



Our Faith. Our Family. Our Future.

WALK FOR EDUCATION. WALK FOR FAITH. WALK FOR VICTORY!

On October 7, excitement erupted from the Convocation Center as students, faculty, staff, and families joined together for our annual WALK for Victory and in celebration of our Feast Day. A wonderful bond of school spirit, the day began with a prayer service, then our Student Council led us in a cheer to get pumped and ready to WALK! What an exciting way to kick off celebrating 175 years! We raised **nearly \$27,000** which will go towards technology and programs that enrich our students' learning, such as COSI (Center of Science and Industry). What a wonderful blessing for our school community! Thank you to everyone for their generosity.

Our WALK, sponsored by PTO, is a wonderfully spirited day of prayer, excitement, and community as we walk to raise money for our school. Thank you to Becky Bill and all of the volunteers, parents, students, businesses, and staff who worked together to make our WALK so successful. ● **Amy Borgman, Principal**



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Are you being called?

National Vocation Awareness Week is celebrated every year during the first full week of November. This year, we celebrate November 6-12th.

This week reminds everyone that we are created for a purpose. That God has a plan for each of our lives and it is in living according to that plan that we will truly make the greatest impact on the lives of those whom we encounter. Additionally, we are reminded that none of us seeks His vocation in a vacuum. Rather, we must each support one another and especially those seeking to follow their call to the priesthood or consecrated life.

So, during this week and hopefully for the rest of the year, let's all make an effort to support each other in seeking and following God's will and asking that those who are called to the vocation of the priesthood or religious life have the courage to respond. Here are some opportunities and suggestions:

- On Wednesday, November 9th, Our Lady of Victory will be a host parish for a Statewide Holy Hour for Vocations. From 7-8 pm, the church will be open for Eucharistic adoration and prayer for religious vocations. Come join us!
- At all the Masses on the weekend of November 5-6, we will have vocation prayer cards in all the pews. Take one of these cards home and pray every day with your family. Meals make a great and easy time to do this!
- Each night, as parents, say a prayer: "Let my children hear and respond to the Lord's will in their lives and that I be an example for them in following His will."
- Talk to your children about the many ways the Lord may call them to use their talents. When talking about their future, ask yourself and your children, "What does God want you to be?"
- Celebrate your faith, and put it into action through the sacraments and service. Joyful sacrifice is the most attractive witness you can give! ● **By Wayne Topp**



SOMETIMES
WE KNOW WHAT WE
HAVE TO DO

*but we lack the
courage
to do it.*

LET US LEARN FROM MARY
HOW TO MAKE DECISIONS,
TRUSTING IN THE LORD.

POPE FRANCIS





The school's 1st Quarter has come and gone as well as most fall sports teams have seen their season come to an end. Another Friday at the Fields has kicked its way onto volleyball and basketball. And the Legacy Project continues to bring our parishioners together.

Over the past year, the Legacy Project has received financial assistance from a few different outlets. The OLV Class of 1991 made a generous donation of \$900.00 on behalf of one of their fallen classmates. The class was also the first to hold their reunion at our wonderful concessions area this past summer. Also, two most generous bequests have been given to OLV that together total almost \$50,000.00. These funds are set aside for

different Legacy Projects. And who can't forget the ever so popular Friday Night at the Fields, that has raised over \$2000.00 through weekly split the pots, bake sales, ice cream sales and other brilliant Tom Bier ideas.

As you can see, the Legacy Project is well on its way to continuing the wonderful tradition that so many parishioners have built in 175 years at Our Lady of Victory. If you have any questions about the Legacy Project, please contact Andy Spinney at 623-4060, or any of the following Legacy Project members: Chris Broxterman, Tom Bier, Chris Kenney, Paul Hutzel, John Haynes, Mark Schneider, or Jen Spieser.●

By Andy Spinney

SCHOOL NEWS



Congratulations to our new National Junior Honor Society officers: Jackson Kehling, Mitchell Meyer, Avery Moehring, and Emily Brockmann. Students in grades 6 and 7 who meet the high standards of service, leadership, character, citizenship, and scholarship are invited to apply for NJHS. Our induction is in May each year. Thank you to Mrs. DiTullio, our NJHS advisor, and to our faculty council, who enable us to offer this honor and opportunity to our students.



We have something exciting to look forward to! Dr. Spencer Boley has teamed up with Our Lady of Victory and would like to donate \$1 back to the school for every "LIKE" the Boley Braces Facebook page gets for the month of October! Dr. Boley also stopped by Victory to celebrate Orthodontic Health month with the students.



