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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: 4:00pm, 5:00pm

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

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**: Br. Pius, Joseph Accardi, Maria Aleman, William Biasi, Terry Boyle, Michael Conmy, Kamal Faris, Thomas Haring, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Teresa Meierdierks, Ken Mosier, Kathleen Musante, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Danny Rizzi, Ginny Romeo, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Cookie and George Rush, Cynthia Simonelli, Mildred Speck, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Jim Walsh, Darien Wesler, Al Wiese, Marian Zanetti, Elaine Zito.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

“The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith. The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace.” **Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

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SIX BEST DOCTORS IN THE WORLD

1. Sunlight
2. Rest
3. Exercise
4. Diet
5. Self Confidence
6. Friends

And, finally: The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts, the safest place to be is in someone's prayers, and the very best place to be is.....in the hands of God.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Every rectory office has received a panicked phone call from a person who has been invited to serve as a godparent, or from someone newly engaged, who suddenly “needs to get confirmed.” While the lack of confirmation is not an obstacle for marriage, it is for godparenting. Many are surprised that the Church seems to be looking for a kind of sacramental “seal” on one's baptism before the door opens fully to this ministry. Yet if you think about it, would you want someone to guide you to a place that he or she had not yet been? A godparent has to be someone who has “been there” and knows the way. Although signet rings and wax seals have passed from use, our society depends on “seals of approval” ranging from certificates of quality to the familiar safety seals on medicines and foods. While Eucharist is the “seal” of the sacrament of baptism, there is a sense in which one's Christian initiation is also incomplete without confirmation. Have you been confirmed? Perhaps it's time to inquire now, before you have to make that dreaded phone call!

TICK REMEDY

A School Nurse has written the info' below -- good enough to share -- I had a pediatrician tell me what she believes is the best way to remove a tick. This is great, because it works in those places where it's sometimes difficult to get to with tweezers: between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc. Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for a few seconds (15-20), the tick will come out on its own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. This technique has worked every time, and it's much less traumatic for the patient. Unless someone is allergic to soap.

Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation FOOD DRIVE

During July—OLV will be having a food collection to help **Catholic Charities** feed the homeless during the summer months. Summertime means increased hardship for many needy families in the Archdiocese who rely on school breakfast and lunch programs to feed their children's nutritional needs. Food pantries are hard pressed to provide for these hungry people since many food collections drop off or stop for the summer months. Last summer over 50,000 people turned to the 50 faith-based food pantries supported by Catholic Charities (over 40% of these were children).

CLOTHING BINS

True Freedom is found in our Lord Jesus Christ who liberated us from sin through his death and resurrection. As we rejoice with our fellow-Americans for the independence we enjoy in the United States, let us never forget those who are restricted by the chains of poverty. Why not celebrate your freedom by an act of kindness? One way to do this is by donating your unwanted clothing and shoes to the Catholic Charities donation bin located on our property Thank you.

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.

Six Undeniable Facts of Life:

1. Don't educate your children to be rich. Educate them to be happy, so when they grow up they will know the value of things, not the price.
2. Best wise words: "Eat your food as your medicines. Otherwise you have to eat medicines as your food."
3. The one who loves you will never leave you because, even if there are 100 reasons to give up, he or she will find one reason to hold on.
4. There is a big difference between a human being and being human. Only a few folks really understand that.
5. You are loved when you are born. You will be loved when you die. In between, you have to manage!
6. If you just want to walk fast, walk alone; but, if you want to walk far, walk together!

LIFE IN THE TRINITY

The name of the Trinity is, without a doubt, the most familiar sacred name to us. We speak it every time we make the sign of the cross, and it forms the heart of our Creed. Trinity Sunday is a good day, however, to stop and reflect on the unique role of each of the three persons we name so often in the Trinity and in our own lives. When we celebrate the Eucharist on Sunday, we come together as the Body of Christ through our baptism, and through the power of the Holy Spirit we offer the whole prayer of the Mass to God the Father. This presence of the Trinity does not stop when we leave church on Sunday. We are—always and everywhere—members of the Body, and everything we do as members of that Body is empowered by the Holy Spirit, all of it offered to the glory of our loving Father. Take a moment each day this week to reflect on how the persons of the Trinity were present to you during the day, and how other people came to see the presence of the Trinity in your witness to the Good News.

