

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!

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Office Hours

Horas de oficina

Monday-Friday — 8:30am to 4:30pm
Lunes a viernes — 8:30am a 4:30pm

Website / sitioweb:

www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org

Live Stream Mass Schedule:

Horario de Misas de transmisión en directo:

May 16-17 9:30am and 1pm in Spanish
16-17 mayo 9:30am 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 17, 2026

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE PENTECOST, SUNDAY, MAY 24

Saturday -- 5:30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday – 8:00am , 9:30am,

12noon Bilingual Mass

(livestreamed)

& 6:00pm

**(No 11:15am or 1:00pm Masses
on Pentecost Sunday)**

PRÓXIMO HORARIO ESPECIAL DE MISAS

DOMINGO DE PENTECOSTÉS,

24 DE MAYO

Sábado – 5:30pm Misa de vigilia

Domingo – 8:00am , 9:30am,

12 del mediodía Misa bilingüe

(retransmitida en directo)

y 6:00pm

**(No habrá Misa de 11:15am o
de 1:00pm el domingo)**

"And behold,
I am with
you always,
until the end
of the age."
Matthew 28:20



“y sepan que
yo estaré
con ustedes
todos los días,
hasta el fin del
mundo”.
Mateo 28,20

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:

DIOCESAN RETIRED PRIESTS

SEGUNDA COLECTA DE ESTE FIN DE SEMANA:

SACERDOTES DIOCESANOS JUBILADOS

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:

SPIRITANS PENTECOST APPEAL

COLECTA DEL PRÓXIMO FIN DE SEMANA

LLAMAMIENTO ESPIRITANO DE PENTECOSTÉS

Iglesia Católica Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz

17 de mayo de 2026

Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor

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: \$8,274
ParishSoft Giving - April weekly average: \$14,699

Word & Eucharist Book/

Misal Palabra y Eucaristía

Today's readings can be found on page 248
Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 249

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, 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, Felicia Kusano, 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 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, 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

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

SOLEMNIDAD DE LA ASCENSIÓN DEL SEÑOR

Acts 1:1-11 (58A); Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20
Hechos 1,1-11 (58A); Efesios 1,17-23; Mateo 28,16-20

PENTECOST SUNDAY

DOMINGO DE PENTECOSTÉS

Acts 2:1-11 (62A); 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23
Hechos 2,1-11 (62A); 1 Corintios 12,3b-7, 12-13; Juan 20,19-23

MASS INTENTIONS, MAY 16-22

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 16-22 MAYO

SOLEMNIDAD DE LA ASCENSIÓN DEL SEÑOR

Saturday, May 16th

5:30 pm Owusu-Ansa Poku (L) by the Obiorah family

Sunday, May 17th

8:00 am Sue Schaler (D)

by Cindy & Barry, Dave, Brian, Bernadette & Greta
9:30 am John Broadbent (D) by Chris & Cathy Neubauer

11:15 am Joyce Maguire (D) by Shari & John Zamarra

1:00 pm Nicacia Castellanos de Correa (Anniversary) (D)

by Rosario Coreas

6:00 pm For The Parish

Monday, May 18th

12:00 pm Alice H. Francia (D) by Judy Francia-Reyes

Tuesday, May 19th

12:00 pm José Luis Mur Pereira (D) by María Margarita Cabrera

Wednesday, May 20th

12:00 pm Pedro Salas Rodríguez (D) by María Margarita Cabrera

Thursday, May 21st

12:00 pm John White (D) by Emmy Porterfield

Friday, May 22nd

12:00 pm Henri Bernardin, Jr. (D)

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JUST A THOUGHT... or two...

As we celebrate “the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord” I cannot help but reflect on the many ideas and concepts that swirl around this feast...some with unintended consequences! The word “ascension” itself congers up images of Jesus rising up into the clouds to join the Father and the Holy Spirit somewhere “up there”...far, far away. The problem with this is it can lead us to believe that heaven is “up there” and we are “down here” and that God is far off and distant from us and from our lives.

