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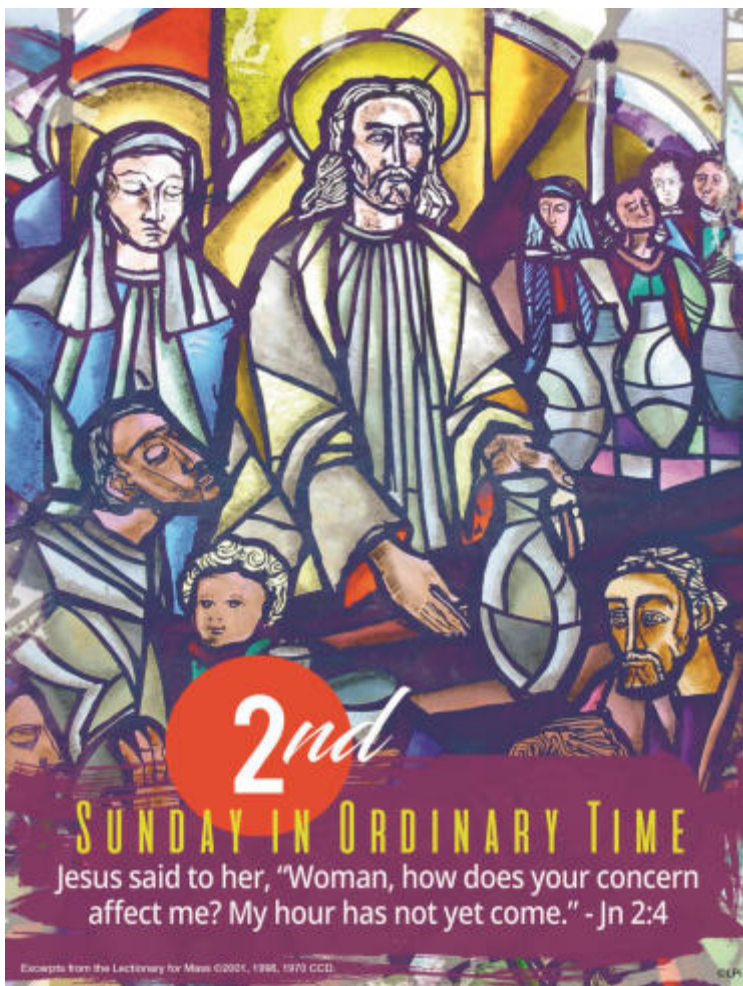


## Our Lady of Victory Church | Troy, NY

Our Lady of the Snow Mission | Grafton, NY

Christ Sun of Justice Parish | Troy, NY

### January 16, 2022— 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### Mass Times and Devotions

**Daily Mass at OLV:** Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:15PM, Thursday at 8:30AM. No Monday Mass

**Daily Monthly Mass at OLS:** First Thursday of the Month at 12:15PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):**  
Saturdays from 3:00pm-4:00PM at OLV and Wednesdays after the 12:15PM Mass.

**Weekend Mass Schedule at OLV:**  
Saturday 4:00PM Vigil Mass  
Sunday 8:15AM and  
11:15AM (Family Mass, live streamed)

**Weekend Mass at OLS:** Sunday, 9:45AM

**Baptism:** Call the Parish Office to arrange for infant baptisms which take place on the first Sunday of every month after the 11:15AM Mass

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** after Mass on Wednesdays until 5:00PM at OLV

**Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena** after Mass on Thursdays at OLV

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## From Father Tom—Will the Church of the Future be Smaller?

This past weekend, the ice storm caused most parishioners to stay home on Sunday. Uncharacteristically, I was happy that only a few people showed up for the 11:15 AM Mass and no one showed up for the 8:15 Mass at all! (I usually hope and pray for a filled church every weekend, but I was happy that didn't occur last weekend!) I don't think Our Lord would want us to risk life and limb to get to church in such circumstances. Father Nathaniel, however, was able to celebrate a Mass for those few who did show up at 11:15 AM. And one intrepid family braved the ice storm to come for their baby's baptism which was scheduled for that day. God bless them for their courage and their faith!