SLEEPING

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to Church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

- Jul 19 -Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
- Jul 20—Wed—OLV Needlers
- Jul 22—Fri– Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM
- Jul 23 - Sat—Confessions 11:00-12:00Noon 3:00-3:25PM
- Jul 23—Sat—AA basement of Church 6:30-8:30PM
- Aug 9—Tue—Bereavement Group 6:30PM

FRIDAY ADORATION

Just a reminder we have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays after Noon Mass – 3:00PM. So stop by and adore our Eucharistic Lord.

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 McKenna, USMC;
- Lieutenant John G. Miele, US Army.

Prayer for the Safety of Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in You will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of Your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise You for Your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Why be rebellious in God's house?

People generally have no real problem wearing proper clothing when entering places that demand such attire. Would you ever consider attending a formal dinner or a wedding dressed in a tee shirt and shorts, or a tank top and swimming trunks?

Please dress appropriately when coming to Mass.

LEARN TO KNIT/CROCHET

The OLV Catholic Daughters meets every Wednesday evening in the rectory and will teach you to knit or crochet. Contact Renee Tringali at 201-768-0648 for more info.

Norwood PreSchool at OLV

Norwood PreSchool is now at Our Lady of Victories. If you have a child and need daycare, call 201-767-9909.

SEAGULL

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand. "Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked. "He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied. The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"

SAVE USED EYEGLASSES

The Knights of Columbus collects used and old eyeglasses for the less fortunate. Any old or "retired" glasses may be left in the atrium of the Church.

JUST A REMINDER

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

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SUN/SOON TAN

During the summer we often go down the shore to "work" on our tans. We may spend an hour in the sun and get "burned" by the sun. Imagine how much good spending an hour before the Son of God will do us. Why don't you stop by the Church on Thursday evenings at 7PM.

OUR PURPOSE

"God, infinitely perfect and blessed Himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in His own blessed life. For this reason, at every time and in every place, God draws close to man. He calls man to seek Him, to know Him, to love Him with all His strength. He calls together all men, scattered and divided by sin, into the unity of His family, the Church. To accomplish this, when the fullness of time had come, God sent His Son as Redeemer and Savior. In His Son and through Him, He invites men to become, in the Holy Spirit, His adopted children and thus heirs of His blessed life."

PANCAKES

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.' Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

GOING ON VACATION

Visit www.masstimes.org for the locations of Catholic Churches and a Mass schedule, throughout the USA.

Great advice. Philosophy 101...

As we grow older, and hence wiser, we slowly realize that: Whether we wear a \$300 or \$30 watch: they both tell the same time. Whether we carry a \$300 or \$30 wallet/handbag the amount of money inside is the same. Whether we drink a bottle of \$300 or \$30 or \$3 wine the hangover is the same. Whether the house we live in is 300 or 3,000 or 30,000 sq. ft. the loneliness is the same. And we realize our true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world. Whether we fly first or economy class, if the plane goes down we go down with it. Whether we fly first or economy class, if the plane reaches its destination everyone arrives at the same time. Therefore we should realize that when we have mates, buddies and old friends, brothers and sisters, with whom we can chat, laugh, talk, sing, talk about north-south-east-west or heaven and earth that is true happiness!

Just a Second

A young boy once asked God how long a million years was to Him. God replied "A million years to me is just like a single second in your time" Then the boy asked God what a million dollars was to Him. God replied, "A million dollars to me is just like a single penny to you." Then the boy asked: "God, could you spare one of Your pennies?" God smiled and replied, "Certainly, just a second."

"As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind - every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder." **John Glenn**

Pay attention people!!

