McBride, Stefan McGuigan, Martha Gladys Medina, Maria Magdalena Medrano de Ventura, Dick Melia, 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, 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, Hazel Pulliam, Paul Ramirez, Santos Ramirez, Jacob and Jaxson Rivera, Maritza Roldan, Marco Cristiaan Rufolo-Roger, Josefina Salgado, Carolyn Santos, COL. William E. Serchak, Jane Shepard, Donna Smith, Jeffrey Smith, Mary E. Smith, Lora Smolenski, Suzie Snedgen Warner, Eva Souza, Grace Starbird, George Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Nancy Urquizo, Alma Reyes Valentin, Carina Vaquez, Robin Vogel, Robert & Maureen Wallace, Jim Webster, Al Williams, Kate Witkowski, Lauren Wolfe,

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEXTO DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Sirach 15:15-20 (76A); 1 Corinthians 2:6-10;
Matthew 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
Sirácides 15,15-20 (76A); 1 Corintios 2,6-10;
Mateo 5,20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 (22A); Romans 5:12, 17-19; Matthew 4:1-11
Génesis 2,7-9; 3,1-7 (22A); Romanos 5,12, 17-19; Mateo 4,1-11

MASS INTENTIONS, FEBRUARY 14-20

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 14-20 FEBRERO

SEXTO DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Saturday, February 14th

5:30 pm For The Parish

Sunday, February 15th

8:00 am Jim Dumas (D) by Debbie & Steven Hand

9:30 am Bernard Brown (Birthday) (D) by Cynthia Brown

11:15 am William Magallanes (D)

by Judith Francia-Reyes & Agnes Yaptenco

1:00 pm Rafael Arnez Hinojosa (Anniversary) (D) by Caren Guzmán

6:00 pm Pat Maul (D) by Noemí & Arturo López

Monday, February 16th

12:00 pm For The Parish

Tuesday, February 17th

12:00 pm Sal Bonina (D) by Jim & Lis Dolan

Wednesday, February 18th

12:00 pm For The Parish

7:00 pm For The Parish

Thursday, February 19th

12:00 pm For The Parish

Friday, February 20th

6:00 pm For The Parish

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.

William Jameson Hawkins

Baptized February 14 / Bautizado el 14 de febrero

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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

Parochial Vicar / Párroco Asociado: **Fr. Martin Vu, CSSp**,
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Parochial Vicar / Párroco Asociado: **Fr. Pontien Kenfack, CSSp**,
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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 Adul-

tos: **Rebecca Grant Jenkins**, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org

Faith Formation Director / Director de Formación de Fe (bilingüe):

Cecilia López Oetgen, clopez@olqpva.org

JUST A THOUGHT... or two...

With Jesus, "The Law" doesn't get smaller, it gets bigger. It's about much more than just keeping the rules...it is about growing in our love of God and our love for our neighbor.

When Jesus says "The Law says...but I say to you," he expands the original law in order to get to the spirit that is behind and between the words of "The Law".

It seems that Jesus is ultimately most concerned, not about an un-reflected external keeping of The Law, but rather, he desires an internal change of our heart; a conversion of our heart that leads to love God with our whole being and our neighbor as ourselves.

He tells the disciples that their righteousness must surpass that of their religious leaders in order for them to get into heaven! Jesus expects more from his disciples...he expects them to love one another as he has loved them.

So just refraining from killing someone is not enough...we have to love that person and show that love by how we treat them! That doesn't mean that there is no place for righteous indignation at injustices and violations of God's call to welcome the stranger, to care for and look after the lost, the poor, the marginalized, and the least amongst us.

Surely it is clear that the sin of bigotry and racism, seen in the lack of care for the homeless and poor, and the brutal and inhumane treatment of our immigrant and refugee sisters and brothers by some in our country, would certainly be called out by Jesus! And so should it be called out by us as his disciples, everywhere we see these sins and encounter them!

We need to resist the racist and bigoted hate and the violence perpetrated by members of our own Federal Government, sanctioned by the very highest levels of our government. Latest statistics show there are currently over 70,000 people in detention for accused undocumented status, of them, 74% have *no criminal background!* We have heard horrific stories of the treatment of these detainees and called out for change, but no re-

sponse. We have seen shocking and dreadful video and photos of the brutality of some Federal Law Enforcement Officers against the undocumented, but those on the ground in cities where ICE is deployed in great numbers, say the truth is much worse than what we see on TV and read in the news. US citizens being threatened at gun point for simply standing on the sidewalk as witnesses to the violent tactics of ICE against our brown and black sisters and brothers...immigrants and refugees, seeking a new home, seeking a home away from the very violence they are now drowning in, at the hands of our government.

