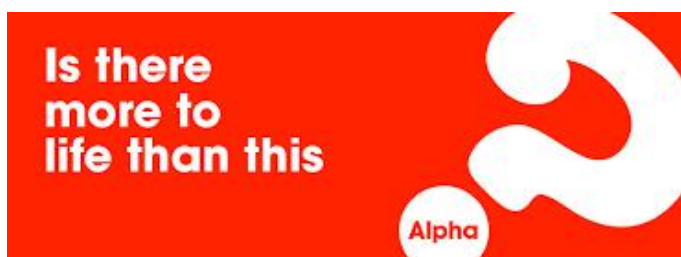


# VICTORY VOICES

OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH NEWSLETTER  
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## THE ALPHA PROGRAM IS COMING TO OLV



The Alpha Program is coming to OLV this September. Alpha is an opportunity to explore the core questions of our Christian Faith in a friendly and informal environment.

Participants will meet once a week for 10 weeks. During each session we will discuss questions such as:

- “Who is Jesus?”
- “Why did Jesus suffer and die?”
- “Why and how should I pray?”

As Pope Francis likes to say,

“It's a chance for Jesus to find us!”

### Who should attend Alpha?

Anyone seeking to find direction or purpose in life.

Anyone who wants a deeper faith and a closer relationship with Jesus.

Anyone who wants to find a way to encourage others in their faith.

This is a great opportunity to invite parishioners who have not been attending church regularly or spouses who are not members of our church. Alpha is very appealing to young adults. Consider inviting your adult children to join you. The informal format of the Alpha program will include dinner, a teaching video and discussion. Our goal as a community is to learn more about the teachings of Jesus and what He has to say to us today.

**Rosemary Finneran**

[adultfaith@ourladyofvictory.cc](mailto:adultfaith@ourladyofvictory.cc)



### IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Vacation Bible School (June 13-16) Parish Festival (August 12/13) Alpha Program (September)



**Krista Joseph,**  
**Director,**  
**Religious**  
**Education**

## Religious Education

We are dedicated to forming your child's faith and conscience through religious education, social justice, and incorporating the life of Christ and His Church in their classroom experiences.

We accomplished a lot this school year! Here are a few examples:



- ◆ Donated non-perishable food items to the St. Francis Food Pantry in McArthur, Ohio.
- ◆ 5th graders raised over \$700 at a Valentine's Bake Sale for the 'Run The Race Club' and hosted a Valentine's party for the little kids.
- ◆ Filled 150 bags (with personal care items) for the OSU Star House, a center for homeless teens.
- ◆ Pre-K through 5th grade re-enacted the Nativity of Jesus at our annual Christmas play.



## Youth and Teen Ministry

OLV teens were busy at Easter time. They assisted with two Easter Egg Hunts; one at OLV and another for a community group, Mid OH Worker's Association (an area group assisting low wage families). Four teens joined Ms. Milano-Gay at St. Charles to hear a speech on Catholic Relief Services.



**Anita Milano-Gay**  
**Coordinator**

Anita Milano-Gay directs the Youth and Teen Ministry at OLV and is excited about upcoming events:

**Tour of Jubilee Museum and  
 Catholic Culture on Columbus' West Side**

**Bake Sale  
 Kids will bake the items and run the event.**

**Vacation Bible School —>**

## Vacation Bible School 2016

Join in the fun at OLV's Vacation Bible School

Contact Anita Milano-Gay for more information at [anitamg@ourladyofvictory.org](mailto:anitamg@ourladyofvictory.org)

Ages Pre-K – Entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade 5:00-8:00pm each night

\$35.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> child/\$60.00 for 2 children/\$85.00 for 3 child family

June 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>

1559 Roxbury Road/ Parish Life Center

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# BISHOP'S 2016 ANNUAL APPEAL

EMMANUEL - BE HIS HOPE TO OTHERS - GOD WITH US

Dear Parishioners,

Pope Francis in this "Year of Mercy" has challenged us to take on the task of service to others and to do so with a joyful heart. The Bishop's Annual Appeal provides us this opportunity by sharing our Faith and the many gifts which God has bestowed upon us with our brothers and sisters in need. The theme this year is "Emmanuel – Be His Hope to Others – God With Us" and encourages each of us to be willing to be the hope so many are desperately looking for. In sharing our material blessings, we will help to strengthen our ministries, educate our young people, support the vocations of those called to the Priesthood and married life and bring comfort to the ill and the lonely.

