

Our Lady of Victory

AUGUST 1, 2010
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There was a rich man... so begins today’s parable. Jump ahead eight weeks and the parable begins, “There was a rich man...” It is a good attention getting device. Even in Jesus’ time, people were fascinated with the rich and the famous. We are no different. Look around you sometime when you are standing in the checkout at the market and see how many people are sneaking a look at one of the cheap-shot tabloids. Sex and money always draw attention...yesterday, today and tomorrow. That “rich man” would fit right in today with our consumer society, where big is better and anything can be super-sized. Our society goes one better than the rich man and his possessions. We don’t need to wait for a bountiful harvest. We can practice deficit spending. Delayed gratification is an impossibility in the twenty-first century. The warning Jesus issues in this passage from Luke’s Gospel hits all classes of society. “One’s life does not consist of possessions.” The words of Jesus need to be heeded and prayerful analyses need to be made. Jesus didn’t condemn riches and their accumulation, but he did warn us: “Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.”

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:00 PM	Mass at Gate of Heaven	
Tuesday	9:00 AM OLV	Joan Murphy	Walter “Doc” Murphy
Wednesday	7:30 AM GOH	Mass at Gate of Heaven	
Thursday	NO MASS	NO MASS	
Friday	9:00 AM OLV	Anna Nevolas	Daughters: Marie and Margaret
Saturday	4:00 PM GOH	Mass at Gate of Heaven	
	5:30 PM OLV	Helen Walsh	Barbara Barcheski
Sunday	7:00 AM OLV	Teresa Kozlowski	Husband, Robert Kozlowski
	10:30 AM OLV	Teresa & James Britt	Britt Family

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Saturday, August 7th

5:30 PM M.J. & R. Cannon, S. Marszalek

Sunday, August 8th

7:00 AM S. Batory

10:30 AM E. Bilder, B. Thede, R. Lucarino

Lectors

M. Edwards

F. Kopko

M. Thede

Altar Servers

C. & M. Pino

A. Levandoski

D. & B. Shovlin, E. Williams

CONFESSION SCHEDULE: Saturdays in August at Our Lady of Victory, Harveys Lake from 2:15 – 3:15 PM. Mondays 5:00-6:30 PM at GOH.

BEACH PARTY!

Come celebrate with parishioners and friends this Saturday August 7th at the **Our Lady of Victory Beach Party!** at Sandy Beach - Harveys Lake. The party will feature our very own, “**The Glass Band**” Catering by Grico’s Restaurant. Cost is \$30/person: includes dinner, desert, beer & soda and entertainment! BYOB (and appetizers.)

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST! In order for us to properly prepare we need your reservations a.s.a.p. Deadline is this Sunday, August 1st. Please sign up at the front of the church or in the Cry Room. You may also call the church office - 639-1535 or Mike and MerryAnn at 639-5426. Tickets will be available after Masses this weekend. Thanks for your cooperation in advance!

Volunteers are needed a.s.a.p. Sign up sheets to volunteer can be found on the front desk of the church. Volunteers are needed for set-up, clean-up and to sell tickets after Masses on the weekend. Call MerryAnn or Michael to volunteer at 639-5426.

BASKET RAFFLE!

They’re here and on display at the front of the church! The raffle has been very successful so far...Check out the baskets ~ “Grilling Basket”, “Wine Basket”, “Basket of Cheer”, “Car Care Basket”, “Movie Basket”, “Doggie Basket”, “Spa & Pampering Basket”, “Children’s Basket”, “Piggy Bank”. Most of the baskets have a value of **over \$100**. Please send in your raffle tickets if you haven’t already done so. Anyone who would like to sell more of these tickets to friends and family can see the representative for additional tickets. When returning your tickets you may place them in the container next to the basket of your choice. Payment for your tickets can be submitted by means of the collection basket in a separate envelope or handed to the representative at the front of the church on the weekends. Tickets are \$2 each, 3 for \$5, 7 for \$10, or 20 for \$20. The baskets will be on display throughout the rest of the summer and winners will be picked at the Golf Tournament dinner on Friday, September 10, 2010. Thank you for your support and good luck!

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Join us on Friday, September 10, 2010 at Mill Race Golf Course, Benton for this year's Annual Golf Tournament. Mark your calendars now and reserve this date. Registration flyers can be found on the front desk and in the Cry Room. \$80/person includes: Green Fees, Motor cart, lunch, open bar cocktail hour. Hors D'oeuvres and dinner back at the church, beer, soda and prizes. Don't miss out on a great time!

HOLE SPONSORS: Another aspect of the tournament is our Hole Sponsors. Many of you over the years have supported this event by being a Hole Sponsor for the Golf Tournament. Display your business name or family name as a sponsor at the Golf Course and then back at the church. Signs will be on display for the weekend. You can choose to be a Platinum Sponsor at \$200, a Gold Sponsor at \$100 or a Silver Sponsor at \$50. Flyers are at the exits of the church! Thank you for your support!

Committee Meeting: will be held Monday, August 9th at 7:30 PM at Mike & MerryAnn's dock.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: burns this week in thanksgiving by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Salansky.

LIFELINE: Abortion is a defining issue not only personally but socially. Poverty can be addressed incrementally, but the death of a child is quite final.

Cardinal Francis George

DAYS OF REFLECTION: The Eucharist – "Source and Summit" Of Our Christian Lives will be presented by Rev. James P. Dougher at the Fatima Renewal Center, Dalton on August 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The primary role of the Eucharist is to unite and nourish the Christian community and to serve as the center of every person's spiritual life. Through prayer and reflection, participants will appreciate the Eucharist as the source of all grace, nourishing our spiritual growth that we may live more fully in faith, in hope and in love. Fee: \$30, includes lunch. To register call: (570) 563-8500. Mass and Reconciliation will be available during the Days of Reflection.

CATHOLIC UNDERGROUND PA: engaging the culture in conversation with the Gospel through Eucharistic Adoration and Catholic Entertainment is proud to present Selah Song in their third appearance at Annunciation Parish at St. Gabriel's Church in Hazleton at 7 PM on Friday, August 13th. Join others for a time of Heavenly Adoration of our Lord in the Blessed sacrament and uplifting praise And worship in the "Underground" Coffeehouse. Free will offering will be taken up to help continue the Catholic Underground. For more information visit: www.catholicundergroundpa.com or call 570-403-3094.

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: The members of Our Lady of Victory and Gate of Heaven's Catholic Men's Fellowship would like to remind the men of the parishes that they meet the first and third Wednesday of the month to pray, study and provide support to one another in a quest to be faithful disciples of Christ. All men of the parishes are welcome to join. Meetings start at 6:30 PM at Our Lady of Victory. Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 4th.

THANK YOU! to all who volunteered to help with our recent blood drive on July 18th. Special thanks to the donors! We exceeded our goal of 25 by 20 for a total of 45!

CCD TEACHERS NEEDED: We are in need of two CCD teachers for the upcoming school year 2010-2011. Anyone interested in these rewarding volunteer positions should contact Marueen Devine at 639-1364 as soon as possible. Classes will begin September 19th.

WELCOME ~ LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR:

who will be with us this weekend – July 31 – August 1st at all the Masses. The Sisters have special mission of care for the sick and infirm. Their mission is quite extensive and in our region it is focused on the care of the elderly. They will greet you at the church doors with a basket for your personal donation. These sisters are most loving in their care and in the quality with which they serve the needs of others. Please make any checks payable to: The Little Sisters of the Poor. Please be generous!

FATIMA DEVOTIONS: for the month of August will be held Friday evening August 13th here at Our Lady of Victory. All are welcome!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen is now accepting donations of school items. Items in need are: backpacks, notebooks, loose leaf binders, paper, pens, markers and rulers. For more information please call 822-7118. You may drop your donations off at OLV's church kitchen and we will transport the donations to the soup kitchen.

CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE 2010: will be held at the University of Scranton, Byron Center – August 6-8. Theme: "Seek First the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness, and All These Things Will Be Given to You." This year's speakers include: Fr. Richard MacAlear, Fr. Urban Hudlin, Kathleen McCarthy, Msgr. Joe Malagrega and Fr. Richard Loch. For more info: 344-2214.

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR: Welcome to the Knight of Columbus who will be with us this Friday, August 6th for the First Friday Holy Hour. Holy Hour begins at 7:45 – 8:45 closing with Benediction. Mass to the Sacred Heart at 9:00 AM. All are welcome!

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Gate of Heaven School is looking for a person to work our afternoon Extension Program. The hours will be 2:30 – 5:30 Monday – Friday. Early dismissal 11:15-4:00 Interested call Gate of Heaven School 675-6566.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: Your sacrificial offerings from July 24-25 were: \$4,594.40. Please remember us while you're away... we rely on your weekly contribution to pay our bills! ☺

BAZAARS: St. John's Larksville: Friday, Saturday, Sunday - August 13, 14, 15. Homemade ethnic foods – 37,000 pierogies! halushki, potato pancakes – American food. Entertainment.