The night before the storm, our 4:00 PM Vigil Mass was crowded, no doubt because of the weather reports informed us ahead-of-time that ice was coming on Sunday morning. It was so gratifying to see our church nearly filled that evening, mostly with older parishioners. That fact reminded me to be grateful to the priests and teachers of we older Catholics who taught us the importance – not just the obligation – of attending Mass every weekend. They taught us to seek out the many graces we need and would receive by worthy and weekly reception of the Holy Eucharist and listening to the proclamation of the Word of God.

There weren't many young people at the 4:00 PM Mass last weekend and that fact made me to ruminate about why that may be so and about the difference in the religious education we older Catholics received in the 1950's and 1960's and the religious formation of the current generation. Of course, we have scores of young Catholics and young Catholic families in our parish who are regular attendees at Mass each weekend and who love holy Mass. However, on a more global level, I couldn't help but think that the "tug" we older Catholics feel for Mass may not be as compelling in the lives of a great many of our younger generation.

Don't get me wrong. I am not indicting all younger people today, nor am I disparaging the wonderful faith formation programs and dedicated catechists who've worked so hard to stress the importance of Mass attendance, but statistics show that the population of our Church at-large is greying and that younger people today are just not connected to us, to the faith we share, and to participation in the Sacraments. Of course, there are many reasons for this and experts are always analyzing the causes behind this trend. Books, lectures and podcasts are rife with various opinions about this disconnect. It is important that we understand why this is happening. I find, however, many of these discussions taxing, ending up in "analysis-paralysis" with very few solutions.

The Catholic faith blossomed and ebbed over the centuries for varying reasons and in different cultures. Take, for example, the suppression in Communist Europe not so long ago. A priest I knew was sent as the first Bishop of Albania after the fall of Communism a few decades ago. He later told a group of us: "When I got there, I found no churches and many people who had never known a priest, a church, a prayer or a faith. Communism was very successful in spreading its ideology!"

Today, the suppression of our faith comes not only from our own human nature which has always wanted to live life on its own terms, but also from the dominant secular culture which we take in like mother's milk. We live in a seemingly benign conspiracy to keep religion out of the public sphere, out of site, and consequently, of no importance to "real people", the "hip", the "educated" and "the enlightened". What matters most in the secular mind is success in relational, physical and material things. What matters are "the things of the world". Unfortunately, and very sadly, our young people, and we ourselves, are very often suckers for this kind of evangelization.

Several decades ago, Pope Benedict, before he assumed the papacy, saw the same thing happening throughout the Western world. He predicted that the Church would become smaller but that it would result in a more intentional and faithful Church. Many people worried that he was becoming too gloomy when he wrote this prediction. However, courageous man that he is, he was facing reality, smack in the face.

When we believe in a cause or project, we like to point to big numbers of followers and supporters who share our cause. That validates us. In decades past, Catholics became used to a growing and expanding church and a general feeling of respect for the Church even from unbelievers and often cynics. This has all changed over these last several decades and many of us are stymied by this total cultural flip-flop. But we've got to keep in mind that such changes are not new in the life of the church and, in this kind of confusing landscape, the Church has always been rebooted with greater enthusiasm to foster growth and to flourish. It is in these times that the Church has experienced the arrival of new kinds of believers, especially among the young, willing to sacrifice and make accommodations to insure the Church's mission to spread the Good News to all is valiantly and effectively proclaimed.

**Here are some ideas that I think will help us to continue our mission in spite of what appears to be the gathering of dark clouds in the sky:**

