A Spiritual Journey by Kathleen Hood

Mark Twain once said, "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." During our Anniversary Year of Faith you will have plenty of opportunities to do just that.

Our Anniversary Year of Faith Spiritual Journey is designed to engage everyone! Choose from a sensational smorgasbord of events lovingly planned by fellow parishioners to commemorate the Year of Faith which includes the 160th Anniversary of Our Lady of Consolation and the 175th Anniversary of St. Malachi’s of Doe Run.

So what is happening?
Searching for ways to deepen your faith? You’re in luck! Enjoy faith travel? We’ve got you covered! Enjoy food and fun with folks in our community? Definitely an option! Sports is your passion? A sure thing! Interested in history? We’ve got that covered too!

For information on events, tickets and volunteer opportunities, please visit us online at www.olcchurch.org or call the Rectory at 610-857-3510.

Volunteers are needed. Please contact Kathleen Hood at 610-383-5068 or kadaholo@verizon.net to sign up today!

Father Eschbach has asked that our parish dedicate our Anniversary Year of Faith to a service project honoring and assisting America’s military veterans. Please contact the Rectory if you would like to join the committee forming to plan this service project or if you know of a veteran’s group that could benefit from our efforts.

This is a special edition of the OLC Connection Newsletter brought to you by our team, including: Maureen McCormick, Newsletter Coordinator; Bill Mann, Editor and Printing Advisor; Darlene McCoy, Contributing Editor; Alan Reger, Contributing Editor; Mary Sannes, Parish Welcome Administrator; Rev. Victor J. Eschbach, Pastor; Ivy Golber, outsideDesign Graph Design; Special thanks to Kathleen Hood for coordinating our anniversary events and collecting the information and photos included in this edition. Our team wishes to thank all of the people who assisted us in preparing this edition. If you would like to join our team, please contact us at olcconnection@olcchurch.org.

JOIN US
Check inside for a year full of fun and festive events!

April 6th
Anniversary Cherry Blossom Pilgrimage to Washington, DC

July 7th
St. Malachi’s Anniversary Mass & Celtic Celebration

September 8th
OLC Anniversary Mass & Community Picnic

November 24th
Closing Celebration of the Year of Faith Solemn Mass

December 7th & 8th
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**YEAR OF EVENTS**

Celebrate our rich history, including the 160th Anniversary of Our Lady of Consolation and the 175th Anniversary of St Malachi’s. Create new memories by taking part in one of our many events planned this year. Commit to our service project and honor our veterans for their sacrifice and service to our country. Make new friends, reconnect with old ones, give back to the community and your church family. Explore your faith. Dream of new ways to contribute. Discover the love within our parish community.

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### August
- **10** — Family Camp Out with Outdoor Mass & Music (SM)
- **17** — History Night: “Christiana & the Christiana Riot” (Christiana, PA)
- **20** — Family Movie Night & Crab Night (SPC)
- **27** — Anniversary Year Teen Faith Gathering (SPC)

### September
- **8** — OLC 160th Anniversary Mass & Community Picnic (OLC/SPC)
- **10-21** — Faith Pilgrimage to Northern & Southern Ireland
- **12** — Year of Faith Lecture Series - Join us for the second in a series of lectures at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood, PA
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- **29-30** — Annual Appeal

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- **5** — Parish Lecture Series - Join us for the first in a series of lectures at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood, PA
- **18** — Anniversary Mass, Presentation & Tour for OLC at Old Bohemia - St. Francis Xavier Church, or Old Bohemia, is a historic Roman Catholic church located in Warwich, MD

### November
- **2** — Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA
- **24** — Closing Celebration of the Year of Faith Solemn Mass

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### June
- **9-15** — "Parish Week at The Whip" Dinner at The Whip Tavern in Springdale, PA this week and the restaurant will donate a percentage of your bill to OLC parish!
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### April
- **4 - May 9** — Adult Irish Dance Class (SPC)
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