As we celebrate Black History Month, we face the efforts by some governors, legislators, school boards and parents to erase our racist history by banning books and canceling school courses that teach African American history -- prime examples of *systemic racism alive and at work in our country* that needs to be called out for what it really is!

Our discipleship of Jesus Christ calls us to a specific lifestyle, one rooted in the values, ever so clearly put forth, in the Gospels.

May we continue to be guided by the Holy Spirit in our resistance to the evil and bigoted actions by some members of our Federal Law Enforcement and the Administration. May we be emboldened to continue to speak out on behalf of those being attacked and brutally hauled away to holding facilities in far away states, making family visits all but impossible... yet another form of abuse of the human dignity of our immigrant and refugee sisters and brothers.

May God's grace fall with power upon our nation in this time of darkness and division. May the Holy Spirit move among us and draw out our better inclinations as a nation that we might be able to choose to be our best selves and show that forth by choosing to welcome the stranger, to embrace the other as sister and brother and work for a more just and equitable nation, where all people are seen, heard and respected and treated justly.

May the peace and light of the Risen Christ be upon you all!

Fr. Tim

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Evening and weekend activities (except scheduled Masses): OLQP follows the decision of Arlington Public Schools for cancellation of evening and weekend activities. Those traveling outside the local school district should use their best judgment. For the most up-to-date information for Arlington Public Schools, please call 1-866-322-4277 or visit:

www.apsva.us/post/inclement-weather-announcements/
Parish Office Staff and Weekday Activities, 8:30am-4:30pm: Office and weekday activities follow the decision of the Federal Government. Tune in to your local radio and tv stations for updated information or visit:

www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/snow-dismissal-procedures/

Masses: The decision to cancel Masses within the Diocese of Arlington is made by Bishop Burbidge and broadcast on local radio and tv stations.

To the extent it's possible, notice will be placed on the parish website and recorded on the phone message. Please use your best judgement when traveling outside the immediate area.

NORMAS ANTE LA INCLEMENCIA DEL CLIMA

Las actividades nocturnas y de fin de semana (con excepción de las misas programadas): OLQP sigue la decisión de las Escuelas Públicas de Arlington para la cancelación de actividades nocturnas y de fin de semana. Las personas que estuvieran fuera del sistema escolar local deben utilizar su mejor juicio. Para obtener la información más actualizada sobre las Escuelas Públicas de Arlington, por favor llame al 1-866-322-4277.


Personal de la Oficina Parroquial: las actividades de la Oficina y del día siguen la decisión del Gobierno Federal. Sintonice las emisoras de radio y televisión locales para obtener información actualizada.

Misas: La decisión de cancelar las misas dentro de la Diócesis de Arlington es hecha por el obispo Burbidge y transmitida por las estaciones de radio y televisión locales. En la medida de lo posible, el aviso será colocado en el sitio web de la parroquia y en el mensaje telefónico.

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Please watch for your 2025 contribution statement in the mail. Statements detailing your 2025 donations have been mailed. Please note: USPS service in our area has been sporadic so please be patient; however, if you have not received your statement by the second week in February please email or call Christina, ckozyn@olqpva.org, 703-979-5580, to have a copy emailed or resent. Thank you.

YOUTH MINISTRY:

- **UPDATE -- Catholic Heart Work Camp** is scheduled for July 12 - 17, 2026, for rising 8th - 12th graders in Detroit, Michigan. Applications are now open: <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPVACHWC2026>. Please see the flyer in the back of church for details. Adult Volunteers needed to accompany our youth! This week-long service program relies on parishes making a community effort. Join us!
- **Got some time on your hands?** Adult volunteers needed to accompany our youth at our weekly gatherings, retreats, and work camps. No experience is necessary! Virtus training and background checks are required. If interested, please complete the interested form here, <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPVAYMVOL>. For more information, please contact Rebecca Grant Jenkins, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org.
- **YOU BUY, WE FRY Fellowship Fish Fry Take Out Lenten Fish Fry** - Join us Friday, February 20 at 6:00pm for Fr. Martin's fish, shrimp, or combo dinner with fries and coleslaw. \$15.00 per order. Proceeds go to support the Youth & Young Adult Ministries work camp mission and pilgrimage trips. Pre-order today - <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPVAFISHFRY> or scan here,  Or for more details, contact Rebecca Grant Jenkins, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries. Her information is in the bulletin and on the website. To pay in advance, please go to Parishsoft: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-271?tab=home>, then choose "Fellowship Fundraiser" in the drop-down box.