Our Parish goal this year is **\$66,541** which I am confident we will reach with everyone's help. Every dollar that we raise over our Parish goal will be returned to our Parish to be used for the particular needs of our Parish.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Sincerely in Christ,

Msgr. Romano Ciotola

## *Bishop's Annual Appeal Allocation of Funds*

The money raised through the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to financially assist the following ministries, programs and offices. Please visit <http://www.colsdioc.org> for more information on diocesan offices, ministries and events.

### **OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**

- Education and formation of seminarians pursuing a vocation to the priesthood.
- Funds events and programs such as the Andrew Dinners and Learn to Discern.

### **OFFICE OF THE DIACONATE**

- Offers comprehensive formation, continuing education, workshops, and retreats for all Deacons and Diaconate candidates.

### **OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP**

- Assists the office to support the Bishop in his role as chief liturgist for our diocese.
- Funds help to support the spiritual and pastoral programs such as RCIA, celebration of Confirmation and celebration of Episcopal Liturgies for parishes and groups.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS OFFICE**

- Supports all Parish School of Religion teachers and parish catechists to form the foundations of faith for young minds.

### **OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

- Provides tuition assistance to families in need.
- Offers grants to secondary schools for capital needs and financial support for faculty and staff development and curriculum enhancement.

### **MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE OFFICE**

- Provides marriage preparation for couples and life enrichment programs to families.
- Funds ministries, programs and workshops on parenting and natural family planning.

### **OFFICE FOR SOCIAL CONCERNS**

- Funds the overall goals and mission of the office to build social order through systemic change.
- Serves as local liaison for national programs: Catholic Relief Services and Campaign for Human Development.

### **BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRIES**

- Supports the mission of Black Catholic Ministries to promote education, spiritual growth and evangelization within the African American community.

### **CATHOLIC LATINO MINISTRY OFFICE**

- Funds the ministry programs and conferences that focus on the Latino community.

### **DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

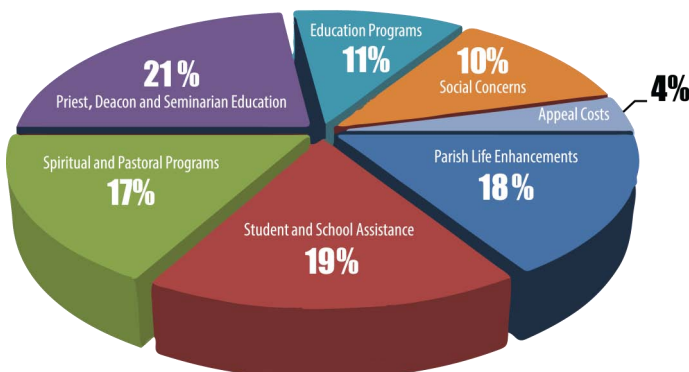
- Helps to support, empower and educate all Catholic Women in spirituality, leadership and service.

### **JOINT ORGANIZATION FOR INNER-CITY NEEDS**

- Supports the mission of J.O.I.N. to reach out to those who are in need, Catholic and Non-Catholic alike.

### **OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

- Provides funding for ministries and programs for youth and young adults at parishes, in Catholic schools and on college campuses within our diocese.







### OLV Serves Dinner and Friendship to Homeless Families

**OLV** Parishioners regularly bake cookies and serve healthy, warm meals to homeless families of Columbus. Pictured at left are a group of OLV volunteers bringing smiles and encouragement to families in need.



A family prays before dinner.



Dave Ryan

### Volunteer Dinner

**F**ather Romano understands that our parish could not run successfully without the hard work and dedication of MANY parish volunteers. Every year we honor all in the parish who have volunteered their time and talents throughout the year.

