

VICTORY VOICES

OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH NEWSLETTER ISSUE #9, FALL 2015 (DECEMBER 2015)

Our generous parish donated \$50,000 to a parish in Haiti in thanksgiving for all the blessings our parish has received, especially during our building/renovation projects. The amount includes a personal donation from Monsignor Romano in gratitude for 50 years of priestly ministry. \$10,000 went toward the education of 40+ Haitian seminarians and \$40,000 to the Church of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in the Diocese of Las Cayes, Haiti.

Msgr. Romano shares this note from Fr. Percy Jean Macnel, Pastor of the Haiti Parish.

“Dear Msgr. Romano,

Helping Hand for Haiti Parish



Thank you for the gift received. With this money, I repaired the car of the parish. I added a few meters of ceramic and installed new pews in the church. We organized two weeks of catechetical formation for young people of the parish. We did make the church doors that were in very poor condition. We built two new classrooms and restored much of the school. The parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Miserne thank you and greet all the parishioners of your religious community. While hoping that you will continue to help us because the parish is really poor and very young.

Yours fraternally, Father Percy Jean Macnel, Pastor”

ADVENT CONCERT

Our lovely church echoed with beautiful music and angelic voices at the annual Advent Concert in early December.



The choir presented Advent and Christmas music including the simplicity of the 15th century melody “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” and the joyful chorus “And the Glory of the Lord” from Messiah. The choir offered a variety of music from many traditions: a beautiful 16th century Advent anthem, rhythmic African and Spanish songs, a lovely arrangement of Silent Night. All experienced the message of Advent and Christmas through music.

Thank you, Ms. Carol Ann Bradley, OLV Music Director, for your musical talent and leadership.



CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve (Thursday, Dec 24):	Masses at 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 10:00 PM
Christmas Day (Friday, Dec 25):	Mass at 10:00 AM
New Year’s Eve (Thursday, Dec 31):	Mass at 5:00 PM
New Year’s Day (Friday, Jan 1):	Mass at 10:00 AM

Religious Education



**Krista Joseph, Director
Religious Education**

Krista Joseph’s long relationship with OLV began in 1991 when she and husband, Rob (now OLV Deacon Rob Joseph) joined the parish. Currently, the family (including son, Max, and daughter, Alexandra, is active in many parish activities. Krista was involved with Children’s Liturgy of the Word, Vacation Bible School and Respect Life Committee (among many other parish ministries) ...all of which stemmed from her great love for children. Krista has a deep dedication to her faith and strives to pass that faith along to our children. She wants to teach them ways they can live their faith, inspire them to ‘fall in love’ with the sacraments, help them understand their Catholic faith and encourage them to get involved in social justice, using their faith as a guideline through their lives.

Krista took on the role of Director of Religious Education in Summer 2015. She will lead the faith formation of OLV preschool through 8th graders.

Youth and Teen Ministry



**Anita Milano, Coordinator
Youth and Teen Ministry**

Born and raised in the Grandview area, Anita has been an OLV parishioner literally ALL of her life. When her own children, Natalie and Alex, attended OLV Religious Education classes, Anita realized that her background in special education and her fondness for the parish made her uniquely qualified to teach in this area. Anita taught Religious Education at OLV for many years and lent her organizational expertise to directing Vacation Bible School for two years. Anita’s mission for this ministry is simple:

O – Outreach to the community through Christ-like encounters

L – Living like Christ himself

V – Vision for spiritual growth

Anita was appointed as Coordinator of Youth and Teen Ministry in Summer 2015. She will work with our 6-12th graders .

2015 Parish Summer Festival ReCap

The numbers tell part of the story:

- ◇ 2 great bands
- ◇ 200 lbs homemade Italian sausage
- ◇ 300+ volunteers
- ◇ 600 kids visited the Tattoo Station
- ◇ \$37,000 raised for parish ministries



But the smiles on the faces of parishioners, neighbors and kids tell the rest of the story. The Parish Summer Festival brings all of us together to share our lives and celebrate our community.

**Thank you to Jesse Oddi
and the many volunteers
for another successful Parish Festival.**

OLV Parish Directory

A vibrant and active parish like ours needs an up-to-date parish directory to keep us all engaged and connected to one another. Watch for the 2016 OLV Parish Directory coming soon. The directory will include parishioner photos, contact information and highlights of our parish stewardship activities and committees.

Thank you to organizers:

Jackie Milsom, Crystal Dyckes and Carolyn Gillie

Stewardship Fair

Fifty+ parishioners signed up to volunteer in parish activities at the annual Stewardship Fair, a great way to learn about the many outreach activities and ministries of our parish. Watch the bulletin to learn about ways you can get involved.



Christmas Bazaar

Christmas Bazaar at OLV...always a fun way to shop for unique Christmas presents. Mary Waterfield organized the event and credits the MANY volunteers for the success of the bazaar. Despite competing with the 'Buckeye' game, the sunny weather and enthusiasm of the vendors, volunteers and shoppers made this bazaar the most successful ever. More than \$5,000 was raised in support of the parish.

St. Vincent DePaul Giving Tree

Fifteen area families will receive gifts for their children this Christmas through a special parish outreach program. St. Vincent DePaul society organizes **Giving Tree**. Parishioners select a child or family from the tree and purchase Christmas gifts.



Spaghetti Dinner

The annual Spaghetti Dinner at OLV is always a very popular event. This year proceeds benefit the Knights of Columbus Christian Relief Fund to aid persecuted Christians in Iraq and Syria. This fund has already delivered more than \$3 million to assist our Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East to provide housing and medical care.

Welcome Dinner

Twelve new parish families gather for a welcome dinner hosted by Msgr. Romano in early September. Our growing parish welcomes new parishioners (families and individuals) to engage in our community, worship with us at our beautiful church and enjoy the many opportunities we provide to enhance and practice their faith.



Missionary Childhood Association Fall Fundraiser 'Kids Helping Kids'

Knights of Columbus and Religious Education families joined forces and put on a Sloppy Joes Dinner in early December for MCA. \$1,600 in proceeds benefit the organization's mission:

"First heard at Baptism, the call to share our faith — to be missionaries — is truly connected to every moment of every day. The Missionary Childhood Association offers young Catholics and their families opportunities to make those daily connections."



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2016 Lenten Mission Talks



Father Josh Wagner will present a Lenten Mission at OLV during the Lenten Season 2016. Father Wagner will talk on the Joyful/Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the holy rosary. Entitled “WORD to your Mother”. The series of talks take us through the rosary and the theology of Mary and teach us how getting to know ‘Mary’ will bring us closer to Christ, teach us ways to cope with life’s challenges and sorrows and remind us of the virtue of Hope.

Father Wagner is pastor of two inner city Catholic Churches in Columbus, Holy Rosary St John and St Dominic.

In addition to his ministerial and administrative duties, Fr. Wagner owns his own speaking business, “Total Possibility,” and has spoken to numerous religious organizations, businesses and non-profit organizations across the country, to tens of thousands of people, in groups both large and small. He also does stand-up comedy !

OLV Mission Talk held in the church

**Feb 15, 16, 17
7:00 PM**

**No RSVP necessary
Free Will Donation**

OLV VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

Every year hundreds of OLV parishioners volunteer their time and talents to serve the parish stewardship mission. Each year Monsignor holds a dinner to thank them all for their service.

If you have volunteered in ANY capacity during 2015, please join us in the Parish Life Center for dinner...

in honor of YOU!

**Saturday, January 30
after the 5:00 mass.**

**Adults Only
NO RSVP Needed**