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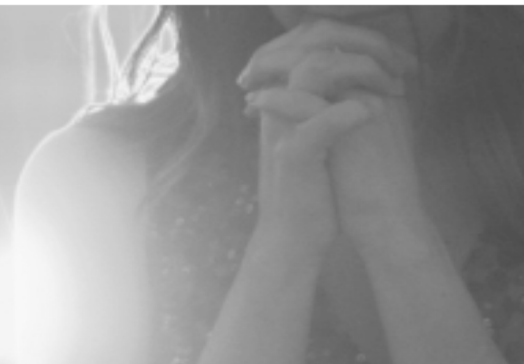
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HOLY SMOKES! What a blast!



The first, annual, Holy Smokes BBQ Competition at Our Lady of Victory was held this past weekend and was a great success! Twenty-three teams competed in four different categories, which meant anyone within a mile of Victory woke up Saturday morning to the sweet smell of mouthwatering BBQ.... **Continue Reading on Page 4**

Christ Renews His Parish



"She holds onto HOPE for God is forever faithful" Corinthians 1:9

It was about this time last year I was contemplating attending the Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Women's retreat. Like many of you, this retreat fell in the midst of my hustle and bustle life; getting ready for "back to school", keeping up with work and kids' practices, basically being there for others and putting myself on the back burner. Could I really get away for a weekend? Could my husband handle the carpools, practices, and meals without me? Could I "unplug" for two days to think about myself and my own spiritual journey? The answer was **"YES!!!"** And I am so very thankful I gave myself this special gift of attending a CRHP retreat.

It really offered me an opportunity to slow down, to reconnect with God, to develop new relationships with other women in the Parish, and to strengthen relationships with friends who also attended the weekend. It gave me time to evaluate the direction of my life and to choose a spiritual path that impacts all aspects of my every day. One of the best lessons I've learned is: this place for you and God is an ongoing journey and, like any relationship,

you need to work at it. I am still learning to put my faith in God and let him lead the way, but often my type A personality overtakes me, and I fall back into wanting control, to forge ahead on my own instead of with God at the helm. But now I have a purpose, a goal in my life: to pursue the relationship I *desire* to have with God. One that's all in.

My CRHP retreat weekend also introduced me to 17 other women I'm proud to call my "sisters." I have developed amazing relationships with my CRHP sisters and they've become a source of strength, courage, and support to be there for me in times of need. They are my inspiration. Each one of us has a different story; young mothers just starting out, experienced and wise women who are now empty nesters, successful women in the corporate world, women who have had battled with illness, women who have lost a loved one... we are each unique, yet we can see the love of God in each other. I know moving forward on my journey I will have hurdles to overcome, and when I falter I'm thankful to know I have some great friends to turn to for guidance, support and prayers.

The CRHP program and the women of OLV who put the retreat together for us truly impressed me. We laughed, we learned, we prayed, we reflected, and we felt God's love in an intense personal way. I believe we all walked away with a deeper, richer spiritual life and a greater fellowship with Our Lady of Victory parishioners. I am excited for the direction of our Parish and pray for each and every one of you, that you may be willing to hear the voice of God and be open to his plan.

My prayer for all you young, old, wise, successful, lost, faithful women is you will open your hearts and consider giving yourself the gift of the upcoming Christ Renews His Parish retreat on September 17-18th. It is a never-ending and truly renewing gift! ●

By Angela Aull

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Please join the women of Our Lady of Victory parish for a weekend retreat of renewal!

Our Lady of VICTORY

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SCHOOL NEWS

What a blessing and an honor it is to be the principal at Our Lady of Victory School! I can't think of a better way to spend each and every day. I want to extend a thank you to all of the Victory parishioners for their generous support of Catholic education here at OLV. I am looking forward to a wonderful 2016-2017 school year! As another year of learning and challenging ourselves approaches, my prayer will be that Victory remains a place where our students will continue to grow in their faith and love of God.

Welcome to our new students and families! We are so happy for you to join our OLV community, and we invite you to please call with any questions you may have. We are truly pleased, as well, to welcome two new faculty and staff members to Victory this year! Mrs. Anamarie Waite will be joining us in teaching junior high language arts, and Miss Erin McNamara will be an instructional aide. Both our new faculty and staff have excellent qualifications and are as enthusiastic about joining the Victory family as we are to have them.

