

## 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.

**Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!**

**¡Bienvenidos a OLQP iglesia católica!**

**Contact / Contacto:**

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703-979-5580, office@olqpva.org

**Office Hours**

**Horas de oficina**

Monday-Friday — 8:30am to 4:30pm

Lunes a viernes — 8:30am a 4:30pm

**Website / sitioweb:**

www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org

**Live Stream Mass Schedule:**

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

May 2-3 5:30pm and 1pm in Spanish

2-3 mayo 5:30pm y 1pm en español

**Masses / Misas:**

Weekdays / *Días laborables:*

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

Weekend Mass Schedule /

*Horario de Misas de fin de semana:*

**Saturday Vigil** — 5:30pm

*Misa de vigilia sábados - 5:30 pm*

**Sundays** — 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am,  
1:00pm (Spanish) & 6:00pm (Young Adult)

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

*1:00 pm (español) y 6:00 pm (Misa de jóvenes adultos)*

## DECLARACIÓN DE MISIÓN DE OLQP

La parroquia de la iglesia católica Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz se dedica a dar testimonio de las enseñanzas de Jesucristo, especialmente el Evangelio de San Mateo, Capítulo 25:31-46. 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.

## OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



May 3, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I am the way,  
the truth & the life.

*John 14:6*



Yo soy el camino,  
la verdad y la vida.

*Juan 14,6*

Iglesia Católica Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz

3 de mayo de 2026

Quinto Domingo de Pascua

## 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: \$5,138  
Catholic Home Missions Appeal /  
Llamamiento de las Misiones del hogar Católico: \$3,047  
ParishSoft Giving - March weekly average: \$12,803

#### Word & Eucharist Book/

#### Misal Palabra y Eucaristía

Today's readings can be found on page 240  
Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 241

### 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, 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, Eduardo González, Jo Marie Griesgraber, Melanie Guitreaux, Joe Harrington, Harris Family, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Beverly Hennessey, Dee Hickey, Pamela Hoeft, Jan Hyland, Patrick Hynes, Pat Johnson, Sharon Jourdan, William Kahl, Gus Karns, Ruth Klarman, Carmen Andrea Lara, Alexa LaRue, Patrick Lawrey, John Lawyer, Linda Lipari, 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, Lidia Montero Lopez, Carmen Montijo, Dorothy Moran, Rosemary Morrisey, 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, 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, Mary Woods

### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

#### **QUINTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA**

Acts 6:1-7 (52A); 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12  
Hechos 6,1-7 (52A); 1 Pedro 2,4-9; Juan 14,1-12

### **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

#### **SEXTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA**

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 (55A); 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21  
Hechos 8,5-8, 14-17 (55A); 1 Pedro 3,15-18; Juan 14,15-21

### **MASS INTENTIONS, MAY 2-8**

#### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

#### **INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 2-8 MAYO**

#### **QUINTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA**

##### **Saturday, May 2nd**

5:30 pm Corazon Yabes (Birthday) (D) by the Yabes family

##### **Sunday, May 3rd**

8:00 am For Ann Stretton (D) by the Dolan family  
9:30 am Antonio Fernandez Castillo(D) by the Baptism Ministry Team

11:15 am Jean Giambalvo (D) by Shari & John Zamarra

1:00 pm Gregorio Quispe Burgos (Anniversary) (D)

by Percy Quispe & family

6:00 pm For The Parish

##### **Monday, May 4th**

12:00 pm For The Parish

##### **Tuesday, May 5th**

12:00 pm For The Parish

##### **Wednesday, May 6th**

12:00 pm María Alayza & María Elena Alayza (D)

by María Margarita Cabrera

##### **Thursday, May 7th**

12:00 pm William & Sally Finke (D) by Robert Finke

##### **Friday, May 8th**

12:00 pm Janet Walsh (D) by Libby McNulty

### **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 uno nuevo cristiano.

Kenai Matteus Illanes Camacho

Baptized May 2 / Bautizado el 2 de mayo

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

#### **Cecilia Armaza and Mauricio Armaza**

Married May 2 / Casados el 2 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,**

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*Parochial Vicar / Párroco Asociado:* **Fr. Pontien Kenfack, CSSp,**

pkenfack@olqpva.org

*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...

