

VICTORY VOICES

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Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27

Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special day when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-open and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins to anyone who goes to Confession and receives Holy Communion on that day. Originally based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Saint Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her encounter with Jesus, the day is especially a refuge for all fallen-away Catholics.

In accordance with the vision of St. Faustina, parishioners recited a novena, starting on Good Friday and ending on Divine Mercy Sunday, (the Sunday after Easter Sunday). The novena was accompanied by the Divine Mercy Chaplet, which Our Lord also revealed to Saint Faustina.

Canonization of Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II

John XXIII and **John Paul II** were canonized Divine Mercy Sunday by Pope Francis in an unprecedented ceremony witnessed by huge crowds gathered in St. Peter's Square in Vatican City. Millions more around the world watched as two former pontiffs were, for the first time, installed as saints in a dual canonization.

Father Walter Oxley, Vice Rector of Theology at the Josephinum Pontifical College, traveled to Rome for this momentous event.

Oxley's sentiments, "It was an overwhelming experience of an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church anew through the intercession of these two great saints who have taught us how to be holy in the modern world. I studied in Rome as a seminarian under the pontificate of John Paul II and he is the most influential man in my life on how to be a priest and fully human-alive with love for god and his people. I got in line at 3 am for the 10 am ceremony. It was worth it!"



Photo taken by Fr. Oxley ...in FRONT row of the audience!

IMPORTANT DATES (JUNE THROUGH AUGUST, 2014)

First Fridays (8PM Exposition of Blessed Sacrament)

August: Parish Summer Festival, Friday and Saturday, August 8 and 9

September: Religious Education Begins

OLV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



**Michelle Fishpaw,
DRE**
OLV Director,
Religious
Education

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 23-26

Anita Milano Gay, VBS Director, and Michelle Fishpaw, Director of Religious Education, put on a wonderful Vacation Bible School. Taking the children on a 'wilderness adventure' Anita and Michelle taught them about the powerful sacraments of the Catholic Church. Each day the children took part in skits, music, stories about the lives of saints and, of course, prayer. Arts and crafts, fun and games, rounded out the activities. Father Romano, a favorite visitor of the children, made his annual visit and shared his own sentiments about the sacraments. Putting their faith into practice, the children made special 'hero capes' for the children at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School 2015.

June 22-June 25

Watch the bulletin for registration information. Next year, consider volunteering to work with the children...you will find that your own faith is revitalized!



May Crowning, May 11



OLV YOUTH GROUP NEWS



Holly Jo Monnier
OLV Youth Minister

Holly Jo is a busy new Mom, but somehow finds the time (and energy) to rally our Middle School and High School kids to join in lots of fun and service-oriented events at Our Lady of Victory.

Here are just a few highlights. Watch the bulletin for important information about future events for your family:

Run the Race Christmas Service Project – OLV Religious Ed. and High School families raised over a \$1000 and brought in a few hundred items for **Run the Race** families this past Christmas - in less than 2 weeks! Donations helped purchase side items for their Christmas meals.

Middle School Fun Night – Our first night of Student Ministry, just for middle schoolers. The night included fellowship, community building activities and prayer. Our theme was “Acceptance” and we based a short lesson around it. We ended our night with a movie and snacks. We had close to 30 middle schoolers in attendance.



March for Life Pilgrimage – We joined close to a 170 teens and adults from around the Diocese of Columbus for the annual **March for Life** in Washington D.C. We visited Gettysburg, toured the battlefield and cemetery and heard a motivational speech by Dan DeMatte. DeMatte defined the fight to end abortion in this country as the civil rights battle of our time. While in Washington D.C., our group attended Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, participated in a youth rally and Mass for Life organized by the Diocese of Washington. The March for Life began with a rally and featured speakers such as Jeanne Monahan, president of the March for Life, pro-life politicians, adoption advocates, and Dr. James Dobson, as well as a live concert by Matt Maher, a Catholic singer/songwriter popular among Christian youths. The theme for this year’s March, according to Monahan, was adoption.



2014 OLV SUMMER FESTIVAL

Watch the bulletin for **2014 Parish Summer Festival** informationa fun event for parishioners, their families, friends and neighbors. Our Lady of Victory Festival will be held **August 8th and 9th, 2014**. Friday 5-11pm, Saturday 6-11pm. Lots of fun and enjoyment for the entire family. Volunteers are always needed, contact the Parish Office. See you at the Festival!

Great Homemade Italian Food – Sausage, Pizza, Cannolis

Fish Fry – Friday

Rigatoni dinner – Saturday

Live Entertainment – Friday & Saturday

Fabulous Silent Auction items

Inflatables for the kids

Games for all and much more!

Volunteer this year and enjoy the fun ...

in a new and different way!

Friday and Saturday, August 8/9



Attention OLV Alums!

Invite your childhood classmates to meet at the OLV Parish Festival to share stories and photos. Alumni reunion is Saturday, August 9th from 6 to 9 PM at the Parish Festival. Please email olvalums@ourladyofvictory.cc and provide your contact information so that we can keep you informed of news and events. Connect with classmates on Facebook.





*“Dream big. Run the race.
Hold onto hope. Speak humbly.
Serve with joy. Love your enemy.
Love God with everything you've got.”*



SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Our Parish community provides many opportunities for parishioners to engage in outreach activities. In this way we interact with our community, contribute to the lives of parishioners, and 'live our faith' the way that Scripture calls us. A few of the social ministries at Our Lady of Victory are highlighted here:

Eucharistic Ministry to Shut-Ins



During Mass, at the Consecration, the hosts become the 'Body of Christ'. Extra hosts are kept aside to be distributed to parishioners unable to join us on Sundays for Mass. 'Extra-Ordinary Ministers (priests and deacons are considered 'Ordinary Ministers') meet on Sunday after mass to discuss their assignments (see photo). Some visit parishioners in their homes, others to retirement and nursing facilities. But ALL bring the love of Christ with them as they minister spiritually and emotionally to those unable to travel.

Laura Bolster, a long-time Extra Ordinary Minister, gives her personal reflection on the experience:

"Eucharistic Ministry to the homebound is consistently an exercise in humility and spiritual edification for me. It is a profound and beautiful expression of our Catholic faith in action--bringing Christ to others in the Eucharist, and uniting heaven and earth through the grace of presence and prayer. God never fails to re-energize me during and after my visits, reminding me always that it is in giving that we receive. I am ever grateful for the opportunity to serve in this important ministry".

Bereavement Committee

A Funeral Mass is offered at the death of a parish member. The Bereavement Committee serves a luncheon for family and friends in Victory Hall after the funeral Mass and burial. Since 1994 the committee has served approximately 100 meals to families who have lost a loved one. Providing this meals takes a burden from the shoulders of the family who have so much to deal with at a time of loss.

Welcome Committee

When new members join our parish, the Welcome Committee contacts them personally, welcomes them to our community and parish, and responds to any questions they have concerning parish life, ways to serve, and resources to advance their family's faith and parish interaction. The committee stays connected with the new members and reaches out to them after several months to see how they might be of service. Each Fall the parish invites all new members to a dinner. The Welcome Committee is the FACE of our Parish. Help us welcome our new parishioners to share in our parish community.

OLV Volunteers of the Year 2014

George and Jean Blubaugh were honored as the OLV Parish Volunteers of the Year 2014. The Blubaughs work tirelessly throughout the year, giving their time, talent and treasure to advance the mission of the parish and respond to Jesus' call to us to serve. You will see them at the Summer Festival, lecturing at mass and serving on many committees.

Thank you , George and Jean!