It's important, as we enter another year, to ask ourselves questions to prepare for what lies ahead. What does Victory spirit mean? How do you live your life to follow Christ? These are two excellent questions to help us dig a little deeper. Here are some thoughts by our very own Victory students...

"Our Lady of Victory means a lot to me. It's taught me many things, and it's where I've grown up...how to be a gentleman...and how to live in the world. Playing sports for Victory has also taught me how to work hard, be respectful, and [maintain] discipline. [My pride] for Victory is because the teachers have

always had confidence in me, and have always supported my journey. Victory will always mean so much to me."

"I have always been proud to say that I go Our Lady of Victory. It's taught me what it means to be a friend, a teammate, a student, and [a good person]. Everyone here makes me feel important and like I truly belong. They've also taught me what my faith really means. Victory has taught me how to pray and the importance of my faith."



"Our Lady of Victory has made me who I am today. It isn't just learning [math or reading], it teaches guidance for the struggles we'll face in the world. Victory teaches life skills we'll needed for the rest of our lives. I have been given opportunities many eighth graders are not. Algebra class, being a member of NJHS, and being on the Ambassador Board ... [all united] in the Body of Christ at school Masses ... [these opportunities] have made me into the person I am today."

We have an exceptional school at Our Lady of Victory with a talented and dedicated staff who provide a well-rounded education that challenges all students to think, imagine, discover, pray, and serve. We are looking forward to a fantastic school year and we thank you for sharing your children with us each and every day! It is truly a blessing to be the principal at Our Lady of Victory! ●

Amy Borgman, Principal



In addition, 16 of the 23 teams turned in a large pan of their best pulled pork and competed in the People's Choice Award. Over 190 guests were able to taste a sample from each of those 16 teams and cast their vote for their favorite! When guests were not consuming BBQ they enjoyed different activities, such as the Putt-Putt Challenge; winning a cake or dessert... or money from our Big Six, Bars-n-Bells and Split the Pot booths; or simply taking in the day listening to live music with their favorite beverage in hand.

The Victory community really got its chance to shine as the event brought many unfamiliar faces from around the region. Whether it was a competition team or a visitor for the day, the Victory community did its job making all feel welcome! We've received many accolades from folks outside of our Parish stating they've never felt more welcome than they did at Victory. *Many* teams have already asked if registration is open for 2017 and we've begun receiving requests from restaurants in the Cincinnati area asking to be a vendor in our event next year!

The Holy Smokes Committee worked tirelessly over the past year to organize the event, but the success of the inaugural Holy Smokes BBQ Competition would

not have happened without the entire support of the Parish. On behalf of the Holy Smokes Committee, *THANK YOU* to all those that came together to make it such a memorable event! Be on the lookout for details for Holy Smokes 2017!

Holy Smokes BBQ Competition 2016 Winners

Chicken

High on the Hog
Leesburg, OH

Pork Ribs

Smokin' 4 Play BBQ
Springsboro, OH

Pork

Historic BBQ
Lebanon, OH

Brisket

Dub Town Smokers
Wilmington, OH

Grand Champion

Velvet Smoke
Harrison, OH

Reserve Champion

Historic BBQ
Lebanon, OH

People's Choice

Ale Yeah BBQ
Delaware, OH

The Holy Smokes Committee:
Rob Rink / Todd Lott / Nick
Camardo / Steve Ballard / Jason
McWhorter / Dave Richards /
Brian Austing ●



Quote of the Month

"We trust ourselves to a doctor because we suppose he knows his business. He orders an operation which involves cutting away part of our body and we accept it.

We are grateful to him and pay him a large fee because we judge he would not act as he does unless the remedy were necessary, and we must rely on his skill. Yet we are unwilling to treat God in the same way! It looks as if we do not trust

His wisdom and are afraid He cannot do His job properly. We allow ourselves to be operated on by a man who may easily make a mistake—a mistake which may cost us our life—and protest when God sets to work on us. If we could see all

He sees we would unhesitatingly wish all He wishes."

Fr. Jean Baptiste Saint-Jure



OUR LADY of VICTORY *Renovations*



Dear Parishioner:

As you well know, the renovations in the church nave are at last completed. There's finally a sense of rest and peace (that is, until school begins again) knowing the spiritual home of our parishioners is well prepared for them. That being said, there are many people to honor and appreciate for their many gifts lent to Our Lady of Victory during this time...