Moments of Victory!
Photo Credit Amy Borgman

As we look forward November, some of our highlights include Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day, Dad's Halloween Day, Red Ribbon Week, All Saints Day, Veteran's Day, and Ambassador activities! Let's get this fall on the road! ●

Amy Borgman, Principal

ESAP: CATHOLIC EDUCATION FUND

The George Hubert Jr. Family Foundation has generously agreed to fund the ESAP tuition assistance grant again this year. They are offering a match of \$1.50 for each dollar contributed up to \$10,000. That means Our Lady of Victory School could receive \$25,000 for tuition assistance! Please consider a donation to help Our Lady of Victory meet the challenge again this year to raise \$10,000 by **December 5, 2016**. Just like last year send your check made payable to "OLV Tuition Assistance" and ESAP on the memo line in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket or mail to the business office. Your donation is tax deductible so please be as generous as possible. Thanks for your support of Catholic education in our parish.

WHAT IS ALL SOULS DAY?

All Souls Day is a solemn celebration in the Roman Catholic Church commemorating all those who have died and are now in Purgatory, a place of cleansing from our venial sins and from the temporal punishments of the mortal sins confessed before death.

WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

The biblical tradition to pray for the dead goes back all the way to the Old Testament when a Jewish general, Judas Maccabeus, and his men were burying their fallen comrades and discovered they were secretly practicing idolatry. Judas raised money for the Temple and "prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out" (2 Macc 12:42). "Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin." (2 Macc 12:46). St. Paul, in 2 Tm 1, also prayed for a friend who was deceased. This tradition can even be seen in the early church as inscriptions on Christian tombs asking for prayers for those buried within.

WHY IS IT SPECIAL?

A simple answer is: to be reminded to pray for the dead. All Souls Day is often overshadowed by Halloween or All Saints Day, but it's a very important event, for ourselves and for those who have gone before us. Important for the dead because we're not just remembering them, but applying every treasury of prayers we know as Catholics, giving alms, and celebrating Mass for their release into Heaven. It is a faulty assumption to assume someone is automatically in heaven or hell. Most souls need to be purified before entering into the joy of heaven. Our prayer speeds up that purification!

And it's important for us because praying for the dead is one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy; you can even get an indulgence (forgiveness from temporal sin) from visiting a church on this particular day. And who do you think will be lifting up prayers for you once you pass away? The souls in Heaven! We know they'll remember us, and we can trust in their petitions. Who better to pray for you than someone seated beside our Lord?

IS THIS A ONE-TIME PRAYER?

Sometimes we assume one Mass or prayer in the first year of someone's death will get them to Heaven. We struggle to imagine how our little prayer can make a difference. But prayer is a powerful tool that can change lives, though the result may not be seen right away. When we pass on, we'll be able to see how much prayer truly effects everything. Which means we have to remember to pray regularly for those in need of our help, namely, the Souls in Purgatory. Call to schedule a Mass for your loved one at any Catholic parish or say a devotional or novena prayer for them.

Let's face it; most of us will probably need purification. How many of us feel like our lives are fully in line with God's will? Not even the saints felt that way! So let's pray for those who have gone before us and pass that tradition onto the next generation.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED IN ALL SOULS DAY AT OUR LADY OF VICTORY?

Praying for those who have passed away over the previous year is a tradition here at Victory during our yearly Memorial Mass. Join us on Saturday, November 12th at the 4:30 PM Mass to pray for all those who have died over the past year. ● **By Jonathan Schaefer**

Our Lady of Victory Cemetary

Just like in the early Church, burying the dead takes its place on our list of priorities in order to show respect for the departed, as well as fulfilling on of the works of mercy. Our Lady of Victory Cemetery dates back to 1852, showing just how important it is in making sure our loved ones are properly taken care of, even after death. We can even trace back to some of the earliest parishioners, over one hundred and fifty years ago!

Single Graves, Lawn Crypts, and Cremated Remains are available for purchase, and while it's difficult to pre-plan for occasions such as these, there are many advantages, including selecting a family plot to be buried beside each other, taking the burden off of the family, and many more.

If you are thinking of pre-planning, Our Lady of Victory Cemetery has a number of spaces available, but **prices will be going up January 1, 2017**. For more information or to discuss the advantages of pre-planning, please contact Carol Weisker at 347-8812 or caweisker@olv.org.

Looking for a way to bring the importance of All Souls Day into your family? Why not try writing a letter to a soul in Purgatory? Share what life is like on here on earth, how you miss them, and how you're praying for them!

You can even do the same for All Saints Day! Try writing a letter to a Saint, asking whatever questions you like, how you admire them, and for their intercession. This is a powerful and simple way to invite the celebration of these feasts into your life.



