Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church

August 23, 2026

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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:
August 22-23 5:30pm and 1pm in Spanish
22-23 agosto 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.

I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.
Matthew 16:19

Yo te daré las llaves del Reino de los *cielos;*
Mateo 16,19

Iglesia Católica Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz

23 de agosto de 2026

Vigesimoprimer Domingo en el Tiempo Ordinario

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: $7,865
Earthquake Relief for Columbia /
Ayuda para Colombia por el Terremoto: $3,895
ParishSoft Giving - July weekly average: $14,241

Word & Eucharist Book/
Misal Palabra y Eucaristía

Today's readings can be found on page 364
Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 365

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, Mary Callow, Brody Carroll, Louise Chambers, Fred Clarke, Carmen Rosa Claure, Chris Comer, Jeff Cory, Adele Crump, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Donna Davis, Jim Davis, Adrienne DiCerbo, Calista Downey, Tim Felker, Elizabeth (Bunny) Foster, Yevette 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, 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 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, Jun Chun Young

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
VIGÉSIMOPRIMER DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Isaiah 22:19-23 (121A); Romans 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20
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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
VIGÉSIMOSEGUNDO DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Jeremiah 20:7-9 (124A); Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27
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MASS INTENTIONS, AUGUST 22-28
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 22-28 AGOSTO
VIGÉSIMOPRIMER DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Saturday, August 22nd
5:30 pm Tonya Will Frederick (L) by family
Sunday, August 23rd
8:00 am For The Parish
9:30 am Patricia Anne Igoe (D) by Libby McNulty
11:15 am Father Daniel Spychala (D) by Mike & Mary Ray
1:00 pm Virgen de Urkupiña (Feast Day) by the parish
6:00 pm Marta Velez (D) by Mike & Mary Ray
Monday, August 24th
12:00 pm Jorge Donato Brugueras (Birthday) (D) by George Donato & family
Tuesday, August 25th
12:00 pm Agustín Hidalgo (Anniversary) (D) by Isabel Hidalgo
Wednesday, August 26th
12:00 pm Bang Van Nguyen (D) by Jennifer Nguyen & Family
Thursday, August 27th
12:00 pm Matthew Daniel Stremba (D) by Chuck & Carol Moran
Friday, August 28th
12:00 pm Nicolás Melendez Cueva (Birthday) (L) by Isabel Hidalgo

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH / VIDA SACRAMENTAL DE LA PARROQUIA

This week we welcome one new Christian. Este fin de semana le damos la bienvenida a un nuevo cristiano.
Noah George Sidrow
Baptized August 22 / Bautizado el 22 de agosto

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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JUST A THOUGHT… or two...

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples a question that he really only asked once, but it has been asked of every generation for the last 2,000 years. "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And then, more pointedly, "Who do ***you*** say that I am?"

Peter answers with some of the most profound words anyone in the Gospels speaks. "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus tells him that mere flesh and blood did not reveal this to him. It came from the Father. It came from somewhere deeper than reasoning, deeper than some intellectual understanding. It must have come from that quiet place within where God speaks, and if we are still enough, we can hear him. And Peter heard that still, small voice.

And Isaiah gives us some insight into how God works that might be helpful to us. Shebna, the palace official, is stripped of his office and his royal clothes because he used his position to build himself up instead of serving the people entrusted to him. And God raises up Eliakim in his place, clothes him, and gives him the key of the House of David on his shoulder. Whatever he opens, no one can shut. Whatever he shuts, no one can open. That same language of "the key" returns in the Gospel when Jesus hands Peter the keys of the kingdom of heaven. The pattern is consistent from Isaiah to Matthew. Real authority is never about elevating yourself. It is about opening doors for people who have been locked out!

And here is where I have to be honest with you, because I cannot preach on these readings and pretend I do not know what door locking looks like in our country right now. Families fleeing violence are being turned away at our border. Immigrants who have lived here for years, who have worked, paid taxes, and worshiped with us and raised their children among us, are being rounded up and deported without the mercy that the Gospel demands of us. And at the very same time, funding that keeps food on the tables of the poor and healthcare in reach of the sick is being cut, with out fanfare, in budget lines we are not supposed to read. The doors that should be open, for the stranger, for the hungry, for the sick are being shut. And I will not stand up here and pretend that does not grieve the heart of God.

