

# Our Lady of Victories Church

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

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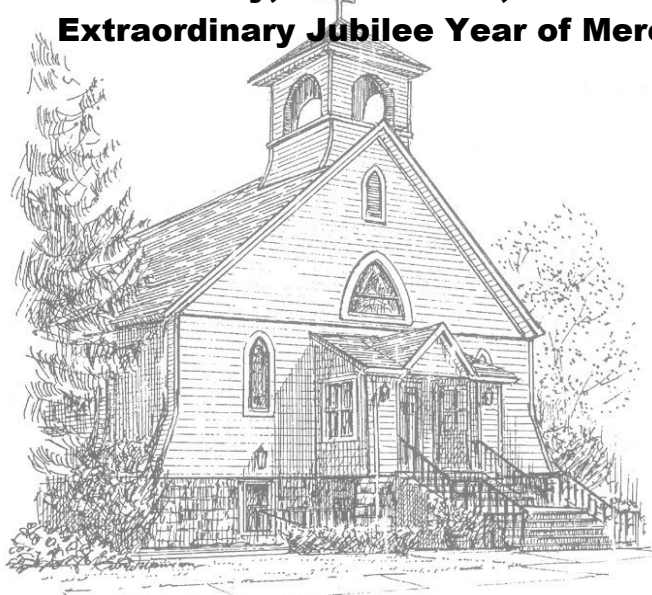
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Sunday, November 6, 2016 A.D.

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 3:00pm 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, John Bolger, Michael Conmy, Lizette Donnelly, Ellen Dunn, Catherine Fallon, Kamal Faris, Kathy Freeburn, Thomas Haring, Marianne Harkins, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Michael Lawten, Jamie & Kerrie Lein, Joseph LoVecchio, Anne Matthaiei, Teresa Meierdierks, Kathleen Musante, Terry Pommett, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Danny Rizzi, Ginny Romeo, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Cookie & George Rush, Cynthia Simonelli, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Jim Walsh, Darien Wesler, Marian Zanetti, Elaine Zito.

### **Assisted Suicide Bill**

On October 6, 2016, the Assembly Appropriations committee released Assembly Bill 2451 which would make assisted suicide legal in NJ. The full Assembly voted on A2451, the Physician Assisted Suicide bill, on 10/20/16.

Asm. 10/20/2016 – 3RDG FINAL PASSAGE – Yes {41} No {29} Not Voting {5} Abstains {5}

#### **An identical bill - S2474 - has been introduced in the Senate.**

This assisted suicide bill is a direct threat to anyone viewed as a cost liability to an insurance company or the government under Obamacare. With the costs of Obamacare rising at a minimum of 25% is it so difficult to imagine them moving the minds and hearts of people toward ending their lives in advance to contain costs? Not really when we've seen what the government operatives push and what the media assists! In an era of cost control and managed care, patients with lingering illnesses may be branded as an economic liability, an undue burden on their family, and decisions to encourage death could be driven by cost. The facts are clear - in California, in Vermont and in Oregon - states that have passed assisted suicide bills - insurance companies have denied individuals healthcare coverage, but offered them low cost drugs to end their life. Please contact your state legislators and tell them that you **oppose** A2451/S2474:

Call: Vote NO-AssistedSuicideBills-NJLegislation.  
Main #'s: 609 - 847 - 3905 OR 800 - 792 - 8630.  
Find your Assembly Repr. or Senator at [www.njleg.state.NJ.us](http://www.njleg.state.NJ.us).

**Action needed: Call your state Senator and urge him/her to vote NO on A2451/S2474, Call Gov. Christie (609-292-6000) and urge him to veto A2451/S2474 if it reaches his desk.**

### **WE ARE AT WAR**

Dear Parents, not only are we at war in the Middle East; we are in a spiritual battle for the souls of our children each and every day. On Tuesday afternoons from 2:00PM-3:15PM we have a group who are praying the **Mary - Mother of All Nations Novena** to help win this war – come join us in this crucial battle.

### **OLV BIBLE STUDY**

The OLV Bible Study Group meets on Wednesdays at 10:00AM in the Lower Church conference room. All are welcome to join us.

