

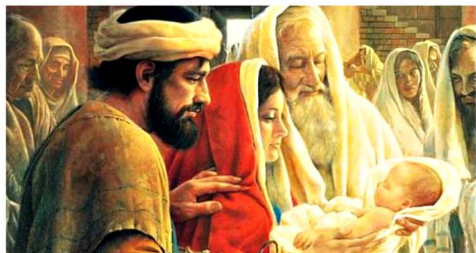
THE VICTORY VISION

PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS



Candlemas

The Feast of the Presentation (Feb 2), often called *Candlemas*, commemorates the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the presentation of Christ in the temple, which occurred 40 days after his birth as prescribed



by Jewish law. According to the Mosaic law, a mother who had given birth to a boy was considered unclean for seven days. She was also to remain 33 days "in the [state] of her purification" (hence 40 days). At the Presentation, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to Jerusalem because every firstborn child was to be dedicated to the Lord. Once in the temple, Jesus was purified by the prayer of Simeon, who, upon seeing the Messiah, gave thanks to the Lord, singing the following hymn:

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace, your word has been fulfilled: My own eyes have seen the salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

The name *Candlemas* comes from the activities associated with the feast. It came to be known as the Candle Mass. In the Western Church, a procession with lighted candles is the

Groundhog's Day gets its origins from Candlemas. Farmers used to base their season on the weather for Candlemas. If the sun cast a shadow on Candlemas, more winter was on the way; if there was no shadow, winter was thought to be ending soon.

distinctive rite. Here at Our Lady of Victory, we gather a sampling of all the liturgical and home candles in the church and bless them before Mass. Then a procession with lighted candles winds its way through the church as Mass begins. If *Candlemas* falls on a school day, the procession is made by the 8th graders, along with any parishioners present for daily Mass.●

By Jennifer Reinkemeyer



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Advent

A TIME FOR WAITING & REPENTANCE

Advent is here at last, which means Christmas is coming. Presents and family events are just around the corner. Yet, we're not quite there yet. We have to wait.

Waiting isn't always pleasant. Waiting for an exam in school is dreadful. Waiting for a review in the work place is ridden with anxiety. Waiting for test results in a doctors' office is often centered on worry. Yet, there are some forms of waiting that pulse with excitement. An expectant mother and father are giddy with fevered happiness. A bride and groom would run to the altar if you'd let them. And personally (Erica, here), when far away family and friends come for a visit, I bounce on my toes in anticipation. I clean my house, dust every shelf, wash the windows, tidy the guest room (or, at my apartment, I make the couch look awfully comfortable), and I wait. Waiting can be, dare I say, joyful!

And here's just the point of Advent. We are asked to wait, not with a heavy heart, but with expectant joy. Wait with excitement. And when we wait with joy we want everything to look its best. We clear out the cobwebs. We get haircuts or buy a new outfit. We're simply filled with "Is it time

yet???" That's much like the joyful waiting of Christmas, the waiting for Christ, the Messiah. No matter how much money you have, how low you feel, you wait expectant and (hopefully) ready for this King to arrive. But how do you prepare for Christ? I'm sure Jesus thinks we're lovely no matter how our hair looks or what we're wearing or what our house smells of. Instead, Advent gives us this joyful time to prepare our hearts and souls.

Much like Lent, Advent is a penitential time in the Church, a time to look inward and see where we are in our spiritual journey because something exciting is coming! As a father (Jonathan now), I must be a role model of faith for my kids. When I make a mistake, I can't hide it, but, instead, take the lead and apologize. None of us are perfect but to use mistakes as teaching points with our kids is something that can help them grow in faith and understanding of taking ownership of our actions. Sometimes the hardest thing to do is admit to another we've done something wrong. But it can also be freeing, and the perfect way to prepare ourselves for the coming of a Savior.

When I bring my family to confession once a month, I don't wait outside. I

go to receive forgiveness too. When we go to confession, we're saying to God: I'm not perfect, and I need Your forgiveness so that I can experience true joy in Your presence. By receiving God's mercy we can make a complete 360 degree turn and start anew.

Set up a time each month to go to confession and put it on the calendar. It's important to go regularly. Especially during this Advent season as we prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus. I know the longer I am away from the sacrament the harder it is to come back to it.