So where is God in all of this. That is the honest question underneath headlines these months. And Saint Paul gives us an answer this morning that does not resolve the mystery, but does something better. It holds it. "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God. How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways." Paul is not offering us a tidy explanation. He is telling us that God's ways run deeper than we can trace, deeper than any single news cycle, deeper than any single lifetime. The arc of God's justice does not bend on our timeline. It bends on his. And that is not an excuse for us to sit back. But rather, it is an invitation to trust that even now, even here, God's wisdom is at work guiding and guarding what belongs to him from the plunder of those who would take it for themselves.

But guiding and guarding through what? Through whom? Most often, through us. Through our voice raised for the voiceless. Through our hands that feed the hungry and welcome the stranger…at our food pantry, through Feast on the Streets meeting up with the unhoused and meeting their needs. God's guiding and guarding through our feet that walk into rooms other people have decided to avoid or have decided should be locked. The still small voice that spoke to Elijah on the mountain is the same voice that spoke to Peter when he called Jesus the Christ. It is the voice that speaks to us, if we are quiet enough to hear it, telling us where the Kingdom needs our hands today.

And through it all, hear this promise, because it is the one thing I most want you to carry out of this church today: Jesus does not stand at a distance watching us struggle through the darkest valleys of our lives, or the darker chapters of our nation's story. He is with us. He promised that we would remain in him and he in us, and that promise does not depend on whether we feel his presence in a given moment. It does not depend on whether the headlines look hopeful this week. He is already there, in the valley, before we even know we need him, walking beside the immigrant family, standing beside the person deciding between groceries and medicine; present in every place where the doors have been shut, waiting for someone, with a key.

We may be those keys. Our hands, our voices, our willingness to see Christ in the stranger and to act.

So let us breathe deeply this morning, and rest for a moment in that Divine presence, dwelling within each and every single one of us.

The God who holds galaxies in balance holds you too. All things, he holds. All things, including you, including this weary, struggling world are held in his hands, and he has not let go. And, he never will let go. Amen.

Blessings,

Fr Tim

YOUTH MINISTRY:

- **YOUTH MINISTRY KICK-OFF** - Sunday, September 13th, 7:00pm: Are you in grades 7th - 12th? Join us at Casa Guadalupe to learn about Youth Ministry - a place to build friendships, with Christ and one another. Contact Rebecca Grant Jenkins, **rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org**.
- **YOUTH MINISTRY REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR NEW AND RETURNING 7th - 12th GRADERS** - please go to **Youth Ministry Registration 2026** to register for the 2026-2027 program year and stay up to date on Youth Ministry activities and events.

MINISTERIO DE ADOLESCENTES:

- **COMIENZO DE LA TEMPORADA DEL MINISTERIO DEADOLESCENTES** – el domingo, 13 de septiembre a las 7:00pm: ¿Estás en los grados 7 a 12? Únete a nosotros en Casa Guadalupe para obtener más información sobre el Ministerio de adolescentes – un lugar donde entablar amistades con Cristo y unos con otros. Contacta a Rebecca Grant Jenkins, **rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org**.
- **LA INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EL MINISTERIO DE ADOLESCENTES YA ESTÁ ABIERTA PARA ESTUDIANTES ENTRE LOS GRADOS 7 Y 12 –** por favor usa este enlace **Youth Ministry Registration 2026** para inscribirte para el programa del 2026-2027 y estar al tanto de las actividades y eventos del ministerio.

