



Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

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The Nativity of the Lord † December 25, 2011

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Msgr. Thomas M. Duffy, In Residence
Rev. Leo Lefebure, In Residence
Deacon Leo Flynn

Parish and School Staff

Sheila Martinez, School Principal
Katie Sague, School Vice Principal, Librarian
John Tomko, Facilities Manager
Robert Girardi, Sexton
Dorothy Sansalone, School Secretary
Janice Harris, Parish Secretary
Susan Morais, Administrative Assistant
Jill Kalinski, Religious Education Director
Dr. John Warman, Choir Director & Organist
Jennifer Dusek, Director of Advancement

Committee Chairs

Carl Picconatto, Parish Council
Steven Gallagher, Finance Council
Ed Farley, School Board
Maika Fowler, Liturgy Committee
Adam Shirvinski, Facilities Committee
Will Young, Social Justice Committee
Michele Pacifico, Parish Community Committee
Jill Kalinski, Christian Education Committee
Annie Durbin, Education Endowment
Brian Dusek, Master Planning
James Stockmal, Advancement Committee

New Parishioners: Welcome to OLV! Please register for parish membership by filling out a registration form. Forms are available inside the church or from the rectory and on our website.

Bulletin Announcements: Please submit all announcements to olvparishsec@yahoo.com. The deadline is Tuesday at 4 pm.

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:30 pm (Croatian) **Saturday Vigil Mass:** 5:15 pm (Fulfills Sunday obligation)

Monday-Friday: 7 am; 11:30 am; (Federal Holidays, 10am only)

Saturday: 8:30 am; 11:00 am (Sibley Hospital)

Holy Days of Obligation: 7 am; 11:30 am; & 7 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4 pm – 5 pm and after the 8:30 am Mass, or anytime by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptism preparation is required of all parents prior to the celebration of Baptism. Please contact the rectory.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Please contact one of the priests or deacons six months in advance. All couples must complete a marriage preparation program.

Sick calls: If you or someone you know is hospitalized or homebound and would like Communion and/or the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the rectory.

Eucharistic Adoration: Everyday, around the clock, except during Masses.

Adoration Society: please contact Maika Fowler at 202-342-8794 or adoration@olvparishdc.org.

Rosary: Saturday after 8:30 am Mass and Monday through Friday at 11:00 am.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): For adults wishing to become Catholics, please call the rectory.

Religious Education for Children (CCD): Sacramental preparation and religious education for children not attending Catholic schools. Contact Jill Kalinski at (202) 337-4835 ex. 14.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP): For social concerns, please contact Dan Gibbons at (202) 337-4835 ex. 16.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS!
AND THANK YOU !**

Thanks to all of you who have made Christmas this year so beautiful and special! What a great and thriving spirit of community we have here at OLV!

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY
PARISH FINANCES**

December 11, 2011

Offertory- \$4133.53

December Faith Direct- \$11,990.50

**FEDERAL HOLIDAY
DECEMBER 26TH**

Monday, December 26th is a Federal Holiday. Our Mass will be held at 10:00am and the Parish Office will be closed.

FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

Sincere thanks to parishioners who have made gifts to Our Lady of Victory's capital campaign. If you have not had a chance to participate you will find pledge cards and pencils in the pews and in the rear of the church. Every gift received makes an impact in helping us move forward with Phase One of the master plan. Thank you!

**FOR THOSE SERVING IN TROUBLED
SPOTS OF THE WORLD**



Please pray for the following parishioners or relatives of parishioners serving in Iraq and Afghanistan: Philip Klay,

Lee Medley, Jose Molina, Shaun Moore, and Osva Sanchez.

**HOSPITALITY
2011-2012**

On November 6 the OLV "Faith in our Future" Capital Campaign hosted a lovely brunch after the 10:30 Mass. Many thanks to Kristy Farley for organizing this event and special thanks to those that helped: George Butler, Ed Farley, Miles Gallagher, Steve Gallagher, Teresa Giral, Sr., Teresa Giral, Pierre Oury, Michele Pacifico, Carl Piccanatto, and Jim Stockmal.

Our many thanks to the individuals that hosted Hospitality in November: Teresa Giral, Carl Picconatto and Francisco Tena.