There was a man whose family was German aristocracy prior to World War Two. They owned a number of large industries and estates. I asked him how many German people were true Nazis, and the answer he gave has stuck with me and guided my attitude toward fanaticism ever since.

"Very few people were true Nazis" he said, "but many enjoyed the return of German pride, and many more were too busy to care. I was one of those who just thought the Nazis were a bunch of fools. So, the majority just sat back and let it all happen. Then, before we knew it, they owned us, and we had lost control, and the end of the world had come. My family lost everything I ended up in a concentration camp and the Allies destroyed my factories."

We are told again and again by "experts" and "talking heads" that Islam is the religion of peace, and that the vast majority of Muslims just want to live in peace. Although this unqualified assertion may be true, it is entirely irrelevant. It is meaningless fluff, meant to make us feel better, and meant to somehow diminish the specter of fanatics rampaging across the globe in the name of Islam. The fact is that the fanatics rule Islam at this moment in history.

It is the fanatics who march. It is the fanatics who wage any one of 50 shooting wars worldwide. It is the fanatics who systematically slaughter Christian or tribal groups throughout Africa and are gradually taking over the entire continent in an Islamic wave. It is the fanatics who bomb, behead, murder, or honor kill. It is the fanatics who take over mosque after mosque. It is the fanatics who zealously spread the stoning and hanging of rape victims and homosexuals. The hard quantifiable fact is that the "peaceful majority" is the "silent majority" and it is cowed and extraneous.

Communist Russia comprised Russians who just wanted to live in peace, yet the Russian Communists were responsible for the murder of about 20 million people. The peaceful majority were irrelevant. China's huge population was peaceful as well, but Chinese Communists managed to kill a staggering 70 million people. The average Japanese individual prior to World War 2 was not a warmongering sadist. Yet, Japan murdered and slaughtered its way across South East Asia in an orgy of killing that included the systematic murder of 12 million Chinese civilians; most killed by sword, shovel, and bayonet. And, who can forget Rwanda, which collapsed into butchery. Could it not be said that the majority of Rwandans were "peace loving"?

History lessons are often incredibly simple and blunt, yet for all our powers of reason we often miss the most basic and uncomplicated of points: Peace-loving Muslims have been made irrelevant by their silence. Peace-loving Muslims will become our enemy if they don't speak up because like my friend from Germany, they will awake one day and find that the fanatics own them, and the end of their world will have begun. Peace-loving Germans, Japanese, Chinese, Russians, Rwandans, Serbs, Afghans, Iraqis, Palestinians, Somalis, Nigerians, Algerians, and many others have died because the peaceful majority did not speak up until it was too late. As for us who watch it all unfold; we must pay attention to the only group that counts; the fanatics who threaten our way of life.

'Life of the Human Race.'

Saint Irenaeus [died circa AD 203] said, "The glory of God is man fully alive." But we are not fully alive unless we are one with God. As "the way the truth and the life" [John 14:6] Jesus is the one through whom we can be one with God! So Christ is the only one through whom we can have eternal life! 'Resurrection of the Dead.' By restoring us to life, Christ has made death a mere passageway, not a 'dead end!' Our grave is only temporary!

TUESDAY AFTERNOON PRAYER GROUP

Every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00PM-3:00PM we have a group who are praying a **Marian Novena Rosary** in Church in front of the Blessed Sacrament. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Mass Intentions

