

MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday, Aug 11 5:00pm	St. Clare +Mary Gerardi (Jim & Patty Policaro)
Sunday, Aug 12 8:30am 11:00am	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time People of the Parish +Bambina Lombardi (Husband)
Monday, Aug 13 8:00am	St. Pontian & St. Hippolytus +Patrick Mascaro (Connie Leach)
Tuesday, Aug 14 8:00am 11:00am-FCV	St. Maximilian Kobe +Erik Falasca (Mom & Dad) +Lenore Mastracci (Sue Gunge)
Wednesday, Aug 15 8:00am 7:00pm	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary +Mike Vargo (Lilda & Janet Lombardi) +Felice & Silvia Ciotola (Family)
Thursday, Aug 16 8:00am	St. Stephen of Hungary +Jack Conie, Jr. (Louise Conie)
Friday, Aug 17 8:00am	Weekday +Armando Falasca (Sandi Furr)
Saturday, Aug 18 5:00pm	Weekday +Mary Gerardi (Jim & Patty Policaro)
Sunday, Aug 19 8:30am 11:00am	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time People of the Parish +Jim Mentel (Jo & Joel Oster)

THE WEEK AHEAD	
SUNDAY, AUGUST 12	
8:30am	Mass-Church
11:00am	Mass-Church
MONDAY, AUGUST 13	
8:00am	Mass-Church
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14	
8:00am	Mass-Church
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15-HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	
8:00am	Mass-Church
7:00pm	Mass-Church
THURSDAY, AUGUST 16	
8:00am	Mass-Church
FRIDAY, AUGUST 17	
8:00am	Mass-Church
5:30pm	Wedding Rehearsal-Church
SATURDAY, AUGUST 18-3RD SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION	
2:30pm	Wedding (Nelson/Pettola)-Church
5:00pm	Mass-Church
SUNDAY, AUGUST 19-3RD SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION	
8:30am	Mass-Church
11:00am	Mass-Church

<i>Gifts for God</i>		
	114 Envelopes Rec'd; 811 issued	\$4,422.00
	25 Loose Checks	1,375.00
Aug. 4-5	Loose Cash	679.00
	TOTAL	\$6,476.00
<i>Thank you to all who support the work of God</i>		

WELCOME to Griffin Theodore Schmitz and Samuel David Uhlenhake who were recently baptized at OLV and through the Sacrament of Baptism became members of God's family.

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FOOD COLLECTION: Our Lady of Victory Parish supports food banks located in Columbus and McArthur, OH by collecting non-perishable food items every Third Sunday of the Month. Please participate by bringing in non-perishable food donations and placing them in the baskets provided next **Weekend August 18-19**. Thank you for your support!




Are you or is someone you know considering becoming a Catholic? The RCIA program offers a period of discovery and discernment for those who wish to learn about the Catholic faith and

desire to join our church. For more information, please contact Father Romano at 614.488.2428 or Patti Olson at 614.315.6015. You may also email Patti at patti.olson722@yahoo.com.

Wednesday, August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 8:00am & 7:00pm.



We are a group of people bound by our belief in Jesus Christ. Through our baptism, we are called to share in His work. Therefore we pledge ourselves through the ideal of shared ministry to build a community where all are welcomed, loved, needed, and appreciated; to celebrate the gift of life together in word and sacrament; and to promote justice, peace and equality for all people.

- Our Lady of Victory Mission Statement

Our Lady of Victory continues to follow the Diocese of Columbus commitment to the protection and safety of children and the **SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM**. The Safe Environment Program states that all Volunteers 18 year or older who would like to participate in parish programs or ministries who have been delegated care, custody or control of children must complete two steps: 1) Attend a *Protecting God's Children Session* (one time only); and 2) *Complete BCI Fingerprinting*. The current schedule for attending a PGC Session is always posted on the VIRTUS website. Go to: www.virtus.org. Click on the Yellow Registration button just beneath the login and follow steps to register. BCI Fingerprinting can be done at FastFingerprints on Bethel Road. If you have any questions on how to complete either of these steps, please contact Pat Fulcher at religioused@ourladyofvictory.cc or go to the Our Lady of Victory website – ourladyofvictory.cc find the "Our Parish" Tab, then "Protecting God's Children & Volunteers" Tab.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN (PGC) SESSION: Will be held at Our Lady of Victory on *Sunday, August 26*, at 1:00pm in the PLC; Fingerprinting will be available at this Session beginning at Noon! (Fingerprinting payable via Cash, Check or Credit Card)



Prayer for the Assumption of Mary

Father in heaven, all creation rightly gives you praise, for all life and all holiness come from you.

In the plan of your wisdom she who bore the Christ in her womb was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.