MATTHEW 25 is looking for sorters. They work to get the store restocked and sort and store items. The days are Monday through Thursday from 9am until 12noon in the Ministry Center. Volunteer one day a week or four; we just need help. Interested, please contact Sally Diaz-Wells at sdiazwells@olqpva.org

FOOD PANTRY is looking for help with picking up bread on Thursday mornings. The bread is donated to us, but we need to pick it up in Lorton. Interested? Please contact Sally Diaz-Wells at sdiazwells@olqpva.org.

RESÚMENES DE CONTRIBUCIONES DEL 2025

Espere el resumen sus contribuciones de donaciones del 2025 a la parroquia por correo. Los resúmenes detallando sus donaciones se están enviando hasta finales de mes. Por favor tome nota: el servicio de correo en nuestra área ha estado esporádico así que por favor tenga paciencia, pero si no ha recibido la certificación para la segunda semana de febrero por favor mándele un correo electrónico o llame a Christina, ckozyn@olqpva.org, 703-979-5580 para recibir una copia por correo electrónico o para volver a recibirla. Gracias.

MINISTERIO PARA ADOLESCENTES:

- **ACTUALIZACIÓN – el Catholic Heart Work Camp** se va a llevar a cabo en Detroit, Michigan del 12 al 17 de julio 2026 para futuros estudiantes de los grados 8 al 12. Las solicitudes deben llenarse ahora abriendo: <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPVACHWC2026>. Por favor mira el volante en la parte de atrás de la iglesia. ¡Se necesitan personas adultas para acompañar a nuestra juventud! Este programa de una semana de servicio depende de parroquias que realizan un esfuerzo comunitario. ¡Únase a nosotros!
- **¿Tiene tiempo extra?** Se necesitan personas adultas para ser voluntarias y acompañar a nuestros jóvenes en nuestras reuniones semanales, retiros y campamentos de trabajo. ¡No necesita tener experiencia! Se requiere entrenamiento Virtus y una verificación de antecedentes. Si está interesada/o, por favor complete el formulario de interés aquí, <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPVAYMVOL>. Para obtener más información, por favor contacte a Rebecca Grant Jenkins, Directora de los ministerios de adolescentes y jóvenes adultos, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org.
- **USTED COMPRA, NOSOTROS FREÍMOS Pescado frito durante la Cuaresma para llevar** - Únase a nosotros el viernes, 20 de febrero a las 6:00pm para la cena que el Padre Martin va a tener de pescado, camarones o una cena combinada con papas fritas y ensalada de col. El costo es de \$15 por pedido. Los ingresos van a apoyar el campamento de trabajo y las peregrinaciones de los ministerios para los adolescentes y jóvenes adultos. ¡Ordene por anticipado: <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPVAFISHFRY> o escanee aquí! Para obtener más detalles, contacte a Rebecca Grant Jenkins, Directora de los ministerios de adolescente y jóvenes adultos. Su información está en el boletín y en el sitio web. Para pagar por adelantado, por favor vaya a Parishsoft: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-271?tab=home> y escoja "Fellowship Fundraiser" en el cuadro desplegable.

MATEO 25 busca personas para clasificar ropa. Trabajan para reponer ropa, clasificar y guardar los artículos. Los días son de lunes a jueves de 9am hasta las 12 del mediodía en el Ministry Center. Sea voluntaria/o un día o cuatro a la semana. Necesitamos ayuda. Si está interesada/o, por favor contacte a Sally Díaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org

LA DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS está buscando ayuda para recoger el pan los jueves por la mañana. El pan es donado, pero tenemos que ir a Lorton para recogerlo. ¿Está interesada/o? Por favor contacte a Sally Díaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org.

**CARPENTER'S SHELTER DINNER,
Thursday, February 19**

Our dinner this month is lasagna, broccoli, salad, brownies & lemonade. Your food can be delivered to the parish office kitchen Tuesday through Thursday (Feb 17-19; office is closed Monday), during their office hours, 8:30-4:30, or to Fr. Ray Hall kitchen on the day of dinner, 4:30-5:00pm. Please label food with date and description and place it in the refrigerator, freezer or counter. Note, if you're delivering directly to the Shelter (930 N. Henry Street in Alexandria), label food the same and add our church name & "dinner." Susan Bruns is coordinating this month's meal. If you are a new contributor or have a question, please contact her at mumbruns@gmail.com.

