

# OUR LADY OF VICTORY

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Holidays 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Daily Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:00-8:30 p.m. or by appointment  
Confession services during Lent and Advent

## INFANT BAPTISM

To arrange for instructions for the Sacrament, please  
call the Parish Office. Baptisms are ordinarily celebrated  
during weekend Masses.

## MARRIAGE

Six months notice required. Speak with the Pastor before  
requesting information packet from the Parish Office.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK/VISITS TO THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Office at 614-488-2628 to arrange  
for anointing of the sick and pastoral visits for homebound and  
parishioners who may be ill, confined or hospitalized.

*We are a group of people bound together by our belief in Je-  
sus Christ. Through our Baptism we are called to share in  
His work. We pledge through the idea of a shared ministry  
to build a community where all are welcomed, loved, needed  
and appreciated.*

## BULLETIN DEADLINE – MONDAY NOON

Items should be submitted in writing. All bulletin items  
and lyrics must be approved by the Parish Office. Notices  
for bulletin boards must also be approved before posting.

## PARISH REGISTRATION

Please contact the Parish Office to register or to change  
your address or status.

Parish registration consists of two parts:

**Registration:** Registering in a parish is a declaration of  
your desire to be a part of a Catholic community and  
a commitment to the life of the parish family. We are  
often asked to provide affidavits for parishes' records.  
We can only do this if a person is a registered, active and  
contributing member in our parish.

**Participation:** As a member of your Parish, you are  
accepting the responsibility of weekly worship as  
well as supporting God's work here through giving of  
yourself, your time and talents, and a weekly Sunday  
offering to show your love of God and your gratitude  
for His many favors and blessings.

**MASS INTENTIONS**



**Saturday, February 1 – Weekday**  
 5:00 p.m. +William Fulcher, Sr. (Bill & Pat Fulcher)  
 6:45 p.m. at Prison People of the Parish

**Sunday, February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord**  
 8:30 a.m. +Father Romano (Frank Melaragno & Tina Auber)  
 11:00 a.m. +Bambina Lombardi (Husband)

**Monday, February 3 – St. Blaise & St. Ansgar**  
 8:00 a.m. +Gaylord Smith (Parish)

**Tuesday, February 4 – Weekday**  
 8:00 a.m. +Father Romano (Varner Family)

**Wednesday, February 5 – St. Agatha**  
 8:00 a.m. +Rhonda Calvetti-Lilly (Helen Lewis & Heidi Riggs)

**Thursday, February 6 – St. Paul Miki**  
 8:00 a.m. +Rita Teresa Metzger (Marsha Dieker)

**Friday, February – Weekday**  
 8:00 a.m. +Rismo Gualtieri (Louis & Anna Quint Treboni)

**Saturday, February 8 – Sts. Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita**  
 5:00 p.m. +Angeline Montenegro (Joe & Patty Rossetti)  
 6:45 p.m. at Prison People of the Parish

**Sunday, February 9 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:30 a.m. +Luigi Rotolo (Mafalda Rotolo)  
 11:00 a.m. +Dec. Members Schirtzinger/  
 Maloney Families (Families)

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Sunday, February 2 –**  
**Hospitality Sunday hosted by CLOW following Masses**  
 Religious Education Classes  
 11:00 a.m. CLOW

**Monday, February 3**  
 7:00 a.m. First Monday Eucharistic Adoration – Church

**Tuesday, February 4**  
 9:30 a.m. Bible Study –  
*“Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible” – PLC*

**Thursday, February 6**  
 7:00 p.m. RCIA – Lower Level, PLC

**Saturday, February 8**  
 1:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat, Mass and Dinner

**Sunday, February 9**  
 Religious Education Classes  
 11:00 a.m. CLOW

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

**5:00 p.m., Saturday, February 8**

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Dorie Kirwin, Linda Mazzitti, Jesse Oddi, Regina Quinn, Harry Ritz  
**Lectors:** Beth Davin, Karin DeLaurentis  
**Servers:** Mario Bondy, Gracie Helfrich, Elaina Schneider  
**Ushers:** Chris Gloyd, Nancy Tarini, Camille Cenci, Renee Williams

**8:30 a.m., Sunday, February 9**

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Beljeania Berry, Frank Bettendorf, Tim & Mary Blubaugh  
**Lectors:** James Herlihy, Jackie Milsom  
**Servers:** Gunnar & Jacob Blubaugh, Maggie Herlihy  
**Ushers:** Frank & Terri Albanese, John Zagan, Bob Voigt  
**Eucharistic Ministers Homebound:** Judi Beight, Jeanne Bogen, Neil & Jennifer Clouser, Dave McCurdy, Christine Pirik