### **CLOTHING BINS**

The beauty of Fall with its cool temperatures and beautiful foliage displays energizes most people. Would you be willing to channel some of your energy to gather any unwanted clothing, shoes, small appliances, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, and books (no reference books) for the Catholic Charities clothing bin? Thank you.

### **Are YOU Doing YOUR Part to Help THE SOULS in PURGATORY??**

It is very possible that some of our own nearest and dearest ones are still suffering the excruciating pains of Purgatory and are calling to us for help and relief. There is no hunger, no thirst, no poverty, no need, no pain, no suffering to compare with what the souls in Purgatory endure. How YOU can help these souls: **1. Have Masses offered for them. 2. Make the Stations of the Cross. 3. Recite the Rosary. 4. Offer up all your pain and sufferings for the relief of Souls.**

### **ALL SOULS INTENTIONS**

We are asking that your ALL SOULS INTENTION ENVELOPES be returned to the rectory as soon as possible in order that we may place the intentions and names on the altar on ALL SOULS DAY and for the following nine days for the ALL SOULS NOVENA. The envelope intentions will remain on the altar for the entire month of November, which is dedicated to the POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY.

### **CHRISTIAN GRAFFITI**

Graffiti made by early Christians in the catacombs of Rome, asked that Christians, who passed by, pray for their deceased relatives. But there is no point in praying for those in Heaven who are already in the presence of the Almighty, nor is there any point in praying for those consigned to all eternity in Hell, from which there is no return. These early Christians believed that the souls of the departed were in an intermediate place awaiting entrance into Heaven – Purgatory.

### **DID YOU KNOW**

The Church teaches that abortion or euthanasia is a grave sin. The Encyclical Letter *Evangelium vitae*, with reference to judicial decisions or civil laws that authorize or promote abortion or euthanasia, states that there is a “grave and clear obligation to oppose them by conscientious objection. [...] In the case of an intrinsically unjust law, such as a law permitting abortion or euthanasia, it is therefore never licit to obey it, or to “take part in a propaganda campaign in favor of such a law or vote for it” (no. 73). **Christians have a “grave obligation of conscience not to cooperate formally in practices which, even if permitted by civil legislation, are contrary to God’s law.** Indeed, from the moral standpoint, it is never licit to cooperate formally in evil. [...] This cooperation can never be justified either by invoking respect for the freedom of others or by appealing to the fact that civil law permits it or requires it” (no. 74). **A Catholic would be guilty of formal cooperation in evil, and so unworthy to present himself for Holy Communion, if he were to deliberately vote for a candidate precisely because of the candidate’s permissive stand on abortion and/or euthanasia... wrote Pope Benedict XVI when he was Cardinal Ratzinger and in charge of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith in a 2004 letter when asked if one could vote for a pro-choice/pro-abortion candidate.**

### **Meeting for Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

There will be a meeting for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers on Monday, November 7, at 7:00pm in the church. We will be giving out the Reader's Workbook, introducing new members and going over procedures.

### **OLV Boys & Girls Needed**

Our Lady of Victories has a basketball program for you. The sign-up for basketball is in October. Practices begin shortly thereafter, and the games begin in December. **All Boys and Girls from grades Kindergarten to 8th grade** who would like to play basketball or would like more info please contact John or KerryAnn Flahive at 201-750-2214.

# Well done is better than well said.

## Upcoming OLV Parish Events

- Nov 7—Mon—Meeting for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors 7:00PM
- Nov 8 -Tue—Moms, Pops and Tots 11:30AM-1:30PM
- Nov 8-Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
- Nov 8—Tue—Social Concerns 7:00PM
- Nov 9—Wed—Bible Study Group—10:00AM
- Nov 9 - Wed—OLV Needlers 6:30PM
- Nov 11 -Fri– Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM
- Nov 11 - Fri- Confessions 7:00-7:25PM
- Nov 12 - Sat—Confessions 11:00-12:00Noon & 3:00-3:25PM
- Nov 12—Sat—Sr. Youth Group 5:30-7:00PM
- Nov 12 -Sat—AA - lower Church 6:30-8:30PM
- Nov 13—Sun—NO CCD Today
- Nov 13—Sun—Holy Name Society 9:30 Mass / Meeting
- Nov 13-Sun-Jr. Youth Group 6:00PM-7:30PM
- Nov 19/20—Sat/Sun—Catholic Daughters Christmas Gift Sale
- Feb 4—Sat—10AM—First Confession
- Apr 2- Sun—Rosary Society Breakfast
- May 21—Sun- 2:00PM -Confirmation

