

Our Lady of Victories Church

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

150 Harriot Avenue, Harrington Park, New Jersey

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Sunday, January 22, 2017 A.D.

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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:

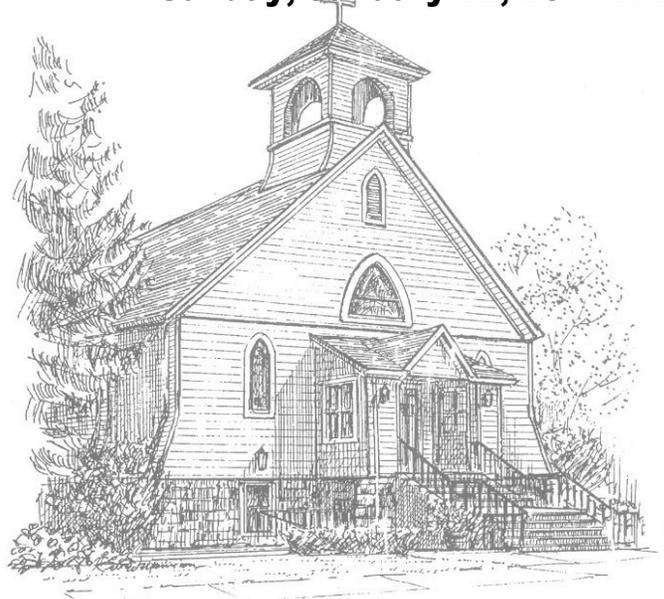
Please call the rectory for an appointment.

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.



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



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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**: Fr. Apostoli, Br. Pius, William Biasi, John Bolger, Joey Bulger, Kamal Faris, Kathy Freeburn, Thomas Haring, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Joseph LoVecchio, Anne Matthaai, Teresa Meierdierks, Kathleen Musante, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, and Jim Walsh.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"The love of men toward God takes its being, progress and perfection from the eternal love of God toward men."

St. Francis de Sales, *Treatise on the Love of God toward Men*.

RESPECT LIFE

"There are undoubtedly thousands of women now getting abortions who believe it must be moral because it is legal. We should not underestimate the pedagogical force of the law – laws reflect moral judgments. Even when those judgments cannot be effectively enforced, they can be effectively taught. The law is one of society's most potent teaching instruments." Fr. Richard Neuhaus

LITTLE JOHNNY

Little Johnny was attending his first wedding. After the ceremony, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen," Johnny replied. His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "How do you know that?" "Easy," Johnny said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the Priest said, 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

Stop in and visit Jesus in the Tabernacle. You can do it here at OLV Parish. Our Church is open from 7AM -4:30PM (M-F).

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.

VOCATIONS

Mary and Joseph raised their child in a family of love and faith. They directed Jesus to follow God's will for His life. Each of us must assist and allow our children to follow God's will in their lives. This is true even if God calls your child to serve Him as a Priest, or Religious Sister or Brother. For information see Fr. Bryan or call the Vocations office at 973-497-4365.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

We are constantly under attack and tempted by the forces of EVIL. Every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00-3:15PM members of OLV parish meet and pray the Marian Novena which focuses on this daily battle. All are welcome. Join us.

HOLY HOUR AT OLV

Every Tuesday from 12:30-3:00PM. **Every Thursday** at 7:00PM OLV has a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayers and quiet time. **Every Friday** OLV has Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 12Noon to 3PM. Stop by and make a visit to our Eucharistic Lord.