- Monday, July 18 – St. Camillus de Lellis, priest**
8:00 Christopher Cameron R/b Jeanne Marie Walsh
12:00 Frank Dunn R/b the Dunn Family
- Tuesday, July 19 - St. Arsenius of Rome, Italy-Monk**
8:00 James Barrett R/b the Barrett Family
12:00 Benjamin Obutelewicz R/b Regina Bond
- Wednesday, July 20 – St. Apollinaris - bishop - martyr**
8:00 Ann Georgina Moriarty R/b Ken Adamcik
12:00 Vincent Schittulli R/b Mary Muggeo
- Thursday, July 21–St. Lawrence of Brindisi - priest - doctor**
8:00 Agnes Connolly R/b James and Caroline Connolly
12:00 Sam Burruano R/b Steve and Robin Hartman
- Friday, July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene**
8:00 Herbert Gold R/b Jeanne Marie Walsh
12:00 Sam Burruano R/b Domenic and Marcella Cafarella
- Saturday, July 23 – St. Bridget of Sweden, religious**
8:00 Sally Leone R/b the Dunn Family
12:00 John Ballas R/b the Zwerle Family
4:00 Martin C.X. Dolan R/b Richard and Mary C. O'Brien
5:00 Virginia Savastano R/b Marc and Georgiana Fisher
- Sunday, July 24 – St. Sharbel Makluf, priest**
7:30 Sam Burruano-1st Anniversary R/b Mike and Maria Hellrigel
8:15 Hilario Guerra R/b the Collins Family
9:30 Fran Zabava R/b Bob and Dolores Cavagnet
10:45 Peter and Florence Kruimer R/b Peter and Eileen Kruimer
12:00 Aida Moroney R/b Domenic and Marcella Cafarella
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Dolores Tarabocchia R/b the DiMeglio Family
7:00 Intentions of Jim Walsh R/b Mike and Maria Hellrigel

Sanctuary Memorials

- The Church Sanctuary Lamp** burns this week for the **repose of the soul of Veronica Haskell**, r/b Jeanne Marie Walsh.
- The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp** burns this week for the **repose of the soul of Elias Pascual**, r/b Esty Parlanti.
- The St. Joseph Votive Lamp Votive Lamp** burns this week for the **repose of the soul of Natalia Pascual**, r/b Esty Parlanti.
- The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp** burns for the **intentions of the men and women who serve in defense of our country.**

ISN'T IT IRONIC

- How come we choose from just two people to run for president and over fifty for Miss America?
- Why is it that our children can't read a Bible in school, but they can in prison?
- Why do I have to swear on the Bible in court when the Ten Commandments cannot be displayed outside?

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. Solemnity of Mary, Ascension, Assumption, All Saints, Immaculate Conception, Christmas
2. To go to Mass and refrain from servile work on Sundays and holy days, To go to Confession at least once a year (traditionally done during Lent), To receive the Eucharist at least once a year, during the Easter Season (known as the "Easter duty"), To observe the days of fasting and abstinence, To help to provide for the needs of the Church according to one's abilities and station in life, To obey the marriage laws of the Church
3. Mary as The Immaculate Conception,
4. Mary as Our Lady of Guadalupe
5. Jesus had no brothers or sisters.

Money will buy a fine dog but only kindness will make him wag his tail.

Beware the Noonday Devil

By Fr. Paul Scalia

The Church's monastic tradition sees as one of the most dangerous enemies of the spiritual life what the psalmist calls "the noonday devil" (Ps 91:6). The monks took this phrase as an apt description of the lethargy or fatigue they battled at about midday.

By that time, they had already risen early for prayers, returned to prayer a number of times, and still had a good chunk of the day ahead of them. They were tired, of course, but not just physically. They were spiritually tired — weary of prayer, exhausted with the things of God. The noonday devil precipitated thoughts of "What's the use? This is pointless." Thus, in the Eastern tradition, Psalm 91 was prayed at midday, to ask for strength against this assault. "Stay awake," Our Lord says (Mt 24:42). And we can hear His words as a warning against the noonday devil. They echo the psalmist's plea for wakefulness: "Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; lighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death ... Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law" (Ps 13:3; 119:18).

Our Lord and the psalmist both refer not to physical sleep (our bodies need rest at some point) but to that spiritual drowsiness and slumber that deaden us to God's presence, goodness and truth. Once we have fallen asleep spiritually, then all kinds of mischief creep into our souls. Dozing off spiritually brings about a much greater destruction than falling asleep at the wheel.

