

VICTORY VOICES

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Christmas: For Unto Us a Child is Born



The Nativity Scene at Our Lady of Victory

The Stable: Most scholars believe the stable referred to in the Gospels was most likely a cave built into the rocks near the inn, which illustrates the divine truth that the Son of God came down to the very heart of the earth to dwell among humanity.



Jesus' arms: The Child's outstretched arms reflect the invitation to salvation.



The Magi: Often portrayed as coming from three geographical and cultural areas — Asia, Africa and Europe — referring to the three known continents at the time.

8th Annual Advent Concert at OLV

The OLV choir, accompanied by an orchestra, will perform Advent and Christmas music, beginning with the simplicity of the 15th century melody, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" and concluding with a setting of "Joy to the World" by John Rutter.

Sunday, December 10, 3 PM

Our Lady of Victory Church (free will offering)

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

4th Sunday of Advent - December 23/24

Saturday, December 23 5:00 PM
Sunday, December 24 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Christmas Eve - December 24

4:00 PM (Mass with the Children of the Parish)
7:00 PM Mass & 10:00 PM Mass

Christmas Day—December 25

10:00 AM Mass

Sunday, 12/31

5:00 PM Mass Saturday 12/30
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM Mass Sunday 12/31

Monday, 1/1

10 AM Mass



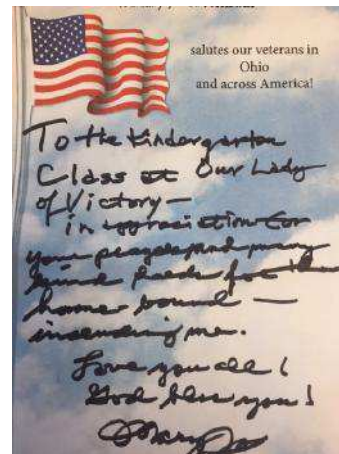


Krista Joseph,
Director,
Religious
Education

Religious Education Program

This year we have 264 students in all 4 programs! Six new families joined our parish Religious Education program this year. We are off to a busy start!

Each month students create a craft/card for Eucharistic Ministers to take to our OLV homebound parishioners. Recently **Kindergartners** (below) made paper flowers for our homebound friends. Mary Jo Grotenrath, who received the flowers as a gift, sent a lovely note (right) and cookies to thank the students.



Our **3rd graders** (below) preparing for their Christmas Play:

Sunday, December 3rd
10:00 am Parish Life Center



Our **4th graders** worked for weeks creating their All Saints projects/costumes and presented them to the parish at mass on Sunday October 30th.

Special thanks to Kathy Funge and Melissa Bondy for working so diligently with the students to design their costumes. A special thank you to all the parents who assisted and who attended the mass.



Youth and Teen Ministry

Anita Milano,
Coordinator
Youth
and
Teen
Ministry

Our teenagers and pre-teens are learning to 'let their light shine'. They recognize the blessings they have received from God and are using their gifts (their energy, creativity and compassion) to bring blessings, comfort and enjoyment to others.

Our teens packaged Halloween candy for area food pantries in October. In December we head to the YWCA on the near East Side for Christmas story time and crafts with children at the center.

Vacation Bible School



New Evangelization Program Prepares Us to Share Our Faith

For six weeks this Fall, ninety OLV parishioners and guests gathered for dinner, fellowship and small group discussion concerning the role and responsibility of the lay person to share our gift of faith with others. Through a short video Bishop Barron explained that the 'new evangelization' calls us, by means of our own baptism, to share the good news of Jesus Christ... that Jesus is risen from the dead and that his life, death and resurrection saved the world from sin and eternal death.

The call for a new evangelization began with the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). The need became apparent because many people, although baptized, had drifted away from the church and were living without reference to the Christian life.

Through this program, participants were encouraged to prepare themselves to explain to others **why** they have faith in Jesus and **how** they came to this place in their lives (their own faith story).



"Faith is a flame that grows stronger the more it is shared and passed on."

Pope Francis

Bishop Barron describes characteristics needed to become an evangelist of the good news. Do you recognize these characteristics in yourself?