HOW TO ANSWER ABORTION ADVOCATES

I am pro-choice not pro-abortion. Pro-choice gives the illusion that there is a middle ground on abortion. There is **NO** middle ground on abortion: a woman cannot be a little pregnant, a baby cannot be a little bit dead. What would you think if someone said, "I am not a racist, but you can discriminate if you want to." Of course, he would be a racist regardless of what he called himself. If you are not pro your own abortion, you're pro somebody else's abortion.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK DURING HOLY MASS

"When the afflicted man called out, the Lord heard, and from all his distress he saved him." Psalm 34:7

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is administered to Catholics whose physical, spiritual, or emotional health is seriously impaired by sickness or advanced age. Join us at OLV for the Anointing of the Sick during Holy Mass on Saturday, March 25, at 12:00Noon in church. Please call the rectory 201-768-1706 to register or with any questions. All are invited, even if you are not going to be anointed. A luncheon will be served afterward. Fr Bonaventure CFR will be the main celebrant.

CATHOLIC CARE FOR THOSE TERMINALLY ILL WITH CANCER

Rosary Hill Home, owned and operated by the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne, NY, since 1901, is committed to providing loving, one-on-one palliative care to those suffering from terminal cancer. Free to all who meet the Admission requirements. The Sisters depend solely upon the "providence of God and the hourly mercy of the charitable public;" no payment is accepted from patients, their families, private insurance or from the government. For info call 914-769-0114 or visit www.rosaryhillhome.org.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS NO LONGER PART OF OUR PARISH? OR SOMEONE WHO NO LONGER ATTENDS MASS?

If so, begin to pray and think of ways you can invite that person to be a part of our parish. We want to reach out to as many people as possible. Think of young people who may not look to the Church to help them find meaning in their lives. Think of those who may be angry with the Church. Reach out to them, because we want everyone to be a part of this great celebration. Think of those who left and went somewhere else – invite them back and tell them what is going on here at OLV. We want to reach out to everyone and move together as a human family toward greater unity and reconciliation.

PRAYER TIME EACH EVENING

Someone has said if Christians really understood the full extent of the power we have available through prayer, we might be speechless. In W.W.II there was an advisor to Churchill who organized a group of people who dropped what they were doing every day at a prescribed hour for one minute to collectively pray for the safety of England, its people and peace. There is now a group of people organizing the same thing here in America.

If you would like to participate: Every evening at 9:00PM Eastern Time (8:00PM Central) (6:00PM Pacific), stop whatever you are doing and spend one minute praying for the safety of the United States, our troops, our citizens, and for a return to a Godly nation. If you know anyone else who would like to participate, please pass this along. Our prayers are the most powerful asset we have. Together, we "CAN" make a difference! Thank You, and God Bless America.

OLV Scripture STUDY

The OLV Bible Study Group meets on Wednesdays at 10:00AM in the lower church. All are welcome to join us.

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

- Jan 24 -Tue—Moms, Pops and Tots 11:30AM-1:30PM
- Jan 24 -Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
- Jan 25—Wed—Bible Study Group—10:00AM
- Jan 25 - Wed—OLV Needlers 6:30PM
- Jan 27-Fri– Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM
- Jan 28—Sat—K of C Beefsteak Dinner
- Jan 28/29—Sat/Sun—Rosary Society Baby Item Collection
- Feb 4—Sat—First Confession—10:00AM
- Mar 25—Sat—Mass of Anointing 12:00PM
- Apr 2– Sun—Rosary Society Breakfast w/guest speaker
- May 21—Sun- 2:00PM -Confirmation

PRAY for THOSE in the MILITARY

- Lieutenant Julia H. Cheringal, US Navy;
- Lieutenant Ben Clemente, US Army;
- Ensign Jon Clemente, US Navy;
- 1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo, U.S. Marine Corps;
- Major 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;
- 2nd Lieutenant Gigi McElroy, US Army;
- Colonel John McLaughlin, US Army;
- Lieutenant John G. Miele, US Army.

PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

O Prince of peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion, the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Be their rock, their shield, and their stronghold and let them draw their strength from You. For You are God, for ever and ever.

BEEFSTEAK DINNER - 1/28/17

This is a major fundraiser for the Knights of Columbus to fund our seminarians - men studying for the priesthood - and other charitable works. Please support this event. It is a fun evening, and last year it was a great success. If you would like to be a placemat advertiser send your business card and a check payable to the OLV K of C c/o The OLV K of C, PO Box 145, Harrington Park NJ 07640 or call Greg Evanella 201-784-5752.