This stands in stark contrast to the heart and soul of the meaning and significance of the *incarnation*. The truth of our God having become “incarnate” (in the flesh) in Jesus, meaning that God is with us...and not off somewhere, watching us from afar. We need to recall Jesus’ promise “I am with you until the end of time”! These simple words are some of most profound encountered in all the Gospels!

There is no need for us to stand gawking skyward with our jaws hanging open, looking for the Risen Christ. The physical presence of Jesus Christ as a singular human and divine presence no longer walks the earth as before...*but Christ is here*, as close to us as our own breath, keeping us alive, to be his presence in our world. He told his disciples that he was in the Father and the Father was in him and he was in them. This is the “*Divine indwelling*” of Christ in us!

As we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus let us celebrate the presence of the Risen One in our midst! Before his ascension Jesus gave a clear command and mission to his disciples...to us. We are charged with preaching the “Good News” of Jesus Christ and to be that healing, loving and welcoming presence in a world filled with sickness, hatred, and exclusion.

Filled with “*the Real Presence*” we are sent forth to stand up and be the voice of the voiceless, to speak out on behalf of those who are silenced or ignored, to make sure that hatred, racism, and misogyny are not left unchecked. Filled with the Spirit we speak the truth of the Gospel to power, whether convenient or inconvenient, whether garnering us friends or marginalizing us. It is our call as disciples of Jesus Christ! In these dark days, it is critically important that we speak out and act out in peaceful and meaningful ways against political actions that strip people of their human dignity and their constitutional rights.

And we are able to do this precisely because “in God we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28). Filled with the very presence of Christ himself we are empowered and emboldened to go forth and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ even to the ends of the earth -- not just with words but with actions -- by the manner in which we live our lives...by the manner in which we show our love for one another, as commanded by Jesus Christ himself!

And so let us ask ourselves: how am I a “healing, loving and welcoming presence” to the immigrant, the refugee and to those who experience discrimination, racism and misogyny? How do I share the Good News of this “Divine indwelling” with my family and friends, and with my coworkers. And how do I take the Gospel values of the inherent universal human dignity of every person, and the call to love unconditionally, and preach it to those in political power?

Easter blessings,

Fr. Tim

80TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY CLOSING RECEPTION

Join us for our final anniversary celebration of our 80th year of living out our Matthew 25 mission with a look to the future, together.
Courtyard & Father Ray Hall
Saturday, May 23,
following the 5:30pm Vigil Mass



RECEPCIÓN DE CLAUSURA DEL 80 ANIVERSARIO

Únanse a nosotros para nuestra celebración final del 80 aniversario de vivir nuestra misión de Mateo 25 y mirar juntas y juntos hacia el futuro.
En el patio y Fr. Ray Hall
el sábado, 23 de mayo 2026
después de la Misa de las 5:30PM

2026 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL
IN CHRIST WE ARE ONE



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PETICIÓN CUARESIMAL DEL OBISPO DE 2026
EN CRISTO SOMOS UNO



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DIOCESAN RETIRED PRIESTS' SECOND COLLECTION!

There will be a second collection for our diocesan retired priests on the weekend of May 17. This collection is an opportunity for you to give back to our retired priests who have given the greater part of their lives to serve each of you and our diocesan Church. Please consider donating to this important collection. Thank you for your kind support.

SPECIAL PENTECOST COLLECTION

It is the custom of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans) to have a special collection on Pentecost Sunday to unite our parishioners and the people we are privileged to serve overseas.

This annual collection – May 23/24 this year – helps the Spiritans spread the Good News “to the ends of the earth.” It is a great symbol of solidarity between the Spiritans at home and those Spiritans who serve in the Missions abroad, e.g., in Mexico, Taiwan, Tanzania, Vietnam and the Dominican Republic.

As your pastor I want to personally thank you for your sacrifice for the work of the Church and your support of the missionary efforts of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit. God bless you for your kindness and generosity.

SEGUNDA COLECTA PARA LOS SACERDOTES DIOCESANOS JUBILADOS

El fin de semana del 18 de mayo habrá una segunda colecta para nuestros sacerdotes diocesanos jubilados. Esta colecta es una oportunidad para recompensar a nuestros sacerdotes jubilados que han dedicado la mayor parte de su vida al servicio de ustedes y de nuestra Iglesia diocesana. Por favor considere donar a esta importante colecta. Muchas gracias por su bondadoso apoyo.