**11:00 a.m., Sunday, February 9**

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Marcia Bohley, John Frericks, Krista Joseph, Kathy McKinney, Mary Lou Melaragno, Steven Meier  
**Lectors:** Ann Gabriel, Chad Gibson  
**Servers:** Audrey Finrock, Carsen Morin, Lily Rickert  
**Ushers:** Nick Melaragno, Fred Lombardi  
**Collection Counters:** Sean Stewart, Pat O’Connor, Marilyn Cordle

*Please also remember all  
 our known ill and elderly in your prayers.*

**Gifts for God**

**JANUARY 25-26, 2020**

109 Envelopes; 811 Issued	\$ 4,056.00
14 Loose Checks	\$ 1,025.00
Loose Cash	\$ 548.50
29 Automated Giving 1/25/2020	\$ 3,950.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,579.50</b>

Thanks to all who support the work of God

**2019 BAA Parish Goal: \$ 75,000**

Pledged:	\$ 97,884
Paid:	\$ 82,644
Pledge Balance:	\$ 15,240
Potential Refund:	\$ 22,806
No. Pledges: 180 (of 803 Households)	
Average Pledge:	\$ 544
% of Families Giving: 23%	
% of Families w/no Gift: 77%	

**Nursery for Ages 18 months to 5 years old.** Located in the Atrium Classroom in the basement of the Church during the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Drop off at 10:50 a.m. and pick up immediately following Mass. Dates available: February 9th and 23rd; March 1st, 8th, and 29th; April 5th, 19th, and 26th; May 3rd, 10th, and 17th.

**POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY INTENTIONS**  
 February – “Listen to the Migrants’ Cries”

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY HOSTED BY CLOW:** *Sunday, February 2*, after the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses; please join fellow parishioners *in the Father Romano Parish Life Center* for coffee, juice, pastries and community!

**FIRST MONDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** will be held *Monday, February 3 at 7:00 a.m. in the Church.* Arrive at 7:00 a.m. and stay through Mass or come for any portion.

**WELCOME** to *John Anthony Kudija, son of Matthew and Jordan Kudija*, who was recently baptized at OLV and through the Sacrament of Baptism became a member of God’s family.

Our Lady of Victory continues to follow the **Diocese of Columbus Safe Environment Program** which states all volunteers, age 18 years or older, are to complete a Protecting God’s Children session and have a background check (BCI&I Report) done prior to working with children. This includes programs such as **VBS, Religious Ed, CLOW, Youth Group, Children’s Choir, etc.** *We would like to express our sincere gratitude* to the many people who volunteer so unselfishly in our Parish. To register for this PGC session or if you are interested in working with our young people, please visit our website – [ourladyofvictory.cc](http://ourladyofvictory.cc) – **UNDER “Our Parish”** – and there are instructions on how to register at **Virtus.org** and also where to get a BCI&I background check done. If you have any questions on either step, please **email Pat Fulcher** at [religiously@ourladyofvictory.cc](mailto:religiously@ourladyofvictory.cc).



### "YOUR MORAL COMPASS" Religious Education

Class today for Pre-K through 5th grades – 9:30 a.m.; 5th grades go to Reconciliation in Church; 2nd and 3rd grades to music.

Our 5th graders will have a **Valentine's Bake Sale Fundraiser for Run The Race Club**. They are an after school inner-city program for at-risk children! *Please visit their bake sale after the 11:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, February 9th in the PLC or drop off a check or cash to the church office by next Sunday.* Note that it is for Run The Race.

**CHOSEN: 6-8th Grades – No class today for 8th grade; 6th and 7th grades have class at 9:40 a.m.**

**First Communion Reminder: The First Communion Retreat for our 2nd graders will be on Saturday, February 22nd, 9:00-11:00 a.m. in Victory Hall/Church Basement.**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Give Yourself the Gift of Time with Jesus and Your Sisters in Christ! Give yourself the gift of the **COLUMBUS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE on Saturday, February 15, 2020, from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Ohio Expo Center**. Come to pray, learn and rest with your sisters in Christ from around the diocese. Register now at [www.columbuscatholicwomen.com](http://www.columbuscatholicwomen.com). Don't miss this day of amazing grace!

**23RD ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE** will be held on **Saturday, February 22, from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Ohio Expo Center, Kasich Hall**. Registration forms are available online at [CatholicMensMinistry.com](http://CatholicMensMinistry.com).

**ANNUAL ST. CHARLES SPAGHETTI DINNER:** The St. Charles Alumni Association will host the **2020 St. Charles Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 9 in the school's Robert C. Walter Student Commons**. Dinner will be served from **1:00-6:30 p.m.** and all proceeds from the event will go towards supporting student financial aid. The St. Charles Jazz Band will play from **3:00-4:00 p.m.** and again from **5:00-6:00 p.m.** Holding firm with 2014 event pricing... **\$10.00 for adults; \$8.00 for senior citizens; \$5.00 for children 4-12; free for those 3 and under; and \$40.00 for a special family rate (dine-in and immediate family up to six members only, please).** Carry-out orders will also be available.