IN CHRIST, WE ARE ONE

BLA Commitment Weekend is here! Every household's participation strengthens our parish and our diocese - all gifts are vital. Large or small, your gift unites us in supporting ministries serving tens of thousands: seminarian formation, Catholic Charities, youth programs, religious education, and more. Let's reach 100% participation together. Give at Mass or online at arlingtondiocese.org/bla, or scan the QR code:



Scan Me

**LA CENA REFUGIO DEL CARPINTERO,
el jueves, 19 de febrero**

Este mes nuestra cena consiste de lasaña, brócoli, ensalada, brownies y limonada. Puede llevar las contribuciones a la cocina de la oficina de la parroquia de martes a jueves (17-19 de febrero porque la oficina está cerrada el lunes) durante las horas de trabajo, de 8:30am 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, la descripción y póngala en el refrigerador, congelador o el mostrador. Atención, si va a llevar la comida directamente al refugio (930 N. Henry Street in Alexandria), identifique la comida de la misma manera y añada el nombre de nuestra iglesia y "dinner". Este mes Susan Bruns es la coordinadora de la cena. Si es la primera vez que contribuye o tiene alguna pregunta, por favor contacte a Susan: mumbruns@gmail.com.

¡EN CRISTO SOMOS UNO!

¡Llegó el fin de semana del compromiso con la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo! La participación de cada familia fortalece nuestra parroquia y nuestra diócesis – todas las contribuciones son vitales. Grande o pequeña, su donación nos une en el apoyo de ministerios que sirven a decenas de miles de personas: la formación de seminaristas, Caridades Católicas, programas juveniles, educación religiosa y muchos más. Alcancemos juntos el 100% de participación. Done en Misa, en línea en arlingtondiocese.org/bla o escanee el código QR.



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FEEL THE HERITAGE FESTIVAL, February 21

Join Arlington County Parks & Recreation for our annual Feel the Heritage, a vibrant community festival celebrating the rich cultural traditions, history, and creativity that shape our community. This year's Festival will celebrate the 2026 national Black History Month theme, "A Century of Black History Commemoration". The event takes place Saturday, February 21, from 12–5 pm at Charles Drew Community Center, and is free and open to all ages! Feel the Heritage brings together live performances, interactive activities, local vendors, and engaging cultural experiences designed for the whole family. While the event is free to attend and walk-ins are welcome, registration is encouraged. [RSVP here](#) to let us know you are coming!

CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE to Fátima, Lourdes, Zaragoza, Madrid with Fr. Pontien Kenfack ZOOM Meeting or In-person – Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 17, 6-8pm. Contact Fr. Pontien for the zoom link if that's your preference: pkenfack@olqpva.org

All pilgrims preparing for the trip to Fátima, Lourdes, Madrid, and Zaragoza with Fr. Pontien this year are invited to a meeting either in person in the Ministry Center, Founders Room or via Zoom. All who are interested and who would like to learn more are encouraged to attend. Please contact Fr. Pontien for the zoom link or come in person.

SIENTA EL FESTIVAL DEL PATRIMONIO, el 21 de febrero

Únase a Arlington County Parks and Recreation para celebrar nuestro Festival anual del patrimonio, un festival de una comunidad dinámica que celebra las ricas tradiciones, historia y creatividad que dan forma a nuestra comunidad. Este año el festival celebra el tema del Mes nacional de la historia afroamericana del 2026, "Un siglo de conmemoración de la historia afroamericana". ¡El evento tendrá lugar el sábado, 21 de febrero, de 12 a 5 p.m. en el Charles Drew Community Center, es gratis y para personas de todas las edades! Sienta el patrimonio trae actuaciones en directo, actividades interactivas, vendedores locales y experiencias culturales atractivas diseñadas para toda la familia. Aunque el evento es gratis y se da la bienvenida a todas las personas, se recomienda inscribirse. [¡Responda aquí](#) para dejarnos saber que va a venir!