- * a true relationship with the person of Jesus
- * a passion for this good news and understanding of the story of Israel and anticipation of the Messiah
- * an understanding of the culture of today and a love and understanding of the Catholic faith



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

Wilderness Adventure through the Seven Sacraments

Children learning about their Catholic faith through fun, games and song at Vacation Bible School.



OLV Teens volunteer at Vacation Bible School

Knights of Columbus Events

2017 Golf Outing

40 golfers enjoyed a round of competitive golf at the K of C Golf Outing. 25 hole sponsors made the event exciting.



Spaghetti Dinner Supper

250 diners enjoyed a delicious Spaghetti Dinner in November, an annual Knights event.



Christmas Party

Bring your family to the Knights Christmas Party, Sunday, December 17, at the Parish Life Center. The children will meet Santa and Mrs. Claus, submit their Christmas List and have their photo taken. There will be lots of fun activities for children and adults, too. This event is **FREE**.



Wouldn't be Christmas Without the OLV Holiday Bazaar

Christmas came early if you attended the Holiday Bazaar in November. Mary Waterfield and dedicated volunteers organized the annual Holiday Bazaar with a flair.

Known as one of the friendliest craft bazaars in Columbus, the event is like an all-day party with food, music and presents. The spirit of fellowship and community at this event brought the Christmas spirit to all who attended. Many parishioners contributed to the White Elephant and Bake Sale Table making this year's bazaar one of the most successful ever.

Plan to join us NEXT year and get all your Christmas shopping done in ONE day!



OLV Students Return to Celebrate Memories



The OLV Class of 1962 attended mass Saturday, September 30th, then enjoyed dinner at Tony's Italian Ristorante. Attending (left to right): Sue Wood, Tom Lombardi, Bob Capuano, Julie Murphy, Kathy Flanagan, Terry Jelley, Margherita Tiberi, Marie Schirtzinger, Mikel Groezinger. (2nd row) Nancy Frabott, Linda Walter, Donna Fichera, Sandy McAllister, Maleeta Morrow, Margaret Mancuso, Diann Bennett, Sue Vidis, Lynne Holmes, Mike Boulware, John Lucas, Gary Bozart, Tony Scartz, Don Brown, Eric Shinn, Steve Doughty.

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Our Lady of Victory
Class of 1971
October 26, 2017



The OLV Class of 1971 met in October for the first time in 46 years. They gathered for a Pizza Party, where they shared photos, stories and song. Much fun was had by all! Attending were (left to right): Marci Baumann Ryan, Colleen Cleary Watson, Mary Masse Melfi. (2nd row) Margherita Finelli, Mary Zuber-Ferrell, Janie Murley, Mary Manicho Strawser, (top row) Andrea Cenci Guttlied, Lou Flannigan Poremski, Gary Senter, Laurie Pond, Betty Young, Jeff Nadalin, Rosemarie Baljak Pinciario, Molly Eichner, Sarah Sweat. The class will meet yearly.

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Upgrades to Church and Meditation Garden



The Prayer Garden is under construction and will feature a larger area, a statuary of Jesus Praying in the Garden, a monument to the unborn and new benches. The garden is financed by the estate of Rosemary Duffy Larson, a former Marble Cliff

resident, who attended OLV Parish before moving to Florida. A plaque will be installed in the garden in memory of Rosemary.

Burk Showe, former OLV parishioner who kept his connection to the parish even after moving, died recently. The Showe Family donated funds to build a memorial to honor their father. With the consent of the family, a mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be installed in the church beside the statues of Mary and Joseph; two adoring angels, in mosaic, will be installed to the right and left of the Our Lady of Victory mosaic; the angels will be in position of adoration facing the tabernacle.

The updated sound system in the church should be completed before Christmas.

Montana da Luz Parish to Build a Parish Hall

In 2005, Our Lady of Victory Parish supported building a small church in Honduras (below). OLV parishioners visit Montana da Luz every year to visit and work in an orphanage.

The people of this village would like to build a small hall to hold educational, spiritual and social functions for the youth of the parish. The local Bishop plans to build small living quarters for missionaries to live and work among the poor.



Our parish will be involved in this project. Watch for updates as construction progresses.