There are more ways too to prepare your heart. Try looking at your daily habits each night by making an examination of conscience. Read scripture, even if it's as simple as a one verse. Listen to Christian music. Spend time in Adoration. Whatever you do this Advent, do it with JOY knowing that the Lord is coming. Prepare your heart for Christ as you would prepare your home for guests you've been waiting for for so long.

We must all make time to repent and receive God's mercy if only to share in His great and wonderful JOY!●

**By Jonathan Schaefer
& Erica Trabanino**

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SCHOOL NEWS

We are preparing for conferences and the Thanksgiving holiday here at Our Lady of Victory. On behalf of the faculty and staff, I'd like to offer sincere gratitude to our OLV families and parishioners who give so generously in their time, resources, and talents to make OLV a wonderful environment for our children to grow in faith and academic excellence. We count our blessings by way of your support, and we pray a prayer of gratitude for our Victory community.

We had a wonderful Grandparents & Special Friends celebration at the end of October! Thank you to Mrs. Albers and all of the volunteers and teachers who made it possible. Thank you to Mrs. Lynn for the wonderful program. It was a pleasure to spend the morning with the students,

grandparents, and special friends.

Dad's Day is an annual tradition in the cafeteria on Halloween, where fathers come celebrate by dressing up and serving lunch. Thank you to the dads who came to be with our students. Thank you to the room parents who planned Halloween parties and/or sent in treats for our students.

Congratulations to sixth grader, Ben Johnson! Ben was our schools' winner in the Catholics United for the Poor All Saints' Day essay contest. Thank you to Mrs. DiTullio for providing the sixth grade students with this opportunity. Congratulations, Ben!

Having the opportunity to put our faith into action is at the heart of our mission at Our Lady of Victory

School. Our Ambassador's program allows students serve their school, parish, community, and world, putting their faith into action to make the world a better place. The eighth graders will be spending the day at Matthew 25 Ministries, spreading cheer to Veterans, and sharing good cheer at Bayley Adult Day Center. The students have loved using their time and talents to bless the lives of others.

We started the month of November, celebrating All Saints Day. Fr. Reutter invited students to come dressed as a favorite Saint to celebrate Mass and honor the Saints. It was quite a joy to see! Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a blessed Advent.●

Amy Borgman, Principal



Christmas
Family Movie Night
Friday, December 16th
@ 5:30PM

Hot chocolate and yummy cookies will be provided. Don't forget, a blanket, pillows, and Christmas dessert to share!



On Veteran's Day, we honored all Veterans in our first ever Veteran's Day Program. Mr. Bill Proffit, retired school teacher and a Veteran himself, lead us in a wonderful program in which he educated our students on what it means to be a Veteran. He also explained what it means to retire a flag, the importance of it, and how to do so. Following that, all the students participated in a ceremony to retire our own flag, then raised the a new one. We had a wonderful time learning, celebrating, and honoring all Veterans. Thank you, Veterans, for your service as heroes in our country!

To see more pictures from the event, visit facebook.com/OLVParishandSchool

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

OF VICTORY STUDENTS PAST 1ST QUARTER 2016-2017

ELDER HIGH SCHOOL

FIRST HONORS

Nicholas J. Albers	Alexander M. Lott
Wyatt J. Albers	Matthew R. Luebbe
Nathaniel B. Bill	Robert C. Luebbering
Joseph R. Bischoff	Michael T. Maloney
Zachary R. Bischoff	Joseph C. Monahan
Alexander Brigger	Eric J. Moser
Joseph E. Brockmann	Brady J. Murphy
Ryan T. Browne	Joseph D. Nartker
Andrew P. Broxterman	Adam M. Noeth
Joseph A. Catania	Michael O'Connor
Samuel J. Catania	Chad P. Ostertag
Marc W. Crable	Matthew A. Peterson
Lucas C. Downey	Ethan A. Plagge
Andrew G. Eubanks	Owen C. Plagge
Robert D. Evans	Solomon J. Richards
Anthony R. Frommeyer	Austin M. Roll
Brent S. Gavin	Tyler J. Sadelfeld
Samuel M. Gillis	Andrew C. Schenkel
Eric M. Groll	Ryan N. Schenkel
Justin C. Haas	Nicholas J. Shappelle
Clayton A. Hodge	Benjamin K. Siefke
Jacob R. Hofmeyer	Jackson R. Sinnard
Max J. Hofmeyer	Matthew R. Trotta
Connor B. Johnson	Evan M. Vollmer
Timothy J. Kearns	Jacob L. Wuebbolt