PEREGRINACIÓN CATÓLICA a Fátima, Lourdes, Zaragoza y Madrid con el Padre Pontien Kenfack. Reunión por ZOOM o en persona – Por favor marquen sus calendarios para el martes, 17 de febrero, de 6 a 8pm. Contacte al Padre Pontien para obtener el enlace para el zoom si eso es lo que prefiere: pkenfack@olqpva.org

Se invita a todas las personas peregrinas que se preparan para el viaje este año a Fátima, Lourdes, Zaragoza y Madrid con el Padre Pontien a una reunión en persona en el Founders Room del Ministry Center o por Zoom. Se anima a todas las personas interesadas y las que quisieran saber más a asistir. Por favor contacte al Padre Pontien para obtener el enlace para el zoom o venga a la reunión.

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 will begin on Friday, February 20, with 6:00pm Mass followed by a modest meal with a speaker or film beginning promptly at 7:00pm. This year's theme is Almsgiving: Time, Talent and Treasure. If you want to hear a different take on what Lent has to offer, come join us for a wonderful evening. We will have the series this year in Father Ray Hall.

WAY OF THE CROSS—A LAMENT FOR RACIAL JUSTICE
Lenten Evening Prayer in the "Way of the Cross—A Lament for Racial Justice" on Monday, March 2. All are invited to participate in OLQP Minkisi's annual Stations of the Cross March 2, beginning at 6:45pm in Zoom. For questions, contact Julia Rocchi (tech assist) rocchijulia@gmail.com or coordinator Cecilia Braveboy (worship), jisaac3@verizon.net. For information and registration no later than February 27 go to: <https://bit.ly/Minkisi02March2026>.

THE 8 AM MASS WAKEUP CHOIR is looking for new members. We are a friendly, flexible, and low-key group. Prayerfully consider joining us -- as we assist at Mass through music and in making a joyful noise. We are especially looking for sopranos, but all vocal types (altos, tenors, basses), ages, and abilities are welcome. We will train! Rehearsals are Friday from 5:30 to 6:30pm and call time Sunday morning is 7:30am. Contact Janice Toney at Janice.toney@yahoo.com for more information.

SAVE-THE-DATE: JOHN PAUL THE GREAT OPEN HOUSE ON MARCH 5TH

Planning for high school? Join us at John Paul the Great for a special Preview Open House for younger students on Thursday, March 5th from 4:00-5:30pm! Learn more about our rigorous college-preparatory curriculum, competitive athletics, inspiring visual and performing arts, and abundant extracurricular opportunities! **[Click here to register!](#)**



CREATION CARE CORNER
LENT—A TIME FOR CHANGE

Consider positive lifestyle changes during Lent. The U.S. Bishops tell us we are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. In *Laudate Deum*, Pope Francis urged us to modify lifestyles to reduce pollution and waste, and to "consume with prudence." Francis noted that even though these everyday actions will not produce an immediate, noticeable effect on climate change or our ecology, "we are helping to bring about large processes of transformation" and more emphasis on a culture of caring for creation. In doing so, we model important behavior for others to emulate.

THE ROSARY: Meditations on the Mysteries of Christ
Join us Wednesdays in the church at 12:45pm for a weekly rotation of the meditations on the mysteries of Christ: The Joyful Mysteries, The Luminous Mysteries, The Sorrowful Mysteries, The Glorious Mysteries. Come weekly or when convenient.

INTEGRITY OF CREATION MINISTRY
SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

Join us in engaging parishioners, encouraging sustainability practices and helping to plan events for the important work of caring for God's creation. Join our small, but mighty group of fellow parishioners in this important work. Monthly meetings are held on-line. Special events are planned during Lent, in April for Earth Month, and in the fall with an outdoor music celebration. Contact: Kathleen Brown at Kathleenabrown@verizon.net to join our ministry team.

PARISHSOFT GIVING—OLQP's E-giving Platform

If you were an active Faith Direct user, your record was upgraded to ParishSOFT Giving. If you are accessing your account for the first time since the upgrade (9/23/25), you will need a password reset – please contact Christina in the parish office to request that: ckozyn@olqpva.org. ParishSOFT Giving uses the same email address for your user name as you used with Faith Direct. You will just need a new password.

Login [here](#) to view your scheduled gifts, payment information, and to view the last four weeks of your contribution history. Use the same link to add, delete and edit your scheduled gifts – once logged into your ParishSOFT Giving account, click on "scheduled" and "history" to access this information.

New online donors, please click [here](#) to setup a one-time gift or recurring gift by completing the Give Now form. Use the dropdown arrow to select the fund you would like to contribute to: Sunday Collection, Pastor's Outreach, Food Pantry, etc.