In the First Letter of Peter, we are reminded that we, in and through Christ, are chosen and precious in the sight of God! And in today's Gospel Jesus tells us to not let our hearts be troubled, to have faith in him and in God; that when our life here has ended, he personally prepares a place for us and that he takes us to himself so that we might be always with him in eternity, precisely because we are chosen and precious in the eyes of God!

These readings today offer us a wonderful opportunity to reflect on God's deep and passionate love for all of us, and the diversity of dwelling places for us. A place for each one of us, no one excluded by God, because of God's amazing love for all of humanity.

Jesus tells the disciples that he is the way, the truth and the life, and we can know God and see God through him! Pope Francis reminded us that "*Jesus is the face of the Father's mercy*", a living incarnation of God's mercy, an incarnation that we are called to become like, as disciples of Jesus.

Jesus tells his disciples that *through their belief in him they will be able to do what he has done and even greater!* Perhaps that "even greater" is allowing the risen Christ, *who dwells within us*, to transform us into an extension of the living presence of God's mercy in the midst of a wounded and suffering world.

Perhaps the call of the Gospel is to allow ourselves to become the face of God's mercy; to take on, as his disciples, the mantle of mercy. To be willing to make meaningful changes to our lives in order that we might better show forth God's mercy in word and action by reaching out to all the lonely and frightened people we encounter in our lives, and offer a word of hope and encouragement, an act of care that shows kindness, gentleness and mercy to them...that shows them that they are seen, that they matter, that no matter what others have said of them or to them, they are the beloved of God!

The U.S. Surgeon General and the NIH have both released reports linking a grave increased risk for a whole host of serious mental and other health conditions such as a weakened immune system, heart disease, high blood pressure, obesity, anxiety, depression, cognitive decline, Alzheimer's disease and even death -- all of these linked to loneliness and a lack of social contact with other human beings. And yet we live in a time of unparalleled social media connections, and nevertheless, more and more people are finding themselves feeling ever more isolated and alone in a deeply distrusting and divided society.

So, what is the answer? *We are the answer!* You and I. Our discipleship calls us to reach out to those in need, with both emotional needs and worldly physical needs, to stand with them and let them know that they are cared for and loved by God, *and* that we love them and care for them.

Making ourselves emotionally available to "the other" can be overwhelming and scary but it also can be a transformative experience, one that takes us to a place of new relationships and can help to heal our own woundedness. And ultimately it may very well be part of God's plan in calling us to reach out to each other and to be of support to each other. To work together to create the "community of the beloved"! God's community!

How can I be more merciful in my words? What specifically can I do to be more merciful in my actions? Who in my life right now is most in need of being shown mercy and how can I do that for them?

Easter blessings,

Fr. Tim

## 2026 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL IN CHRIST WE ARE ONE

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal!

If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on your blessings and consider making a gift now. The BLA unites us as a diocesan family to support programs, ministries and services which help tens of thousands of people. Every gift, large or small, is essential. You may mail your gift or go online to [arlingtondiocese.org/BLA](http://arlingtondiocese.org/BLA) or scan the QR code to make a gift.

The second BLA mailing has been mailed to those who have not yet made a gift. Our main goal with all our families is participation and we ask that you please give to the BLA. Thank you.



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## PETICIÓN CUARESIMAL DEL OBISPO DE 2026 EN CRISTO SOMOS UNO

¡Gracias a todas las personas que han contribuido a la Petición cuaresmal del Obispo!