Please consider volunteering for this rewarding ministry so that we can have Hospitality every Sunday. Please sign up on the volunteer sheet posted at the back of the Church or contact Michele Pacifico at martinpacifico@comcast.net or at 301-908-8720.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS SOME
So Others Might Eat (Some)**

Collecting gently used *seasonal* clothes: OLV will collect gently used clothes in the side entry' of the church, (near the bathroom) after all Masses on the 2nd weekend of the month.

Anne Ourand is leading this effort; please contact her at anneourand@gmail.com for more information. Or call Janice Harris in the parish office at 202-337-4835 ext. 10



ROSARY, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY IN THE CHAPEL

During the months of September through May, the Rosary of Our Lady will be recited Monday through Friday at 11 AM, in the chapel, before the 11:30 Mass. All are welcome. No Rosary will be recited on holidays or on days when an 11:30 AM funeral Mass is scheduled.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

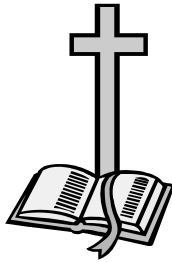
JANUARY 1

First Reading – Nm 6: 22-27

Ps 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8

Second Reading – Gal 4:4-7

Gospel – Luke 16-21



MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Dec. 31- January 1

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:15pm- S. Cahill, M. Leonard

8:00am- R. Vlach

10:30am- H. Daniel, P. de Dreuzy, A. De Dreuzy-H

LECTORS:

5:15pm- P. Fostvedt

8:00am- P. Donnellan

10:30am- F. Byers, T. Fowler

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:15pm- L. Medley

8:00pm- V. Donnellan

10:30am- W. Dusek, C. Maco, B. Girardi

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Paul Bakken, Jeanne Forte, Anjule Gunther, daughter of Jack & Avery Gunther, Norman Hecht, Debra Miller, David Patterson, Gerard Quinlan, Astrid and Allison Rippy, and Joanie Schriever.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD

Pray for all those who have died, especially, Jerry McCarthy, all of the souls in purgatory.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Dec. 26

10:00am Louise Stango requested by Sandy Cahill

Tuesday, Dec. 27

7:00am Dr. Francisco Aguirre requested by The Matus and Aguirre Family

11:30am Mary Francis Lasbury requested by Sandy Cahill

Wednesday, Dec. 28

7:00am Msgr. William J. Awalt

11:30am Mary Ellen Jordan requested by Melissa Werning

Thursday, Dec. 29

7:00am Msgr. Harry A. Echle

11:30am Louise Stango requested by Sandy Cahill

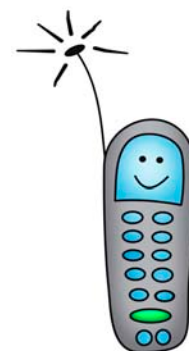
Friday, Dec. 30

7:00am Msgr. William J. Awalt

11:30am Dr. Francisco Aguirre requested by Maria Barbi

Saturday, Dec. 31

8:30am Msgr. William J. Awalt



PLEASE!

turn me
off
during Mass
Thank You!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

OLV Confirmation is scheduled for January 2013.-All current 6th and 7th grade students must either be enrolled in OLV Religious Education, attend an Archdiocesan school, or be in a Sacramental Preparation program* at an independent Catholic School beginning **Fall 2011**, to be eligible for 2013 Confirmation. (*some independent schools do *not provide* this curriculum)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We hope you will join us every Thursday **from 9-11am** Please go to www.walkingwithpurpose.com to find out more and to register on line. Or contact Jill Kalinski at dre@olvparishdc.org. or Melissa Overmyer at 202-213-4000.

This Thursday begins a series of Priority Talks designed to enlighten and inspire!

Jan. 19 "A Marriage Transformed by Grace"
Feb. 16 "Reaching Your Child's Heart"
March 29 "Set the World on Fire"
April 19 Retreat Day!

Everyone welcome~free of charge.

Child care \$5 per child
9-9:30 Coffee
9:30-10:15 Talk
10:15-10:45 Discussion

The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society is scheduled for Saturday, January 7th at 9 AM, in the modulars behind the rectory. For more information, contact Dan Gibbons at daggibbons@comcast.net, or Janice Harris, parish secretary at 202-337-4835 ext. 100 (**make note: new ext.**) or olvparishsec@yahoo.com.