SECOND HONORS

Spencer J. Bacon	Kyle R. Klingenberg
Benjamin M. Burke	Noah T. Kroeger
Nicholas E. Dirr	Ronald A. Larkin
Thomas A. Doerflein	Tyler A. Lewis
Ryan W. Duell	Dennis J. Linneman
John P. Eary	Alexander T. Mischell
Xavier J. Eilers	Michael T. Schenkel
Jacob Fullenkamp	Nicholas P. Sievers
Alexander J. Hils	Maxwell C. Trotta
Jacob P. Kelly	Michael S. Wauligman
Kory E. Klingenberg	

OAK HILLS

HIGHEST HONORS

Kristina Sattler
Kathryn Wooddell

HIGH HONORS

Marie Altenau
Jillian Kallmeyer
Brooklyn Purvis

HONORS

Mitchell Brodbeck
Alissa Cain
Grace Cain
Thomas Ray
Natalie Rowe
Chance Schneider
Austin Watts
Caroline Weisker
Rebecca Wooddell

ST. XAVIER

FIRST HONORS

Adam Arar
Nicholas Helmers-Wegman
Bryce Weyler
Grant Zentmeyer

SECOND HONORS

John Altenau
Nicholas Bower
Grady Garvey
Spencer Schaiper
Max Schiller
Ryan Smith

ST. URSULA ACADEMY

FIRST HONORS

Margaret Berding	Jennifer Dillon
Mary Berding	Anna Engelhardt
Alexa Carlton	Anna Lohrer
Amanda Carrick	Macy Luebbers
Savannah Carrick	Jessica Lutz
Kelli Currin	Olivia Oliverio
Kristin Currin	Catherine Zentmeyer

SECOND HONORS

Kaitlin Carmosino	Tara Lang
Yulia Feist	Molly Martin
Meredith Garvey	Teddi Schiller
Adriana Knollman	

SETON HIGH SCHOOL

FIRST HONORS

Shannon Cavanaugh	Elizabeth Moore
Ainsley Cook	Renee Niederhausen
Meghan Davis	Megan Peterson
Delaney Dee	Veronica Richards
Jamie Dee	Kayamarie Roll
Abigail Dirr	Megan Ruffing
Kathryn Eary	Emma Sander
Olivia Faillace	Molly Scherer
Emma Feckter	Hannah Smith
Julia Gavin	Payton Stinson
Annabelle Gonnella	Kristen Stacklin
Gabrielle Kemper	Maria Tan
Audrey Laiveling	Madison Truitt
Kristen Lehan	Morgan Van De Velde
Emily Lipps	Isabelle Warren
Elizabeth Mannix	Emily Wiczorkowski
Patricia McHale	Kelsey Willmes
Emily Mohs	Olivia Webber

SECOND HONORS

Emma Acomb	Anna Lanzillotta
Madison Brigger	Julia Lanzillotta
Lydia Brigham	Morgan Mevers
Kelsey Cappel	Kelly Monahan
Madison Cappel	Julia Neumeister
McKenzie Custer	Sara Neumeister
Chloe Davitt	Sidney Perry
Michelle Deters	Brooke Pohlman
Lauren Duell	Samantha Riegler
Emily Flowers	Kaitlyn Sferrazza
Elizabeth Groh	Bailey Stinson
Anne Haley	Sarah Telscher
Anna Hauer	Amanda Topmiller
Renee Hofmeyer	Megan Williams
Allison Huesman	McKenzie Zimmer
Katherine Kemen	
Erin Klumb	
Margaret Korte	

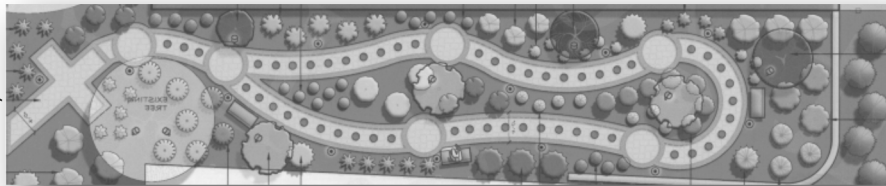
MOTHER OF MERCY

FIRST HONORS

Hannah M. Back
Kelsey A. Boeing
Julie A. Deye
Morgan E. Maloney

SECOND HONORS

Kate A. Bailey
Paige E. Bailey



WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

The OLV Legacy Project Team is excited to announce the implementation of four projects that will enhance our parish, school, and community: Our Lady of Victory Grotto, Rosary Walk, Outdoor Classroom, and Children's Playscape. Our hope is to implement each project during the 175th anniversary of our Parish.