Si todavía no ha contribuido, reflexionen, en espíritu de oración, sobre las bendiciones que ha recibido y considere hacer una oferta hoy. La Petición cuaresmal del Obispo nos une como familia diocesana para apoyar programas, ministerios y servicios que ayudan a decenas de miles de personas. Cada donación, grande o pequeña, es vital. Puede enviar su contribución por correo postal, hacerla en línea en [arlingtondiocese.org/BLA](http://arlingtondiocese.org/BLA) o al escanear el código QR para donar.

El segundo envío de la BLA se les va a enviar por correo en las próximas semanas a las personas que todavía no han donado. Nuestra meta principal es que todas nuestras familias participen y les pedimos de favor que por favor donen a las BLA. Gracias.



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## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

### In appreciation of our Companions on the Journey

This year, we have had ten participants in the OCIA process as catechumens and candidates for reception into the Catholic Church from another Christian tradition, and candidates for Adult Confirmation. Companions on the Journey (who are members of OLQP) have been praying for these participants, as well as for our sponsors and OCIA team members as a group through this year of preparation. In November, each of the Companions was assigned an individual participant for whom they are praying daily and sending periodic messages of encouragement on behalf of the wider OLQP community. Several Companions have been corresponding with more than one candidate as needs arose. We send a very special thank you to our Companions for their generosity and support: Blain Butner, Peg Butner, Dianne Casey, Michelle Chaudoir, Jane Chopko, Mark Chopko, Ginny Franco, Steve Glymph, Alejandra González, Brigid Hobbs, Rebecca Makkar, Barb McKeough, Gail Meighan, Jessica Morton, Anne Murphy, Tim Murphy, Ellen Murray, Namaste members, Steven Novotny, Alex Payne, Bonnie Ryan, AJ Skiera, Victoria Skiera, Amy Stewart, Susan Thompson, Araceli Vasquez, Gerry Wallace, Kathleen Waugh, and Kate Wilson. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

## NEWS FROM MEDOR

Our Lady Queen of Peace remains united in prayer with our sister parish, St. Joseph in Medor, Haiti, as Father Frantz Aimé mourns the loss of his father, Frankel Aimé, who passed away on April 10. Father Frantz presided over the funeral vigil on April 21 and the funeral Mass on April 22 at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Gonaives. We are grateful that some members of our parish were able to join these sacred moments via livestream. In his message to us, Father Frantz shared, "These past few weeks have been very difficult for me. Through God's grace and prayer, I am finding comfort. Thank you for your prayers. I am deeply grateful for your spiritual support." Please continue to hold Mr. Aimé, Father Frantz, and his family in your prayers. As we support each other through sorrow and faith, we become a closer family in Christ.

Please pray for peace and security in Haiti.

## ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY SHELTER DINNER – Wednesday, May 13

Our Lady Queen of Peace is preparing and serving dinner at the Alexandria Community Shelter on Wednesday, May 13. Please consider helping with the meal. We are looking for volunteers to help shop for, prepare, and serve our May menu: **Pulled BBQ Chicken Sliders, Carrots & Green Beans, Watermelon Slices, Lemon Bars, Lemonade & Iced Tea.** If you would like to help serve – and we can use your help!-- please arrive at the shelter at 5:30pm for meal prep. Location: 2355-B Mill Rd, Alexandria, VA 22314. Sign up [here](#) to provide the meal and/or to help serve. Or, email Emily Porterfield at [bellefontebarbelle@gmail.com](mailto:bellefontebarbelle@gmail.com) to sign up for May 13.

Here is the sign-up link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054BABAF2BA7F49-63789135-acsmay#/>

## RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS

### En agradecimiento a nuestros acompañantes en la jornada

Este año, tuvimos diez personas que participaron en el proceso RICA como catecúmenas/os y candidatas/os para la recepción en la Iglesia católica de otras tradiciones cristianas y candidatas/os para la Confirmación de personas adultas. Las personas acompañantes durante esta jornada (que pertenecen a OLQP) han estado rezando como grupo durante este año de preparación, por estas personas participantes, al igual que por nuestras madrinas y padrinos y miembros del equipo de RICA que participaron durante este año de preparación. En noviembre a cada persona acompañante se le asignó una persona participante por quien rezaron diariamente y a quien le mandaron mensajes de vez en cuando, para animarla/o de parte de la comunidad total de OLQP. Varias personas acompañantes se han comunicado con más de una candidata o candidato a medida que surgían las necesidades. Les mandamos unas gracias muy especiales a nuestras personas acompañantes por su generosidad y apoyo: Blain Butner, Peg Butner, Dianne Casey, Michelle Chaudoir, Jane Chopko, Mark Chopko, Ginny Franco, Steve Glymph, Alejandra González, Brigid Hobbs, Rebecca Makkar, Barb McKeough, Gail Meighan, Jessica Morton, Anne Murphy, Tim Murphy, Ellen Murray, Namaste members, Steven Novotny, Alex Payne, Bonnie Ryan, AJ Skiera, Victoria Skiera, Amy Stewart, Susan Thompson, Araceli Vasquez, Gerry Wallace, Kathleen Waugh, y Kate Wilson.

¡MUCHÍSIMAS GRACIAS!

## NOTICIAS DE MEDOR

Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz se mantiene unida en oración a nuestra parroquia hermana, St. Joseph en Medor, Haití, mientras el Padre Frantz Aimé llora la muerte de su padre, Frankel Aimé, que murió el 10 de abril. El Padre Frantz celebró la vigilia fúnebre el 21 de abril y la Misa fúnebre el 22 de abril en la iglesia Saints Peter and Paul en Gonaives. Agradecemos que algunas personas de nuestra parroquia pudieron unirse a estos momentos sagrados vía una transmisión en directo. El Padre Frantz, en su mensaje para nosotros, compartió: "Estas últimas semanas han sido muy difíciles para mí. Por la gracia de Dios y la oración, estoy encontrando consuelo. Gracias por sus oraciones. Les estoy muy agradecido por su apoyo espiritual". Por favor continúe rezando por el Sr. Aimé, el Padre Frantz y su familia. Al apoyarnos mutuamente en el dolor y la fe, nos convertimos en una familia más unida en Cristo.

Por favor rece por la paz y la seguridad en Haití.

## CENA DEL REFUGIO COMUNITARIO DE ALEXANDRIA – el miércoles, 13 de mayo

Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz va a preparar y servir la cena en el Refugio comunitario de Alexandria el miércoles, 13 de mayo. Por favor, considere ayudar con la cena. Estamos buscando personas voluntarias para ayudar con las compras y la preparación de la comida y también servir nuestro menú de mayo: **mini hamburguesas de pollo desmenuzado al estilo barbacoa, zanahorias y judías verdes, rodajas de sandía, barritas de limón (lemon bars), limonada y té frío.** Si quisiera ayudar a servir, y nos vendría muy bien su ayuda, por favor llegue al refugio a las 5:30pm para la preparación de la cena. La dirección del refugio es 2355-B Mill Rd, Alexandria, VA 22314. Apúntese [aquí](#) para proveer la cena o para ayudar a servirla. O mándele un correo electrónico a Emily Porterfield: [bellefontebarbelle@gmail.com](mailto:bellefontebarbelle@gmail.com) para apuntarse para el 13 de mayo.

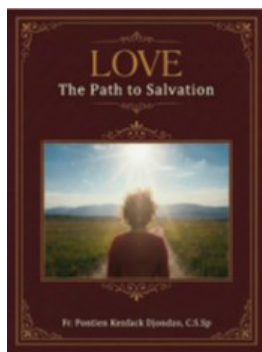
Aquí tiene el enlace para apuntarse:

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## YOUTH MINISTRY:

**APPLICATIONS OPEN for YOUNG DISCIPLES WORK CAMP scheduled for June 22 - 26, for rising 7th, 8th, and 9th graders:** <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPYDWC2026>. Join us for a week of faith, fellowship, and service to the OLQP community and beyond. This year's theme is TRUST. Space is limited, sign up today! Service hours count towards Confirmation requirements. See the flyer at the back of church for the application link or contact Rebecca Grant Jenkins for more information. Only a few spots left!