May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer from Catholiconline.org)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES	
5:00pm SATURDAY, AUGUST 18	
Extraordinary Ministers:	Theresa Draher, Lynn Early, Patti Olson, Christine Pirik, Andrea Tose
Lectors:	Karin DeLaurentis, Gina Krantz
Servers:	Elaina Schneider, Paige Schneider, Alex Sterneker
Ushers:	Jim & Andy McCauley, Tom & Lindsay Kom-lanc
8:30am SUNDAY, AUGUST 19	
Extraordinary Ministers:	Marsha Dieker, Terrie Harlor, Carolyn McDaniels, Dominic Wisler
Lectors:	Jeanne Bogen, Peter Galyardt
Servers:	Freddie Keil, Josh Keil, Ava Kessler
Ushers:	Frank & Teri Albanese, Michael Phillian, John Zagan
Eucharistic Ministers Homebound:	Lily Bell, Mary Blubaugh, Laura Bolster, Theresa Roman, Nathan Young
11:00am SUNDAY, AUGUST 19	
Extraordinary Ministers:	Karen Angelis, Marcia Bohley, Pat Feamster, John Frericks, Ann Gabriel, Ron Kibbe
Lectors:	Mary Ann Holtman, Angela Kegler
Servers:	Camryn Morin, Carson Morin, Laine Schooley
Ushers:	Fred Lombardi, Tony Polletta, Mark McPherson
Collection Counters:	Rob Luikart, Sean Stewart

Elizabeth Rusnak, Irene Clay, Patricia Baumann, Reid Hudson, Jada Brady, Jake Koch, Casey Browning, Isabella Karst, Andrew Johnson, Frank Michael, Cynthia Carson, Gina Harrobin, John Magnacca, Olivia O'Brien, Sue and Sylvia Bender, Elizabeth Rossel, Brenda Martin, Katie Custer, Annabelle Marshall, Rosemary Studer, Joy Russell, Bill Guttliel, Nick Haring, Denisi Family, Rose Sliemers, Aaron Rieck, Teresa Ciotola, Andre Bond, 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, Anneliese Rea. Please remember in your prayers others who are not on this list. **(Please notify the parish office of any changes.)**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Important Dates & Information for the 2018-2019 School Year!



2018

- August 26** Sunday, **Protecting God's Children Session (PGC)** 1:00pm in PLC, Finger Printing will be available @ Noon.
- September 16** **1st Day of Class** for Pre-K through 5th Grades and Parent Welcome Back Meeting; Catechetical Sunday
- September 23** **1st Day of Class** for 6th -8th Grade – AND all Grades
- October 7** **1st Communion MANDATORY Parent & Child Meeting**
during Religious Ed.
- October 15** Monday Evening – **MANDATORY Parent Confirmation Meeting**
- December 2** Christmas Play for Pre-K through 5th Grades.

2019

- January 12** Saturday, **First Reconciliation** 9:00am in Church, 2nd Grade
- February 9** Saturday, **Confirmation Retreat**, Commitment Mass and Sponsor Dinner 1:00-7:00pm; Includes 5:00pm Mass, then Dinner with Candidates and Sponsors (if available).
- February 23** Saturday, **1st Communion Retreat** 9:00-11:00am in Victory Hall
- April 30** **Tuesday, CONFIRMATION at 7:00pm**
- May 5** **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION at 1:30pm**
- May 5** Last Class for all!

RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION will be mailed during the week of August 19. PLEASE watch for this in your mail and return ASAP – as we are busy making plans for the upcoming school year and knowing how many children are coming is very helpful! ***If you are new to the parish, you need to be a REGISTERED*** member of OLV in order for your children to attend Religious Education. *Please remember* that our **1st Communion Program is a 2-YEAR program** with preparation beginning in 1st Grade – so it is **mandatory** that your child attend 1st Grade in order to make their 1st Communion in 2nd Grade. Our **Confirmation Program is also a 2-YEAR** with preparation beginning in 7th Grade and Confirmation in 8th Grade. If you have any questions, please email us at religioused@ourladyofvictory.cc.

Our Pre-K Class is limited to 16 Children and those spots fill up Fast! Please see our website for information describing all the programs at OLV.

We also offer a Special Needs program that is individually created for your special needs child. This class meets on Tuesdays at 4:00pm during the school year. Please contact Krista Joseph in the Religious Ed office to schedule a meeting.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK: Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for the 2018 Columbus Friends of the Poor Walk on **Saturday, September 29, 2018** at 10:00am (Registration begins at 9:00am) It will be held at St. Francis de Sales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. Register, visit <https://www.fopwalk.org/eventlisting/eventdetail/?eventid=2093>

CALL FOR ARTISTS!! The Martin de Porres Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, invites artists to submit artwork for the juried art show "Sacred Images: Mary & Jesus." Artists are encouraged to submit work which represents Jesus and/or Mary in some way. **The entry period is open through September 14, with the exhibit on display starting in November.** Find more info and requirements at <https://martindeporrescenter.net/art-exhibits/> or call (614) 416-1910.