THE OLV GROTTO

This will be a beautiful enhancement to our campus. The few parking places in the church lot beside the cemetery will be transformed into a tranquil place where parishioners can pray, students can reflect, and athletes can come together for pre-game prayers. The Grotto will be a natural stone structure with areas for reflection and prayer. Beautiful landscaping, site lighting, and fencing will also be included.

THE ROSARY WALK

Dedicated to inspiring the OLV community into deeper reverence of prayer through our Blessed Mother, each stone in the Garden will represent a bead of the Rosary for walking meditation, contemplative prayer and as a teaching tool for children in school. This will be located between the Convocation Center and the cemetery.

THE CHILDREN'S PLAYScape

This will be constructed behind the gym, utilizing part of the outfield of Field #5. This will be for interactive play and will encourage all children (preschool through 5th) to fully participate and enjoy. There will also be areas for reading, music, and creativity.

We are filled with great hope to construct this new area in time for the implementation of the Our Lady of Victory Pre-School.



THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Enthusiastically endorsed by Fr. Reuter and Ms. Borgman, the Outdoor Classroom will be adjacent to the school, behind the Parish Office, will bring an area of learning while repurposing and beautifying an unused part of our campus. The classroom will be constructed as a concrete stadium style seating area. It will be used for a wide range of educational activities, including serving as a meeting

spot for members of our parish commissions, Scouts, and other OLV groups. The outdoor classroom will undoubtedly be an attractive addition to our campus that our current and prospective families will enjoy for generations!

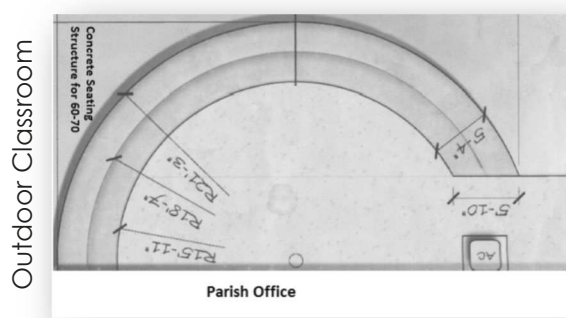
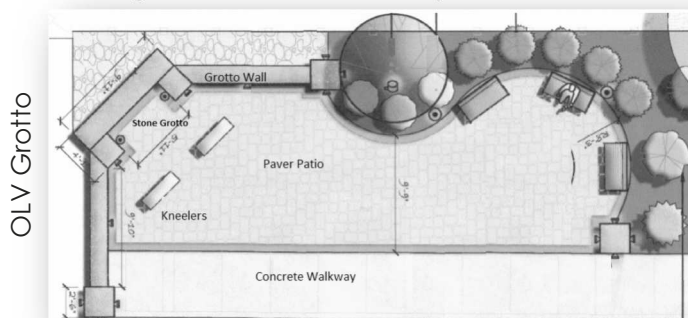
WHAT IS THE LEGACY PROJECT?

The OLV Legacy Project is an enthusiastic group of parishioners aiming to leave our generation's stamp on OLV, much like prior generations did with the church, the gym, Field 5, the Convocation Center, and the Schimpf Shack & concession shelter. While certainly not a complete list, these beloved, often-used parts of our campus came to fruition because so many wonderful parishioners before us had the foresight, dream, and drive to bring them to life.●

By Tom Bier

If you would like to learn more about these projects or make a donation, please email: olvlegacy@gmail.com.

Drawings of proposed plans and additional information can be found at olv.org, on the OLV175 page.





PASTORAL PASTORS

Our Lady of Victory has had many men serve the parish as pastors. From the time that the early parishioners in Delhi were meeting in peoples' homes, Fr. Henni was making his rounds through rural areas to serve their spiritual needs. Fathers Unterthiner, Jair, Eschmann, Koch, and Stehle also served as traveling pastors. Fr. Wachter was our first resident pastor. Twenty one more pastors have served the parish. While most of our pastors have been diocesan priests, 6 were Franciscans.