## THE TEST

An economics professor at Texas Tech said he had never failed a single student before, but had once failed an entire class. That class had insisted that socialism worked, and that no one would be poor and no one would be rich, a great equalizer. The professor then said okay, we will have an experiment in this class on socialism. All grades would be averaged, and everyone would receive the same grade, so no one would fail and no one would receive an A. After the first test the grades were averaged, and everyone got a B. The students who studied hard were upset, and the students who studied little were happy. But, as the second test rolled around, the students who studied little had studied even less, and the ones who studied hard decided they wanted a free ride too, so they studied little. The second test average was a D. No one was happy. When the third test rolled around, the average was an F. The scores never increased as bickering, blame, name-calling all resulted in hard feelings, and no one would study for the benefit of anyone else. All failed, to their great surprise, and the professor told them that socialism would also ultimately fail because when the reward is great, the effort to succeed is great; but when government takes all the reward away, no one will try or want to succeed ... Could it be put any simpler than that....?

## VOTE

BEFORE YOU VOTE CHECK OUT THESE SITES

- [www.catholicvote.com](http://www.catholicvote.com)
- [www.catholicnight.com](http://www.catholicnight.com)

## THREE IRISHMEN

Three Irishmen were sitting in the pub window, watching the front door of the brothel across the road. The local Methodist pastor appeared, and quickly went inside. "Would you look at that!" said the first Irishman. "Didn't I always say what a bunch of hypocrites they are?" No sooner were the words out of his mouth than a Rabbi appeared at the door, knocked, and entered. "Another one trying to fool everyone with pious preaching and stupid hats!" They continued drinking their beer, roundly condemning the vicar and the rabbi when they see their own Catholic priest knock on the door. "Ah, now dat's sad," said the third Irishman. "One of the girls must have died..."

## QUESTION

**What is Purgatory?** It is a state after death, in which those who die in God's friendship, but are not completely free of sin and its effects, suffer for a time.

**No one has more ambition than the teenage boy . . . who wants to buy a car.**

# PLEASE OBEY PARKING LAWS

- One cannot park in a crosswalk or block a driveway.
- One needs to park 25 feet from a crosswalk or corner.
- One needs to park 50 feet from a stop sign.
- Parking is prohibited on Harriot Ave. between Elliot and Lynn.

## FOOD DRIVE

During the month of **November** we have been asked to help restock the area food banks. So please bring your donation to the church vestibule or leave them at the rectory garage.

## CONVALIDATION

Were you married civilly by a mayor or justice of the peace and would now like to be married in the Catholic Church? See Fr. Bryan for more details and to see if your marriage can be regularized with the Church.

## SICK OR "HOMEBOUND"

If you are sick or "homebound" (or know someone who is), and would like to have Communion, please contact the Rectory at 201-768-1706.

## SAVE USED EYEGLASSES

The OLV Knights of Columbus collects used and old eyeglasses for the less fortunate. Any old or "retired" glasses may be left at the rectory.

## CONTRACEPTION

Many priests miss the point that because God's law against contraception is made in Heaven no pope can change it. They naively expect that the next pope will permit contraception. Some priests reach the devilish conclusion - tragically dangerous for the eternal welfare of souls - that "what the next pope will allow, we can permit in anticipation." But truth isn't determined by the ballot. When "Aaron had let the people get out of control" (Exodus 32:25), God didn't change the Ten Commandments.

