

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY, APRIL 28 - St. Peter Chanel/St. Louis Grignon

5:00pm Francis & Frances Metzdorf (Joseph F. Murray)

SUNDAY, APRIL 29-FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30am Joelle Mendicino (Lindsay Komlanc)

11:00am Gina Ginnetti (Angelo & Sylvia Ciotola)

MONDAY, APRIL 30-St. Pius V

8:00am Jack Conie, Jr. (Dolly Victorio)

TUESDAY, MAY 1-St. Joseph the Worker

8:00am Helen G. Sims (Mary Jo Grotenrath)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2-St. Athanasius

8:00am Mike Vargo (Mary Patterson)

THURSDAY, MAY 3-Sts. Philip & James

8:00am Erik Falasca (DiSante Family)

FRIDAY, MAY 4-Easter Weekday

8:00am Donald Bowers (Theresa Bowers)

SATURDAY, MAY 5-Easter Weekday

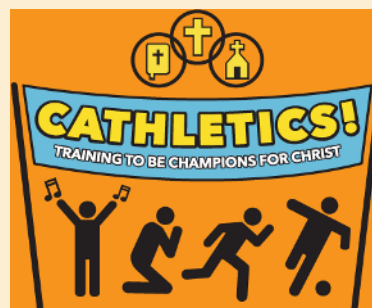
8:00am Msgr. George Schlegel (Fr. Missimi)

5:00pm John & Suzanne Duffey, Sr. (Duffey Family)

SUNDAY, MAY 6-Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30am Nick Albanese (Tim & Rita Lyons)

11:00am Paul Follis (Michael & Harriet Follis)



CATHLETICS

Training to be
Champions for
Christ

2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)
OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH

MONDAY-THURSDAY, JUNE 25-28

5:00-8:00 PM in the PLC

Participants: 3 years old-5th grade
(entering 5th grade this August)

NEW THIS YEAR.....
DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED
FOR ALL CAMPERS AND COUNSELORS

Gifts for God

April 21-22

Thank You To All Who Support the Work of God

94 Envelopes Rec'd; 811 Issued	\$3,136.00
19 Loose Checks	2,075.00
Loose Cash	<u>599.00</u>
	\$5,810.00

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: *Friday, May 4* is the First Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:00pm with the recitation of the rosary. Adoration will continue throughout the night and will close with Mass on Saturday at 8:00am.

THE MONTHLY BAPTISM CLASS is scheduled for *Sunday, May 6*. This is a mandatory class for all first time parents wishing to have their baby baptized at Our Lady of Victory.

COFFEE & DONUTS hosted by the Eucharistic Ministers will follow the 8:30 & 11:00am masses next *Sunday, May 6* in the Parish Life Center. All are welcome to attend!

CONGRATULATIONS to **Jack Kerno & Mallorie Hardesty** who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage recently at Our Lady of Victory.



"Sharing His Love, Encouraging Hope", the theme of the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal inspires us, as people of Faith, to share the love that God has for us, which can often bring hope to those who might not have felt His love. Through the Bishop's Annual Appeal, we have an opportunity to bring about a positive change in the lives of many of God's people. Through your generosity, you are supporting the various ministries and programs that are so vital in spreading His love. Next week is Commitment Weekend for the Appeal, at which time you can make your gift or pledge. Our Parish has been asked to raise **\$71,753**. We can accomplish this if, after prayerful consideration, everyone gives what they can. Any amount raised over our goal will be returned to our parish to be used for our particular needs.

Fr. Romano

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

8:30a Mass-Church
 9:30a Religious Ed - All Grades
 11:00a Mass-Church
 11:00a CLOW
 1:30p First Holy Communion-Church

MONDAY, APRIL 30

8:00a Mass-Church
 7:00p Finance Committee Mtg.-VH

TUESDAY, MAY 1

8:00a Mass-Church

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

8:00a Mass-Church

THURSDAY, MAY 3

8:00a Mass-Church
 7:15p Choir Rehearsal-VH

FRIDAY, MAY 4

8:00a Mass-Church
 8:00p First Friday Eucharistic Adoration - Church

SATURDAY, MAY 5-BAA KICK-OFF WEEKEND

8:00a First Saturday Mass-Church
 5:00p Mass-Church

SUNDAY, May 6-Coffee & Donuts following Masses-BAA KICK-OFF WEEKEND

8:30a Mass-Church
 9:30a Religious Ed - All Grades
 11:00a Mass-Church
 11:00a CLOW
 2:00p Baptism Class-PLC



Welcome to Pryce and Alairyann McCarty who joined the family of God in baptism on Sunday, April 15. Alairyann is in the 2nd grade and Pryce is in the 1st grade in our Religious Education program.