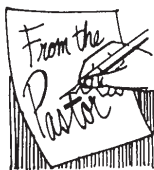
**THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION IS HIRING!** We are looking for an **Executive Assistant** to join our team. *Please visit our website, [www.catholic-foundation.org](http://www.catholic-foundation.org), for a complete job description.* *Anyone interested should send their resume and cover letter to Kristin Shuey ([kshuey@catholic-foundation.org](mailto:kshuey@catholic-foundation.org)) no later than February 7.*

**TO TEACH IS TO TOUCH A LIFE FOREVER:** 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, February 15, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. 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, ext. 1 or email [dlccolumbus@oppeace.org](mailto:dlccolumbus@oppeace.org). To find out more, visit [www.domlearningcenter.org](http://www.domlearningcenter.org).*

**LAGHI CHAIR LECTURE AT THE JOSEPHINUM:** The Pontifical College Josephinum invites you to its annual Pio Cardinal Laghi Chair Lecture. *Rev. Msgr. Thomas G. Guarino, STD, Professor of Systematic Theology at Seton Hall University, will present "Continuity and Change at Vatican II: Why is the Council Still Controversial?" on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Jessing Center.* Free and Open to the Public; reservations not required. *For more information, please visit [www.pcj.edu](http://www.pcj.edu) or call 614-985-2274.*

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS INVITED TO ATTEND ODU:** All high school students and their families are invited to attend *Ohio Dominican University's Visit Day on Saturday, February 15. The free event will take place from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center, located on ODU's campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.* During Visit Day, students can take a tour of campus and meet with an admissions counselor to discuss available majors, financial aid options, and the application process. **To register, visit [ohiodominican.edu/Visit](http://ohiodominican.edu/Visit). Once there, click the button, "RSVP to an Event" and scroll down to "Saturday Campus Visit."**

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE:** In the charity of your prayers, please remember the family and friends of parishioner, **Gaylord Smith**, father of parishioner, **Suzanne Smith**. Gaylord died this past week. His funeral arrangements are made through **John Quint Treboni with visitation and prayer service on Tuesday, February 4. The 8:00 a.m. Mass on Monday, February 3, will be offered for the repose of his soul.**



**February 2** until 1969, the ancient feast of the **Presentation of Our Lord**, which is of Oriental (Eastern Rite) origin, where it was referred to as **"The Encounter"** was known in the West as the Feast of the **Purification of Our Lady**, and closed the Christmas Cycle, forty days after the Lord's birth.

It is also known as **Candlemas** day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy.

According to the 1962 Missal of St. Pope John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is referred to as the **"Purification of Mary."** This is known as a **"Christmas feast"** since it points back to the Solemnity of Christmas. Many Catholics practice the tradition of keeping out Nativity creche or other Christmas decorations until this feast. Inspired by the words of the Cantic of Simeon ("a light to the revelation of the Gentiles"), by the 11th Century, the custom had developed in the West of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation. The candles were then lit, and a procession took place through the darkened church while the Cantic of Simeon was sung. Because of this, the feast also becomes known as **Candlemas**. While the procession and blessing of candles is not often performed in the United States today, **Candlemas** is still an important feast in many European countries.

**Why is Candlemas on February 2nd?** The date of **Candlemas** is always **February 2nd** because it is exactly **40 days (inclusive)** after Christmas on **December 25th**. The Mosaic law stated that 40 days was the period of purification after the birth of a child, and so the presentation took place 40 days after Jesus was born. Incidentally, February 2nd is also halfway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, so the date has always had significance for ancient people.

**So, what's the Connection to Groundhog Day?** Candlemas became linked to weather predictions about the end of winter because of an old English poem:

*If Candlemas be fair and bright, Come winter, have another flight.  
If Candlemas brings clouds and rain, Go winter, and come not again.*

It makes sense that early February was a good time to prognosticate about the weather, especially as **February 2nd** marks the midpoint between **Winter** and **Spring**. And the English poem appears to be the source of the **shadow** connection: **"fair and bright" = sun = shadows = more winter, while "clouds and rain" = no sun = no shadows = spring arriving soon.** It seems counterintuitive (why should a sunny day mean *more* winter?), but this is the exact pattern that Groundhog Day follows.

**World Day of Consecrated Life:** In 1997, **St. Pope John Paul II** instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord** to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

*And in the consecrated life we live the encounter between the young and the old, between observation and prophecy. Let's not see these as two opposing realities! Let us rather allow the Holy Spirit to animate both of them, and a sign of this is joy, the joy of observing, of walking within a rule of life; the joy of being led by the Spirit, never unyielding, never closed, always open to the voice of God that speaks, that opens, that leads us and invites us to go towards the horizon. ~ Pope Francis, 2014*

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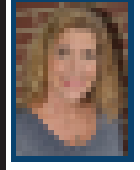
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