SUPPLEMENTING RETIREMENT WITH A PLANNED GIFT

Are you nearing retirement or are already retired and are looking to make a year-end gift? If so, a Charitable Gift Annuity can be a way to supplement your retirement income and help your parish at the same time. Also, if you are 70 1/2 or older, don't forget about the IRA Charitable Rollover. Let the Archdiocese of Newark help you set up a Charitable Gift Annuity. Contact Theresa Lynch in the Planned Giving Office—973-497-4042.

Are YOU new to the AREA?

If you are, why not join our ever-growing Parish family. Stop by the Rectory any weekday and meet Maria and register to become a member of the OLV Family. Census forms are also located in the Church vestibule.

Contribution Statements

2016 Contribution Statements are now available. To obtain a copy of your 2016 donations, please contact Maria at the rectory (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.

Canned Food Collection

For the next few weeks OLV will be collecting non-perishable canned goods to help the local food pantries.

Rosary Society Baby Item Collection

OLV Rosary Society will sponsor a Baby Item Collection on the weekend of January 28-29. The items will benefit New Hope, a pro-life organization in Westwood that helps young mothers in need. Please leave your items in the lower atrium of the church. **New Items Only / Items Especially Needed:** Diapers Newborn size. Diaper Wipes. Girls and Boys Winter clothes sizes 2T, 3T, 4T. Girls Summer clothes sizes 2T, 3T. Boys Summer clothes size 2T. Boys size 0-3 months Winter shirts and pants, and boys sizes 9-12 months Winter pants. Burping cloths especially needed. Gift Cards to Shoprite in amounts of \$5-\$25.

CLOTHING BINS

"Every end is a new beginning." These words are very hopeful and encouraging as we begin the New Year. For some who lack physical necessities and struggle with numerous problems on a daily basis, hope is a fleeting word. The many programs of Catholic Charities aim to restore hope and dignity. Please help us by contributing to the donation bin in the parish. We also need novels and children's books. God Bless.

Retrouvaille

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring—your relationship grown cold, distant—thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated / divorced but (both of you) wish to try again—then Retrouvaille program may help you. Retrouvaille (Rediscovery) sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen consists of a weekend experience for couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The next program is scheduled for the weekend of February 10-12, 2017. All inquiries are confidential. For more information, please call the Family Life Office at 732-243-4573 or Tom and Pat McTague 732-583-4468 (evenings).

Alzheimer's Education Programs

Alzheimer's New Jersey will offer several free local education programs for caregivers who have a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or other form of dementia. These programs are free and open to the public, but registration is required. For more information or to register, interested individuals can call our Helpline at 1-888-280-6055. Next program: 1/24—Closter Public Library—"Alzheimer's 101". For a calendar of our education programs in New Jersey, visit www.alznj.org/services/education-and-training/community-education-programs.

CCD Corner

Yesterday our **2nd Graders** attended their first retreat. We centered on God's love and forgiveness and how through the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** we can always remain close to Him. The children saw that this beautiful gift from Jesus is not something that we should be afraid of receiving, but rather it brings peace and joy into our lives. In two weeks this class will be going to confession for the first time. Today our **Confirmation Candidates** announced to the parish through the public recitation of the **Creed** that they were ready to become active and faithful members of our Church. Please keep these young people in your prayers!

**God has given us two hands,
one to receive with
and the other to give with.**

Rooted

As Catholics, we are to be rooted within a parish community, where we are obligated to come and be fed on God's Word in Scripture and on Christ's Body and Blood in the Eucharist at least once a week. To join our Parish, stop by the Rectory any weekday and meet Maria, the parish secretary, and register to become a member of the OLV family.