*Fr Paul Marx The Warehouse Priest, pages 170.*

## Defending Our Religious Liberty

The fight for religious freedom is not a Catholic issue, not a Jewish issue, not an Orthodox, Mormon or Muslim issue. It is an American issue. The passage of the Affordable Care Act has dangerous implications on all religions. If we permit the government to have the final say on what type of health care coverage a religious organization must provide, we are basically enabling them to interfere in all religious liberty concerns in areas such as immigration and humanitarian services. If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the mandate by calling President Obama at the White House at 202-456-1111 or Sylvia Mathews Burwell of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at 202-205-5445. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

## CCD CORNER

We have been blessed to have so many wonderful CCD Teachers who share their faith with our students. **Sue Leyden**, our Monday afternoon third grade teacher was honored at the Archdiocese Catechist Convocation for her 20 plus years of teaching. May God continue to shine forth through her service and the ministry of all our teachers! This month our weekly theme will be centered on the **Corporal Works of Mercy**. Like our teachers we are all called to serve others in word and example. There will be **NO CCD CLASSES** next Sunday, **November 13**.

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

SECONDTIME—MATTHEW JAMES CLANCY SON OF MARTIN AND DONNA CLANCY OF WESTWOOD AND KELLY FRANCES GREVANI DAUGHTER OF STEPHAN AND KRISTINE CERVANI OF ROCKLEIGH. BOTH FAMILIES ARE PARISHIONERS OF OLV. ANYONE HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF ANY OBSTACLE TO THE PROPOSED MARRIAGE HAS AN OBLIGATION TO MAKE IT KNOWN TO THE PASTOR ASAP.

## **Cardinal Burke's Excellent Advice for the Presidential Election**

Fr. Richard Heilman August 30, 2016

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LifeSiteNews has a great article that taps the mind and heart of Cardinal Burke on the upcoming U.S. Presidential election. I could not agree more with the Cardinal, which means we remain 100% on the "think alike" meter.

Here's some excerpts ... you can read the rest over at LifeSiteNews ... "I think that what we have to do in this time is to look at both candidates to see if one of them will not, at least in some way, advance the common good, both with respect to the good of human life, the good of the family, the freedom of conscience, the care of the poor, and to look at that very carefully," the Cardinal told reporters during an international teleconference conducted by Carmel Communications and attended by LifeSiteNews.

Cardinal Burke, the patron of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta and the former archbishop of St. Louis, said that even if Catholics see problems with both candidates on various issues, they nevertheless can vote for the one who supports Catholic values the most.

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Burke warned Catholics against not voting at all and against the practice of writing in the name of a preferred candidate on the ballot, saying it could inadvertently cause the election of a candidate who does not respect life, family, and freedom.

"And I understand these sentiments very well. But one also has to be very prudent, and know that by not voting at all you are probably favoring one candidate or another," he said, adding that even if Catholics wrote in the name of a favored candidate, it would be unlikely for such a person to become elected.

"The moral weight to voting is indeed very heavy. In other words, every vote counts," he said. Burke urged Catholics to study carefully the positions of both running candidates before voting.

"Those are difficult considerations, and I don't say any of this in a kind of easy way. But I do think that Catholics especially need to be very cautious and not simply opting out, or good pro-life people and good pro-family people, simply just throwing up their hands. I would just urge them to study the position of both candidates, to the fullest possible degree, to see whether or not one of them will not advance, at least to some degree, restoration of the civilization of life and love in our country."

## **Mass Intentions**

### **Monday, November 7—St. Carina and companions, Martyrs**

8:00 Christina Conlin R/b Richard and Maureen Ferrara  
12:00 All Souls

### **Tuesday, November 8— St. Godfrey, Bishop of Amiens**

8:00 Anna Hellrigel R/b the Hellrigel Family  
12:00 William and Mary Sweeney R/b George and Gail Fabiano

### **Wednesday, November 9—Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

8:00 James Gleason R/b the Barrett Family  
12:00 All Souls

### **Thursday, November 10—St. Leo the Great, pope, doctor**

8:00 Bernadine Scorza R/b Tom and Jeanne Hennessey  
12:00 All Souls

### **Friday, November 11 – St. Martin of Tours, Bishop**

8:00 Sandy Rogozinski R/b Tom and Jeanne Hennessey  
12:00 Warren Lawten R/b Rick and Debbie Quinn