DOROTHEA PROJECT – Witness for Our Immigrant Neighbors

On September 15th, please consider joining the Dorothea Project and fellow parishioners for "Our Lady of Sorrows Witness for our Immigrant Neighbors." Mass at 10 am at St. Peter's Church on Capitol Hill (313 Second St SE, Capitol Hill) followed by a procession to Congress to meet with our representatives. Please RSVP at **bit.ly/tdp-sorrows**

PROYECTO DOROTHEA – Testimonio para nuestras vecinas y vecinos inmigrantes

El 15 de septiembre, por favor considere unirse al Proyecto Dorothea y a otros feligreses para "Our Lady of Sorrows Witness for our Immigrant Neighbors." La Misa es a las 10 am en la iglesia St. Peter en Capitol Hill (313 Second St. SE, Capitol Hill) seguida por una procesión al Congreso para reunirnos con nuestros representantes. Por favor, confirme su asistencia a **bit.ly/tdp-sorrows**

First Annual FOOD PANTRY Fundraiser

Save the date for our first annual food pantry fundraiser: Thursday, September 17, 7pm. Come join us for dinner that is based on the food items we offer our clients. We will have a silent auction for some great prizes. We will sell tickets after Mass on the weekends of September 5-6 and 12-14. And, of course you can buy tickets at the door. Any questions, please contact Sally Diaz-Wells, **sdiazwells@olqpva.org**.

Primera recaudación anual de fondos para la DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS

Reserve la fecha para nuestra primera recaudación anual de fondos para nuestra despensa de alimentos: el jueves, 17 de septiembre a las 7pm. Venga y únase a nosotros para disfrutar de una cena basada en los artículos que les ofrecemos a nuestros clientes. Vamos a tener una subasta silenciosa con unos premios fantásticos. Se van a vender boletos después de las Misas los fines de semana del 5-6 y 12-13 en septiembre. También puede comprar boletos en la puerta. Si tiene preguntas, por favor contacte a Sally Díaz-Wells, **sdiazwells@olqpva.org.**

L'ARCHE's ANNUAL GATHER OUR GIFTS TALENT SHOW

Join Francene, Hazel, Eric, Fritz, and L'Arche Greater Washington DC for its Annual Gather Our Gifts Talent Show! The event will be on September 19th at the Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart. Doors open at 3:30pm and the show begins at 4:15pm. Please get your tickets in advance, as this will help us know how much ice cream to purchase! Find more details at **https://larche-gwdc.org/join-us/events/**

REUNIÓN ANUAL DE L'ARCHE Y CONCURSO DE TALENTOS

¡Únase a Francene, Hazel, Eric, Fritz y L'Arche de Greater Washington DC para su reunión anual y concurso de talentos! El evento va a tener lugar el 19 de septiembre en la escuela Stone Ridge of the Sacred Heart. Las puertas se abren a las 3:30pm y el espectáculo empieza a las 4:15pm. Por favor obtenga sus boletos por adelantado y ¡esto nos ayudará a saber cuánto helado comprar! Vea más detalles en **https://larche-gwdc.org/join-us/events/**

CLAMSHELL CONTAINERS NEEDED FOR SAINT ISIDORE'S GARDEN

Saint Isidore's Garden is harvesting! We are looking for clean, reusable plastic clamshell containers - the kind used for berries, tomatoes, salad greens, and other produce - to help us package fresh produce from the garden for the OLQP Food Pantry. Please leave donated containers in the marked box at the back of the church. Thank you for helping us share the garden's harvest with our neighbors!

SE NECESITAN ENVASES TIPO CONCHA PARA EL JARDÍN DE SAN ISIDORO

¡El Jardín de San Isidoro está listo para dar la cosecha! Estamos buscando envases tipo concha de plástico, limpios para poder usarlos de nuevo. Son del tipo para guardar bayas, tomates, lechugas y otros productos agrícolas. Nos ayudarán a envasar productos frescos del jardín para la despensa de OLQP. Por favor deje los contenedores en la caja en la parte trasera de la iglesia. ¡Gracias por ayudarnos a compartir la cosecha con nuestras vecinas y vecinOS!