Need help? Please contact OLQP's Business Manager, Christina ckozyn@olqpva.org or contact ParishSOFT Giving donor support at 866-930-4774 option 6 or donorsupport@parishsoft.com.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-271>

ADVOCATES for JUSTICE

Martin Luther King, Jr. is remembered as saying in his book, *The Testament of Hope*, "Man has the capacity to do right as well as wrong, and his history is a path upward, not downward...The past is strewn with the ruins of the empires of tyranny, and each is a monument not merely to man's blunders but to his capacity to overcome them. Justice ... cannot be achieved without radical changes in the structure of our society."

Hence, our ongoing invitation to advocates for justice to be faithful in the work of bringing about systemic structural change to ensure that God's justice prevails in our society.

The hundreds of bills on the docket of the 2026 Virginia General Assembly are moving rapidly through the two chambers at a pace that leaves advocates and legislators breathless. On Wednesday the 18th, all bills that have passed the respective chamber will "crossover" to the other chamber for consideration, debate and determination. Bills that succeeded in the House of Delegates cross over to the Senate and vice versa. Ultimately, legislation that is passed in both chambers advances to the Governor's desk for adoption or for veto.

This is the time to send a note to your State Delegate and a separate note to your State Senator to thank each for their work. Citing specific bills that ensure the common good supports your advocacy for justice.

On the Virginia General Assembly website, you can find your legislators and their contact information if you have not already done so. vga.virginia.gov. The fate of the bills can be found on the Legislative Information System, lis.virginia.gov.

Abraham Lincoln's words of long ago still remind us today: "the probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just."

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A LAY DOMINICAN?

You are invited to join the St. Mary Magdalene Lay Dominicans for prayer, fellowship, and discussion on Sunday, February 15, from 5:00–6:45 pm in the Parish House of St. James Catholic Church: 913 Park Avenue, Falls Church VA 22046 (use small adjacent parking lot).

Lay Dominicans are single or married members of the Dominican Order who have responded to a call to live the Dominican way of life in their own families and occupations.

The Dominican charism is one of prayer, study, community, and apostolate. Of these, study is perhaps the most distinctive element. We are life-long learners, who put that thirst for Truth at the service of our apostolic efforts. For more information, contact Rose Folsom at InquiryVeritas519@gmail.com.

Father Frantz, pastor of St. Joseph of Medor parish
The people of Medor
and
Our Haiti Ministry
Send their love to the people of OLQP



VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

FOR THOSE SEXUALLY ABUSED AS MINORS

The Catholic Diocese of Arlington provides comprehensive assistance to anyone who as a minor was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, teacher, employee or representative of the diocese. Parents, guardians, children and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, who will provide support, consultation, and referrals. The Catholic Diocese of Arlington is committed to assisting victims/survivors throughout the healing process. For further information, see www.arlingtondiocese.org/victim-assistance/ or call (703) 841-2530.

REGISTER WITH THE PARISH UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION LET US KNOW YOU'RE MOVING

If you have not officially registered with the parish, we invite you to do so. Updated, accurate information is very useful to us, especially in communicating important news like a weather-related closure. Visit the parish website (www.olqpva.org) click on About Us >> Register >> Register With Us.

If you have had an addition to your family, if you have had a change of address or if you would like to know what information we have on file for your family, please send a message to Jeannette Gantz Daly in the parish office: jgantz Daly@olqpva.org

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Fish Fry Fridays | Viernes de pescado frito

FEB 20 ~ MAR 6 ~ MAR 20 ~ MAR 27

20 de FEB ~ 6 de MAR ~ 20 de MAR ~ 27 de MAR

Founders Room, Ministry Center
Sala de los Fundadores, Centro del Ministerio

6:00pm—8:00pm



Choice of | Opción de:

Fish (2 pieces) | Pescado (2 pedazos)

Shrimp (8) | Camarones (8)

Combo (1 piece of fish & 4 shrimp)

1 Pedazo de Pescado y 4 Camarones

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The Black and Indian Mission Collection

Next Weekend — February 21/22

The Black and Indian Mission Collection exists to help local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground.

Please give generously.



BLACK AND INDIAN
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OUR MISSION

The Black and Indian Mission Office is comprised of three distinct but inter-related organizations, each with its own purpose and history, but all seeking to fulfill the one Mission to the Missions! Founded by the Catholic bishops of the United States, each organization cooperates with local diocesan communities to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground. Read more and join us in our Mission to the Missions!



Two Journeys. One Faith.