There are other priests who are notable for various reasons. Fr. Henni served as pastor when the log church was built on Rapid Run. Fr. Stehle served as pastor during the building of the first brick church on Neeb Rd.

Fr. Thein was present during the building of a new school in 1869. Fr. Karge was the first pastor to be buried in the Our Lady of Victory Cemetery in 1875. Fr. Mesmer served as pastor two times. He was present when the second rectory and another school building were built in 1899. Fr. Sund was present for the building of the church in 1908 and the first convent in 1917. During his years as pastor, Fr. Kunz, with the help of his assistant, Fr. Dirr saw to the building of the new school building in 1960 and the second convent built in 1962. Fr. Dirr was pastor when the East Wing was built in 1963 and the land was acquired for our sports fields. The current church was built when Fr. J. Paul Gruber was the pastor. Fr. Gruber was also pastor when the first gym was built. Frs.

Krumpe, Schmitz and Meyer were all pastors during the building of the Convocation Center. Fr. Reutter oversaw many updates to the current church during his time as pastor, including redoing the flooring, refinishing the pews, adding kneelers, hanging a crucifix behind the altar and putting in a center aisle.

The parish has had two rectories on site. The first rectory was built when we had our first resident pastor in 1854. It was built east of the church. Ten of the pastors lived in the log building. A newer rectory was built in 1899. This rectory was used until 2000. The parish offices were located in the rectory, also. The current rectory is located on Victory View Lane.●

By Kathy Lynn



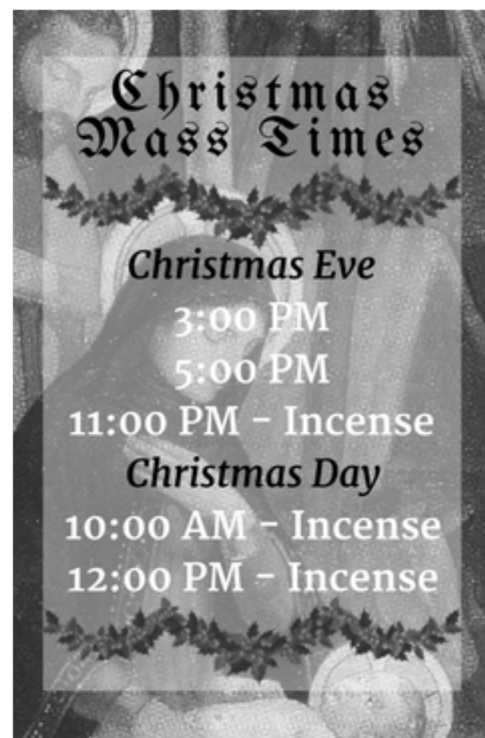
HOLY SMOKES 2017

The Holy Smokes Committee is already hard at work planning 2017's event! Next year the event will be held on Friday, August 4th and Saturday, August 5th, and while we're still in the planning stages, we can tell

you that there will be many exciting additions to next year's event! *More BBQ vendors, more People's Choice, more games, more TEAMS and a Kids BBQ competition!*

What's more, for 2017 you can get involved by becoming a registered member of the newly created Holy Smokes Organization within Our Lady of Victory! Registered members can attend monthly meetings to find out what's in store for 2017, as well as play an active role in the event if they choose! There will be more communication on how to become a member and the event in the coming months, so be on the lookout!●

By Brian Austing, President



Welcome to Our New Parishioners

Thomas & Patricia Maloney
Michael & Amy Lind
Bradley & Michele Ohmer
Andrea Turner
Darlene Herbort
Kyle & Kathleen Robbins
William & Courtney Main
Jacob & Savanna Lane
William & Molly Telscher

OLV Baptisms

Vincent Emanuel Napolitano
son of Phillip & Samantha Napolitano

Benjamin Daniel Selhorst
son of Douglas & Lori Selhorst

In Loving Memory

Rosalyn Rogers

Memorial Mass

Jim Jones Bill Broering

Tuition Assistance

Mario Pasqualetti

Food Pantry

Jim Jones Tom Freeman

Our Lady of Victory Memorial Association

The Memorial Association is another way of remembering family members and friends who have died. One Mass a month for a year is offered for those enrolled. All donations provide seasonal church decorations and furnishings.