TIME FOR A TUNE-UP? Your marriage needs care and maintenance too! That's what you'll get on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend. Marriage Encounter is where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones, and focus only on each other. **The next weekend is September 14-16** in central Ohio. For more information or to apply, contact Paul & Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880 or visit our website at www.wmecolumbus.org

MOUNT CARMEL HOSPICE INVITES YOU TO HOSPICE VOLUNTEERING 101: If you are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer whether at the bedside or behind the scenes, join us for a special panel discussion. A group of Mount Carmel Hospice volunteers will discuss their roles and contributions then answer your questions. The session can help you find the best way to serve your community at end-of-life. Please join us on August 14 from 1:00-2:00pm or on August 21 from 6:00-7:00pm at the Mount Carmel Hospice and Palliative Care Center. Register by calling 234-LIFE (5433). The fall training class is forming now.

Change a life and inspire your own! Tutors are needed for adults seeking basic education skills, GED preparation, or English as a Second Language. The Dominican Learning Center will hold its next **TUTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP** on **Saturday, August 25** from 9:00am-12:30pm at 1111 E. Stewart Avenue, Columbus. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and hold a high school diploma. Materials are free to tutors. To register, please call 614-444-7330 or email dlcco-lumbus@oppeace.org. To find out more visit www.domlearningcenter.org.

SAVE THE DATE OCTOBER 4TH, 2018: The Brian Muha Memorial Foundation/Run the Race Night of Champions Dinner/Auction; Speaker; Dinner Raffles; Live entertainment from The Run The Racers @VILLA MILANO 1630 Schrock Rd., Columbus, OH.

BREAKFAST WITH CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES is **Friday, September 7, 2018**, 7:00-9:00am at the Renaissance Columbus. The featured speaker is Sam Quinones, author of Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic. Registration is open. For registration and sponsorship information, call 614-857-1254 or www.colscss.org/upcoming-events or email jnaporano@colscss.org.

SAVE THE DATE: The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, OH invites you to come for Latino Day on **Sunday, September 23**. We offer confessions, Mass in Spanish at noon, food and an outdoor Rosary procession. For more information call the Shrine office, 419-396-7107 or www.olcshrine.com.

The **JOSEPHINUM 4-MILER**, a run/walk for families and individuals, will take place at Glacier Ridge Metro Park, Dublin, OH, on **Saturday, September 15, 2018**, from 9:00-11:00am. Register now and get a family discount or early individual registration rate. Participants will receive bread and either wine or jam made by the Benedictine Monks. Register at: m3ssports.com (click "events"). Walk or run at your own pace and enjoy a September morn in the park while you support our future priests. Proceeds benefit seminarians at the Pontifical College Josephinum.



Take the
first steps

...be a part of
educating our
future faithful.



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OUR LADY OF VICTORY ADULT FAITH PROGRAM



"THE WILD GOOSE"

Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit

The Wild Goose was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. The Wild Goose can lead you on an adventure that will take you to a place of Mercy, Healing, Peace and Presence. The Wild Goose series will help you experience a deeper relationship with the Person of the Holy Spirit and the Spirit can transform you and bring you freedom.



**The series will run for 7 consecutive Wednesdays.
Each week will begin with dinner and fellowship,
followed by a teaching video and small group discussion.**

Please send registration to OLV Parish Office (ATT: Adult Faith)

WHEN: Wednesdays, September 12 through October 24

TIME: 6:30-8:30pm

WHERE: Parish Life Center

COST: A one-time donation of \$40 is suggested to help defray the cost of dinner and a personal journal that each participant will receive.

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ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____ **PHONE** _____

CHILD CARE NEEDED _____ **AGES OF CHILDREN** _____

Put Your Faith in Christ, Not On Feelings

CONSTANCE T. HULL

Rather frequently, I hear people make arguments about aspects of the spiritual life, the Church, morality, or relationships that are predicated upon a particular individual's feelings. Some will complain that the Mass doesn't make them "feel" good or the Church's teaching doesn't cause a flood of the emotions they are looking for in their lives. I've had friends tell me that their relationship with Jesus requires them to "feel good" on some level.

The problem is, our emotions or "**feelings**" — as we call them colloquially — are an unruly taskmaster and a dangerous guide in the spiritual life. It is true that our emotions are an aspect of being a human person, but they are in no way meant to overrule our intellect or our will. It is not uncommon for our emotions to lead us into temptation and take us down paths that are destructive.