**SAVE THE DATE:** Join fellow parishioners for **Fr. Pontien's launch of his latest book in English and Spanish: "Love: The Path to Salvation"** on Friday, May 8, at 7:00pm in Fr. Ray Hall. Cost of the book is \$10 (cash or credit card); donations appreciated. All proceeds from book sales support OLQP young adults who are preparing for World Youth Day 2027 and the formation of the Spiritan seminarians in Cameroon. Please join us for this special event on May 8<sup>th</sup> or stop by after Mass the weekend of May 9-10 to purchase a copy when there will be a book signing after each Mass.



## SAINT ISIDORE'S GARDEN BLESSING & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Join us on **Friday, May 15 at 7:00 PM** for a special Feast of Saint Isidore Garden Blessing at Saint Isidore's Garden, followed by light refreshments. During the gathering, we will also plant a prayer capsule containing prayers and intentions for the growing season.

All are welcome as we gather to bless the garden and celebrate the new growing season.

Weekly volunteer opportunities are also underway and continue through November (weather permitting):

**Saturdays:** 8:00-10:00 AM

**Tuesdays:** 5:30-7:00 PM (*harvest for the OLQP Food Pantry*)

No gardening experience or sign-up is needed. Stop by for the full time or even just 20-30 minutes - every helping hand makes a difference. Questions:

[julenejarnot@gmail.com](mailto:julenejarnot@gmail.com)

SAINT ISIDORE'S GARDEN



## BENDICIÓN DEL JARDÍN DE SAN ISIDORO Y OPORTUNIDADES PARA VOLUNTARIADO

Únase a nosotros el viernes, 15 de mayo, a las 7:00pm para celebrar una bendición especial del jardín el día de San Isidoro, seguida por aperitivos ligeros. Todas las personas son bienvenidas al reunirnos para bendecir el jardín y celebrar la nueva temporada de cultivo.

Hemos empezado el horario (si el tiempo lo permite) para las personas voluntarias:

Los sábados: 8:00 a 10:00 AM

Los martes: 5:30 a 7:00 PM (*cosecha para la Despensa de alimentos de OLQP*)

No necesita tener experiencia de jardinería ni apuntarse. Venga por todo el tiempo o solo por 20 ó 30 minutos. Todas las personas marcan una diferencia.

¿Preguntas? Mande un correo electrónico a [julenejarnot@gmail.com](mailto:julenejarnot@gmail.com)

**PLATO DE ARROZ CRS** – ¡Felicidades! Mediante nuestras oraciones, limosnas y ayuno combinados, recaudamos casi \$6,000 con nuestros Platos de arroz. El 25% de ese dinero se va a quedar aquí en nuestra diócesis para financiar programas locales que dan de comer a personas que tienen hambre. Gracias a todas las personas que participaron. ¡Vamos a marcar una diferencia con esos platos en nuestras mesas y aprendimos mucho!

## EL PROYECTO GABRIEL –

### Cambio de ropa para la nueva temporada

El Proyecto Gabriel está cambiando de ropa de invierno para bebés a ropa de primavera y verano. Debido a la necesidad de ordenar la ropa de invierno a la de verano, le pedimos que no traigan más ropa para bebés hasta después del 15 de mayo. ¡Qué buen problema es tener una gran cantidad de ropa para nuestras/os más pequeñas/os! Muchísimas gracias.

**DIOCESAN FESTIVAL:  
CELEBRATING FAITH + FREEDOM  
THE DIOCESAN FESTIVAL RETURNS!**

Save the date for the 2026 Diocesan Festival on Saturday, June 13 in Berryville, Virginia! Join thousands of Catholics from across the Diocese at the Clarke County Fairgrounds for a joyful celebration of faith, freedom and community. As in years past, the festival will open by giving thanks to God with a Vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop Burbidge, followed by live music, food and drink, amusement rides for children, local vendors, and so much more fun for the whole family. Register for free at [arlingtondiocese.org/festival](http://arlingtondiocese.org/festival).