First and foremost, I would like to thank you, the OLV parishioners! Thank you for your endless support and trust in Our Lady of Victory over the years and particularly as we embraced this large and important task of renovations. I especially appreciate those of you who donated to the "One Faith, One Hope, One Love" diocesan campaign; your generous contribution made funding possible for renovation and helped enliven channels of grace in our community.

I also must acknowledge John Roebel, who truly went above and beyond in his tireless planning and overseeing of the project. Without John's "blood, sweat, and tears," so to speak, the peace that came with the hard work would not have been possible. John's services made it easy for myself and others to relax during stressful times and to trust when there may have been uncertainty. Thank you, John.

Thank you to Rob and Erin Rink for their consultation in planning and the design of the project; to Schoch Tile for their work in flooring installation and tile design; to Jim Klawitter and J & R Electric for lighting and sound adjustments for the new configuration; to Trinity Church Supply for their refurbishment and installation of our pews as well as other church nave and sanctuary appointments.

Thank you to Sphar Organ Service for tediously moving and repairing the organ; to Tom Busken with Nor-Com for the sound system adjustments; to Barry Kirby with Priority Insulation for the mastic abatement; to Ed Cain Construction on for the platform carpentry and the outdoor concrete ramps; to Tom Butler for his construction guidance and Dan Galvin for his field coordination.

Thank you to the parish staff for coordinating details and publicizing the project; to our maintenance men, Tommy Youngman, Doug Lynch, and Tom Ohmer, for all the additional hours they added on top of their ordinary duties for the success of the renovation, including completely changing out the lamps in the church, waxing the floors, and many other extravagant responsibilities; to Bill, Shelly, Kathy, and the 11:15am Mass musicians for their cooperation and consultation in ensuring music for Mass would go uninterrupted in the transition processes.

Thank you to Deacons Charley Jenkins and Mark Machuga for their assistance in planning the transition and ensuring Mass, in the temporary space of the Convocation Center could be celebrated reverently and without distraction; to Janet Luthy for her flexibility with the location of the sacristy and her assurance everything was in order for all the Masses; to Tom Bier and the Parish Council's support; to Joe Baxter for his worship commission input; to Amy Crowley, Tricia Johnson, and Genevieve Kenney for their PR and communications throughout the renovations; and to the Ladies of Victory for their very generous and beautiful medallion donation.

As I said before, there are many people to thank for the completion and support of the parish renovations, many of whom may not be listed above. There were countless numbers of parishioners and volunteers teaming up and putting generous amounts of time, talents, and treasure into our church. It was an absolute joy to see so much love and dedication in our community and gave me great hope for the future of our parish. I cannot thank you quite enough for your generosity, your compassion, and your support of Our Lady of Victory. Be assured of my prayers for all of you.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Reutter

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Sparks of Interest in Christ

When I heard the weekend of Holy Smokes and our newly renovated church would be complete on the same day, I immediately had a moment of inspiration: What if we had an invitation to preview the new church interior and also take some time to prayerfully encounter the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament? Meeting with Mary Licata, Genevieve Kenney, and Wayne Topp helped to refine what this time of Adoration would look like. Wayne came up with the title "Enflame" for a few weeks later for its connection to Holy Smokes (get it?), and Genevieve came up with the beautiful logo. Up until the final day, Wayne and myself hurried to get t-shirts and yard signs completed.



Enflame began after the 4:30pm Vigil Mass on August 6th with exposition. Those of us who had signed up to pray with our Lord to ensure He was not left alone and those who invited others to pray and view the church got down to work, *ora et labora*. Though people were not streaming in to pray, it was still amazing to watch a trickle of people who had not signed up to keep watch with our Lord sit quietly with Him. I was also touched to see children come into the church and light tea light candles in front of a large Divine Mercy image. I could not help but recall our Lord's words from the

Gospel :*"let the little children come to me."* Deacon Mark ended Enflame with benediction and blessed the people with the monstrance that held the Eucharist.