This year the Parish recognized long time OLV parishioner, Dave Ryan, for his tireless efforts in support of the parish he loves. Dave served on Parish Council in years past and now can be seen as a Eucharistic Minister at most weekday masses.

If you are there early enough in the morning....you may even catch Dave opening the doors of the church for all of us.

### Parish Maintenance Projects for 2016

The Parish Maintenance Committee recommends these projects to be completed during the current year.

We expect these projects to cost around **\$50,000**

- ◆ The parking lot has underground water issues and poor drainage which must be fixed prior to any resurface work.
- ◆ New base for the Pieta's statue
- ◆ New bases and new candle holders for the statues of Mary and Joseph.
- ◆ New statuary in the Prayer Meditation Garden
- ◆ Painting of hallways and classrooms in the Parish Catechetical Center

**Respect  
Life  
Committee**

**OLV's** Respect Life Committee takes their mission sentiment from Pope John Paul II, "To defend and protect life at every stage, at every moment".

The Red Rose ceremony commemorates the anniversary of Roe v Wade and remembers the victims of this Supreme Court decision...the unborn. But this committee honors 'life' at ALL stages: expectant mothers blessing, packing holiday treat bags for shut-ins, recognizing mothers and fathers on their special days in May and June and honoring our deceased parishioners from OLV.

The group begins each meeting reciting the rosary, facilitates the Divine Mercy Sunday Service and engages the parish in a beautiful ceremony called the Living Rosary, with the belief that PRAYER is our greatest way to show Respect for Life.

Putting prayers into action this Committee throws an annual Baby Shower in support of one of the Columbus-area Pregnancy Decision Centers. This year proceeds from the Baby Shower will support The Pregnancy Decision Health Center in the Columbus area. At the shower this group will collect used shoes to support an organization that repairs and distributes shoes worldwide.

Simply put, the OLV Respect Life Committee provides loving and crucial support to expectant mothers in need of encouragement and honors God's people at all stages of life.



**OLV Lenten Mission**

Father Josh Wagner gave us a thoughtful start to the Lenten Season. Three nights of talks set us on a path to prepare our hearts and minds for Easter Sunday. Wagner focused his talks on the mysteries of the Rosary.



**Father Josh Wagner**

***Joyful Mysteries***

Trust in God...as Mary did.

***Luminous Mysteries***

Christ shed his light on the world.

***Sorrowful Mysteries***

We enter into the wounds of Jesus, as he shares in our wounds.

***Glorious Mysteries***

Our wounds are not taken away, but are transformed.



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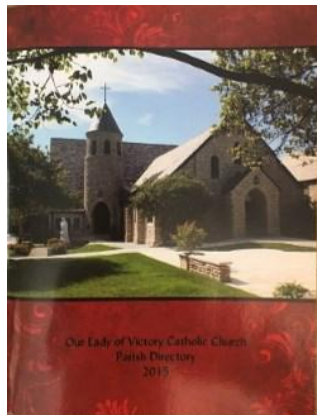
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## OLV Parish Directory

Thanks to the hard work of organizers, **Jackie Milson, Crystal Dyckes and Carolyn Gillie**, we now have a Parish Directory that give us a sense of community and pride...filled with photos of our parish in action, providing crucial stewardship services to the needy, celebrating our faith through song and prayer, enjoying wonderful meals with family, friends and neighbors and just having fun together in the spirit of community. Important contact information is a vital way to stay connected with one another as we work together and practice our faith.

Included in this directory is contact information for ALL our parishioners. Those parishioners sitting for photos received a free directory.

The Parish has a limited number to provide to new parishioners.



## Parish Summer Festival

Mark your summer calendars for a fun weekend at OLV. Bring your family, friends and neighbors to enjoy wonderful Italian food, lively music, exciting children's games and a fantastic Silent Auction.

**Friday and Saturday  
August 12 and 13**

**This year a very special RAFFLE**

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**Caribbean Cruise for 2  
Royal Caribbean Cruise Line**

For even MORE family fun...volunteer and REALLY experience the festival.

**Contact Nancy Tarini: [nst1957@gmail.com](mailto:nst1957@gmail.com)**