Elizabeth Rusnak, Irene Clay, Patricia Baumann, Reid Hudson, Jada Brady, Jake Koch, Casey Browning, Isabella Karst, Andrew Johnson, Frank Michael, Cynthia Carson, Bob Thurman, Gina Harrobin, John Magnacca, Olivia O'Brien, Sue and Sylvia Bender, Elizabeth Rossel, Brenda Martin, Katie Custer, Annabelle Marshall, Rosemary Studer, Joy Russell, Jerri Nardone, Bill Guttlied, Nick Haring, Denisi Family, Rose Sliemers, Aaron Rieck, Teresa Ciotola, Andre Bond, Samantha Baker, Lovre Dzolic, Dannie Terrel, Bridget Lowe, Gina Sansotta, Dani Crabtree, John Lenhart, John & Joan Hamar, Anna Reed, John Lassel, Tayla Riddle, John & Rosemarie Mayhan, Betsy May, Michael H. Quinn, Geri Radivich, Marjorie Hall, Evan Decarlo, Jeff Panuto, Sam Troiano. Please remember in your prayers others who are not on this list. **(Please notify the parish office of any changes.)**



MINISTRY SCHEDULES

5:00pm SATURDAY, MAY 5

Extraordinary Ministers: Lynn Early, Dorie Kirwin, Patti Olson, Regina Quinn, Harry Ritz

Lectors: Gina Krantz, David Ryan

Servers: Mario Bondy, Alex Sterneker, Angelina Tose

Ushers: Mark & Julia Krantz, Mike Ciccone, Joe Tose

8:30am SUNDAY, MAY 6

Extraordinary Ministers: Beljeania Berry, Marsha Dieker, Pat Hadler, Mary Jane Timmons

Lectors: Pat Hadler, Michael Reidenbach

Servers: Allison O'Brien, Kaitlyn O'Brien, Madeline Palmisciano

Ushers: Frank & Terri Albanese, Michael Phillian, John Zagan

11:00am SUNDAY, MAY 6

Extraordinary Ministers: Krista Joseph, Mary Lou Melaragno, Rosemary Myers, Joy Russell, Debbie Squillace, Gisela Vitt

Lectors: Angela Kegler, David Russell

Servers: Ian Roedinger, Sean Roedinger, Laine Schooley

Ushers: Nick Melaragno, Roy LeMaster, Joe Miller

Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound: Lily Bell, Mary Blubaugh, Laura Bolster, Theresa Roman, Nathan Young

Collection Counters: Wayne Kottman, Pat O'Connor, Mike Drennen



On April 19, OLV had the privilege of serving dinner to nearly 150 moms, dads and children who have temporary homes at the YWCA Family Center. These families are in the midst of very difficult times most of us cannot imagine; times that may seem even hopeless to some of these parents. Thank you to all who baked, helped prepare the dinner, and helped serve the families. We had new families and new faces from OLV come to help us serve-we loved having you. And a big thank you to those who helped clean up. It's a messy job, but you do it with such joy. You all made a difference! For those of you who asked - **our next dinner is Thursday, May 24th.**

Religious Education

Color Your World with Prayer

Pre-K through 5th grades

Class today at 9:30am

2nd graders do not have class today

First Communion at 1:30pm today

Sunday, May 6 is the last day of class for our students!

CHOSEN class today at 9:40am!

6th and 7th graders only - Last day of class for 6th - 7th grade!

Collection for Montana de Luz in Honduras continues through May 20!

Confirmation 2018

Congratulations to our Confirmandi who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of Victory on Tuesday, April 24 by the Most Reverent Frederick F. Campbell.

Special thank you to our 8th grade Catechist, Mr. Adrien Ardoin, who worked diligently to prepare the students for this special Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you to the assistant parents Webster Schooley, Anita Milano-Gay, Christine Poth, and Susan Chieffo who came each Sunday to class.