COLECTA ESPECIAL DE PENTECOSTÉS

Es costumbre de la Congregación del Espíritu Santo (los Espiritanos) tener una colecta especial el domingo de Pentecostés para unir a las personas de la parroquia y a las que tenemos el privilegio de servir en el extranjero. Esta colecta anual – 23 y 24 de mayo este año – ayuda a los Espiritanos a difundir las Buenas Nuevas “a todos los rincones del mundo”. Es un gran símbolo de solidaridad entre los Espiritanos aquí y los que sirven en las misiones del extranjero, por ejemplo, en México, Taiwán, Tanzania, Vietnam y la República Dominicana.

Como su párroco quiero darles las gracias personalmente por su sacrificio por la labor de la Iglesia y su apoyo por los esfuerzos misioneros de la Congregación del Espíritu Santo. Dios los bendiga por su bondad y generosidad.

CARPENTER'S SHELTER DINNER, Thursday, May 21

We're serving dinner and providing the meal for Carpenter's Shelter on May 21st this month! Please join us – the signup link is below!

We're serving a favorite: baked salmon, potato cakes, broccoli, salad, fruit, brownies & lemonade. See signup genius for details on the menu: [Carpenter's Shelter Dinner Sign-up](#). Contact Mary Resnick with questions: mary.resnick@gmail.com or 703-462-4841. Your food can be delivered to the parish office kitchen Monday through Thursday, during office hours, 8:30- 4:30pm, or to Fr. Ray Hall kitchen on the day of dinner, 4:30- 5:00pm. Please label food with date and description and place it in the refrigerator, freezer or counter. 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". Thank you for bringing joy to Carpenter's residents.

NEWS FROM OUR TWIN PARISH, ST. JOSEPH IN MEDOR, HAITI

We are inspired by how our family in St. Joseph Parish in Medor, Haiti, lives their faith through acts of welcome and love. Mirlanda Sully and her young son fled gang violence in their hometown of Petite Rivière, arriving in Medor with only a few clothes and a small amount of food. The parish community welcomed them with open hearts, providing housing, food, and helping them begin again. Today, Mirlanda participates in the parish's agroforestry program, rising at 3:00 a.m. to tend her garden crops, growing food for her family and selling the surplus at the local market. Her son attends kindergarten at the parish school. Through the compassion of the Medor community - and your support - Mirlanda and her son are building a new life. In these moments of solidarity, we see the love of Christ alive among us, drawing us closer together as one family in Him. Please pray for peace and security in Haiti.

LA CENA REFUGIO DEL CARPINTERO es el jueves, 21 de mayo

¡Este mes vamos a servir y proveer la cena para el Refugio del carpintero el 21 de mayo! Por favor, ¡únase a nosotros – el enlace para apuntarse está abajo!

Vamos a servir un plato favorito: salmón horneado, tortitas de papa, brócoli, ensalada, frutas, brownies y limonada. Vea el signup genius para obtener detalles del menú: [Carpenter's Shelter Dinner Sign-up](#). Contacte a Mary Resnick si tiene preguntas: mary.resnick@gmail.com o llame al 703-462-4841. Puede llevar su contribución a la cocina de la oficina parroquial de lunes a jueves durante las horas laborales, 8:30 a 4:30pm o a la cocina de Father 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 directamente al refugio ([930 N. Henry Street en Alexandria](#)), identifique la comida de la misma manera y añada el nombre de nuestra iglesia y “dinner”. Gracias por darles alegría a los residentes del Refugio del carpintero.

