



# Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2, 2021

### Parish Clergy

Rev. William Garrot, O.P., Sacramental Minister - ext. 102  
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Deacon Matthew Houle  
Bro. Ambrose Arralde, O.P., Weekend Assistant, RCIA

### Parish and School Staff

Janice Harris, Parish Secretary – ext. 100b29617cover12.20  
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Sheila Martinez, School Principal – ext. 203  
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Stephanie Quianzon, Admissions & Marketing  
Sadiq Masih, Plant Manager  
Dr. Dennis Layendecker, Director of Music  
Jennifer Chudy, Webmaster

### Committee Chairs

Steven Gallagher, Finance Council  
Lee Medley, Parish Council  
Pedro Smith, School Advisory Board  
Vincent Browning, Facilities Committee  
Shelly O'Brien, Parish Community Committee  
Annie Durbin, Education Endowment

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

**Bulletin Announcements:** Please submit all announcements to [olvparishsec@gmail.com](mailto:olvparishsec@gmail.com). The deadline is Tuesday at 4 pm.

## Mass Schedule

**Sunday:** 8:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:30 pm (Croatian) please call Fr. Maurus for dates 202-550-1068

**Saturday Vigil Mass:** 5:15 pm (Fulfills Sunday obligation)

**Monday-Friday:** 7:00am & 11:30 am; (Federal Holidays, 10:30am)

**Saturday:** 8:30 am

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday 4 pm – 5 pm 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:** Chapel is always open for prayer. Contact Janice Harris at [olvparishsec@gmail.com](mailto:olvparishsec@gmail.com) for more information.

**Adoration Society:** please contact Janice Harris at [olvparishsec@gmail.com](mailto:olvparishsec@gmail.com).

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

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** Adults wishing to become Catholic, please contact Rev. Edward Hegnauer.

**Religious Education for Children (CCD):** Sacramental preparation and religious education for children not attending Catholic schools. Contact (202) 337-4835 ex. 110.

**FROM FR. BILL GARROTT, OP:**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This 5th Sunday of Easter Jesus says He is the vine and we are the branches. He urges His followers to “remain” in Him. This “remaining” or staying or clinging to Jesus in faith, hope and love is uniquely strengthened by our receiving the Holy Eucharist each week. There is no substitute for receiving Jesus in Holy Communion! If you’re not able to come to Mass due to the pandemic but would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office and we will schedule a time when I can bring the Eucharist to you at home. Such a visit would also be an excellent occasion to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and, if you are in need of it, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Speaking of Sacraments: this Saturday, May 1, 26 of our parish and school children received their First Holy Communion. Congratulations to all of you and a big thanks to all those who prepared you! St. John Eudes, a great apostle of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, taught that one’s first Holy Communion is the most important day of one’s life! On May 13, I’ll celebrate the 49th anniversary of my own first Holy Communion!

This Wednesday, May 5 at 7 PM, I will lead a Holy Hour of Adoration with preaching followed by a wine and cheese social outside under the tent and the stars. The Holy Hour will take place each Wednesday evening until the end of June. Speaking of social gatherings, do consider staying after the 10:30 AM Sunday Mass to join us for coffee and pastries. We are grateful to Emma Lajara for her willingness to set up and oversee this ministry each Sunday. If a family would like to sponsor the Sunday morning coffee and pastries or the Wednesday evening wine and cheese social, please contact the parish office. A sponsorship gift of \$100 would go a long way!

Last but not least, as we honor our mothers living and deceased in the month of May, we recall that

this month is also traditionally dedicated to Our Lady. She is our spiritual mother in the life of sanctifying grace. In my home growing up, we often set up a May altar with lilacs and a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary from my mother’s large collection of Madonnas. This May consider some way that you can renew your devotion to Mary for all the many favors you’ve received through her powerful maternal intercession.

The link to the 8th video in my Friday afternoon concert series is here:

<https://youtu.be/2PY-ws6hROA>

God bless you in Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

Fr. Bill  
Sacramental Minister

**UPDATES ON THE CORONA VIRUS, LIVE STREAMED MASSES AND PRAYERS**

The archdiocesan website is updated regularly. Please see [adw.org/coronavirus](http://adw.org/coronavirus) for information related to the coronavirus, [adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/](http://adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/) for a listing of live stream Masses and prayers, and [cathstan.org](http://cathstan.org) and [elpreg.org](http://elpreg.org) for the Catholic Standard and the Spanish-language El Pregonero newspapers.



**FIRST COMMUNION**

First Communion was held Saturday morning. Please pray for our 1<sup>st</sup> communicants as they continue their journey.

