

# Our Lady of Victories Church

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

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Sunday, March 19, 2017 A.D.

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## 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

**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**:

Fr. Apostoli, Br. Pius, a little boy—Finn, Sean, William Biasi, John Bolger, James Brady, Joey Bulger, Kamal Faris, Kathy Freeburn, Marylou Goreb, Thomas Haring, Rosanne Kearney, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Joseph LoVecchio, Anne Matthaai, Teresa Meierdierks, Kathleen Musante, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Odalis Recchia, Mary Rinner, Danny Rizzi, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, George Rush, John Smith, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Jim Walsh, Yvette Walls, Catherine Wanner.

### **SPIRITUAL EXCERPT**

“Jesus Christ is a ‘King who loves’ because He loved us humans to the point of shedding His own blood. Because He loves, He has liberated us from sin, because only love is capable of freeing us from sin.”

**Pope John Paul II, A Moment's Peace, p78.**

### **LENTEN Reading**

We just received a huge new order of interesting books and booklets, so visit our bookrack and check out the vast selection of books, booklets, and pamphlets. LENT is a great time to read and become closer to God. Learn more about your Faith, the Saints, Mary, Jesus, or pick up one of the inspirational books in stock. Check out some of our new and interesting titles. Don't have time to read? Listen to a CD in the car since we also have a wide variety of Catholic CDs.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

On Monday afternoon at 4PM the CCD classes will do a **Children's Version** of the Stations. There will be Stations of the Cross by **St. Alphonsus Liguori**, on Thursday evenings at 7PM. On Friday evenings after the 7PM Mass there will be the Stations according to the **Franciscan Tradition**. Stations of the Cross, the **Scriptural version** will be held after 8AM Mass on Saturday mornings.

### **2017 Sharing God's Blessings Appeal**

Your contribution to the 2017 Sharing God's Blessings Appeal makes a difference in the lives of so many in our community. Funds raised through the appeal help to educate children in our inner-city Catholic schools, serve the spiritual needs of people at parishes located in poor neighborhoods, and assist Catholic Charities in running its programs, which help the poor overcome the many obstacles in life. In addition, the appeal assists with seminarian and priest retirement costs. Please consider making a generous gift. **IF YOU MAKE A PLEDGE DIRECTLY TO THE ARCHDIOCESE, PLEASE INFORM THE RECTORY SO THAT WE CAN CHECK AND VERIFY THAT OLV GETS THE CREDIT.**

### **FRIDAY ADORATION**

Just a reminder we have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 12:00Noon – 3:00PM.

**So stop by and adore Our Eucharistic Lord.**

### **SAVE USED EYEGLASSES**

The Knights of Columbus collects used and old eyeglasses for the less fortunate. Old or “retired” glasses may be left in the basket in the back of Church.

### **BREAKFAST CEREAL COLLECTION**

Please remember the needy as you shop. OLV will be collecting breakfast cereal during the month of March for St Cecilia's food pantry.

## **2017 LENTEN REGULATIONS**

The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

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.

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 5, 2017 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 11, 2017.**

### **SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

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

### **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, June 11. 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 3:00-3:30PM, every weekday morning at 7:30AM, and Fridays from 6:30-6:50PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

### **LENTEN CANNED FOOD DRIVE**

**O**LV is having a canned food drive. You can help a neighbor in need by bringing a bag of food next week to the FOOD DRIVE. Your help can put food on the table and hope back into lives of our neighbors facing difficult times.

### **Divine Mercy Sunday April 21, 2017**

On Divine Mercy Sunday from 3-4pm, there will be a Holy Hour conducted by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. At 4:15pm there will be **Holy Mass offered by Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Fr. Innocent CFR.**

## **Thank You**

Thank you to all who gave birthday cards or extended your good wishes for my Birthday. God bless you all.

**Fr Bryan**

## **CCD CORNER**

I'd like to pass on to all of you a Lenten practice that Mrs. Koch's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class is performing. It is one that we all can do as a family. They are making **Blessing Bags**. Within a gallon size Ziploc bag special items are carefully placed so that when someone sees a person in need, they can offer them a bag. The bags may contain hand-warmers, a roll of quarters, bottle of water, Band-Aids, baby wipes and hand sanitizers for cleaning. Some bags might contain toothbrushes, floss, deodorant, a comb and Chapsticks. You can create your own Blessing Bags and share these basic items that we take for granted with the poor and homeless. Lent is a time of almsgiving and reflection. We have been blessed by God with so many gifts, especially the gift of salvation. Thank you 8<sup>th</sup> graders for making this season so very special to the poor and homeless by sharing your time and treasures with them!