NOTICIAS DE NUESTRA PARROQUIA HERMANA, ST. JOSEPH EN MEDOR, HAITÍ

Nuestra familia en la parroquia St. Joseph en Medor, Haití nos inspira por la manera como vive su fe a través de gestos de acogidas y amor. Mirlanda Sully y su hijo pequeño huyeron de la violencia de las pandillas en su pueblo, Petite Rivière, y llegaron a Medor con poca ropa y un poquito de comida. La comunidad parroquial les dio la bienvenida con los brazos abiertos, dándoles alojamiento, comida y ayuda para empezar otra vez. Hoy, Mirlanda participa en el programa agroforestal de la parroquia y se levanta a las 3:00 a.m. para atender sus cosechas, que alimentan a su familia y vender en el mercado local. Su hijo asiste a la guardería en la escuela de la parroquia. Debido a la compasión de la comunidad de Medor, y su apoyo, Mirlanda y su hijo están construyendo una nueva vida. En estos momentos de solidaridad, vemos como el amor de Cristo vive entre nosotros, uniéndonos más como una familia en Cristo. Por favor recen por paz y seguridad en Haití.

GABRIEL PROJECT is rethinking its space; therefore, we will not be accepting donations until June 7. Thank you so much for your support and understanding. For more information contact Rosie: 703-966-4675.

HOLY HOUR

SONG – SILENCE – SCRIPTURE

Please join us in the church for Holy Hour on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7pm. We will gather this month on the 28th, Thursday evening. We will meditate on Scripture readings, (in Spanish and English), sing Taizé style songs and sit quietly in prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. A wonderful opportunity to slow down and sit with God in the midst of our busy lives.

NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH – Can you imagine being 18 years old, and venturing into adulthood with no family support, guidance, or encouragement? No home to return to for Christmas? No one to help you with your resume or find and furnish your first apartment? The Building Forever Families ministry at OLQP supports kids in foster care, and the foster families who care for them. You too can support the kids by becoming a mentor, or donating to organizations like Comfort Cases, who provide vital supplies to kids in our local system. Please drop off donations for Comfort Cases in the vestibule of Fr. Ray Hall, and we invite you to join us for our annual June cookout. Contact the Building Forever Families ministry for more information (Debralpholqp@gmail.com or Rebecca.e.carpenter@gmail.com).

MAKING PLANS FOR THE SUMMER?

Make sure to plan for your offertory as well! When your summer travels take you away from Sunday Masses, eGiving lets you continue to support our parish and the ministries you cherish. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts sustain our parish through the busy summer months. You'll provide us with consistent support, even if you're away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community will never miss a beat. Sign up today by visiting ParishSOFT Giving: giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-271. If you are having issues with an established ParishSOFT Giving account, contact Christina in the parish office for a password reset (ckozyn@olqpva.org) or call the Customer Service team at 866-930-4774.

DONATE USED BIKES!: Do you have adult or children's bikes in your garage/home that are no longer being used? Please donate them to Phoenix Bikes (PB,) a non-profit organization that partners with OLQP's Matt 25 and youth programs. PB rehabs used bikes and re-donates them to Matt 25 and other community programs in northern Virginia. Please drop off bikes at PB's shop at 909 S Dinwiddie St, Arlington, located in the Arlington Mill building. Open Tues-Sat: 10:30AM-6PM. (Closed Sundays and Mondays.) Please tell them the donation was encouraged by OLQP!

Questions? Contact Lisa McGregor at

Immarie97@yahoo.com

EL PROYECTO GABRIEL está reconsiderando su espacio y por eso no vamos a aceptar donaciones hasta el 7 de junio. Muchas gracias por su apoyo y comprensión. Para obtener más información, contacte a Rosie: 703-966-4675.

HORA SANTA

CANCIÓN – SILENCIO – ESCRITURAS

Por favor únase a nosotros en la iglesia para una Hora Santa el cuarto jueves del mes a las 7pm. Este mes nos reuniremos el jueves 28. Meditaremos las lecturas de las Escrituras (en español inglés), cantaremos canciones al estilo Taizé y nos sentaremos en silencio en oración en presencia del Santísimo Sacramento. Esta es una oportunidad maravillosa para tranquilizarnos y pasar unos momentos con Dios en medio de nuestras vidas ajetreadas.