OLV SCHOOL NEWS



OLV SCHOOL'S EARLY DISMISSAL DATES:

The School will dismiss at 12:15 on the following dates: Jan. 13, Feb. 3, Mar. 16 & 30, and May 18

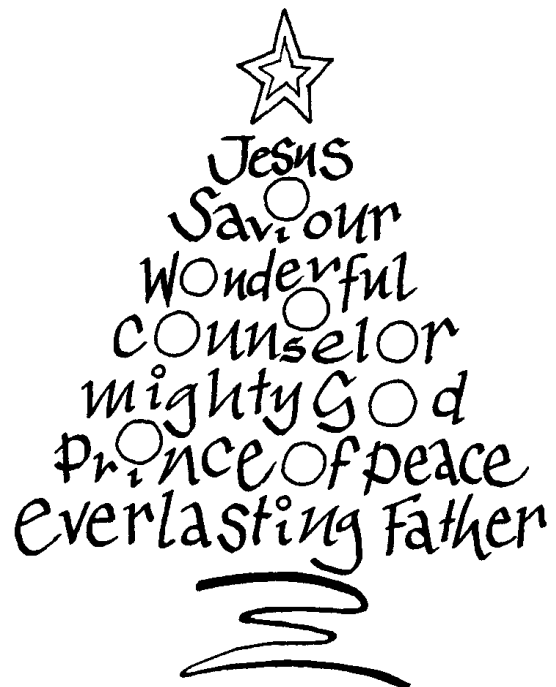
For those who attend 11:30am Mass, please park in the outer spaces if possible, and be aware of the children going to the car line. Thank you!


OLV CHURCH & SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dec. 26 Mass, 10:00am
Croatian Mass, 12:30

Dec. 27 Croatian Mass- 12:30pm

Dec. 30 Croatian Mass, 12:30pm





Dear Parishioners:

Each year at Christmas we inevitably hear a lament from someone about the commercialization of this holy day. The four weeks of Advent which call us to prepare for the Nativity with prayer and asceticism are filled with grand shopping sprees, baking seasonal sweets, and attending office holiday parties. Certainly the spirit of Christmas calls for temperance in material delights; the King of kings being born in a stable – while ordinary kings enjoy the proverbial golden spoon – directs us to what truly matters. But the same spirit also fills us with joy and hope at the news that God would choose to share our lot and save us from sin and death. How can we *not* celebrate? Go tell it on the mountain, right?

Certainly the Magi felt compelled to share the good news, and even to offer gifts as an expression of their worship and thanksgiving. We do the same today, and not only during the Christmas season. Gifts mean something; they convey a message to the recipient. At Christmas, we give gifts to friends and family, to teachers and co-workers, because we want them to know that they are an important part of our lives and that we appreciate what they do. The meaning of a gift will vary depending on the situation and the circumstances.

As pastor of our parish community, I have been overwhelmed by the gifts we have made to maintain and renovate our facilities. Honestly, I was a bit nervous when the capital campaign began because I wondered if this was the right time for us to do the repairs and upgrades we need. But I'm not nervous anymore: now that we are at the end of the request stage, we have a 149 pledges totaling \$1,419,433. Some gifts were in the tens of thousands of dollars, some were one time gifts of \$20. We had parishioners who were not able to give financially, but they helped by volunteering. The response was immediate and generous.

What does this mean? I think it means that this parish and what we do here is very important to us. So important that we are willing to make a sacrifice in order to maintain a campus where we can come together and worship God, where we can have fellowship with each other, and where we can hand on the Christian faith to our children.

I am happy to report to you that with the amount of pledges that have come in, we are on track to do the three priority projects by next summer. We have hired an architect (MTFA from Arlington), and we are interviewing general contractors. I will keep you updated as the work proceeds.

As we celebrate the feast of Christmas together, I pray that we always remember that our own gift giving reflects the greatest gift of all: God offering himself to us in the person of Jesus Christ out of love for us and for our salvation. That's what a gift ultimately is all about: giving oneself to another so that we might live together in peace and joy.

Fr. Dave

P.S. Special thanks to the "elves" who helped decorate our church for Christmas: Jen, Pierre, and Jacqueline Oury, Vanessa, Mary French, Gerry Barton, Dan, Danny, and Katie Kerns, Colleen and Anna Cavanagh, Marco and Merrick Cabezas, Teresa Giral, Mariela, Joseph and Joe Yohe, Loren Evans, Cecilia DeLuca, Tom, Maika and Isabella Fowler and Fred Paras.