A KICKIN' GOOD TIME

Thank you for another fantastic season of Fridays at the Fields. This year's incredible eight weeks of Friday get-togethers were jam-packed with fun! For starters there was some terrific soccer from our mini-athletes, as well as Boys vs. Girls scrimmages between the 7th & 8th graders and the 5th & 6th graders. One night featured a Chili Cook-off with 11 entrants. Another had delicious barbecue from the creators of Holy Smokes. And yet another featured walking tacos and loads of memorable events in between.

With such a successful season of Fridays at the Fields in the books, the only thing left to do is say 'thank you' to all the people that made it go. Thank you to the communications of Erin Rink and Genevieve Kenney. Thanks to the Night Leaders: the Biers, Hutzels, Kenneys, Smiths, Broxtermans, Shooners, Swaffords & McWhorters, and the Rinks. Thanks to our grilling team: Mark, John, Paul, Chris, Joe, TJ, Steve, and more. Thanks to Scott & Lora Buchanan for their generosity in both donating and dishing out the ten large buckets of Graeters ice cream. Thanks to all of the behind-the-scenes folks: John, Andy, Christina, Chrissy, Mike, Giles, John, and more. Thank you to all of our helpful 8th graders: Jossie, Maggie, Jill, Hannah, and Natalie. Thank you to OLV Athletics, especially Keith Gavin, John Haynes and Dennis Conroy. Thank you to anyone else I may have forgotten. And most of all, a huge thank you to all of the mini soccer families that made each night a success – especially the kids, who gave us all a reason to be there while also helping keep the campus clean.

While Fridays at the Fields is over for the season, take pride in knowing that you all helped make OLV a better community for our kids (while having a darn good time in the process). ● **By Tom Bier**

We LOV Ladies Night Out!

Christmas is right around the corner and so is another beloved annual tradition here at OLV. It's time for the Ladies of Victory Shopping Extravaganza! Are you a female parishioner here at OLV? If the answer is yes, then you are a member of the Ladies of Victory (LOV), and we need your help!

Please bring your lady friends, your wallets, and a couple of canned goods to the Convocation Center on Friday, November 11 from 7-11pm. Together we'll shop for unique and handmade gifts supporting over 45 local artisans, craftspeople, and even some parishioners selling their wares.

We'll drink wine, laugh, and chat as we catch up with old friends and make new ones. Those canned goods I mentioned? We'll replenish the food pantry in time for the pressing holiday needs. And the funds raised? They get put back into the parish for an assortment of improvements! Give a little, get a lot!

So, please join in and grab some friends (or come alone and you can hang out with me) for shopping and socializing while we support our parish, food pantry, community and our fellow ladies of Victory. ● **By Becca Sontag**

Let's show some LOV!

*Ladies Night Out:
Shopping Extravaganza*

**FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 11TH
7:00-11:00PM**

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

Split the Pot & Raffles all night long!
Bring the girls for some F-U-N!

Light Appetizers.
Beer, Wine, & Soda for purchase.

ALWAYS DRINK RESPONSIBLY.

Sponsored by the Ladies of Victory (LOV)



The parishioners from St. Stephen's knew they wanted a school when they built their first church. In 1842, twelve children attended school. For the next fifty years, the parish employed lay teachers to instruct their children in the Catholic faith, German, arithmetic, and reading. Until at last in 1892, Sister Eleanora Waechter and Sister Emmerentina Kaltenbach, members of the Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg, came to teach. Sister Eleanora was the first principal of the school. The Sisters of St. Francis served

the parish for **103 years**. Over that time, 149 Sisters of St. Francis served the parish.

In 1899, the religious order lived in the newly built, brick school building. In 1917, the first convent was built for the Sisters. They moved into their new home on November 22, the feast of St. Cecelia, the patron Saint of musicians; the principal of the school at that time was Ven. Sister Cecilia Raab. This home was used for 45 years until in 1962, when a second, larger

convent was built. They lived in this home until 1989. Later, two more sisters served our parish as music ministers without residing here, Sister Jerilyn "Jeri"

Fuhrman and Sister Noella Poinsetta. Sister Rita Brink, a Sister of St. Benedict, served as principal from 1981-2000. Besides being teachers, some sisters served as cooks and housekeepers for the convent. Some were music directors and organists. One sister even became an editor of a magazine for students. ● **By Kathy Lynn**



A TIME FOR NEW MEMORIES

We are about a month into our OLV175 Celebration that will run for an entire year. The historical displays and pictures presented on the Parish Feast day of Our Lady of Victory were outstanding. The original 1909 church must have been a beautiful, reverent structure in its day. I can only imagine the memories made holy by the Sacraments and friendships in that church. We were treated to decades of Confirmation and First Communion class pictures from many years ago. I noticed many parishioners looking very intently for relatives of several generations gone by, and it didn't take long for phones to come out and pictures to be sent to friends and

family members. It was an excellent and joyful opportunity for parishioners to re-connect with the history of OLV and, in some cases, re-kindle a connection to a family member many generations ago.