MES NACIONAL DEL CUIDADO TUTELAR – ¿Se puede imaginar que tiene 18 años y está camino a ser una persona adulta sin el apoyo, los consejos y el estímulo de una familia? ¿Sin un hogar donde pasar las Navidades? ¿Sin nadie que le ayude para encontrar un trabajo o el primer apartamento? El ministerio de Creando familias para siempre en OLQP apoya a niñas y niños en el cuidado tutelar y a las familias que los cuidan. Usted también puede apoyar a las niñas y niños al convertirse en una mentora o mentor o donando a organizaciones como Comfort Cases, que les proveen artículos básicos a las niñas y niños en nuestro sistema local. Por favor lleve sus donaciones para Comfort Cases al vestíbulo de Fr. Ray Hall. Contacte el ministerio de Creando familias para siempre para obtener más información (Debralpholqp@gmail.com o Rebecca.e.carpenter@gmail.com).

¿HACIENDO PLANES PARA EL VERANO?

¡Asegúrese de planificar su ofertorio también! Cuando sus viajes de verano lo alejan de las Misas dominicales, eGiving le permite continuar apoyando nuestra iglesia y los ministerios que valora. Puede apuntarse desde su computadora, teléfono inteligente o tableta, y configurar una donación recurrente o hacer un regalo único.

Las donaciones recurrentes sostienen a nuestra parroquia durante los ajetreados meses de verano. Nos brindará un apoyo constante, aunque esté fuera un domingo, y así los programas, servicios y ministerios que significan tanto para nuestra comunidad nunca perderán el ritmo. Apúntese hoy yendo a ParishSOFT Giving: giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-271. Si tiene problemas con una cuenta ParishSOFT ya establecida, contacte a Christina en la oficina parroquial para obtener un restablecimiento de la contraseña (ckozyn@olqpva.org) o llame al equipo de la atención al cliente: 866-930-4774.

¡DONE BICICLETAS DE USO! ¿Tiene bicicletas para personas adultas o para niñas/os en su garage/casa que ya no se usan? Por favor dónelas a Phoenix Bikes (PB), una organización sin fines de lucro, que colabora con Mateo 25 y programas para la juventud de OLQP. PB rehabilita las bicicletas de uso y las dona a Mateo 25 y otros programas comunitarios en el norte de Virginia. Por favor, lleven las bicicletas al taller de PB en 909 S Dinwiddie St, Arlington, en el edificio Arlington Mill, abierto de martes a sábado, de 10:30AM a 6PM. Cerrado los domingos y los lunes. ¡Por favor mencione que OLQP sugirió la donación! Si tiene preguntas contacte a Lisa McGregor:

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MAY 2026 MARKS THE 77TH ANNUAL NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH, dedicated to fighting stigma, providing support, and educating the public. The 2026 campaign centers on community connection and fostering "more good days" through shared experiences and accessible care, with major initiatives from [MHA](#), [NAMI](#), and [SAMHSA](#).

EL MES DE MAYO 2026 MARCA EL 77 MES NACIONAL DE CONCIENCIACIÓN SOBRE LA SALUD MENTAL, dedicado a combatir el estigma, ofrecer apoyo y sensibilizar a la sociedad. La campaña del 2026 se centra en la conexión con la comunidad y en fomentar "días mejores" a través de experiencias compartidas y una atención accesible con mayores iniciativas de [MHA](#), [NAMI](#) y [SAMHSA](#).

*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.*

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. The deadline to submit the completed application is Friday, May 29. This scholarship is being administered by the OLQP UJAMAA Committee.

SEEKING ROOM FOR RENT

Catholic senior seeks affordable room to rent near public transportation, and near a Catholic community. Please contact Jeri, 571-345-6128, if you are able to assist.

JP SUMMER CAMPS - REGISTER TODAY!

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School's summer camp registration is now open! Check out this year's camp offerings and sign up today! For rising 2nd to 9th graders, JP summer camps are a great way to spend your summer! John Paul offers both Athletic and Enrichment Camps and its premier day camp, Camp Quintessential. Go to jpthegreat.org/summercamp to learn more about what JP is offering!

WE'RE HIRING AT BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL!