### **Saturday, November 12 – St. Josaphat, bishop and martyr**

8:00 Anne Raven R/b James and Caroline Connolly  
12:00 Marco Nicolich R/b Bob and Dolores Cavagnet  
4:00 Robert Nebel R/b Lorraine Gobbetti  
5:00 Nancy and Irene Sanders

R/b Josephine J. Fogarino and Marie Michaels

### **Sunday, November 13 – St. Frances Cabrini, Italy - Nun**

7:30 Frances M. Schmitt R/b Leo and Aline Gendron  
8:15 Intentions of Sr. Marie Adele R/b Esty Parlanti  
9:30 Living and deceased members of the Holy Name Society  
10:45 Jean Bentivegna R/b the Bentivegna Family  
12:00 George Lyddon—28th Anniversary R/b Stephen and Robin Hartmann  
1:00 People of the Parish  
6:00 Maria Tarabocchia R/b Nick Tarabocchia  
7:00 John T. O'Neill-1st Anniversary R/b Peggy O'Brien

## **Sanctuary Memorials**

**The Church Sanctuary Lamp** burns this week for the **repose of the soul of Louis G. Cambria, Sr.,** r/b Louis Cambria Jr..

**The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp** burns this week for the **intentions of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace,** r/b Guy and Patti Schweizer.

**The St. Joseph Votive Lamp** burns this week for the **intentions of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace,** r/b Guy and Patti Schweizer.

**The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp** burns for the **unemployed.**

## **THE LOVE OF GOD**

No matter how long it has been, the Love of God knows no time. We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday at 11:00AM until 11:50AM and from 3:00PM–3:20PM. Monday-Saturday at 7:25AM–7:45AM.

## **CATHOLIC HS CO-OP TEST**

In order to apply to the 32 Catholic high schools in the four counties within the Archdiocese of Newark, students in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade must take the 2017 COOP Exam. The exam will be given on Friday, November 11, 2016. For more info, visit [www.coopexam.org](http://www.coopexam.org).

## **ALTAR SERVERS WANTED**

Boys and Girls (in 4th grade and up) interested in serving Mass should contact the rectory ASAP.

## **KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS**

1. St. Anne and St. Joachim.
2. St. Francis.
3. St. Rocco/Roche.
4. St. John Vianney.
5. The Blessed Virgin Mary under the title Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception.

# November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory.

## PRIESTS FOR LIFE

10/20/16 Washington, D.C. – (John Hines – OAN Sr Correspondent)  
Because the Supreme Court hangs in the balance, a group called “Priests for Life” is saying it is a moral imperative for Catholics and other pro-life voters to vote in support of pro-life candidates in this election, says Father Frank Pavone of Priests for Life.

“Brothers and sisters, we are here on behalf of Priests for Life and our membership across the country Priests for Life, Deacons for Life, and all the lay faithful who join themselves with us, people also across denominational lines to make a very clear and strong statement here. Any candidate, any political party, that stands for legal abortion believes in a tyrant state. There are no two ways to look at this question,” said Pavone, Chairman, Priests for Life.

And a tyrant state – according to Fr. Pavone– does not respect life. Of the two parties and their platforms, Priests for Life offered a comparison, but not an endorsement. And yet Fr. Pavone said any actions a future president may take to steer the nation back to a culture of life could compensate for other moral weaknesses in a candidate.

“Whatever the past or present immorality is in these candidates, I cannot possibly imagine more of a reparation for evil than to steer this nation in such a direction by signing the right legislation and by appointing the right kind of judges to begin eradicating this nation of the kind of immorality that we’re all concerned about,” said Pavone.

And appointing the right kind of judges to the Supreme Court is why voting for life in this election is so important, says Deacon Keith Fournier a constitutional lawyer.

“The next President of the United States—and we will only have one of two people—in that Oval Office after January. And that person will choose—I believe– as many as four justices of the Supreme Court that will affect the state of Constitutional law for 30 years or more. Right now hanging in the balance is whether or not we will recognize the fundamental right to life of our youngest neighbors in the womb ... and Roe V. Wade has got to go,” said Deacon Fournier.