The Shrine of Holy Innocents

There is a national shrine of the Holy Innocents located at the Church of the Holy Innocents in Manhattan. It is a memorial for all children who have died before birth through miscarriage, abortion, or who were stillborn. This Shrine offers an opportunity for families to honor and remember their children by entering a name into the Book of Life. If you would like to enter a child's name, please send a letter with the name of the child to Church of the Holy Innocents, 128 West 37th Street, NY, NY 10018, or call the Shrine at 212-279-5861 ex 224.

Why do we have to attend Mass every Sunday?

Throughout our two thousand years of Church history, Sunday has been set aside as "the Lord's Day," to celebrate God's greater creation of the world. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "The Sabbath brings everyday work to a halt and provides a respite. It is a day of protest against the servitude of work and the worship of money" (CCC 2172). Observing Sunday as the Lord's Day helps us to keep our worship of God outward, visible, public, and regular.

Sunday is also the day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. The Church instructs us to attend Mass each Sunday because that is where Jesus gives us what we need to stay strong in the world. Just as we take food into our bodies, so we take in Christ through the Eucharist. His body is real food and His blood is real drink (John 6:55-57). The resulting grace helps us to overcome our daily temptations and fulfill our responsibilities. And our faithful Communion will bring us eternal life in Heaven.

'BLEEDING HOST'

The Salt Lake Catholic Diocese has started an investigation into what is being described as a 'bleeding host' at a local parish, St. Francis Xavier in Kearns. Images of the host, given to 2News, showed circles of deep red, and a section with a pink hue.

As we understand it, a boy was given communion by a local priest. A relative told the priest the child had not yet made his first communion -- or wasn't Catholic -- and handed back the host, a wafer the faithful believe becomes the body and blood of Jesus Christ during consecration in Mass. The priest put the host in water, and later noticed dramatic change. Now, a five member diocesan committee will look into whether there is -- or is not -- an explanation.

"The work of the committee is now underway," said Monsignor M. Francis Mannion, the panel chair. "The results will be made public." He added, the host is "in the custody of the diocesan administrator." Bridget O'Brien brought her children to pray the Rosary on Friday at St. Francis, and called the host a "miracle," saying it was a manifestation of Christ.

Reports of Eucharistic miracles have been publicized through the ages, though the Catholic Church may take years or decades to make a pronouncement what some insist they have witnessed.

It's unknown if the Vatican has been made aware of what has been observed here, and the effort to find out more. Besides Mannion, another priest, a deacon, a ministry coordinator, and a PhD who is an associate professor of neurobiology are on the investigative committee. "Whatever the outcome of the investigation, we can use this time to renew our faith and devotion in the greatest miracle the real presence of Jesus Christ that takes place at every Mass," said Mannion.

Mass Intentions

Monday, Jan. 23--Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children
 8:00 Sam Burruano R/b Mary Spillane
 12:00 Francis X. Beirne R/b Richard and Mary C. O'Brien

Tuesday, January 24-- St. Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor
 8:00 Patricia Adamcik R/b the Adamcik Family
 12:00 James Liati R/b the Zaccaro Family

Wednesday, January 25--Conversion of St. Paul, apostle
 8:00 Ginny McCarthy R/b Joseph and Barbara Zwerle
 12:00 Anna Lucia Arias R/b Maria Arias

Thursday, January 26--Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops
 8:00 William Quinn Sr. R/b the Barrett Family
 12:00 Catherine T. Beirne R/b Richard and Mary C. O'Brien

Friday, January 27-- St. Angela Merici, Virgin
 8:00 William Quinn Jr. R/b the Barrett Family
 12:00 Pasqualina Pezzello R/b Richard and Maureen Ferrara

Saturday, Jan. 28--St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church
 8:00 Imelda Tuason R/b the Garcia Family
 12:00 Joseph Rinaldi R/b Rae Rinaldi
 4:00 Helen Andreone McEnaney R/b Sam and Louise Mercurio
 5:00 Joanne Schryver R/b Bob and Rosemarie Murphy