# Mondays are dedicated to the Holy Angels.

## Upcoming OLV Parish Events

- Mar 21 -Tue—Moms, Pops and Tots 11:30AM-1:30PM
- Mar 21-Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
- Mar 22—Wed—Bible Study Group 10:00AM
- Mar 22 - Wed—OLV Needlers 6:30PM
- Mar 24—Fri— Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM
- Mar 24—Fri—Mass & Stations of the Cross 7:00PM
- Mar 25—Sat—Mass of Anointing 12:00PM
- Apr 2— Sun—Rosary Society Breakfast w/guest speaker
- May 21—Sun - Confirmation 2:00PM

## PRAY for THOSE in the MILITARY

- Private Matthew Brady, U.S. Marine Corps;
- 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;
- 1st Lieutenant Thomas Iafrate, U.S. Marine Corps;
- Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger, US Navy;
- Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger, US Navy;
- Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn, US Air Force;
- Captain Shawn Linn, US Army;
- SN Daniel T. LoVecchio, U.S. Navy;
- 2nd Lieutenant Gigi McElroy, US Army;
- Colonel John McLaughlin, US Army;
- Lieutenant John G. Miele, US Army.

## ANOINTING MASS AT OLV

Saturday, March 25, at 12noon in the Church OLV parish will have a Mass for the Sick which will include the Anointing of the Sick during Mass. Afterward there will be a light lunch. All elderly and sick are invited – please contact the rectory 201-768-1706 so we can properly plan for the event. **Holy Mass offered by Franciscan Friar, Fr. Bonaventure CFR.**

## CONSUBSTANTIAL

The 'consubstantial' or literally 'of the same substance' reminds us that - unlike every human person who comes into being at the moment of conception - Jesus existed BEFORE He was conceived in Mary's womb. Jesus always was; He existed with His Father and the Holy Spirit before time began! As the prologue of Saint John's Gospel reminds us: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." [John 1:1] Because this statement is so awesome, the rubrics still direct us to BOW as we say them ... in respect for God's greatness and glory!

## Toiletries Collection for the LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Annual Toiletries Collection will be held during the month of March. Please see the shopping list below for suggested donations. Small and medium size toiletries are especially useful.

REQUESTED ITEMS FOR THOSE IN NEED:

- |                                  |                                      |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Toothpaste</b>                | <b>Soap</b>                          | <b>Disposable razors</b>       |
| <b>Toothbrushes</b>              | <b>Lip Balm</b>                      | <b>Body Lotion (unscented)</b> |
| <b>Dental Floss</b>              | <b>Shampoo</b>                       | <b>Shaving Cream</b>           |
| <b>Deodorant</b>                 | <b>Talcum/Baby Powder</b>            | <b>Combs/Brushes</b>           |
| <b>Denture Adhesive/Cleanser</b> | <b>Individual Packets of Tissues</b> |                                |

*Please leave your donations in the Church vestibule.*

## ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL WOMEN'S COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Date: Sunday, April 2

Time: 9:00AM Rosary Recitation in Lower Church / 9:30AM Mass in Church  
Breakfast (fully catered) in Parish Ctr. immediately after 9:30AM Mass

Guest Speaker: Fr. Frederick Miller, Spiritual Director of the College Seminary of the Immaculate Conception and Professor at the Major Seminary, Seton Hall University.

Topic: Forgotten Secrets about the Holy Eucharist

Tickets will be sold on March 18-19 and March 25-26 after all Masses or call Patrice Coyne 201-767-8409 or the OLV Rectory 201-768-1706

\$15 each or \$20 Mother/Daughter Combo. All women and girls welcome!

## WHY STATIONS OF THE CROSS?

The 14 Stations of the Cross adorn the walls of almost every Catholic Church and chapel. Many parishioners commemorate the Fridays of Lent with a prayerful remembrance of the Passion of Christ by walking the stations with Him. Throughout our history, Christians have longed to literally walk in the footsteps of Christ. The shrines of the holy places in and around Jerusalem have drawn pilgrims inspired by the life and death of their Master.