You can encounter our Lord in the tabernacle anytime, but I've always found that Eucharistic adoration makes people feel uncomfortable and content all at once. God has a profound Love for each and every person if we open our hearts to it. It can be a scary endeavor, being so exposed to Christ, but we must remember how truly exposed *He* is for us in what just looks like bread, but is actually His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. He comes as food for us to consume simply so we can be filled by His Love, yet is often ignored or desecrated in this form. Enflame was made to give people a chance to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist. Whether the people truly understood that or not, the task was accomplished. Enflame was a paradigmatic example of how crazy trying to begin something can be, yet how God's grace is sufficient to make it a success. I pray Enflame sparks a renewed love for our Eucharistic Lord at adoration.

Our Lady of Victory has adoration every Monday following the 8:30am Mass and ending with Benediction at 7:15pm. I hope that more and more Victory parishioners will take advantage of this wonderful gift. •

By Jarred Kohn



HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

ST. XAVIER

FIRST HONORS

Grant Zentmeyer

ST. URSULA ACADEMY

FIRST HONORS

Margaret Berding	Jennifer Dillon
Mary Berding	Anna Engelhardt
Amanda Carrick	Karly Hofmann
Savannah Carrick	Anna Kelley
Kelli Currin	

SECOND HONORS

Kaitlin Carmosino
Alex Carlton
Elizabeth Lamping
Adriana Knollman
Molly Martin
Kathleen Doherty

The 4th Quarter Honor Roll for **Oak Hills High School** was not available to us at this time. If you child made Honor Roll and you would like to include them in the next edition of the Vision, please email Erica Trabanino in the Parish Office with you child's name and honors placement.



Little Dresses for Africa



Our Lady of Victory is making a difference! This spring and summer, Peace & Justice Commission decided to try something new: as part of our mission to give OLV parishioners opportunities to make a difference, we started an effort to make handmade dresses for an organization called *Little Dresses for Africa* (LDfA), a wonderful mission that seeks to provide relief to vulnerable children by making dresses for young girls, often out of old pillowcases. Unsure of

what the response would be, we initially thought of it as a small trial. We underestimated you!!! The response has been overwhelming. Thank you!!!

We collected supplies of pillowcases, bias tape, elastic and cash, and asked for help sewing these darling dresses. Thank you to all who responded; we have at least a dozen volunteers sewing these dresses from both our donated supplies and their personal supply of fabric. Each dress is a combination of talent and treasure.

Already over **100 dresses** have been turned in! Each like a snowflake with its own personality. Since our first shipment is not planned until September, we hope that number will go much higher. Included with that shipment will be a donation to the LDfA. They will use our donation to help defray the cost of shipping the dresses to the actual missions. This donation is funded by your contributions to our project.



Since you embraced this project, we will be doing it again next year. Therefore, if you are shopping and see a deal on some adorable pillowcases, feel free to pick those up! If you have time to sew this winter, please do. We can hold any donations until our next drive in the spring/summer or dropped in the Care Barrel (or blue basket which will remain in the back of church for a few more weeks).

Peace & Justice Commission will be providing you ways of making a difference all year! In fact, you will soon hear about a collection of lightly used purses to be filled with hygiene products and distributed to women in need. So if you are cleaning out those closets, save your handbags or drop them into the Care Barrel. Keep an eye out for more details. Together we can truly make a difference in the lives of others! ●

By Ann Webber
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Our Lady of Victory Parish is a part of the Roman Catholic Church, which we believe is the institutional continuation of the church founded by our Lord Jesus Christ when he sent out his apostles after his resurrection with these instructions:

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to carry out all that I have commanded of you, and know that I am with you always, until the end of the world." By the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist, members of the church are promised eternal life and are equipped to serve God and their neighbor, according to the gifts and talents which each of them have received. In this way, we worship God in Spirit and Truth and welcome his Kingdom into our hearts and into the world.

Masses:

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:15 a.m.

Daily Mass: 8:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Mondays: 7:30 p.m. & Saturdays: 3:30 p.m.

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Men's Holy Name Eucharistic Procession



Saturday, October 8th, 2016
St. Peter in Chains Cathedral
9am to 11am

Calling all men to participate in the 2nd Annual Eucharistic Procession in Downtown Cincinnati sponsored by St. Antoninus Men's Holy Name Society. The procession led by Fr. Jon-Paul Bevak will begin at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral and conclude at Old St. Mary's Church. The walk is approximately 1 mile.

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Erica Trabanino, Editor

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COME AFTER ME,
and I will make you
FISHERS OF MEN.

Matthew 4:19