Television Broadcast Events
and Streaming from the Black
and Indian Mission Office

Experience two powerful new
documentaries celebrating the
faith, culture, and resilience of
Native American and African
American Catholics.

[Discover Our New Documentary Films](#)

LENTEN CALENDAR THEME is "Healthy People, Healing Planet"

To enhance our personal experience of Lent, the Integrity of Creation team has provided a Lenten Creation Care Calendar. (Copies appear in the printed and online versions of the bulletin and separate printed copies are also available at the back of church.) Each day the calendar provides examples of sustainable living practices we can observe for the day or even adopt as a practice for the period of Lent (for example, "Eat less meat by eating two plant-based dinners each week").

Used with intentionality, the calendar will help us reach a deeper experience of the mysteries of Lent and Creation and bring us closer to our Lord as we walk together toward Easter.

Because the world can change a lot in 40 days.
Lenten Creation Care Calendar 2026

VAIPL's theme this year is "Healthy People, Healing Planet". Our mission is to achieve climate and environmental justice for Virginians and our world by collaborating with people of faith and conscience. In Job 12:7-10 we read, "But ask the animals, and they will teach you, the birds of the air, and they will tell you, and the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being."

Day	Theme	Prayer	Practice
February 15	Fast	God of goodness and mercy, hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey. Let this be renewed with myself as I begin this Lenten journey, and guide me as I humbly seek to return to you.	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7
February 16	Meatless Monday	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7
February 17	Meatless Tuesday	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7
February 18	Meatless Wednesday	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7
February 19	Meatless Thursday	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7
February 20	Meatless Friday	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7
February 21	Meatless Saturday	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7
February 22	Meatless Sunday	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7
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February 24	Meatless Tuesday	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7
February 25	Meatless Wednesday	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7
February 26	Meatless Thursday	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7
February 27	Meatless Friday	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7
February 28	Meatless Saturday	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7
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March 1	Meatless Monday	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7
March 2	Meatless Tuesday	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7
March 3	Meatless Wednesday	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7
March 4	Meatless Thursday	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7
March 5	Meatless Friday	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7
March 6	Meatless Saturday	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7
March 7	Meatless Sunday	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7	Want to try a meatless meal during Lent that doesn't have fish? Check out recipes at https://bit.ly/4a5f5u7

Prayer: "The Lord has bestowed the fruits of the earth for the benefit of all of the world's people. May we share with all in need and so be good stewards of God's earth and its abundance." - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Visit our website at <http://vaiplo.org/>

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Lenten Care Creation Calendar 2026
[Click here to download our calendar](#)
 Or pick up a copy from the back of church,
 Or see page 13 & 14 of the
[online bulletin for all clickable links.](#)

COMPASSIONATE LISTENING WORKSHOP

March 8, 3:00-5:00pm

Sponsored by: OLQP's Stephen Ministry

When you learn to *listen* and speak from the heart:

- As a parent you increase your child's sense of value and worth
- As a spouse you nurture bonds of love and respect
- As an adult you deepen relationships with friends and family we treasure
- In the workplace you understand how to communicate effectively, even with those we find difficult
- In our community groups we strengthen commitment to peace and advocacy.

Led by Dr. Alvarado, a clinical psychologist (30 years' experience), we will develop and enhance your compassionate listening skills through interactive and participatory practices in small groups. Join other community members in what will be an informative and fun learning experience.

Listen

Please pre-register: smolqp@gmail.com; Louise Drucker: (703) 635-0469.

There is no fee for the workshop. Check in at 2:45 at: Fr. Ray Hall

Speak from the Heart

*Our Lady Queen of Peace Church
And the UJAMAA Committee
Invites You to the 2026
Black History Month Program*

**Saturday, February 21,
2026
6:30 PM**

**Fr. David Ray Hall
Next to the Church**

**2700 S. 19th St
Arlington, VA**



**2026 AS AHL Theme:
"A Century
Of
Black History
Commemorations"
&
The 160th Year
Anniversary
of
Lomax AME Zion
Church**

**Guest Speaker:
Ms. Brenda Cox
Lomax AME Zion Church Historian**

Featuring: Nigerian Dance (Agedege) and Drummers



Lomax AME Zion

Protesters Arrest, 1960

Sit Ins at People's & Woolworths 1960s

Reception Follows the Program

FEBRUARY 2026
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**A CENTURY OF BLACK HISTORY
 COMMEMORATIONS**

“The Griots”



By: Veronica Dabney

Griot, *noun*, pronounced (GREE-oh): “A valued storyteller tasked with maintaining a tradition of oral history, most prominent in parts of West Africa.