Roe V. Wade just might go if the Priests for Life have their way. And these priests believe there is only one presidential candidate or party platform that will help them do that by changing the direction of the Supreme Court.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most parishes are now aware of the catechumenate and the journey of new faithful in the RCIA, but this form of sacramental initiation disappeared from view in the thirteenth century along with many other ancient practices. Life back then was hard, and often too short, and priests were increasingly insistent about the responsibility of parents to baptize children in danger of death. Since everyone in that society was under unimaginable threat from famine, warfare, and plague, the liturgical rites changed quickly. Everyone was in danger of death all the time. No longer were babies immersed in fonts, being lowered into the water, although the ritual books never backed down from immersion. Infusion was the new way, a simple pouring of a few drops of water on the child’s forehead. The catechumenate collapsed, being reduced to the recitation of the Creed and an Our Father at every baptism. Amazingly, any provision for adult baptism was shelved, so that as late as the 1950s, a person being baptized was presumed to be an infant, unable to answer for him or herself. Questions of creed and commitment were put to the godparents, not to the person being baptized. Even Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton, famous adult converts, remained mute at their baptisms while their sponsors answered for them. In hindsight all this appears strikingly odd, yet it was accepted as the way things were. We have good reason to give thanks for the vigorous reforms of the last fifty years!

## LET'S SEE IF I GOT THIS RIGHT!!!

If you cross the North Korean border illegally, you get 12 years hard labor.  
If you cross the Iranian border illegally you are detained indefinitely.  
If you cross the Afghan border illegally, you get shot.  
If you cross the Saudi Arabian border illegally, you will be jailed.  
If you cross the Chinese border illegally, you may never be heard from again.  
If you cross the Venezuelan border illegally, you will be branded a spy and your fate will be sealed.  
If you cross the Cuban border illegally, you will be thrown into political prison to rot.  
If you cross the U.S. border illegally, you get ... **A job, a driver's license, social security card, welfare, food stamps, credit cards, subsidized rent or a loan to buy a house, free education, free health care, a lobbyist in Washington, billions of dollars worth of public documents printed in your language, the right to carry your country's flag while you protest that you don't get enough respect and, in many instances, you can vote.**

## IMMACULATE HEART ACADEMY FALL MUSICAL

Immaculate Heart Academy will present its fall musical, The Little Mermaid, this November. Performances will be Nov. 12 at 7p.m., Nov. 13 at 2p.m., Nov. 18 and 19 at 7p.m., and Nov. 20 at 2p.m. (Grandparents' Day). Tickets are \$15. For more info/ticket order form, visit [www.ihanj.com](http://www.ihanj.com) or call IHA at 201.445.6800.

## HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Boys and girls in High School are invited to meet in the OLV Gym next Saturday, November 12, from 5:30-7:00PM for the first High School meeting of the year. PIZZA will be served. Curtiss and Katie Stella, our HS Ministry leaders, can't wait to start the new year with you.

## GET OUT THE VOTE

“Every voice matters in the public forum. Every vote counts. Every act of responsible citizenship in an exercise of significant individual power. We must exercise that power in ways **that defend human life, especially those of God’s children who are unborn, disabled or otherwise vulnerable.**” *The U.S. Bishops in Living the Gospel Life, 1988, n. 34.*

## FORMER CATHOLICS

Know of any former Catholics or Catholics who no longer come to Mass, have them check out this website- [CatholicsComeHome.org](http://CatholicsComeHome.org).

## MAJORING IN FAITH

Every so often, statistics speak volumes. Consider this: 78 percent of those who leave the Catholic Church do so by age 23. The vast majority of Catholic college students attend secular institutions. College is a formative time in a young person’s life. It’s a time of independence, when morals and values are honed, and when big decisions are made. During these years, campus ministry is critical.

## KIDZ KORNER

1. Who is the patron Saint of Grandparents?
2. Who is the patron Saint of Animals?
3. Who is the patron Saint of Dogs?
4. Who is the patron Saint of Priests?
5. Who is the patron Saint of the United States?

**Answers on page four.**

“Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible; suddenly you are doing the impossible.” **St. Francis of Assisi**