Blessed Sacrament School is seeking enthusiastic and faith-filled educators to join our strong, supportive community for the 2026–2027 school year. Rooted in the values of faith, community, creativity, and curiosity, and with a special devotion to the Holy Eucharist, BSS is a place where students and teachers grow together.

We are currently hiring for the following positions: Early Childhood Center Director, Third Grade Teacher, Middle School Science Teacher and Middle School Math Teacher. We welcome candidates from a variety of backgrounds, including those who have gone through a teaching licensure program as well as those with experience in coaching, scouting, parish ministry (such as CCD), or other educational settings who are interested in transitioning into the classroom. Interested candidates can send a resume and cover letter to our Ms. Kate Chelak, our school principal, at kchelak@bssva.org

FROM THE OLQP LIBRARY:

The OLQP Library appreciates your donations of books on religion, spirituality, social justice, and related subjects. Please donate other adult fiction and nonfiction books to your public library. The Comfort Cases and Food Pantry collect new and gently used books for children and teens. These books can be left by the library as well, marked for them. You may also consider the Little Free Libraries throughout the community where you can place books inside for those in the community to take. Thank you!

WHO ARE STEPHEN MINISTERS?

We don't often speak about Stephen Ministers - only the ministry itself. But what we ask is significant: we invite people carrying real pain to trust a stranger with their suffering.

That's not a small thing. When simply facing the day feels like too much, opening your life to someone new demands energy most don't have. Skepticism is the natural response, and we understand.

We don't offer therapy. We offer presence - meeting each person with compassion, seeing Christ in those we serve, and creating space where burdens can be set down. We aren't perfect. But we spend months learning how to practice compassionate listening and through on-going training and mutual supervision, we examine our own vulnerabilities honestly, so we can offer the most faithful care possible. We also pray continually for our care receivers, both in individual and group prayer.

Stephen Ministry is rare in Catholic parishes - most are found in Protestant churches. We are here because of Fr. Tim's commitment and because the Spiritan Fathers have always honored the extraordinary vocation of the laity. At OLQP we are a Ministry shaped by Matthew 25, and as such "Our mission is to nurture the spirit and encourage the potential of those we serve..."

Our Stephen Ministers reflect our parish: government workers, teachers, therapists, health care professionals, non-profit staff, and more. We have bi-lingual Stephen Ministers as well, and yes, we have Stephen Ministers who in the past were themselves care receivers.

We live in a world that tells us pain is our own fault, that loneliness just requires "putting yourself out there." Stephen Ministry offers something different — a compassionate presence, and a safe place to set down what you're carrying. Consider reaching out to Stephen Ministry. Then decide.

For more information contact: Louise Drucker at smolqp@gmail.com or 703-635-0469.

ECO-TIP: With Memorial Day and summer picnics coming soon, consider following the example of OLQP's "near zero waste" Earth Month Dinner last month. Use washable napkins and tablecloths, reusable plates, cups, and real cutlery. Avoid single-use items that end up in the landfill. Be countercultural, show your beliefs, and how you care for creation.

Become a Lay Spiritan Associate



Lay Spiritan Associates are [Catholic lay] men and women of diverse backgrounds who are attracted, by the witness of Spiritans, to the Spiritan way of life. Over time, and with Spiritan accompaniment or encouragement, they recognize a distinct “calling” or “vocation” to closer association with the Spiritan family.

The “vocation” to be a Lay Spiritan Associate originates with the Holy Spirit and frequently arises from participation in a Spiritan parish or Eucharistic community, exposure to a Spiritan educational institution, a Spiritan mission, or simply through encountering Spiritans – lay or professed - in one’s ordinary life events. The vocation of Lay Spiritan Associate arises organically and complements, rather than displaces, the various primary vocations to marriage, family life, single life, and career. Two expressions of the Lay Spiritan Associate vocation are commonly called “Spiritans Friends” and “Lay Spiritans”.

Lay Spiritans are associates who identify strongly with all aspects of Spiritan spirituality, community, and mission and are called to a deeper and more comprehensive integration with the province and wider congregation. They participate in deliberative bodies such as chapters and assemblies, serve on provincial committees, and may be invited to serve the governing council that advises the Provincial.