Costas August, Harper Briscoe, Luke Dammeyer, Harper Dawe, Scarlett Erno, Christopher Frantz, Francesca Grogan, Elizabeth Jennings, Anthony

Khoury, Cyril Khoury, Thomas Kinnahan, Madeline Kinzel, Grant McArthur, Luke McLaughlin, Benjamin Miller, Finn Quigley, James Russo, India Smith, Beatrice Sullivan, Sean Sun, William Truscott, and Floriana Yikal.

*Nolan Iwai and Emma Mills will receive May 9th*

### **CONFIRMATION UPDATE**

Due to the number of Confirmandi and the current limits on the number of attendees for Mass, a plan has been set for Confirmation on June 5th at 10:00am in the hope that some of the restrictions may have been lifted. Our administrator, Msgr. Jamison will administer the sacrament and Fr. Bill will preach.

For now, please continue to support your child's work in the workbooks.

More information and an at-home retreat resource will be shared closer to the date of the celebration. If you have questions, please contact Sheila Martinez [smartinez@olvschooldc.org](mailto:smartinez@olvschooldc.org) or Janice at [olvparishsec@gmail.com](mailto:olvparishsec@gmail.com) Thank you for your support and understanding in these unprecedented times. Please let us know if we can support you in the faith formation of your child.

### **PARISH OUTREACH**

The parish is assembling an outreach team of parishioners willing to contact members of the parish to check in on those who continue to be somewhat isolated and unable to attend Mass. The goal is to provide a welcoming link to the parish and to inform them of parish activities and the steps OLV has taken to insure a safe environment, a call script and template will be provided. If you are interested in participating in this important parish ministry, please email either Leslie Kimball at [lesliemillskimball@gmail.com](mailto:lesliemillskimball@gmail.com) or Ellen Kane at [elleninwash@gmail.com](mailto:elleninwash@gmail.com)

### **EARTH DAY 2021 SPOTLIGHT ON OLV CARE FOR CREATION (C4C) COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

Despite the disruptive effect of the Pandemic, the OLV C4C team has made substantial progress in planning and making improvements to the physical plant's landscape. C4C represents our

parish's action program to implement aspects of Laudato Si', the environmental encyclical previously issued by Pope Francis.

These activities are scheduled in the coming months: (1) install rain barrels (provided by the DC government) to collect water from rain-spouts around the Church, Rectory and School; (2) plant a pollinator garden on the SE corner of the School building (previously this was to be a "climate change Victory Garden" intended for completion by the time of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day in 2020, but the work was deferred as the result of the Covid-19 lockdown); and (3) install additional permeable pavers outside the main entrance to the School, and install a rain water garden and tree as part of the Anacostia River Society and District Office of Energy and Environment (DOEE) grant.

Deferred projects: (1) to complement the existing row of rose bushes at the SE corner of the School, volunteers from the community were to construct a small walkway using permeable pavers for approximately 30 feet along with additional boxwoods and pollinator attracting plants; and (2) perennials were to be planted along the School property along Whitehaven to add additional absorption of stormwater. The team welcomes new members who are interested in sharing their ideas and expertise and in investing their time working on C4C projects. Please contact Jim Stockmal at [stockmaljim@yahoo.com](mailto:stockmaljim@yahoo.com).

### **IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS**

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) is a Jesuit ministry that gives retired men and women an opportunity for meaningful service within a framework of Ignatian Spirituality and formation. We are currently recruiting Service Corps Members to serve with a variety of non profit agencies in the District and Suburban Maryland. Typically, service is two days a week ten months a year, much of the service can be remote. The needs are great as our community responds to the continued challenges of the pandemic, with our underserved schools in special need. We are creating a cohort of retired educators to support

work in the classrooms of some of our Archdiocesan Catholic Schools. . For more information, contact Dan Kerns (dkerns@ivcusa.org).

### **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Sandy Cahill, Patrick Lezar, Kimberly Mohler, Keith Moore, Margaret Peiffer, Keith Phelps, Fr. Paul Richardson, Juan Luis Ruiz, Dottie Sansalone, Russell and Carmen Shaw, Nancy Sappington, Richard Taylor, Jonathan Washington.