Let's use this OLV175 Celebration as a real opportunity to make new memories with family and parishioners. There are three more Family Movie Nights, many Family Masses, and the *Das Karneval* Gala coming up in February. It's time to extend an invitation to others and make memories of our own. Invite the neighbors and their children to the movie night; have dear friends attend the Family Masses with you; get spiffed up and head out for a night of dancing at the Gala with your invited coworkers. Then, when all

that's said and done, invite them again to a Family Movie Night or Mass and extend that warm welcome even further.

There are many non-active parishioners that only need a nudge to enter into community with us to see the beautifully renovated church or attend the *Das Karneval* Gala. Now is the time. This celebration goes on all year long. Let's make new memories for the next generation to be excited about, to be filled with a desire to share their parish history's faith and community of years past. These events, along with the associated projects, provide an excellent opportunity to make the rich history of Our Lady of Victory even richer. ●

By Dave Haller, Finance Commission

Welcome to Our New Parishioners

Robert and Sulian Huang Smith III
Mackenzie and Brittany Schweitzer
Timothy and Valeria Ripley
John and Mary Lammers

OLV Baptisms

Charles Bernard Topp
son of Wayne & Marianne Topp

Allison Marie Stites
daughter of Patrick & Angela Stites

In Loving Memory

Mario Pasqualetti Gerald Lammers
James Jones Aloysius Rolfes

Memorial Mass

Dr. John Popken Gerald Lammers
James Jones Virginia Feilen

Tuition Assistance

Bill Thornton

Food Pantry

Pat Jasper Virginia Feilen

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.



OLV Giving Tree

It begins with a Gift...

This season, we have the chance to give the Hope of Christmas to families in need. We invite you and your family to participate in the OLV Giving Tree Project. Beginning **November 26th**, two trees will be fully decorated in the church, with the ornaments adorning them representing individuals and families in need. Give the warmth of Christmas cheer the two weekends following (**December 3rd-4th & 10th-11th**) by bringing in materials to provide these families a joyous year. *December 11th is the donation deadline.* The OLV giving tree has been so successful in the past only due to your generosity. Take some time to read the Giving Tree agencies we support:

St. Vincent de Paul: SVDP's mission is "answering Christ's call" by providing names of families residing in Delhi in need of assistance for the Christmas season.
In 2015, 20 families (71 individuals) received gifts from OLVs giving tree.

Community Land Co-op: The Community Land Co-op provides inexpensive homes to families with low and medium incomes in the West End and neighboring communities. The monetary donations collected assist individuals in paying their utility bills, cover costs of minor repairs, etc.
In 2015, \$800 was donated on behalf of OLV.

Healthy Moms and Babies: A nonprofit, community based organization rooted in the Catholic Social Teachings, serving at-risk, low-income women and children. The pink and blue "B"s ornaments represent this organization in which we collect baby items/clothes for infants.
In 2015, 29 gifts were donated on behalf of OLV.

West-End Communities: The majority of the ornaments on the tree are names of children from the West-End. These children attend various centers including YMCA Christ Child Daycare, Youthland Daycare, and ParkTown.
In 2015, 342 gifts were donated on behalf of OLV.

Extras: The giving tree also contains ornaments requesting items such as gloves, hats and blankets which are donated to various organizations in need. In addition, parishioners will drop off "extra gifts," presents used when a gift is not returned.

In 2015, we had 21 gifts not returned, but thanks to the "emergency shoppers" and the "extra gifts" we were able to fulfill all the requests. ●

By Angie Aull



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OUR LADY *of* VICTORY
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MEMORIAL & FAMILY MASS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH AT 4:30 PM MASS

Join us for our annual *Memorial Mass* celebrating all those who have been enrolled in the Memorial Society this past year. This will also be our November *Family Mass*.

Following Mass, come to our *family holy half* (30 minutes of Eucharistic adoration) to spend time in family prayer with our Lord. All Families, no matter the ages or temperaments, are encouraged to attend.

Never been to a Family Ministry event before? What a perfect time to start—with Adoration! Prayer materials for adults and a fun, prayerful activity for children will be provided.
We can't wait to see you there!

 *Family Ministry*



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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