"Stay awake." Our Lord's words caution us against sloth — that capital vice that brings about spiritual slumber. Sloth is not, as many think, simple laziness (although that is usually a side-effect). Instead, it is a sadness about the good set before us, a boredom with the things of God, a failure to respond with the proper repentance, joy, zeal or love to God's works and goodness. Sloth is a spiritual "ho-hum" or "whatever" in the face of Christ crucified. Once this spiritual languor sets in, we can easily become lazy louts — because we see no reason to make an effort.

But the slothful man can also be tremendously busy. He fills his time with activities to avoid the difficulty of reflection and thought, of facing his sadness with the divine. This describes our culture well. We are constantly on the go, but at the same time bored with the most important things. We rush around in what we call the "real world," as a way of avoiding that most important reality.

We resemble the people in the days of Noah: "they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away" (Mt 24:38-39). They did not know. They were busy enough, alright, but asleep to the very things that matter. And in the end their slumber undid them.

We do not need to look far to find sloth's damaging effects. Sloth first robs us of the energy needed for the moral life, so we fall into sin more easily. Further, spiritual boredom leads us to seek pleasure elsewhere, in various forms of immorality. If God's works bore us, we will find our happiness in lesser things and make them gods. Sloth also deadens our sense of morality because the drama of good and evil, of right and wrong, tires us. So sloth not only deters us from seeking moral excellence, it also keeps us from perceiving moral truth.

"Stay awake." Our Lord wants us to avoid spiritual slumber. The solution is simple, but not easy. It demands, first, that we fill our minds with thoughts of the divine. The many trivial, worldly thoughts we take in each day leave little room for the supernatural thoughts that inspire us. Accordingly, the battle against sloth demands perseverance in prayer — not just reciting prayers, but mental prayer. We need to reflect deliberately and often on the truths of our faith, the attributes of God, the events of our Lord's life, etc. And when, not if, we grow tired, we need to look to Our Lord and push through the difficulty. We need to remain with Him and not fear the one who lays waste at noon.

QUESTION?

Why does the Vatican have walls? Pope Leo IV built the walls in 852 in order to protect the city against the encroachment of "Saracens", an early term for the Arab Muslims who were hell bent on the conquest of Christian Europe. In 846, a year before the start of Pope Leo IV's reign, the Saracens attacked the outskirts of Rome. The Muslim raiders targeted the Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul, which were located outside of the massive walls that defended Rome itself. The Saracens looted the two churches, robbing them of their relics and desecrating the tombs of two of Christendom's most revered saints. The 1910 Catholic Encyclopedia says that shortly after the raid, Pope Leo IV began to take precautions against a repetition of the Saracen raid of 846. He put the walls of the city into a thorough state of repair, entirely rebuilding fifteen of the great towers. He was the first to enclose the hill by a wall." The walls that Pope Leo built, which were completed in 852, were nearly 40 feet high, twelve feet thick, and defended by dozens of towers that turned the site into a fortified city.

HUSHERS

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother, Joel, were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

Do You Have a First Grader?

Time to register for CCD! Please call 201-768-1400 or email olvhpccd@gmail.com for a registration form and information. Classes begin in September.

OLV Prayer Power House

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

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

OLV Parishioners who go to Catholic High School and who have not made their confirmation should contact the CCD office or Deacon Al to register to enroll in this year's upcoming Confirmation program.

DID YOU KNOW?

Long Island, New York, was originally called Isla de los Apostolos – Isle of the Apostles - by the Spanish who discovered it in 1525.

KIDZ KORNER

1. Name the 6 Holy Days of Obligation in the U.S.
2. Name six laws or precepts of the Church.
3. Name the Patroness of the United States.
4. Who is the Empress of the Americas?
5. Name Jesus' brothers and sisters.

Answers on page four.

"When you look at the crucifix,
you understand how much Jesus loved you then.
When you look at the Sacred Host,
you understand how much Jesus loves you now."

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta