

# Our Lady of Victories Church

(serving Harrington Park, River Vale and the Pascack/Northern Valley)

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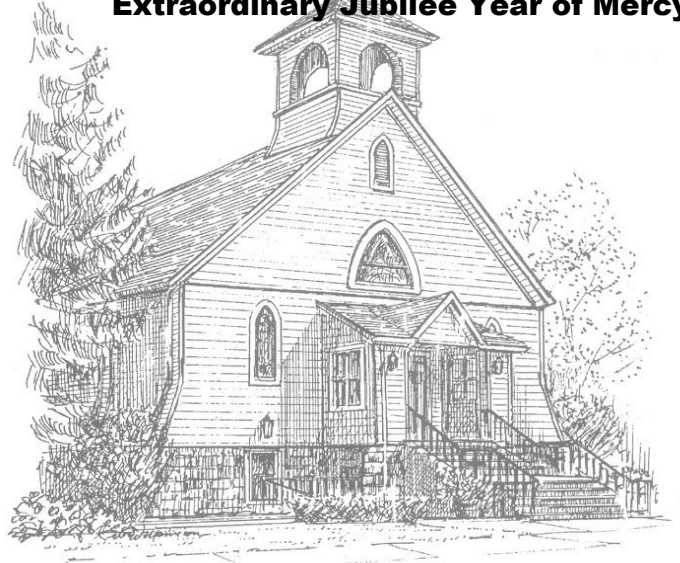
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**SUNDAY, April 24, 2016**  
**Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy**



## WELCOME

To the Parish Family of  
**OUR LADY OF VICTORIES**  
(THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART)

### COME WORSHIP WITH US

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday: 4pm, 5pm**

**Sunday: 7:30am, 8:15am (Latin)**

**9:30am, 10:45am, 12:00pm,**

**1:00pm (Spanish)**

**6:00pm & 7:00pm**

**Weekdays: M-Sat 8:00a.m. & 12:00noon**

#### SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

**First Friday:** 7:30pm, Mass of Sacred Heart & Devotions

**First Saturday:** 8:00am, Mass of Immaculate Heart of Mary

**First Saturday:** 12:00pm Mass for Souls in Purgatory

**Sundays:** at 3PM Group Rosary

#### Novenas prayed after 8:00 a.m. Mass:

**Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal:** Monday

**St. Jude and St. Anthony:** Wednesday

**Infant of Prague:** 25th of the month

**Rosary:** Recited M - Sat after 8:00am & 12Noon Mass.

**Tuesday-Novena Prayer and Adoration:** 2:00-3:00pm

**Thursday-Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction:** 7:00pm

**Friday-Exposition & Adoration:** 12:30PM-3:00pm

**Nocturnal Adoration:** First Friday evening 8pm to Saturday 8am

#### THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/CONFESSION:

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 7:50am. First Friday at 7:00pm

Saturday at 11:00a.m.-Noon; 3:00pm - 3:25pm

#### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

To register for Baptismal preparation and Baptism, call the rectory.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Call the Religious Ed Office for requirements/class schedule.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Please call the rectory for an appointment.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/LAST RITES:

Sick calls at any time in emergency.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS AND VOCATIONS:

Anyone contemplating a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life should contact the Vocations Office at 973.497.4365.



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### **PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Please **PRAY** in the name of **JESUS**, the Healer, that the **SICK** of **OLV PARISH** may be restored to health and all those who **ASSIST** and **CARE** for the sick will be given the **STRENGTH** to continue **GOD'S GOOD WILL**: little Niamh Devlin, Larry Dolce, Br. Pius, Joseph Accardi, Isabella Ruggiero, Maria Aleman, William Biasi, Michael Conmy, Mario Gobetti, Thomas Haring, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Ken Mosier, Kathleen Musante, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Cookie and George Rush, Cynthia Simonelli, Mildred Speck, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Mike Weber, Darien Wesler, Al Wiese, Roy Wurst, Marian Zanetti, Elaine Zito.

### **SPIRITUAL EXCERPT**

#### **WILLINGNESS TO CHANGE**

"A woman was dragged by a friend to the monastery one afternoon. I met her and offered her a set of my mini books on the spiritual life. She declined. I said, "Why don't you want to take them with you?" She said, "Because I don't want to change." Boy, I thought, this woman is bad off. We must be constantly willing to change into what the Father wants us to be. what you, want is unimportant. After all, what do you know?" **Mother Angelica**, Little Book of Life Lessons page 43.

### **Christ Our Ransom**

For centuries Christians debated what Christ paid the ransom for our salvation meant. The 3rd Century theologian, Origen, and Saint Gregory of Nazianzus [329-390] were horrified to think God would give Satan what he demanded for our ransom. These days we're appalled by all who deal with terrorists! So why would a God of love give the Evil One anything to redeem us, especially His own Son? Pope Saint Leo the Great [400-461] reasoned that the details of God's plan for our redemption are beyond our comprehension. The great Saints Athanasius [297-373], Ambrose [340-397] and Augustine [354-430] all basically said that since God cannot die He had to become human and enter Hades to do what no one else could do! Forgive my foolishness for daring to bat with major league theologians, but here's my image of how Christ ransomed us. Around 3 PM on that first Good Friday, one of Satan's minions, a fallen angel, informed the Devil that a man just entered hell to pay the ransom for all those held bound by Original Sin. Sneering with pride, the Evil One arrogantly demanded to meet this debt-payer. Imagine the horror in Satan's face when our God - in human form - stood before him and proudly proclaimed, "Game over; you lose!" Then, with His victorious Cross in hand, He led Adam and Eve and all who died before His Crucifixion - like the Good Thief to whom He promised Paradise 'today' - through the gates of heaven which He would soon reopen. As we struggle to deal with the harsh reality of the death of loved ones, and must face a lifeless corpse, casket and grave, the Church strongly encourages us to arrange for every rite provided in the Order of Christian Burial so we can be surrounded by the signs of faith and hope! The Church especially encourages us to have a Funeral Mass, for in the Holy Sacrifice, we ask the Lord to apply to the deceased all He won for us through His Passion, Death and Resurrection. She also requires us to have a dignified final resting place of burial, even for ashes. Have you instructed those who will make your final arrangements to provide all this for you?

### **PENTEJOY**

The play Pentejoy picking up where Godspell ends will be at NVOT High School on April 30 and May 1. See [pentejoy.com](http://pentejoy.com) for more info.

### **PASTA COLLECTION**

For the month of MAY; OLV will be having a pasta collection to benefit the St. Cecelia Food Pantry.

### **EWTN**

Did you know that there is a truly Catholic Television Station carried on cable TV? **Channel 73 is EWTN** – Eternal Word Television Network. It was started by a convent of Cloistered Nuns over twenty-five years ago. So if you are tired of the nonsense on regular TV, try channel 73 for a welcome change.

### **OLV K of C Council #14483**

All men over the age of 18 are cordially invited to join the OLV Knights of Columbus Council. The Knights are the largest Catholic Fraternal Organization in the world. For info, contact Rich at [pockets5197@aol.com](mailto:pockets5197@aol.com), or use the contact page on our website: [www.olvknights.org](http://www.olvknights.org)

### **EASTER DUTY**

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty), that is the **obligation of receiving the Eucharist for Easter extends to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 22**. No one conscious of committing a serious or mortal sin should receive Holy Communion until they have first gone to the Sacrament of Reconciliation a.k.a. Confession. Confessions are heard EVERY Saturday from 11:00AM to Noon and 3:00-3:25PM, every weekday morning at 7:30AM, and Fridays from 6:30-6:50PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

### **TRAVELING STATUE**

OLV has a traveling statue of the Blessed Mother that can go from home to home so that prayers and rosaries can be said for the good of the people of the parish and the individual family. The statue will "visit" for a week before it will be sent to the next home. Contact the rectory for information or to have your name placed on the list to receive the statue.

### **WHITE HAIR**

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, 'Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?' Her mother replied, 'Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white.' The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, 'Mummy, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?'

### **Feeding the Homeless**

As part of our parish commitment to the community and to serving those less fortunate, we will be preparing and serving a lunch meal on Saturday, May 7, at St. John's Church Soup Kitchen in Newark. This service is sponsored by our Knights of Columbus council. All parish members (men, women and children) are welcome to participate, even if not a current member of the Knights. For more information, please contact contact Rich at [pockets5197@aol.com](mailto:pockets5197@aol.com) or Sergio Minervini ([sminervini@starkcarpet.com](mailto:sminervini@starkcarpet.com)).

### **MEMORIALS**

There are still some items to memorialized for the church and grounds. pews, pavers and benches. Please call the rectory for more info.

### **Bereavement Support Group**

A Bereavement Support Group will be starting in May on Tuesday evenings in the OLV rectory. If you would be interested in participating, or if you know someone who would find this program helpful, please call Phyllis Rooney at 201-262-8665. **Refreshments will be served.**

**Check out OLV's website [olvhp.org](http://olvhp.org)  
and find us on Facebook:  
Our Lady of Victories Parish**

## Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Apr 25—Mon—Women of Grace 7:30PM  
Apr 26-Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:15-3:15PM  
Apr 27 -Wed—OLV Bible Study Group  
Apr 27—Wed—OLV Needlers  
Apr 29 —Fri– Adoration from 12:30PM-4:00PM  
April 30- Sat—Confessions 11:00-12:00 Noon 3:00-3:25PM  
May 14—Sat — First Holy Communion  
May 22—Sun—CONFIRMATION -2:00PM  
May 30—Mon—Fr. Innocent CFR First Mass & Reception at OLV-2:00PM

## HOMEBOUND

If you or anyone you know is homebound, even for a short duration of time, please contact the parish office so I or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion can be scheduled to bring the Eucharist to the sick and homebound.

## Mother & Child Collection

Social Concerns Ministry annual Mother/Child collection will be the weekends of May 28/29 and June 4/5. Donations benefit New Hope Pregnancy Center, Westwood, NJ. Needed items: Diapers size newborn and size 6. Girl and boy toddler clothing sizes 2T and 3T. Pants, shorts and jackets needed. Gift cards for Shop Rite in amounts \$10-\$20-\$25. New items only please.

## Catholic Daughters 2016 Heyliger/Carley Scholarship

The \$1,000.00 Scholarship is opened to any student (female or male) entering a Catholic High School in the Fall of 2016. Details required for entering the essay contest can be found in the CCD office. If you have any questions, please call Renee Tringali at 201-768-0648.

## K of C Queen of Peace Scholarships

Queen of Peace Council of the Knights of Columbus, Closter, is accepting applications for the Jim McGahren Memorial Scholarships, form students in the parishes of the Northern Valley. Two scholarships will be awarded, for the 2016/17 academic year; College-\$1000, Catholic High School-\$1000. Applications are available in the rectory or by emailing [KofC3679@verizon.net](mailto:KofC3679@verizon.net).

## Food Truck & Arts Festival

Sunday, May 1, 1-5PM, Academy of the Holy Angels. VIP PreSale \$15 (to 1st 300 registrants) includes early admission and \$15 in food vouchers. PreSale\$15 general admission and \$15 in food vouchers; At the door \$15 and \$10 in food vouchers. Tickets available online at [www.holyangels.org/foodtruck2016](http://www.holyangels.org/foodtruck2016). Food vouchers used for all purchases from food trucks / additional may be purchased at event.

## OLV Prayer Power House

Become one of our prayer team members. There are no meetings, so this apostolate is wonderful for all, including those parishioners who are homebound. For more information, please phone Maria at the rectory.

## Presto's Pizza

Presto's Pizza in Harrington Park will make a donation to OLV any time you patronize the restaurant and mention you are an OLV parishioner!

## MOMS, TOTS, & POPS

OLV has a playgroup for infants and children ages 1-5. The group meets Tuesday mornings from 9:30AM to 11:30AM in the lower church. If you have gently used toys and would like to donate them, please contact [samreville@hotmail.com](mailto:samreville@hotmail.com) 732-371-8130 or [Reneetringali@gmail.com](mailto:Reneetringali@gmail.com) 201-913-2580.

## SPANISH MASS

Beginning May 1st the Mass in Spanish will be now celebrated on Sunday at 1PM. Please get out the word.

## CLOTHING BINS

Through the turbulence of your many demands, would you be willing to take a few minutes to gather your unwanted clothing and shoes to help Catholic Charities? Please drop them in the Catholic Charities donation bin located on the Church grounds. Your donations help Catholic Charities and Mt. Carmel Guild. Thank you.

## GIRL SCOUTS

Archdiocese's Cuts Ties to Girl Scouts over Pro - Abortion Support  
(Lisa Bourne/LifeSiteNews)

In an effort to protect the Catholic identity of archdiocesan youth programs, the archbishop of St. Louis is cutting ties with the Girl Scouts and directing his priests to initiate other scouting options for the girls of the archdiocese. In a letter to priests, scout leaders, and the faithful Archbishop Robert Carlson cited the Girl Scouts involvement in promotion of contraception, abortion, and role models in conflict with Catholic values. "Girl Scouts is exhibiting a troubling pattern of behavior and it is clear to me that as they move in the ways of the world it is becoming increasingly incompatible with our Catholic values," he said. The Girl Scouts' ties with Planned Parenthood and other pro-abortion groups, its participation in objectionable events and pushing of gender ideology, along with promotion of role models such as Gloria Steinem and Betty Friedan, and disturbing material found at events for girls have all caused controversy in recent years...The Archbishop wrote, "We must stop and ask ourselves – is Girl Scouts concerned with the total well-being of our young women? Does it do a good job forming the spiritual, emotional, and personal well-being of Catholic girls?"

## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Natural Family Planning methods are scientifically proven approaches to help a couple postpone or achieve pregnancy in a way that preserves the true, complete self-gift between husband and wife, the kind of love that brings real, lasting joy and peace. When we embrace God's plan for human sexuality and marriage and follow Jesus, we invite the Holy Spirit into our lives in a powerful way. To learn more, or to hear questions others have asked, please come to an informational session given by the Coordinator of Natural Family Planning for the Family Life Office, Jill Cherrey. May 4, 2016, 7:30-9:00PM, at St. Cassian Church, Upper Montclair.

## CCD Corner

With the school year rapidly coming to a close, the following are dates and times for upcoming CCD events and special masses;

**April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30...** There will be a **vocations presentation** given to our **Confirmation Candidates**.

**May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00...** There will be **First Communion practices**.

**May 14<sup>th</sup>@ 10:00 and 1:30 ...First Communions.**

**May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30...** **Special CCD Closing Mass and May Crowning.**

**May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00...** There be confessions and **Confirmation practice** for our candidates and their sponsors.

**May 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 2:00... Confirmation.**

If you haven't already registered your children for CCD next year, you can do so online at [www.olvhp.org](http://www.olvhp.org).

When it comes to the glory of God and the salvation of souls, no effort is too heavy for a Saint."

**St. Maximilian Kolbe**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"People in love make signs of love," wrote our bishops in a document guiding the renewal of liturgical music. They were not merely urging us to sing at Mass, but suggesting that the song itself is a sign of the love of Christ. Love never expressed dies, as we know from experience. Flowers for no special reason, a caress, a hug, a turn around the dance floor, a note on the pillow or in the lunchbox, the aroma of fresh bread in the kitchen, all are signs of love's vitality. A significant treasure in our Catholic tradition is the place of the sacraments as signs of Christ's love. We can trace the sacraments back to scriptural sources, through centuries of history. They are woven through family tradition and our own life story. Sacraments are the way Christ makes signs of love for the Church. For twenty centuries, God has spoken to us in the arena of the sacraments, and we have responded. The story of sacraments: their sources, their signs and rituals, and the way Christ nurtures and sustains us as we encounter Him, the companion on our journey who loves us and faithfully makes signs of that love.

TWO FRIENDS

Two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument: and one friend slapped the other on the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything wrote in the sand, TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SLAPPED ME IN THE FACE. They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning experience, he wrote on a stone: 'TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SAVED MY LIFE' The friend who had slapped him and then saved him asked, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now you write on a stone, why?" The friend replied, "When someone hurts us we should write it down in the sand, where the winds of forgiveness can erase it away; but when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it." Learn to write your hurts in the sand and to carve your benefits in stone. They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them but then an entire life to forget them.

Venerable Luigi Rocchi 1932-1979

The oldest of three children, Luigi Rocchi was born in Rome on February 19, 1932. Two years later, his parents, a mechanic and a homemaker, moved north to Tolentino, where Rocchi would live with them for the rest of his life. A lively boy who loved to play games, Rocchi struggled to run and at age 4 was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy. Though a strong student, constant falls later forced Rocchi to leave high school. At age 20, Rocchi entered into a long period of crisis as the disease confined him to a wheelchair. Having always yearned to marry and have a family, he now saw himself as "nothing". Then at age 28, he met Giulio, a man who was twisted by arthritis into a "human ball of yarn" and yet radiated serenity and joy. Rocchi later wrote that this encounter, together with the words his mother spoke to him every night - "Luigino, Jesus loves you" - opened his heart. "I don't care if I'm healed on the outside, heal me on the inside," he recalled praying to Our Lady at the time. "Don't let me be a man for myself, make me a man for others." In time, Rocchi embraced his suffering as a gift and mission. Typing with a stick fastened to his forehead, he wrote over 1700 personal letters of counsel and consolation to people who sought meaning in their suffering. He also wrote articles, gave weekly radio addresses and received a constant stream of visitors who were drawn to his humility, courage and wisdom. "I am not a hero, or a saint," he wrote. "I'm only someone who has put himself in God's hands, believes in his love and lets himself be led." Luigi Rocchi died at age 47 on March 26, 1979, and was declared Venerable by Pope Francis on April 3, 2014. Columbia Magazine March 2016

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 25 - St. Mark the Evangelist

8:00 Mark Joseph Fizulich R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich
12:00 Anna Lucia Arias—5th Anniversary R/b Maria Arias
7:00 Convent Dan Gallagher R/b the Barrett Family

Tuesday, April 26 - St. Stephen - Bishop of Perm, Russia

8:00 Madeline Moore R/b the Busanic Family
12:00 Mary B. Sweeney R/b George and Gail Fabiano

Wednesday, April 27 - St. Zita of Lucca, Italy-Laywoman

8:00 Robert J. Carpenter R/b Mike and Maria Hellrigel
12:00 Mary Farrelly R/b Ed Farrelly

Thursday, April 28 - St. Peter Chanel-French Missionary & Martyr

8:00 Peter Piana R/b Carole Bellini
12:00 In thanksgiving to St. Gianna R/b the Zaccaro Family

Friday, April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor

8:00 John Jerrahian R/b Sr. Elizabeth
12:00 Anna Lucia Arias R/b Maria Arias

Saturday, April 30 - Saint Pius V, Pope

8:00 Eleanor Mullins R/b the Barrett Family
12:00 Frank and Mary Muggeo R/b Bob and Sue Muggeo
4:00 Malvina Bertoglio R/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi
5:00 Mary Schittulli R/b Mary Muggeo

Sunday, May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker

7:30 John Merola R/b Richard and Maureen Ferrara
8:15 People of the Parish
9:30 Peter and Florence Kruimer R/b Peter and Eileen Kruimer
10:45 Antonio and Connie Rodriguez R/b Ron and Adele Filippone
12:00 William Sweeney R/b George and Gail Fabiano
1:00 Fran Zabava R/b Carl and Ellen Sutter
6:00 Intentions of Jake Spiegel R/b the Bolton Family
7:00 Kathleen McElroy R/b Patti McElroy

Sanctuary Memorials

- The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the men and women who serve in defense of our country.
The Convent Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the souls in Purgatory.
The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week for the deceased priests of OLV.
The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of George Gill, r/b Winnie Gill.
The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp burns for the souls in Purgatory.
The Hosts and Wine used at Mass this week have been donated in memory of Marie Dolan, r/b the Oates Family

The Infinite Value of the Holy Mass

The Holy Mass is the highest form of worship. It is the sacrifice of Calvary renewed. One Mass gives God more praise and thanksgiving, makes more atonement for sin, and pleads more eloquently than does the combined and eternal worship of all the souls in heaven, on earth and in purgatory. In the Holy Mass, it is Jesus Christ, God as well as Man, who is our Intercessor, our priest, and our Victim. Being God - as well as Man - His prayers, merits, and His offerings are infinite in value.

Kidz Korner Answers

- 1. Divine Mercy Sunday 2. St. Faustina 3. 50 days 4. To receive Holy Communion at Easter time, and you should go to The Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation and confess your sins prior to receiving the Eucharist so that you will receive it worthily. 5. Holy Trinity Sunday which this year is May 22nd.

## April is dedicated to the Holy Eucharist.

### PROFESS FAITH IN ISLAM

Maryland high school punished a student for refusing to profess faith in Islam, gave her failing grades for a series of assignments that violated her Christian beliefs and then threatened her father with arrest for complaining, a federal lawsuit charges. The suit was filed in U.S. District Court against the Charles County Public Schools in La Plata, Maryland, its board of education, Principal Evelyn Arnold and Vice Principal Shannon Morris by the Thomas More Law Center. A spokeswoman for the district told WND that officials were aware of the issue but said Arnold and Morris would not be commenting. Plaintiffs are Marine Corps veteran John Kevin Wood and his wife, Melissa, who "refuse[d] to allow their teenage daughter to be subjected to Islamic indoctrination and propaganda in her high school world history class."

The lawsuit charges that the defendants' "curriculum, practices, policies, actions, procedures, and customs promote the Islamic faith by requiring students to profess the five pillars of Islam." The students, the complaint says, were required to "write out and confess the shahada, the Islamic profession of faith." The lawsuit charges that school officials concealed the curriculum by using two separate history textbooks, one of which contained the Islamic teachings and which students were required to leave at school. The other, which did not contain the teachings, was allowed to be taken home, the complaint explains. The school also excised the Islamic teachings from the course syllabus.

The free WND special report "ISIS Rising," by Middle East expert and former Department of Defense analyst Michael Maloof, will answer your questions about the jihadist army threatening the West. "Defendants have treated plaintiffs' Christian beliefs and heritage with deliberate indifference, and have been hostile toward C.W. [the student] and her family," the complaint alleges. It explains that Arnold and Morris violated the First and Fourteenth Amendments as well as state and federal law by "depriving plaintiffs and C.W. of their fundamental right to be free from a public school's promotion of certain religious beliefs, their fundamental right to be able to speak freely and raise concerns about religion being taught in our public schools without retaliation, and their fundamental right to be free from unjust discrimination against their Christian heritage." The legal team notes the shahada states, "There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is the messenger of Allah."

"For non-Muslims, reciting the statement is sufficient to convert one to Islam," the complaint says. "Moreover, the second part of the statement, 'Muhammad is the messenger of Allah,' signifies the person has accepted Muhammad as their spiritual leader. The teenager was also required to memorize and recite the Five Pillars of Islam." Not only did the district refuse permission for C.W. to opt out of the religious assignments, it imposed grades of zero. Further, the complaint says, the district disparaged Christianity in multiple ways, including the statement, "Most Muslims' faith is stronger than the average Christian." The district taught that the West engages in "imperialistic pursuits" and insists "men are the managers of women." It also taught: "To Muslims, Allah is the same god that is worshipped in Christianity and Judaism." The district's teachings specified that the Quran "is the word of Allah," while Jews and Christians "believe the Torah and the Gospels were revealed to Moses and the New Testament writers." "The sugarcoated version of Islam taught at La Plata High School did not mention that the Quran explicitly instructs Muslims 'to kill the unbelievers wherever you find them.' (Sura 9-5)," the complaint says. John Kevin Wood discovered the teachings and called to voice his objections, the lawsuit says, but the school imposed a "no trespass" order against him, threatening him with arrest if he came onto school property. The school refused to give him any opportunity "to refute the untrue allegations" made by Arnold. "The Woods, as Christians, believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God and our Savior, that Jesus 'Christ died on the cross for our sins, and that following the teachings of Jesus Christ is the only path to eternal salvation.'" The Woods believe that it is a sin to

profess commitment in word or writing to any god other than the Christian God. Thus, they object to their daughter being forced to deny the Christian God and to her high school promoting Islam over other religions," the lawsuit explains.

Defendants forced [the] Woods daughter to disparage her Christian faith by reciting the shahada, and acknowledging Mohammed as her spiritual leader. Her world history class spent one day on Christianity and two weeks immersed in Islam. Such discriminatory treatment of Christianity is an unconstitutional promotion of one religion over another," said Thomas More Law Center President Richard Thompson. The lawsuit concludes: "Defendants deliberately [chose] this curriculum, instructional materials, and texts, and punished Christian students who disagree with espousing religious statements and reproducing religious doctrine that promotes Islam. The actions, policies, procedures, customs, and curriculum of defendants unconstitutionally endorse the Islamic religion."

As a result, it says, the Christian family suffered "irreparable harm, including the loss of their fundamental constitutional rights, entitling them to declaratory and injunctive relief." "Defendants, by requiring C.W. to make reference to a belief in the Muslim god, forced C.W. to directly violate her sincerely held religious beliefs. Defendants did not allow C.W. to opt out of these assignments or receive alternative assignments. Defendants refused to accommodate C.W.'s Christian beliefs. Instead, defendants coerced and punished C.W. for refusing to violate her Christian beliefs," the claim explains.

"House of War: Islam's Jihad Against the World" conveys what the West needs to know about Islam and the violent, expansionary ideology that seeks the subjugation and destruction of other faiths, cultures and systems of government. Read more at <http://www.wnd.com/2016/01/student-punished-for-refusing-to-recite-islamic-profession-of-faith/#CG3Zl02RypQmRIOY.99>

### PRAY for THOSE in the MILITARY

Lieutenant Julia H. Cheringal, US Navy;  
Lieutenant Ben Clemente, US Army;  
Midshipman Jon Clemente, US Navy;  
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo, U.S. Marine Corps;  
Captain Michael Franson, US Army;  
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene, US Army;  
Lieutenant Tara Harris, US Air Force;  
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger, US Navy;  
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger, US Navy;  
Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn, US Air Force;  
Captain Shawn Linn, US Army;  
Colonel John McLaughlin, US Army;  
Corporal Richard McKenn, USMC;  
Lieutenant John G. Miele, US Army.

### OPEN HOUSE

**Academy of Holy Angels/Sneak Peak** for 6th grade girls & parents, Monday, April 25, 9:00-11:45AM. Register at [holyangels.org/6th-grade-sneak-peek](http://holyangels.org/6th-grade-sneak-peek).

**Immaculate Heart Academy**, Washington Township, Thursday, April 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Pre-register at [www.ihanj.com](http://www.ihanj.com). Call 201-445-6800 for more info'.

**Saint Joseph Regional H.S.**, Montvale, Wednesday, May 4, 6:30-9:00PM, for 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys and their families. Students will provide tours starting at 6:30PM. For info' call 201-391-3300 or pre-register at [www.sjrnj.org](http://www.sjrnj.org).

**Paramus Catholic H.S.**, Paramus, Wednesday, May 4, 7:00-9:00PM for 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys and their parents. For info' call 201-445-4466x104.

### KIDZ KORNER

1. What is the name of the feast celebrated on the Sunday after Easter?
2. To what Saint did Jesus reveal this new feast?
3. How many days does the Church celebrate Easter?
4. What is Your Easter Duty?
5. What is the last day to fulfill your Easter Duty obligation?

**Answers on page four**