Thank you to Carol Ann Bradley, our Music Director, for providing the ministry of music and to Pat Fulcher for making this a special day for Confirmandi and their families.

A HUGE thank you to 7th grade parents Julie and David Rickert, Angela Ruscilli, Vivian Derick, Anita DiPasquale, Patrick Piccininni, Melanie and Stephen Mueller for working the Confirmation Reception!

Please pray for the following Confirmandi as they continue in their spiritual journey empowered with the Holy Spirit!

Simon "Francis" Anderson
 Nicole "Colette" Bond
 Katherine "Katharine" Boyd
 Antonia "Antonia" Campbell
 James "Jerome" Chieffo
 Quinn "Francis" Corna
 Kendall "Catherine" Crotty
 Leah "Elizabeth" DeCapua
 Ella "Elizabeth" Devine
 Charles "Francis" Dion
 Andrew "Dominic" Dunn
 Grace "Maria" Ganz
 Natalie "Gabriella" Gay
 Isabella "Teresa" Gourno
 Connor "Francis" Hayes



Jacob "Joan" Leach
 Lauren "Joan" Leff
 Bergan "Elizabeth" Mardas
 Jane "Katherine" Mason
 Lucy "Calliope" Miller
 Eileen "Clare" Murray
 Caroline "Clare" Porterfield
 Tyler "Thomas" Poth
 Jacob "John" Schneider
 Laine "Lucy" Schooley
 Benjamin "Anthony" Sterneker
 Claire "Joan" Stoeckinger
 Samuel "Herbert" Thompson
 Olivia "Teresa" Westin
 Owyn "John" Young

LADIES' NIGHT OUT...

ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE BABY SHOWER

Happy Hour for a cause

Monday, May 14th @ 6:30 PM

Our Lady of Victory - Parish Life Center

Please bring a monetary or unwrapped baby gift (new items only),
benefitting Catholic Social Services. See Below:



Catholic Social Services Baby Gift Wish List:

Diapers: size 3 and up

Wipes

Boys and girls clothes: 6 months and up

Gift cards: Kroger, Walmart, Target

Dishes (kid friendly)

Cups (kid friendly)

New sheets (twin, full & queen)

New blankets/bed spreads (twin, full & queen)



*"We must remember that life begins at home and we must also remember
that the future of humanity passes through the family." ~ Blessed Mother Teresa*

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April 2018

Our Lady of Victory Church

From the Office of the Pastor

Begin a new life after Easter

The promise of the Resurrection is that faithful followers of Jesus will have new life. Whether we had a fruitful Lent or were lukewarm in our resolve, we can begin now to become new creations.

Make an examination. Call on the Holy Spirit to reveal what is keeping you from becoming the person God intends. Make an examination of your life as you live it. Look at your prayer life, your sacramental life, your dedication to spiritual growth. Do you share your faith? Do you serve others with love?

Face the truth with courage. It can be discouraging to look honestly at our

many faults. Remember, though, that God understands we aren't perfect. He asks us to act with integrity and relentlessly fight against sin.

Being a sinner is not the worst condition – remaining one is.

Devise a plan. Decide what needs to change and make a plan. Write it down and commit to it. Sometimes making a brave life change entails leaving bad company behind. Often it means changing entrenched habits. Change may be uncomfortable but growth can't happen without it.

Take the first steps. New life comes through God. Entrust your plan for change to him. Spend at least 15 minutes a day in prayer, asking for inspiration and strength. Then take the first steps toward new life.



One Minute Meditations

St. Gianna Beretta Molla

Born into a large Catholic family in Italy, St. Gianna studied medicine and became a physician. She opened a medical practice in Mesero, where she met her husband. The pregnancy and birth of their fourth child was very difficult, but Gianna was willing to risk her life for the life of the child. St. Gianna gave birth to a baby girl and died a week later. She is the patroness of mothers, physicians, and unborn children.



No guesswork involved

Followers of Christ never have to rely on guesswork to decide what is right. We have a perfect example for our daily lives in Jesus. And to guide us, he gave us the Catholic Church.

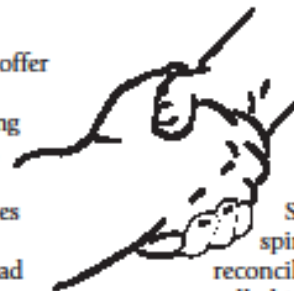
"A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 36:26).