During the month of November our OLV Book of Remembrance is placed in the atrium of the church. The book is inscribed with the names of all those enrolled in the OLV Memorial Association since 1983.

Tuition Assistance Fund

The Tuition Assistance Fund has been established to help OLV parishioners afford a Catholic education for their families. In lieu of flowers and gifts, please consider donating to support Catholic Education.



A YEAR TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

As part of Our Lady of Victory's 175th Anniversary, the Peace & Justice Commission would like to invite you to join in a year of making a difference! Together, in this year of celebration, we can continue the long OLV tradition of helping others, and truly make a difference!

During this year, you will be presented with many opportunities to serve those in our community and those in far off places. Please thoughtfully and prayerfully consider where and when you are able to help. Today, we will outline the plans for the next few months. Let's make our 175th Anniversary year extra special, making a difference one person at a time!

- Our annual Giving Tree collection begins November 26 and ends with gift delivery on December 16. Please see the bulletin for details.
- Now through May, start saving gently used handbags for our new 'Purses with a Purpose' collection, and place them in the Care Barrel in the church atrium. We will collect and fill them with hygiene items later in the spring.
- January 14-15, 2017, the Peace & Justice Commission members will be at the doors of church to kick off our "One person can make a difference" program.
- February 4-5 and 11-12, 2017, we'll be collecting new men's socks and underwear for St. Francis-St. Joseph Catholic Worker House, serving the homeless in our city.
- March 4-5, 2017, Peace & Justice Commission members will be handing out Rice Bowl supplies after Mass. We'll collect your donations the weekend of April 8-9. This is a Lenten program to benefit Catholic Relief Services.
- April is restock the OLV pantry month. After Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter basket distributions, the pantry is sure to be depleted. Let's fill it back up.
- May 6-7, 2017, it's time to put our 'Purses with a Purpose' project into action. Peace & Justice members will be handing out hygiene bags with a list of needed supplies so parishioners can fill them. We will collect them over the next 2 weeks and the filled purses will be donated to a program for homeless women in our area.
- June 10-11, 2017, We'll kick off our 2nd annual Little Dresses for Africa drive. After an extremely successful event last year, we have a goal of 175 dresses for this wonderful organization. Please save fabric, new pillowcases, and bias tape for this event. See littledressesforafrica.org for more information.●

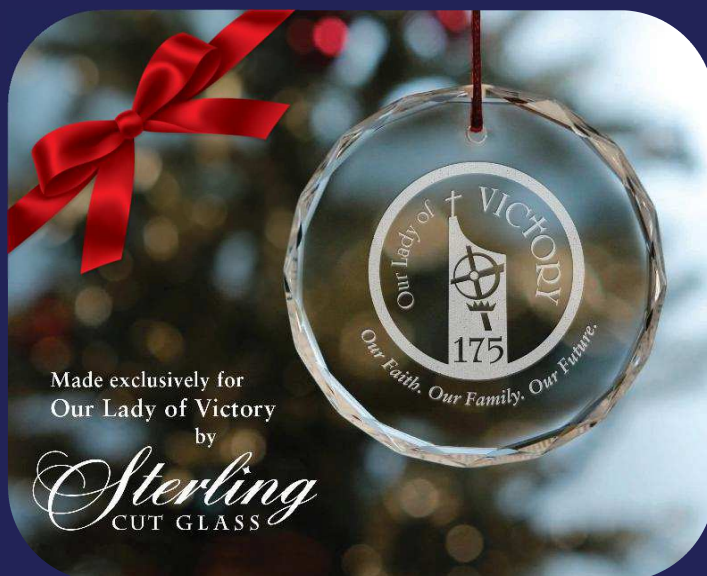
By Peace and Justice Commission



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LIMITED EDITION OLV175 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT



Commemorate Our Lady of Victory's 175th anniversary with this beautiful crystal Christmas ornament from *Sterling Cut Glass*. Simple yet elegant in design, this ornament is crafted of optical crystal with stunning faceted edges and measures 3" in diameter. OLV175 is offering this celebratory ornament for only \$20. Each comes with a blue silk cord and an attractive blue box for easy gifting. Please contact Chris Schneider at chrisannschneider@gmail.com or call or text 513-236-2346 to reserve your ornament. Please include your name, phone number, and quantity desired.

Would you or your OLV Organization like to be featured in the Victory Vision? Have our editor place you on the Vision Contact list!

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