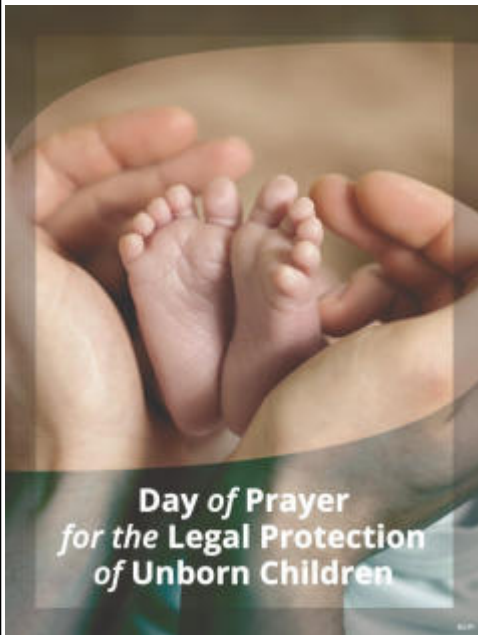
- Our faith blossomed in the midst of a pagan world. We can blossom now if we have the courage, the zeal and deep commitment to our missionary mandate.
- We will be successful in evangelizing this generation if we accept the conditions of how and why they got to where they are and use these as a starting point for engagement.
- We need to abandon nostalgia for how the church used-to-be.
- We need to be pro-active in reaching out to them in creative ways and not "kick the can down the road" waiting for their "wake-up call".
- And of course, the entire enterprise must be built upon prayer for God to enlighten us and see our efforts to completion and success. (When was the last time your parish scheduled an evening of prayer for the success of the evangelization of young people of this generation?)

So, let us proceed in prayer, hope, confidence and a pro-active plan and posture. Like missionaries of old, countless unbelievers are often desperately counting on us.

**This Saturday, January 22, 2022**  
**Day of Prayer, Fasting and Penance in the United States**

The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops has long ago established January 22nd as a day of prayer and penance for the sin of abortion. On this coming Saturday, January 22 then, we Catholics will pray and fast in repentance for the sins of abortion. We'll also be praying for those who will be participating in the annual March for Life in Washington. We pray for the conversion of all who support and advance abortion rights. We especially pray for those who work in defending human life in varied ways throughout our nation. We will ask for the healing of women who have had abortions that they might be restored to a state of grace and peace. And we'll lament and mourn over the loss of so many innocent souls whose lives have been cut short by the evil of abortion.

*“Only with prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy for the unborn—with prayer that cleanses hearts—will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced by a culture of life.” (US Catholic Bishops)*



**Pro-Life Prayer**

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was a crowning of your creation. You further ennobled our race when you sent your only-begotten Son to redeem and set us free. Help all citizens of our country to honor the sacredness of human life and to protect vulnerable human life from conception to natural death. Help us re-establish legal protection for

unborn, the dying and the disabled. Give your faithful people the courage to speak the Truth with conviction and charity so we may advance a “culture of life” in this unbelieving time. Make all Americans come to realize that the right to life is the first and fundamental of all civil rights. Show your mercy to those who have procured, and provided abortions. To them, grant “change of heart”, enlightenment, forgiveness and reconciliation. To us, grant resolve, a forgiving heart and the zeal of apostles and evangelists. We ask this in Jesus name.  
 Amen

**Year-End Contribution Letters**

If you would like to receive the year-end summary of your contributions to OLV-OLS please contact our parish office and our staff will gladly print out your letter.

**Stewardship**

January 1<sup>ST</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>

<b>OLV &amp; OLS Budgeted Weekly Offertory</b> .....	<b>\$8,461.00</b>
Offertory Collection OLV .....	\$3,699.00
Offertory Collection OLS .....	\$0.00 (No Mass—Storm)
E-Giving weekly amount.....	\$1,725.00
Total Collection .....	\$5,424.00
<b>Under Budget</b> .....	<b>\$3,037.00</b>

OLV & OLS Other Collections

Debt Reduction .....	\$240.00
Fuel and Heat .....	\$45.00
Parish Needs.....	\$35.00
Evangelist .....	\$5.00
Maintenance & Grounds .....	\$25.00
Flowers (Christmas).....	\$20.00
Total Other Collection .....	\$370.00

**Candles and Poor Box | \$116.00**

<b>2021-2022 Diocesan Appeal Assessment</b> .....	<b>\$92,400</b>
<b>Total collected so far</b> .....	<b>TBA</b>

*Our Beloved Dead...* Kathy Spahn | Rose Peruzzi

**Mass Intentions for the Week**  
**Our Lady of Victory**

**Saturday January 15**

- 4:00 PM** Jean C. & Frank J. Molloy *by Molloy Family*  
 Catherine Rocque *by Marian & Jack LeMay*  
 Esther Roche *by Lynick Family*  
 Tony Doyle *by Liberty Family*  
 Lena & John Manillo *by Family*