\*\*\*Please Pray For Those Who Are Serving In Our Military

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **Saturday, May 1**

8:30am- Dottie Sansalone

5:15pm- Sandy Cahill +

#### **Sunday, May 2**

8:00am- For the Parishioners

10:30am- Sandy Cahill +

#### **Monday, May 3**

7:00am- Barbara Barton +

11:30am- Sandy Cahill +

#### **Tuesday, May 4**

7:00am-

11:30am- Sandy Cahill +

#### **Wednesday, May 5**

7:00am- Sandy Cahill +

11:30am-

#### **Thursday, May 6**

7:00am-

11:30am- Nonoy Mendoza

#### **Friday, May 7**

7:00am-

11:30am- Sandy Cahill by  
Joe O'Leary

#### **Saturday- May 8**

8:30-

5:15pm-

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If anyone would like to schedule a Mass in the Masses without an intention this week, please call or email Janice in the parish office. 202-337-4835 ext. or olvparishsec@gmail.com

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

#### **May 9, 2021**

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Responsorial: 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

Second Reading: 1 Jn 4:7-10

Gospel: Jn 15:9-17

### **HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY**

#### **The World of Finance**

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

### **MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE ARCHDIOCESAN INITIATIVE**

As you may know, the archdiocesan initiative Made in God's Image- Pray and Work to End the Sin of Racism has begun. OLV has purchased some yard signs and a banner. If you would like a small yard sign for your family, they are available on a first come, first served in the vestibule of the church.

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### **SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **OUR LADY OF VICTORY SCHOOL**

#### **WE ARE OPEN! APPLY NOW FOR 2021-22!**

Now accepting applications for the 2021-22 school year at Our Lady of Victory School. OLV is a dynamic and diverse PK3 through 8th grade coed Catholic school located in the Palisades.

OLV is well known for its academic excellence, superior staff, small student/teacher ratio, well-rounded graduates and its recognition as a two-time National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

OLV school is open with a blended model for all grades. Students will have in-person learning twice a week and distance learning three times a week.

We will be maximizing our outdoor learning and play opportunities and strictly following all DC Health and CDC guidelines to ensure the safety of our staff and students.

Questions? Please email admissions@olvschooldc.org, call us at 202-337-1421 or find us on Facebook and Instagram.

### **OLV PARKING LOT REMINDERS**

Visitors using the main OLV parking lot may only park their vehicle in the spaces available around the edge of the lot rather than in the middle. If no spaces are available around the perimeter of the lot, please park on the street as the parking lot is used for gym classes and student recess throughout the day Monday through Friday. Please also keep in mind that the parking lot gates will remain closed to vehicles during recess hours (10:00am to 10:30am and 12:15pm to 1:15pm) Your patience in the parking lot is appreciated. Regular school days are dismissed at 3:00pm.

### **SCHOOL EARLY DISMISSAL**

12:15pm on 5/28, 6/4.

### **REGISTRATION OPEN FOR ANGELS IN THE BIBLE:**

A Summer Bible Study. This summer in June and July 2021, OLV parishioners are invited to join St. Matthew's parishioners for a 6-session Bible Study newly published by Little Rock Scripture Study, "Angels in the Bible." Register for either of two parishioner-led groups that will meet virtually once each week - one on Sunday afternoons, and one on Monday evenings.

**A WEEK OF NEW MUSIC.** OLV parishioners are invited to join St. Matthew's for a very special Nathan Laube Week at St. Matthew's, May 17 – 21. Every morning at 6am we will post on the Cathedral YouTube account a new video of a virtuosic organ piece by Nathan Laube, our 2019 Great Organ Dedicatory Recitalist, recorded on the Cathedral Great Organ earlier this spring. The recordings are impeccably engineered and edited for an optimum virtual recital experience. Don't miss it! Check the listing of works and composers you will hear and plan to listen and enjoy.

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON RECITAL.** On May, 26, join us in the Cathedral when Rebecca Yoder appears for a midday concert on the Great Organ following the 12:10pm Mass. Mark your calendars for the 12:40pm performance; enjoy it live and in person or livestreamed on YouTube (link to follow).

### **HIS WORDS, OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER**

"Dear sister, dear brother, do you want proof that God has touched your life? See if you can stoop to bind the wounds of others. Today is the day to ask, "Am I, who so often have received God's peace, his mercy, merciful to others? Do I, who have so often been fed by the Body of Jesus, make any effort to relieve the hunger of the poor?" Let us not remain indifferent. Let us not live a one-way faith, a faith that receives but does not give, a faith that accepts the gift but does not give it in return. Having received mercy, let us now become merciful."

Pope Francis

### **SUPPORT FOR PARISHES IN NEED**

During this time when circumstances surrounding COVID-19 have impacted the offertory collections vital to parish operations, Cardinal Gregory has launched a parish support initiative to help Catholics in the Archdiocese of Washington make online donations directly to their parishes. Please go here for more information: <https://adw.org/ways-to-give/support-a-parish-in-need-today/>

### **RETRouvaille: HELP FOR MARRIAGES**

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, please visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org), call 443-400-7017, or email [3015@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3015@retrouvaille.org).