Sunday, January 29 -- St. Gildas the Wise of England, Abbot
 7:30 Sam Burruano R/b John and Anna Heaney
 8:15 Joseph Healy Sr. R/b Joe and Johanna Healy
 9:30 Francesco DeSarno
 10:45 Paulino Mariano R/b Flor Alto
 12:00 Elvira Venezia R/b Ray Trevisan
 1:00 People of the Parish
 6:00 Tina Doherty R/b Henry and Helen Bloomer
 7:00 Elizabeth Barrett R/b Brendan and Colleen McLaughlin

Sanctuary Memorials

The Sanctuary Votive Lamp burns this week in memory of Stanley Frankowski, r/b Jim and Carol DiGiacomo.

The Convent Sanctuary Votive Lamp burns this week in memory of Bob Shortal, r/b a friend.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week in memory of Michael Giotta, r/b the Giotta Family.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burn this week for a Special Intention.

The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp burns for the Intention of toddler Finn.

The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp burns this week in memory of Msgr. Jim Sheehan and Fr. Robert Pachana, r/b the Holy Name Society

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IT'S IN THE BIBLE

The phrase "The way of all flesh", is another way of saying that all people meet their earthly end, comes to us from 1Kings 2: 1-2.

HARRINGTON PARK RESIDENTS-FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

February 11 and March 11 (weather permitting), 8:30-10:00AM at 15 Kline Street, Harrington Park (rear of building). Stop by, get your baseline - no appointment necessary.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. Peter, Andrew, James & John. 2. Matthew. 3. To Egypt.
4. Manna. 5. A Donkey.

STOLEN

Westminster Abbey was stolen. As is the case with all ancient English churches, monasteries, or convents presently in the hands of the Anglicans, the famed Abbey where English monarchs are crowned and buried, was once the property of a Catholic institution. Westminster Abbey was a Benedictine monastery. While the Catholic origin of the Abbey may be well known, especially in England, many people are unaware who the Abbey's heavenly patron is. The Abbey dates back at least to the eighth century, but possible before. During the time of King St. Edward the Confessor (1003-1066), it had already been in existence as a Benedictine Monastery for about 200 years. During an exile in Normandy, King Edward made a vow that he would go on a pilgrimage to Rome, to the tomb of St. Peter. Being unable to keep this vow, for reasons of state, he requested the Pope to absolve him of it. Pope Leo IX commuted the vow, but under certain conditions, one of them being that Edward build or restore, in England, an abbey in honor of St. Peter. This he did by rebuilding the Abbey at Westminster. The relics of the Sainted King are still enshrined at the Abbey, where they are in the company of the earthly remains of many other English Monarchs, some Catholic, and some Protestant.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Carthusian Monks of Chartreuse France, who were founded in 1084 by St. Bruno, originally supported themselves selling wood for ships and later on with iron and steel production. Today they support themselves by the manufacture of Chartreuse Liqueur. They began distilling it in 1737, mixing it according to a manuscript handed to them in 1605 by Francois Hannibal d'Estress, marshal of the king's artillery. The formula, called "Elixir of Long Life," was written in esoteric Latin and detailed a highly complex process. It took Brother Jerome Maubec and Brother Antoine, the monastery apothecaries, the third of a century to unravel the recipe and blend the first batch of the green beverage, complete with 130 herbs and flowers in a seventy-one percent wine alcohol base. In 1764, a milder form of the original recipe was developed (with only 55% alcohol). This milder form is known as "Green Chartreuse." A yet mellow and sweeter form (40 %), known as "Yellow Chartreuse" was developed in 1838. The Green Chartreuse and the original formula are both the same color. (The color chartreuse gets its name from the liqueur, not the other way around.)

DEAR PARENTS:

Why is it so hard for some adults to give the chastity message?