However, not everyone is able to travel to the Holy Land. So, ever since the Middle Ages, churches and chapels began erecting images devoted to an aspect of the Passion. By the 15<sup>th</sup> century, the Franciscans had developed a devotion they called "stations." The word means a place where people stand still or gather together. So even though it implies something "stationary" the service obviously must include the movement of pilgrims following the footsteps of Christ. It took a while to fix the number and the names of the stations, but in 1731 Pope Clement XII established the 14 we know today.

We still find some variations on the number. Many places add a 15<sup>th</sup> station, for example, the resurrection of Jesus. Discontent with leaving Christ in the tomb when our faith expresses so much more, worshipers have found consolation in completing the story of the cross.

## LENT

Lent is usually the Liturgical Season when most of us begin to rethink our lives with an eye toward reconciliation with God. It is the time of the year when the Church asks us to repent and to reform our behavior. Some, of course, reject such an idea. Think how many people in today's world deny sin in general and their own sins in particular. Consider, for example, how people manipulate language in order to justify their behavior: Many politicians, for example, think we are stupid. When they wish to indicate to the voting public that they are for abortion, a strong word which they prefer to avoid, they say they are for a "woman's right to choose". A woman's right to choose what? +No one steals anymore; they simply lift something, or in the case of some large corporations, someone simply made an error in judgment. +No one lies anymore; they simply misrepresent the facts. +No one kills an unborn child; they simply terminate a pregnancy. Who is kidding whom here? All this represents a clever way of candy-coating the reality of sin because we don't like to admit that we sin. Well of course we don't! It's hard to admit our sins; it hurts our pride. If we close our eyes to sin in our lives, we don't see ourselves as sinners; we don't feel a personal need for Jesus. And if we don't see a personal need for Jesus, then we are surely lost! In one of his first letters, St. John said: "If we say that we have not sinned, we make a liar out of God..." And that's because God sent His Son for our sins. If we have not sinned, then something is wrong with God for sending His Son to be sacrificed. And that simply is not so!

**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. Call 914-769-0114 or visit www.rosaryhillhome.org.

**Jesus asked one thing from us!!!**

On His last night on earth (Holy Thursday) Jesus asked His disciples one thing – to stay awake with Him for one hour. Every Thursday evening we at OLV try to fulfill this request by having a Holy Hour from 7-8PM. Join us in carrying out Jesus' request.

**NEW HOPE "HELPING HANDS" GALA**

*Save the Date!* Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 6:30-10:30pm. Seasons, 664 Pascack Rd, Washington Twp. 07676, \$85 per person. Cocktail hour, gourmet dinner, silent auction, Tricky Tray, raffle, huge 50/50 and dancing. Your generosity enables us to reach out to first-time single mothers and their babies so please celebrate with us! For reservations contact Kathy: (201) 573-8697 or kturlick@gmail.com.

**STEPHANIE CYSINSKI-O'BRIEN SCHOLARSHIP**

For the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, student scholarships are being offered through the Stephanie Cywinski-O'Brien Trust. Applications are now being accepted from parish 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students attending a Catholic grammar school, as well as Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors attending a Catholic high school and continuing their education at a Catholic school. Applications and eligibility requirements are available at the rectory. Applications are due March 31 with decisions to be made by April 30.

**Bishop George Ahr/St. Thomas HS Alumni!**

In anticipation of its 50th anniversary, Bishop George Ahr / St. Thomas HS wants to reconnect with all of its alumni. If you have not provided us with your most recent contact information please reach us at dchippendale@bgahs.org or 732-549-1108 x605, the alumni office, so we can keep you informed of our upcoming milestone celebration.

**PAUSE—PRAY**

Practice the pause. When in doubt, pause. When angry, pause. When tired, pause. When stressed, pause. And when you pause, you pray.

**CELL PHONE vs. BIBLE**

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone? What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets? What if we flipped through it several time a day? What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it? What if we used it to receive messages from the text? What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it? What if we gave it to kids as gifts? What if we used it when we traveled? What if we used it in case of emergency? This is something to make you go...hmm...where is my Bible? Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill. Makes you stop and think "where are my priorities?" And no dropped calls!

**Camp Veritas 2017**

Camp Veritas is a one-week play & pray summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th grades. 3 locations: Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY July 16-22; Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD July 23-29; Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY August 13-19. \$450 per camper. Early bird rate / paid in full by 4/1/17 \$400. Volunteers (must be 18 and older) are needed and free! For more info visit www.campveritas.com.