Lay Spiritans go through a period of informal association (quite possibly as Spiritans Friends) and then enter an intensive period of formation that focuses on the Spiritan charism and history and the three interconnected dimensions of Spiritan life: spirituality, community, and mission. The formation lasts a minimum of two years after which Lay Spiritan candidates may petition the Spiritan Provincial and Lay Spiritan leadership to make a **formal and public life commitment** to embrace the Spiritan charism and Spiritan way of life.

Lay Spiritans embody the Spiritan way of life through personal and communal prayer, participating in community life and ongoing formation, simple living, and by engaging actively in some form of Spiritan mission. They take on responsible roles in continuing formation and vocations outreach. They provide direct service to the Spiritan Province through committee service and participation in deliberative bodies.

Spiritans Friends are associates who are attracted to and identify with various aspects of Spiritan spirituality, community, and mission. They are organized into local, independent, and largely autonomous groups who support, collaborate with, or carry on a Spiritan mission. These could be colleagues at a Spiritan educational institution or a group raising funds for Spiritan seminarians or Spiritan projects locally or abroad. They could be groups in a Spiritan parish providing prayer support or other service to the parish community. They could also be groups that are inspired by the Spiritan charism and share a common interest related to service to the marginalized or to various issues related to justice and peace or the integrity of creation. They are recognized by the local province, share some aspects of Spiritan life, spirituality, and mission, and are accompanied by a Professed or Lay Spiritan.



Excerpt:

HISTORY OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

... In the early 1940s, a group of devout and determined Black Catholics began plans to build a Catholic Church where they could worship in dignity. By 1945 they were able to obtain a meeting with a representative of the Richmond Diocese, then responsible for Arlington County, to discuss establishing a parish for Black Catholics.

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Bishop Ireton granted the request of the Black Catholics to establish their own church in Arlington County. He asked the Holy Ghost Fathers to minister to the parish and they appointed Fr. Joseph Hackett as the first pastor. On Pentecost, May 20, 1945, 40 people and Fr. Hackett celebrated the first Mass in the home of Lawrence and Jessie Butler, located on South Barton Street. Subsequent services were held at the residence of Fr. Hackett, a home rented for him by the Holy Ghost Fathers. ...

**Today OLQP gives thanks to the Spiritan priests for 80 years of service and mission, for their spirit of justice and for their care of us.
Thank you Fr. Tim, Fr. Martin and Fr. Pontien!**



The Congregation of the Holy Spirit

PROVINCE OF THE UNITED STATES

150+ YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES — SPIRITAN FATHERS

The Congregation of the Holy Spirit established a new province in the U.S. in 1872 with establishments in Arkansas and Pittsburgh to serve minority and immigrant communities. Spiritan presence in the U.S. was primarily among African-Americans in previously Confederate States and Northern Cities while serving German and Polish immigrants in newly industrialized cities. Very special focus came through St. Katharine Drexel's vision and financial support for ministry to the African-American community.

The commitment to education in the U.S. began in 1878 when Spiritans founded Duquesne University, an internationally recognized Catholic university located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, whose humble beginning was a school for the education of the children of the immigrant poor.

In 1964 the U.S. Province was divided into the Eastern and Western Provinces of the United States, which were reunified as the Congregation of the Holy Spirit Province of the United States in 2009.

Today there are nearly 100 Spiritans in more than [20 parishes](#) in the United States; in various educational works, such as [Duquesne University](#) in Pittsburgh and [Holy Ghost Preparatory School](#) in Bensalem, PA, and in different justice and peace ministries at the service of the poor. Many American-born Spiritans are working in many [international missions of the Congregation](#) including [Tanzania](#), [Vietnam](#), [South Africa](#), [Mexico](#), [Philippines](#) and the [Dominican Republic](#). More than fifty Spiritans, mostly from Africa and Ireland, work and study in the U.S. Whether speaking out in pastoral leadership, educating our youth, advocating social justice, or shepherding parish communities, the Spiritans are involved in the important work of evangelization. Serving and relating to people on the margins is a trademark of Spiritans wherever you find us.

[Our History - The Congregation of the Holy Spirit](#)