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you ready to take your next steps on your journey of faith? OCIA provides a personal journey leading to transformation of mind and spirit, in which we consider and deepen our relationship with God and consider how we can serve others. Guided by the Gospel and by the examples provided by church members and fellow journeyers, you can be baptized or become fully integrated into the Catholic community of believers through the OCIA process. If you are looking into fully realizing your faith walk, you are invited and encouraged to participate. The journey begins with our "no obligation" inquiry session on Thursday, October 1. For more information, contact Kevin and Alice Curtin (**acurtin947@aol.com** or 703-461-3082). Contact Cecilia Lopez Oetgen, **clopez@olqpva.org**, for classes in Spanish.

THIS WEEKEND! SUNDAY, AUGUST 23rd AT OLQP PUPUSAS FUNDRAISER

We invite you to support this fundraiser to benefit our brother Mario P. He is suffering from health problems caused by diabetes. He needs our help with doctors and medicine expenses. The delicious pupusas will be ready from 9am at OLQP. $10 for 3 pupusas and a soft drink. May God multiply your generosity.

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 6:30 PM– 8:30 PM

"Music in the Garden". Bring a picnic, blanket or chair to the OLQP garden and enjoy a concert-- fun for adults and kids alike. Lively Spanish/English music withthe popular singer and songwriter, Lilo Gonzalez. Look for future details. See page 8 for more details.

MATTHEW 25

Closed to accepting donations

AUGUST: Sunday August 30, through Monday September 7 (Labor Day)

Please do not donate winter clothing at this time -- our storage area is full. Hold your winter clothing donations until September. Thank you for your continued support.

RETREAT FOR PERSON'S FACING SERIOUS ILLNESS

October 2 – 4, 2026 San Damiano Retreat Center

Hosted by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington

Seeking Rest and Renewal? Amid illness and uncertainty, God's love remains a source of comfort and strength. You and your caregiver are warmly invited to a peaceful weekend retreat for persons facing serious illness. This retreat is an opportunity for prayer, reflection, spiritual guidance, and gentle care. Diocesan priests, medical professionals, and volunteers will accompany you with compassion and support. Come find spiritual healing, hope, and rest in God's loving presence.

For questions or to register, email **retreat@ccda.net**, and a nurse will contact you within a few days. For further information, please call 703-841-3830. Space is limited.

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS

¿Piensa en Dios en su vida? ¿Conoce a alguna persona que no se ha bautizado o que se ha bautizado en otra tradición cristiana que está interesada/o en explorar lo que significa ser una persona católica? ¿Conoce a alguna persona católica, pero que no ha recibido el sacramento de la Comunión o la Confirmación? El **RICA** es un lugar donde hacer preguntas y tratar de entender cómo Dios actúa en nuestras vidas y cómo nuestra fe nos motiva a servir a los demás. La preparación para recibir los sacramentos es parte del proceso. **Vamos a empezar con una sesión informativa "sin compromiso" el jueves, 1ro de octubre a las 7 pm.** Para obtener más información sobre las clases en español contacte a Cecilia López Oetgen, **clopez@olqpva.org**.

DOMINGO 23 DE AGOSTO EN OLQP PUPUSAS PARA RECAUDAR FONDOS

Le invitamos apoyar esta recaudación de fondos a beneficio de nuestro hermano Mario P. Él ha estado sufriendo problemas de salud causados por la diabetes. Necesita ayuda con gastos de doctores y medicinas. Las deliciosas pupusas estarán listas desde las 9am en OLQP. $10 por 3 pupusas y un refresco. Que Dios multiplique su generosidad.

RESERVE LA FECHA: SÁBADO, 5 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 6:30 PM– 8:30 PM

Celebre el comienzo de la Temporada de la creación con "Música en el jardín". Traiga un picnic y disfrute de un concierto, una diversión para personas adultas, para niñas y niños también. Música animada en español e inglés con Lilo González. Esté al tanto de futuros detalles.

MATEO 25

Cerrada y no aceptará donaciones

AGOSTO: domingo, 30 de agosto al lunes, 7 de septiembre (Día del trabajo)

Por favor no done ropa de invierno por ahora – nuestro almacén está lleno. Guarde su ropa de invierno hasta septiembre. Gracias por su continuo apoyo.