First of all, some people don't know what chastity means. Second of all, you don't challenge teens to do something you don't believe they can do. Lastly, it's not a product, it can't be sold! Chastity has to do with SELF-EMPOWERMENT and building SELF-ESTEEM. We all need to be loved, and teens need it in large doses, and if they don't get it at home, they will seek it in the wrong places ... sex, drugs, alcohol, and unhealthy relationships. **Teens need to know that sex and love are not interchangeable. LOVE is built on FRIENDSHIP and COMMITMENT.** Sex outside of marriage can ruin a friendship, and it TAKES rather than GIVES! Chastity is a virtue with no industry behind it. "Safe Sex" is a lie with an industry promoting it! **Molly Kelly**

Sanctuary Offerings

The Altar Flowers, Bread and Wine, the BVM Votive Lamp, and St. Joseph Votive Lamp, the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church and in the Convent can be dedicated on a weekly basis.

WHEN LIGHTING A CANDLE

When you light a candle for another person or for your very personal intention always remember that the candle prolongs your prayer. As long as the candle is burning, your prayer is rising to God. Like the candle is spreading light and warmth, so you can imagine that with your prayer, your love and the love of God is flowing towards the person for whom you pray. Your prayer makes the life of the person brighter and warmer. Your prayer brightens your vision so that with greater confidence you can look upon the person and see with the eyes of the Love of God. When you pray for a personal intention light will enter the darkness; hope fills you. You may trust that God himself looks upon you and HIS merciful love overshadows you. A candle radiates a gentle light. In the dim light of a candle you will look upon people and on your own life with gentleness. In calmness you will also be able to look at your own faults to have them healed by God.

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

The Church in Nigeria

The beheading of a Christian minister by a Muslim mob, the murder of an Irish Catholic missionary nun, and some six thousand, mostly Christian, deaths in clashes since the early 1980's in Africa's most populous nation. Military dictator General Sani Abacha, who executed 9 of his rivals in November 1995, allowed an "Islam of Africa" conference in Abuja which stated as its main purpose was to "eradicate in all its forms and ramifications all non-Muslim religions" in Africa."

"SAFE SEX" CAN KILL YOU

TEENS - WHY TAKE CHANCES

Birth Control Pills are dangerous for you, especially if you are under 17. It contains a powerful hormone that affects the pituitary gland – the master gland in your body. This master gland is trying to coordinate your growth process. The Pill can make you sterile, preventing pregnancies later in life when you may really want to have a baby; it can also cause phlebitis, which can cause blood clots. Condoms are not the safe route either. Using condoms is like playing Russian roulette – your life is at stake. 20% of condom lots tested by the US Food and Drug administration were found to have higher than allowed defective rates. Condoms fail 3-36% of the time in preventing pregnancy. Not to mention the failure rate for HIV/AIDS which is 100% fatal.

ON COMPLAINING

Complaining is such a popular sport. It is easy to do and it is fun. It gets things off our chests. It helps to strike out against persons and things we resent. But it also spreads ill will and discontent. It breaks up harmony among our friends and peers. It disrupts long-standing relationships. Chronic complainers are never satisfied. They generate their own unhappiness. They lose the respect of those who have to listen to them. And since complaining requires no willpower, they are left with feelings of guilt for giving in to their weakness.

So, if you must complain, complain constructively. Complain to build up rather than to tear down. Turn your complaint around and ask yourself, "If this complaint were about me, would it help me or would it hurt me?" Above all, let God help you. He does not need us but He does help us if we help ourselves. **Father Charles W. Kram, Jr.**

KIDZ KORNER

1. Name the four fishermen whom Jesus called to follow Him?
2. Who was the tax collector who became Jesus' disciple?
3. Where did Mary and Joseph take the baby Jesus to keep him safe from Herod?
4. What food did God provide for the Israelites wandering in the desert?
5. On what animal did Jesus ride into Jerusalem before He was crucified?

ANSWERS ON PAGE FOUR.