*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.*

**THANK YOU, GRACIAS, THANK YOU** to everyone who came out for Fr. Martin's Pho Dinner. Your continued prayers and support are greatly appreciated by our youth and young adult communities.

**OLQP SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY for Black and Native American Students who attend Catholic elementary school or Catholic high school.** We have been awarded a small grant from the Black and Indian Mission Office specifically for Black and Native American students who attend Catholic elementary and high school. Please contact the parish office for an application, 703-979-5580 or [office@olqpva.org](mailto:office@olqpva.org). The deadline to submit the completed application is Friday, May 29. This scholarship is being administered by the OLQP UJAMAA Committee.

**ENVIRONMENTAL BOOK DISCUSSION**

The Integrity of Creation ministry invites all parishioners to join us in the Parish Library on Wednesday, May 13 at 7:00pm for a discussion of the book "Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World" by Katherine Hayhoe. All are welcome to join us even if you have not read/finished the book. Email Dan Herrera ([herrerawildlife@gmail.com](mailto:herrerawildlife@gmail.com)) for more information.

**HELP US UNCOVER THE HISTORY  
OF ARLINGTON'S PAST**

The Memorializing the Enslaved in Arlington (MEA) wants to record your family's history. MEA is a project sponsored by the Black Heritage Museum of Arlington and the Arlington Historical Society dedicated to uncovering the history of Arlington's past. As a part of this project MEA seeks to record the oral histories of Arlington's Black families and the journey stories perhaps originating with passed down stories about experiences during enslavement, what brought them to Arlington, where they settled, and how events shaped their family's development over the years. A team of trained oral history facilitators will be at the Arlington's VA250 HistoryFest at Kenmore Middle School at 200 S. Carlin Springs Road on Saturday, May 9th between 10:00am and 4:00pm to record the stories. Please contact Jessica Kaplan at [ahsedlink@gmail.com](mailto:ahsedlink@gmail.com), to schedule an interview time or learn more about the event.

**FESTIVAL DIOCESANO:  
CELEBRANDO LA FE Y LA LIBERTAD  
¡VUELVE EL FESTIVAL DIOCESANO!**

¡Reserve la fecha para el Festival diocesano 2026 el sábado, 13 de junio en Berryville, Virginia! Únase a miles de personas católicas de toda la diócesis en Clarke County Fairgrounds para celebrar alegremente la fe, la libertad y la comunidad. Como en años anteriores, el festival empezará dándole gracias a Dios con una Misa de vigilia celebrada por el Obispo Burbidge, seguida de música en vivo, comida y bebidas, atracciones para niñas y niños, vendedores locales y mucha más diversión para toda la familia. Apúntese de gratis en: [arlingtondiocese.org/festival](http://arlingtondiocese.org/festival).

**80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION!** Join us Saturday, May 23rd, following the 5:30pm Vigil Mass for a celebration to close our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary and look forward to the future as we continue to live out Matthew 25:35. See you there!

**INVITATION TO OLQP WOMEN'S  
FAITH SHARING BOOK CLUB**

**MAY 7 - JUNE 11 - THURSDAYS, 7PM, OLQP LIBRARY**

Greetings! Please join Michele Beier and other parish women for a book club meeting weekly on Thursdays at 7pm in the OLQP library. We will be starting our discussion of Joanna Weaver's "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" on Thursday May 7. It's a short book packed with helpful lessons for women seeking greater intimacy with God amidst the busyness of life. Hope you can join us - please buy and bring your own copy of the book.

**ARLINGTON CURSILLO RETREATS**

**Missionhurst Retreat Center - You're Invited!**

A Cursillo Weekend is a retreat, but also so much more. It is an opportunity to examine and celebrate yourself, deepen your relationship with Christ, and continue – or begin – your faith journey with the love and support of the Christian community. Scheduled: 160th Women's Weekend on June 4-7 and 145th Men's Weekend on June 25-28.