RETIRO PARA PERSONAS QUE ENFRENTAN ENFERMEDADES GRAVES

En el centro de retiros San Damiano, 2-4 octubre 2026

Patrocinado por Caridades Católicas, diócesis de Arlington

¿Busca descanso y renovación? En medio de una enfermedad e incertidumbre, el amor de Dios sigue siendo una fuente de consuelo y fortaleza. Cordialmente les invitamos a usted y a la persona que le cuida a pasar un fin de semana tranquilo de retiro para personas que enfrentan enfermedades graves. Esta oportunidad de hacer un retiro es una oportunidad para orar, reflexionar, obtener orientación espiritual y un cuidado delicado. Sacerdotes diocesanos, profesionales médicos y personas voluntarias les acompañarán con compasión y apoyo. Venga a encontrar sanación espiritual, esperanza y descanso en la presencia amorosa de Dios. Si tiene preguntas o para inscribirse, mande un correo electrónico a **retreat@ccda.net**, y una enfermera se pondrá en contacto con usted en unos días. Para obtener más información, por favor llame al 703-841-3830. El espacio es limitado.

CALLING VOLUNTEERS FOR OLQP'S ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

ZOOM Planning Meeting Scheduled for Wed, Aug 26

OLQP's Annual Parish Picnic is quickly approaching on Sunday, September 20, and the Picnic Committee is looking for volunteers to make this year's event a fun and memorable one! We welcome help with decorating, activities, cooking, set up and cleaning to name a few areas. If you're interested – and we can really use your help! -- please email **olqpannualpicnic@gmail.com** for the zoom link. **We'll meet by Zoom on Wednesday, August 26, at 7pm.** We will need help the week before and the day of the picnic.

LLAMANDO A PERSONAS PARA SER VOLUNTARIAS PARA EL PICNIC PARROQUIAL DE OLQP

Reunión de planificación por Zoom el miércoles, 26 agosto

El picnic anual de OLQP se acerca. ¡Va a tener lugar el domingo, 20 de septiembre y el Comité del picnic está buscando personas voluntarias para que el evento este año sea divertido y memorable! Apreciamos ayuda con las decoraciones, las actividades, la cocina, la organización y la limpieza para nombrar algunas cosas. Si está interesada/o, y verdaderamente podemos usar su ayuda, por favor mande un correo electrónico a **olqpannualpicnic@gmail.com** para obtener el enlace para el Zoom. **Nos reuniremos por Zoom el miércoles, 26 de agosto a las 7pm.** Vamos a necesitar ayuda la semana anterior del picnic y el día del picnic.

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.

***Just*FAITH**: *Just*FAITH Ministries creates transformative programs that inspire action to address the root causes of injustice while serving with love. Interested in joining this year's cohort come to an information session on Tuesday, September 8, at 7pm in the Ministry Center Founder's Room. Contact Sally Diaz-Wells at **sdiazwells@olqpva.org** if plan to attend or for questions.

NEWS FROM MEDOR:

Our parish family joins our brothers and sisters in our twin parish, St. Joseph in Medor, Haiti, in giving thanks for the faithful ministry of Father Frantz Aimé. Since 2018, Father Frantz has shepherded the St. Joseph parish with wisdom, compassion, and unwavering dedication, guiding the community through years of extraordinary challenges while strengthening the bonds between our two parishes. On August 16, he celebrated his final Mass as pastor of St. Joseph before beginning a new chapter studying Canon Law in Rome. While we will miss him dearly, we rejoice in this wonderful opportunity and pray that God will bless his studies and future ministry. We also ask for your prayers for the people of Medor, for Father Frantz's successor, Father Watson Vertilus, and for lasting peace and security in Haiti, that the violence may end and hope may continue to flourish.