“Griots of western Africa, from Senegal and across Mali and Nigeria use oral traditions which date back over 2,000 years.

“A modern-day griot is a contemporary storyteller, musician, poet, or artist who preserves and shares history, culture, and social commentary, often evolving the traditional West African role into new forms like hip-hop, digital media, and literature, giving voice to marginalized communities and documenting their experiences.” 1/

The 2026 articles tell how Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASAH), his associates and successors contributed to the education and enlightenment of Blacks, many of whom were unlearned and only a few decades out of enslavement. Therefore, for most, in the early 20th century, history was shared orally. But, the number of learned men and women had grown. They felt strongly that Black history should be codified, written and made into permanent records. So, that’s what they set out to do. They felt that beyond storytelling and word of mouth, the history had to be told in ways that were permanent, powerful and lasting even through art and literature. The spark was lit when Dr. Woodson and associates met and formed the organization that would expose generations to the realities of Black life in America, through the eyes of the people who experienced it.

“From 18th-century slave narratives to the Harlem Renaissance and the Black Arts Movement, these works fuse[d] themes of freedom, cultural heritage, and social justice with diverse mediums including literature, sculpture, and music.

“**Harlem Renaissance** a blossoming (c. 1918–37) of African American culture, particularly in

the creative arts, and the most influential movement in African American literary history. Embracing literary, musical, theatrical, and visual arts, participants sought to reconceptualize “the Negro” apart from the ... stereotypes that had influenced Black peoples’ relationship to their heritage and to each other....Never dominated by a particular school of thought but rather characterized by intense debate, the movement laid the groundwork for all later African American [s] and had an enormous impact on subsequent Black literature and consciousness worldwide. While the renaissance was not confined to the Harlem district of New York City, Harlem attracted a remarkable concentration of intellect and talent and served as the symbolic capital of this cultural awakening.” 2/

“**Black Arts Movement (1965-1975)**, was a Black nationalism movement that focused on music, literature, drama, and the visual arts made up of Black artists and intellectuals. This was the cultural section of the Black Power movement, in that its participants shared many of the ideologies of Black self-determination, political beliefs, and African American culture.

The Black Arts Movement started in 1965 when poet Amiri Baraka [LeRoi Jones] established the Black Arts Repertory Theater in Harlem, New York, as a place for artistic expression. Artists associated with this movement include Audre Lorde, Ntozake Shange, James Baldwin, Gil Scott-Heron, and Thelonious Monk. Records at the National Archives related to the Black Arts Movement primarily focus on individual artists and their interaction with various Federal agencies.” 3/ The movement also included many other well known and respected writers and poets, including Maya Angelou, Gwendolyn Brooks and Nikki Giovanni.

The nearly 30 years between these two eras were extremely difficult for the entire nation. In many ways the trauma felt by our nation actually worked to bring our country closer together. Those times affected ALL

Americans. First, World War I, followed by a Great Depression, then World War II. The nation was exhausted in the 1950s. But then comes these people clamoring for equal rights, and the chaos that accompanied those demands was being broadcast around the nation, in living rooms, after dinner. And the protestors were winning battle after battle into the 1960s, until serious pushback began, on both sides—In the end, Nobody really won. There were assassinations, riots, AND, there was also another war.

ALL of this was fuel for the 20th century griots who were part of the Black Arts Movement of the 60s and 70s. The extremes of that period were well-chronicled, and resulted in some of the finest and most controversial books, music and theater of the 20th Century—from Every community.

You are invited to the OLQP/UJAMAA Black History Month Program on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at 6:30 PM in Fr. Ray Hall. The Guest Speaker will be Ms. Brenda Cox, the Lomax AME Zion Church Historian, who will speak about the 160th anniversary of Lomax, founded in Freedman’s Village just after the end of the Civil War. She will also share memories of growing up in Arlington during the civil rights era.

Also featured: Sisters Dancing in the Spirit will perform a traditional Nigerian dance called “Agedege”. It originated from the Anambra State in Nigeria where it was used as a moonlight dance. It was associated with royalty, bravery, and wealth. The dance and musical accompaniment will be performed by members of the OLQP community.

1/ <https://www.google.com/search?q=griot+meaning>

2/ <https://www.britannica.com/event/Harlem-Renaissance-American-literature-and-art>

3/ <https://www.archives.gov/research/african-americans/black-power/arts>