You will: Grow spiritually, Make new friends, and Experience Christ's unlimited love.

For more information, or to register to attend the retreat, contact Jen & Linda at [OLQPUltreya@gmail.com](mailto:OLQPUltreya@gmail.com) or visit the website: [arlingtoncursillo.org](http://arlingtoncursillo.org).

Follow Arlington Cursillo on Instagram and Facebook!

**ECO-TIP:** Visit the **Quincy Park Interpretive Center** (adjacent to the Quincy Recycling drop-off site) where you will be treated to an imaginative repurposing of organic and inert materials generated in the county. Berms made from processed dirt, pathways of crushed stone, wood and leaf mulch made from brush and leaves, benches from recycled plastic, and trash receptacles made from recycled aluminum and steel. Take a stroll through the park and reflect on the story of the county's commitment to "**reduce, reuse, recycle**" and its efforts to create a more sustainable future!



## May is National Foster Care Month



Foster Care is a temporary living arrangement providing care and parenting for children who can no longer live in their homes due to abuse, neglect or other severe family problems. Children may need foster families for a few days, months or longer.

National Foster Care Month provides an opportunity to focus on the needs of children and youth in foster care. We are encouraged to get involved in their lives – whether as foster parents, volunteers, mentors, employers, or in other ways. At OLQP, we support children in foster care and their foster families in a variety of ways, including through the *Building Forever Families* ministry.

### **Kids in foster care need you. Here's how you can support them:**

- **Become a foster or adoptive parent.** [AdoptUSKids.org](https://www.AdoptUSKids.org) or [AlexandriaVA.gov/adoption](https://www.AlexandriaVA.gov/adoption)
- **Support an unaccompanied refugee minor (URM).** [Lssnca.org](https://www.Lssnca.org)
- **Become a mentor to a local youth in foster care.** [BestKids.org](https://www.BestKids.org)
- **Support young people aging out of the foster care system.** [LifesetNetwork.org](https://www.LifesetNetwork.org)
- **Sponsor a child for a summer or a weekend, and advocate to help them find their forever family.** [KidSave.org](https://www.KidSave.org)
- **Join the BFF ministry in donating supplies to Comfort Cases, providing personal items for children as they transition into foster care.** [ComfortCases.org](https://www.ComfortCases.org)
- **Pray that waiting children will find the security and love of a forever family.**

For more info, or to join the *Building Forever Families* ministry, contact Debra & Ralph Johnson ([Debralpholqp@gmail.com](mailto:Debralpholqp@gmail.com)) or Rebecca Carpenter ([Rebecca.e.carpenter@gmail.com](mailto:Rebecca.e.carpenter@gmail.com))

# May is National Foster Care Month

*You can make a difference for children in our area!*

Did you know there are more than 11,000 children in foster care in Virginia, Maryland, and D.C., and more than 425,000 nationally?

The *Building Forever Families (BFF)* ministry at OLQP supports these kids in a variety of ways, especially during National Foster Care Month.

Throughout the month, **we will gather items to donate to Comfort Cases, and we encourage all OLQP parishioners to join us.** Comfort Cases gives new backpacks to children in our local foster care system, to help them transport their belongings during what can be a time of great instability.

***Donations of NEW items can be dropped off any time in May, in the plastic bin in the vestibule of Father Ray Hall, or in the office. Thank you for helping children in our foster system!***



COMFORTCASES®

Wishlist



***Backpacks or small duffel bags***

***Small blankets***

***Shampoo & Conditioner***

***Deodorant***

***Coloring books & Crayons***

***Lotion***

***Pajamas (newborn to adult XXL)***

***Toothbrushes & Toothpaste***

***Soap or Body Wash***

***Stuffed animals***

***Journals & Pens/Pencils***

***Books (for toddlers to teens)***

Questions? Contact Debra Johnson at [Debralpholqp@gmail.com](mailto:Debralpholqp@gmail.com).