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, March 20—St. Joseph, Spouse of the Bl. Virgin Mary**

8:00 Thomas Paul Tully R/b David and Kathleen Musante  
12:00 Thomas F. Lagatol II R/b the Lagatol Family

**Tuesday, March 21 –St. Enda, Abbot**

8:00 Helen Andreone McEnaney R/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi  
12:00 Domenica Scrivanich R/b the Busanic Family

**Wednesday, March 22 – St. Nicholas Owen, Martyr**

8:00 Joseph Roccanova and Family R/b Connie and MaryLou Roccanova  
12:00 George W. Smith R/b the Oakley Family

**Thursday, March 23—St. Turibius De Mogrovejo of Spain**

8:00 Jorden Pederen Sr. R/b the Pedersen Family  
12:00 Jane Glennon R/b Michael and Maureen Glennon

**Friday, March 24—St. Irenaeus of Sirmium, Bishop**

8:00 Will and Muriel Dunn R/b the Desmond Family  
12:00 Thomas J. Crowley R/b Mildred Crowley  
7:00 George W. Smith R/b William and Dianne Smith

**Saturday, March 25 – The Annunciation of Our Lord**

8:00 Anna Lucia Arias R/b Maria Arias  
12:00 Irene Ulisse R/b Don and Liz Ulisse

4:00 Helen Andreone McEnaney R/b Sam and Louise Mercurio  
5:00 Jack Romano –7th Anniversary R/b Debbie Romano

**Sunday, March 26—St. Braulio—Bishop of Saragossa, Spain**

7:30 Jimmy Murray R/b the Youngmans Family  
8:15 Intentions of Latin Mass Society-10th Anniversary

R/b the Evanella Family  
9:30 Anthony Barragato R/b Ron and Adele Filippone

10:45 Deceased of the Rogan Family R/b John and Eileen McAdams  
12:00 Gino Zocco R/b Mike Zocco

1:00 People of the Parish

6:00 John Dunlea R/b John and Mary Dunlea  
7:00 Kevin Lagatol R/b the Lagatol Family

**The Church Sanctuary Lamp** burns for the souls in Purgatory.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp** burns this week for the repose of the soul of Isabel Quinn, r/b Rick and Debbie Quinn.

**The St. Joseph Votive Lamp** burns for the repose of the soul of Mark Joseph Fizulich, r/b loving godparents.

**The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp** burns for all the unemployed.

**The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp** burns for an increase in Priestly and Religious Vocations.

**The Hosts and Wine** for the Masses this week are in memory of Jack Romano, r/b the OLV K of C.

**CLOTHING BINS**

"What better way to share your heart with someone than to help a person in time of need? Would you be willing to take few moments and look in your closet today? We accept clothing, shoes, small appliances, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels and children's books. Thank you with all our heart.

**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.

**KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS**

- 1. St. Gabriel. 2. Nazareth 3. Nine. 4. St. Michael 5. Pride.

**Some days you are the bug,  
and some days you are the windshield.**

# March is dedicated to Saint Joseph.

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation Penance or Confession

Become a *better Catholic Christian* by confessing your sins in the Sacrament of *Penance* or *Reconciliation* – aka '*Confession*.' While only all *mortal* sins *must* be confessed, this Rite's sacramental grace also purges us of our lesser or venial sins. It serves as a "check-up", helps nip sinful habits in the bud before they bloom into full-blown sins, and strengthens us against temptation and other distractions. Those guilty of mortal sin may **NOT** receive Holy Communion until they confess them to a Priest. Confession is also encouraged in *Lent* and *Advent*, before a Baptism, First Communion, or Wedding, or serving as a Sponsor or Godparent. The 4 parts are:

### CONTRITION.

To be contrite or remorseful we must know our sins, so we examine our conscience by shining God's divine Light, found in Gospel values, the Ten Commandments, Precepts of the Church, Beatitudes and Seven Deadly Sins, into *every* aspect of our life. *If you can't come up with any sins, ask your family or friends to help ... they know your sins!*

### CONFESSION.

Priests not only speak for God and the Church; as '*doctor of the soul*' they help cure sick souls, as medical doctors help heal bodies – but only if we are totally open and honest. Begin with "*Bless me, Father, for I have sinned*" or simply say, "*Please help me*" from behind the screen or face-to-face. We may remain anonymous, but should tell our state in life (married, single, ordained, a parent, etc.), and approximate date of our last confession. List all grave, serious mortal sins *by number and kind*: abortion, adultery, etc.; a *general admission* (I'm impatient, rude, insensitive, etc.) covers all lesser sins. An *Act of Contrition* card is available in the confessional; at Penance Services we recite it from a printed program; don't let not knowing the Act of Contrition keep you from this Sacrament of Healing!