**Sunday January 16 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:15 AM** Judith Mack *by Family*
- 11:15 AM** Anthony Doyle *by Joe Albarelli*  
 Gladys Urquhart *by Mary Alice McVeigh*

**Tuesday January 18 | 12:15 PM |**

Judith Mack *by Family*

**Wednesday January 19 | 12:15 PM |**

Jim Bullis *by Family*

**Thursday January 20 | 8:30 AM | St. Fabian**

Richard Van Auken (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary) *by wife and daughters*  
 John, Margaret, & JoAnn Mackey and Frances Liberty  
*by Jack and Meg Ihnatolya*

**Friday January 21 | 12:15 PM | St. Agnes**

Memorial Fund Members

**Saturday January 22 | Prayer for the Unborn**

- 4:00 PM** Michael Manning and Michael Mulcahy *by Family*  
 Ralph Cimino (Anniversary) *by Daughter Carol*  
 Francis J. Wiley *by Gloria Kieber*  
 Angela Gutierrez & Catherine and Frank Tavella  
*by Dr. Gutierrez*

**Sunday January 23 | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:15 AM** John Barna *by Lasky Family*
- 11:15 AM** Paula Ligato *by Magur Family*  
 Fred Case *by Magur Family*  
 Catarina & Dominic Marra *by Family*

**Our Lady of the Snow**

**Sunday Jan 16**

**9:45 AM** Peter & Anthony Ficalora *by Peter & Marilyn Ficalora*

**Sunday Jan 23**

**9:45 AM** The People of Our Lady of the Snow

**Sunday Jan 30**

**9:45 AM** The People of Our Lady of the Snow

**Sunday Feb 6**

**9:45 AM** The People of Our Lady of the Snow

**A SAD DAY:** Each year, the Church in America mourns and laments on January 22<sup>nd</sup> over the loss of scores of innocent unborn children who have been lost to abortion. The date also reminds us to advocate for the pre-born, the handicapped, the sick elderly, the terminally ill, and all whom society finds unworthy of life on any grounds. Our Church forcefully urges all people to respect human life from conception to natural death and to protect vulnerable life in law. Since we Catholics have the privilege of preaching the Gospel of Life – including its most challenging teachings – we must be prepared for negative feedback when we voice our opinion and hopes on the matter. We should anticipate it. However, we should be united in unapologetically in support of the teaching of the Church since the Truth we share saves human lives. The Holy Father reminds us that the abortion issue is the number one civil rights issue facing us today. There is great tension in our nation today over this and other life-issues. We don't advocate tension, however, we must be true to our beliefs no matter the consequences. We seek peace with one another. However, peace is built on justice for all, and right now, the unwanted unborn have none. Pray and work for an end to abortion in whatever way you can. It is a great act of charity to do so.

- Fr. Tom



**K of C presents POLAR PLUNGE 2022!**

**THIS SATURDAY—JANUARY 22nd**

Registration on olvols.org under upcoming or at the link below.

All Proceeds Benefit the OLV-OLS Food Pantry!



Check out the FB page --[search for] K of C council 14164 or web page for polar plunge: <https://kofc-council-14164.org/polar-plunge/>



**OLV OLS FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY**

January 23rd and February 6th

Grades K-6 Sessions 9:45- 10:45 am

Grades 7-9 Sessions 6:30 - 7:30 pm

January 23rd and February 6th



Wednesday, February 9

**Grade 2 First Eucharist Parent Meeting**  
7-8 pm Education Center Rm. 116



**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**

**Gr. 10 Confirmation Preparation**

Wednesday, January 26

Confirmation Parent & Candidate Meeting 7:00 – 8:15 pm  
Parish Office Building

Sunday, January 30

Gr.10 Rite of Blessing @11:15 am Mass  
Candidates and Families OLV Church

Wednesday, February 2

Confirmation Immediate Prep Session 6:00 – 7:30 pm  
Parish Office Building

**Ministry Opportunity**

**Pastoral Council is in Need of New Members**

Our Lady of Victory and Our Lady of the Snow Mission needs to select new members to serve on our Pastoral Council. Nomination forms will be placed in the pews on this weekend. Please consider nominating individuals who might serve on the Council, or consider nominating yourself. Individuals serving on the Council assist the pastor in his ministry here, they help to envision, evaluate and address the needs and goals of the parish. All this in the hope that becoming a faith-filled and joyful community, we might grow stronger as disciples and in our support for one another. Might you consider using your gifts and talents by serving on the Pastoral Council? (The Council meets once every month.)