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics offer the sign of peace?

During the Mass, we offer the Sign of Peace in preparation for receiving Communion. After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples in the Upper Room. Although his friends had abandoned him, Jesus



forgave them, saying: "Peace be with you" (John 20:19). When we offer each other the Sign of Peace, we imitate Christ. The Sign of Peace is also a sign of spiritual unity. Just as Jesus reconciled with his disciples, we are called to reconcile with each other.

Catholic disciples are called to more

Daily prayer, weekly Mass attendance, and regular Confession form the foundation for a solid Catholic life. Yet, discipleship calls us to more. Discipleship moves us to make a "conscious, firm decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ no matter the cost" to ourselves (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops).

A conscious decision. Disciples consciously resolve to follow Jesus with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. This governing resolution – renewed every day – controls all other decisions in a disciple's life.

Demonstrated by action. Our discipleship is visible to others by our devotion to the Church and by the good works we perform. Our charitable actions are offered in obedience to Jesus' example – and instructions – in the New Testament. The Church suggests the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy as guidelines.

Despite the cost. "So therefore, whoever of you does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:33). To be Christian isn't always comfortable. Yet, disciples persist out of love, no matter the cost.

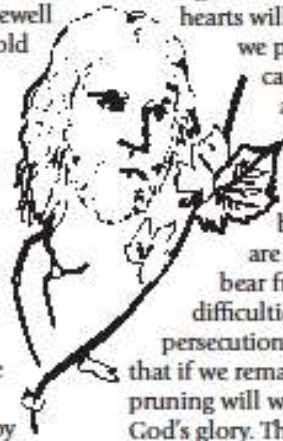


from Scripture

John 15:1-8, Stay faithful to Christ

This Gospel comes from Jesus' Last Supper Discourse, a kind of farewell speech for his disciples. Jesus told his disciples – and us – that without him, we can do nothing. He used a familiar image to explain. A grapevine has a main stem and smaller branches growing from it. Just as the main stem is the source of life for the branches, so Jesus is the source of spiritual life for us.

We received this life when we were "grafted onto" Jesus in Baptism. We preserve this life by taking his words seriously and



striving to live by them. Then our hearts will become like his. When we pray in Jesus' name, we can trust that God will answer our prayers. There is a "catch" to following Jesus, though. Just as the branches on a grapevine are pruned – cut short – to bear fruit, we will encounter difficulties and even persecution. Yet, Jesus reminds us that if we remain faithful to him, this pruning will work for our good and God's glory. Then we'll become the saints we were called to be.

Q & A

What does the Resurrection mean for us?

Jesus' Resurrection – the most important event in human history – is how we know that what he said and did while on Earth is true and his promises to us are trustworthy.



During his public ministry, Jesus spoke and acted as God. He promised that if we follow him, we will have eternal life. Either he was God and had the power to make it true, or he was a mere man claiming to be someone he wasn't.

That Jesus rose from the dead – a fact verified by more than 500 eyewitness accounts – means that his word can be trusted. He warned of the specifics of his own death, predicted his Resurrection, and proved that he really is God. Therefore, his promises of eternal life are real, too.

The Resurrection gives us hope. "By his death, Christ liberates us from sin; by his Resurrection, he opens for us the way to a new life" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* #654). All those who die in God's friendship will live with him forever.

Feasts & Celebrations

April 3 – St. Richard of Chichester (1253). Born in England, St. Richard studied law at Bologna. Known for his holiness and administrative skills, he was named archbishop of Chichester, but King Henry III refused to let him rule until the pope threatened the king with excommunication. Even as an archbishop, St. Richard lived a humble life. He died in Dover while preaching a crusade.

April 8 – Divine Mercy Sunday (1935). In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and asked that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of

Mercy." Jesus promised anyone who honors him as King of Mercy and prays the Chaplet of Divine Mercy – the prayer he gave St. Faustina – would receive special graces and great mercy.

April 25 – St. Mark the Evangelist (1st Century). St. Mark wrote the second Gospel largely based on St. Peter's perspective. Mark accompanied Saints Paul and Barnabas (Mark's cousin) on their missionary journey through the island of Cyprus and is credited with founding the Church of Alexandria.



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