### ABSOLUTION.

Listen as the Priest prays; make the Sign of the Cross on yourself as he imparts it on you at the end of the beautiful *Prayer of Absolution*.

### PENANCE.

To express our gratitude and offer a token of our willingness to try to avoid future sins, we perform a penance: a prayer, good deed or other sign.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lucy had been teaching her three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime. She would repeat after Lucy the lines from the prayer. Finally, Caitlin decided to go solo. Lucy listened with pride as Caitlin carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us from E-mail.

**Generally speaking you aren't learning very much when your mouth is moving, so never miss a good chance to shut up.**

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## **OLV Easter Flower Memorial -\$15 each**

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_ (deceased)

For someone special \_\_\_\_\_ (living)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ Encl. \_\_\_\_\_

## Pro-Life Issues: Abortion & Death Penalty

Since Jesus' tunic was seamless or woven in one piece, His executioners did not divide it, as was the custom; instead they drew lots for it [C.f. John 19:23-24.] Some say His 'seamless garment' shows that all life is sacred ... which is true ... and that only God can give and take or control life and death. However, Catholic teaching, citing society's right to defend itself and the vulnerable, only forbids taking totally innocent life. While 'good Catholics' cannot support abortion, which kills the most defenseless, or the intentional targeting of non-combatants, euthanasia, etc., 'good Catholics' can support a just war, the death penalty, and other admittedly less than ideal means to protect and defend imperiled human life.

## God's Plan for Marriage

The Catholic Church is increasingly the only true 'Bible' Church, confessing only the biblical basis for Matrimony, divorce, human sexuality, life, etc. Contrary to what many say about us, we are not discriminatory or 'anti'-anything; we uphold and strive to live by God's revealed Truth. Catholicism also vehemently opposes any mockery, harm or hate directed toward anyone for any reason. In her pastoral outreach she strives to assist all who strive to live by God's ideal, regardless of their sexual orientation or situation. All 'good Catholics' must do the same!

## 'Separation of Church and State' Issues

The Catholic Church does not want to 'rule the world' politically and certainly not militarily - though she once meddled in these spheres. She does want the right to express her views and convictions - and share her thousands of years' worth of the Judeo-Christian experience. All 'good Catholics' must prayerfully consider her divinely inspired teachings to form an 'informed conscience' - so as to avoid our often selfish, self-centered, biased viewpoint ... the sad fallout of the Original Sin.

## The Rosary of Hiroshima

At 2:45am on August 6, 1945, a B-29 took off from the island of Tinian to drop the first atom bomb on Japan. At 8:15am, the bomb exploded eight city blocks from the Jesuit Church of Our Lady's Assumption in Hiroshima. Half a million people were wiped out. All that was left was darkness, blood, burns, moans, fire and spreading terror. However, the church and the four Jesuit fathers stationed there survived: Fathers Hugo Lassalle, Kleinsorge, Cleslik and Schiffer. According to the experts they "ought to be dead," being as they were within the most deadly one-mile radius of the explosion. Nine days later on August 15, feast of Our Lady's Assumption, peace came. The miracle of their survival, their devotion to Our Lady, their church dedicated to her Assumption, made it clear to these survivors that this was more than coincidence. It taught them the power of Mary and her prayer, the rosary. So their response to the atom bomb was to launch a Rosary Crusade for peace in Japan. Think of the power of a river. It is made up of tiny drops of water, numberless tiny drops of rain. Together these tiny drops make the mighty river, which can carry heavy ships and change arid deserts into fruitful farms and gardens. So, too, the Rosary Crusade, the rosaries of countless persons all over the world become an immense and irresistible spiritual force for peace.

## KIDZ KORNER

1. What angel appeared to Mary at the Annunciation?
2. What was Mary's hometown?
3. How many choirs or kinds of angels are there?
4. Who is the leader of the good angels?
5. What sin caused Lucifer/Satan to be cast from heaven?

ANSWERS ON PAGE FOUR.

**What we need is a cup of understanding  
a barrel of Love and an ocean of patience.**