**List your nominees below and return it in the basket in the Gathering Area, drop it off at the Parish Office, or fax it to 273-0310 no later than January 24th.**


Membership on the OLV/OLS Pastoral Council is comprised of registered parishioners with various years of membership in the Parish since their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Council members serve for a period of 3 years.

**Three openings need to be filled for 2022.**

**Pastoral Council Nominations:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**JANUARY 16, 2022 | 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

 <p>Our Parish welcomes two new infants into our community of faith—</p> <p align="center"><b>Alexandra Lair And Lucia Parrales</b></p> <p>who were baptized recently in Our Lady of Victory Church. Congratulations to their families and godparents who brought them to the waters of life.</p>	<b>January 21st &amp; 22nd</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Altar Server</b>	<b>AV Minister</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
	<b>Saturday 4:00 PM OLV</b>	Peg Cullen Marie Stasiak	Donna Baker Anne Prezio	Doug Billingham	Fred Hemeon	John Dearborn David Molloy
	<b>Sunday 8:15 AM OLV</b>	Sara Demter Diane Seaver	Laskey Family Maggie Rutolo	James Brennan	Ray Dozois	Ray Gagnon Michael Golden
	<b>Sunday 9:45 AM OLS Mission</b>	Judy Naske Paul Sepp	Julie Darling Carolyn Gokey	Noah Lowe		Joe Allain Toni Dolan Dave Huskie
	<b>Sunday 11:15 AM OLV</b>	Joanne Bonesteel John Sodorsky	Jack Potter Noah Potter	Peter Ogno, Jr	Rick Taglieri	John Mulligan Walt Talbot

**Thank You!**

The Social Justice Committee, on behalf of the agencies who participate in our Giving Tree, would like to thank our parishioners for their generous support once again this year. We were able to supply the agencies with over \$8,000 in gift cards! The kindness of this parish never ceases to amaze them. Thank you.

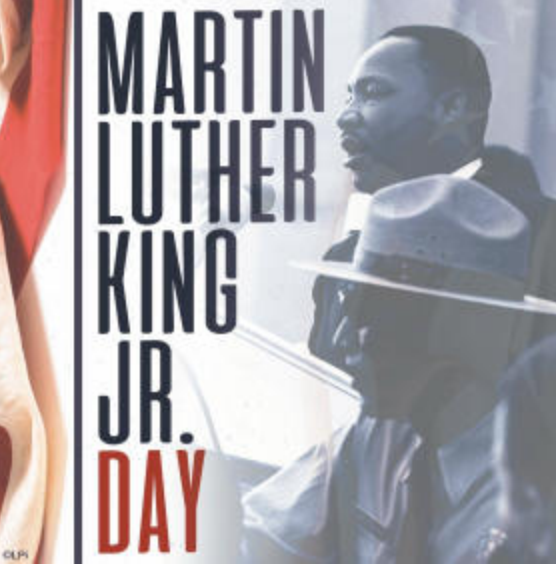
**Missed the List:**  
Contributions for Christmas Flowers was made by Mr. Robert Benson.

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**We're Looking for Future Catholics!**



The program called the "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" was begun after the Vatican Council for the purpose of the education and formation of men and women who want to become Catholics. The RCIA team consists of the pastor of the parish and RCIA catechists and formators who facilitate and assist in the process. Over time, those aspiring to become Catholic, fulfill their goal of being received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. We're about to begin the RCIA program here in OLV/OLS, and I am asking all parishioners to urge those that might be interested in becoming Catholic to tell them about our RCIA program. Many Catholics have non-Catholic spouses, co-workers or relatives who, at one time or other, have expressed interest in our faith. Now is the time to tell them about our parish's upcoming program! Remember that all the baptized are missionaries! Anyone interested in our program should contact the parish office to speak with Fr. Tom or Fr. Nathaniel.



**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**

*"True Peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice."*

*- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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