When an individual tells me how essential it is for them to "feel" the presence of God or to experience Him subjectively in the Mass or in prayer, I tend to ask them some questions. First, I ask them how many times a day they experience an emotion? Do those emotions always comport with what is going on in reality? Do our bodies impact our emotional state e.g. level of sleep, stress, even what we've eaten? Is God our emotions? Does God cease to love us if we don't "feel" good on a given day? What about the very real dark night experiences of some of the holiest souls in our Tradition? Can our emotions be impacted by our encounters with other people? There are a lot of other questions that should and can be considered when it comes to deciphering how much our emotions can impede our ability to understand reality, love and serve God properly, love our neighbor as we ought, and progress in holiness.

Part of the spiritual life is learning to temper, control, or discard our emotional states. We can't always control our emotions, so at times we are called to endure until an emotional state passes. Much of the time an emotion we experience in a given situation is irrelevant to what is actually happening outside of ourselves. The Mass is a good example.

The celebration of the Mass — through which we offer right praise to God and participate in the eucharistic sacrifice as a priestly people through the ministerial priesthood — is an objective reality outside of ourselves. Heaven and earth meet and Our Lord is made bodily present to His people whether we "feel" it or not. The Mass is not meant to give us warm-fuzzy feelings. That's not what it is designed for. If that is what we want out of the Mass (and if we *must* have that experience), then we are not seeking to worship God, we are seeking an emotional high. That doesn't mean we won't experience powerful feelings from time-to-time at Mass, but it does mean that we can't be overly dependent on how we feel at Mass. We praise God regardless of our emotional state.

Many of the great spiritual masters of the Church note that as we progress in holiness, God seeks to free us of those things we depend upon outside of Him. One of these dependencies is our emotions. There will be periods, especially after consolations, in which God will seem to withdraw from us and we will no longer "feel" His presence. In fact, St. Ignatius of Loyola points out that we are in desolation more often than consolation in this life. We may experience aridity, darkness, numbness, and confusion. It is not that God has abandoned us, rather, He is seeking to purify our love for Him. We are not meant to be rely on the good feelings that can come from a consolation or an experience of Him at an emotional level. If we constantly seek an emotional response to God, we often become trapped in a type of idolatry in which we worship our feelings over God.

The question we must ask ourselves in the spiritual life is: Who do I want? Do I want God or do I want me? If we want God, then we must learn to temper, control, and discard our emotional states and no longer remain dependent upon them. When we learn to recognize our emotional responses to situations we can see very quickly how our emotions can entangle us in temptations and lead us to sin. This is a prevalent issue in our culture and it is something we have to fight against by the grace extended to us through the Sacraments and regular prayer.

The mantra of our culture is, "If it feels good, then do it." This is problematic and destructive in the spiritual life. It leads us to justify and commit sinful behavior. We can quickly become enslaved by alcohol, drugs, gambling, wrath, food, greed, pornography, or other forms of lust. Often adultery is predicated upon the notion that a person "feels" romantic love, attraction, or attachment to someone other than their spouse. We cannot truly love someone through sin and having an emotional response to another human being does not mean we should act upon it. What is required of us is to properly order that emotion to what is good, holy, and true. This is true of every aspect of our lives. A lot of people use their emotions and the argument that God wants them to be "happy" in order to indulge in sinful behavior. God wants us to become saints and our happiness can only come from living in accordance with His designs.

We are meant to move past our emotions as the starting point of our faith journey. They serve their purpose in the beginning by moving us towards God, but they are the shallow end. We are meant to swim into the great depths of God's mystery and love through the gift of faith and our use of reason. We can't truly come to know God and allow Him to live within us fully if we would rather worship our good feelings over Him. Christ doesn't promise that the spiritual life will be rainbows and sunshine. He promises that it will be blessed and lead us to the ultimate happiness we are made for at the end of the journey. In fact, there will be very dark valleys that we must walk through.

We can't persevere if we don't understand that our spiritual life isn't reliant upon feeling good. It is wholly dependent on Jesus Christ and our willingness to move forward in faith following Him no matter what. There will be much that we are asked to endure, some of which will be brutal, but our hope is in Him, not how we feel about what is asked of us. The greatest joy, the deepest peace, and the most intense love is found in the Holy Trinity and we enter into the communion of the Divine Persons when we let go of our counterfeits and embrace reality Itself. In order to do so, we must be willing to accept that our emotions are not God and that our faith journey is not dependent upon how we feel. Tagged as: [faith](#), [feeling](#), [interior life](#), [Mass](#)



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