SAVE THE DATE – Friday, September 18

Father Ed Kelly Series begins September 18, at 7pm in Father Ray Hall. Fr. Kelly was Associate Pastor at our parish and was a wonderful orator who was passionate about social justice. We honor him each year with the series of speakers on a myriad of topics. Our theme for this year is Pope Leo's first encyclical: *Magnifica Humanitas*. Come learn about AI, the moral and worldly implications and a look at the encyclical.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

All are invited and encouraged to join us at 12:00 noon Mass on Tuesday, Sept 1 to observe the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

HUNGER ACTION MONTH (HAM) - This is Feeding America nationwide network of food banks' awareness campaign designed to mobilize the public to act on the issue. This September, choose to stand against hunger. Sharing, volunteering, pledging, fundraising, and donating are just a few ways to help end the impossible choices of hunger. Look for the **calendar** in next weekend's bulletin. Thank you for your support in working towards ending hunger in our community.

FALL GRIEF RETREAT:
Finding the Passion of Christ in Your Story

You do not have to grieve alone. Join other mothers of loss on September 18th & 19th for a fall retreat hosted by the Diocese of Arlington Chapter of Red Bird Ministries. Draw closer to the Lord in your grief and find comfort, healing, and hope by connecting with others who understand the extraordinary cross you are carrying. For all mothers of loss, from pregnancy through adulthood.
When: Friday, September 18 (6:30–9:00 pm) and Saturday, September 19 (9:00 am–5:30 pm) Where: Morning Star Retreat House in Great Falls Cost: $40 (includes $25 grief group journal, breakfast, and lunch)
Register: **www.redbird.love/arlington-va** Questions?
Email **elizabeth@redbird.love**

BALTIMORE'S CARDINAL GIBBONS H.S.

Class of 1966 60th Reunion
October 11, 2026, 2:00 – 6:00

ECO-TIP: *Plastic Clamshell Containers* are ubiquitous in grocery stores and most cannot be recycled. Before tossing, why not extend their usefulness by using for snacks or lunches, gifting baked goods, organizing crafts and kid's supplies, or packing the cooler? Uses are many and can help us avoid using zip lock bags or other single use plastics.

ARE YOU BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18—40?

JOIN US FOR THE

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(*TOGETHER AND UNIFIED*)

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27TH, 7:00PM–9:00PM

CASA GUADALUPE

1915 S. EDGEWOOD STREET

Learn about TAU activities, events, fellowship & service opportunities for people ages 18 (*high school graduate*) - 40

Bring a friend and come meet our community!

JOIN US FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL

MUSIC IN THE GARDEN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th at 6:30 PM

Featuring LIVE music by

Lilo Gonzalez

Spanish & English

OLQP's Integrity of Creation team invites you, your family, and friends to a Season of Creation concert in the garden to celebrate our beautiful world.

Bring a picnic dinner, chairs, and blankets.

Beverages and snacks provided!

(IF RAIN, THE EVENT MOVES TO FR. RAY HALL.)

ÚNASE A NOSOTROS PARA CELEBRAR EL 3ER FESTIVAL ANUAL

MÚSICA EN EL JARDÍN

El sábado, 5 de septiembre a las 6:30 PM

habrá música en vivo

en español y en inglés con

Lilo González

El equipo de la Integridad de la creación les invita a usted, a su familia y amistades a disfrutar de un concierto de la Temporada de la creación en el jardín para celebrar nuestro bello mundo.

Traiga una cena de picnic, sillas y frazadas.

¡Proveeremos bebidas y aperitivos!

(SI LLUEVE, EL EVENTO SE CAMBIARÁ A FR. RAY HALL.)

Black History Revealed: Expanding the American Story Through African American Genealogy

Saturday, November 21, 2026 | 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

As the United States celebrates the 250th anniversary of its founding, the **Memorializing the Enslaved in Arlington Project** in conjunction with the **Center for Local History** invites you to help tell a more complete American story. African American family histories—shaped by enslavement, emancipation, resilience, and community—are essential to understanding that story. *Black History Revealed: Expanding the American Story with African American Genealogy* is a free, half-day interactive workshop free to the public that is designed to help participants uncover, reclaim, and preserve African American family histories using proven research strategies and essential genealogical tools.

For more information and to register, please click HERE