

Our Lady of Victories Church

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

150 Harriot Avenue, Harrington Park, New Jersey

www.olvhp.org



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 23, 2017 A.D.



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 8:00am & 12:00noon

DIVINE MERCY

HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION: 3:00-4:00PM

MASS: 4:15PM



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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, James Brady, Joey Bulger, Kamal Faris, Kathy Freeburn, Marylou Goreb, Thomas Haring, Rosanne Kearney, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Joseph LoVecchio, Anne Matthaedi, Teresa Meierdierks, Kathleen Musante, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Odalis Recchia, Mary Rinner, Danny Rizzi, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, George Rush, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Jim Walsh, Catherine Wanner.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"Blessed is he who knows what it is to love Jesus and to despise himself for the sake of Jesus. We must quit what we love for this Beloved, because Jesus will be loved alone above all things."

Thomas A Kempis, THE IMITATION OF CHRIST Book 2, Chapter 7.

Discernment Retreats for Catholic Men

Quo Vadis Retreat at Seton Hall University, June 17-30. Discernment retreat for Catholic young men in High School. Cost: \$100. Scholarships available. Register by June 9th. Information and registration at www.NewPriestNJ.com/quo vadis.

Discernment Retreats for Catholic Women

Monday, May 22—Tuesday, May 23. Franciscan Sisters of St. Elizabeth, for single women 18-35, at the Delegate House, Parsippany, NJ. For more information or to register www.franciscansisters.com. Look under "Becoming a Sister."

Friday, July 21—Sunday, July 23. Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne for women 19-45, for a weekend of sharing in our life of prayer and apostolate (Hawthorne, NY). For information or reservations contact Sr. Alma Marie 845-745-1319. Visit www.hawthorne-dominicans.org.

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1430AM

Listener Supported Talk Radio for Catholic Life

A Vehicle for God to Travel Around His Country

We are all different vehicles created by God to travel around and reach various destinations. Prayer is the fuel that drives Christian life. Just as a vehicle can offer maximum mileage only if it maintains an optimum combination of fuel and oil, the mileage (the souls we gain for Christ) will directly depend on the fuel (prayer) and oil (love) within us. If a vehicle does not give us the mileage that is claimed of it, one of the first things we do is to take it to the service station. The service station, as far as a Catholic is concerned, is the confessional. Another important factor is the amount of air (Word of God) in the tires. A punctured tire can take even a good vehicle nowhere.

CLOTHING BINS

"In your Easter bonnet with all the frills upon it" are some of the lyrics to a very popular song which reflects the joys of the Easter season. Some people, however, have difficulty experiencing these joys due to their circumstances in life. Catholic Charities aims to help relieve the suffering of many in our society through its various programs. Please help Catholic Charities continue its mission by donating your unwanted clothing to the bin located on our property. May the spirit of the Risen Christ resound through your generosity. Thank you.

Divine Mercy Sunday April 23, 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.**

Threats to Religious Freedom

This Monday, April 24, at 7:30PM at OLV. If Religious Liberty is important to not only you, but also your children and grandchildren, please come to this presentation! Presenter: Former FBI Agent Joseph Kuhns.

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. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

DID YOU KNOW???

Persons who have returned from the grave have attested to the existence of Hell. One such instance occurred to St. Francis Jerome who was preaching in the vicinity of Naples, Italy. There he was speaking of Hell and the awful punishments that await obstinate sinners. A brazen prostitute who lived there was disturbed by one sermon that aroused her guilt. She attempted to quell her unsettled conscience by shouting and mocking St. Francis from her window. And as he saw her standing there the saint cried out: "Beware, my daughter, of resisting grace; before eight days GOD will punish you." At that, the unfortunate girl grew even more bold and outspoken, and showed not the least sign of reform. After eight days had passed, the holy preacher was again in front of the same house. This time she was silent; the windows were shut. Those nearby, with dismay on their faces, told the saint that Catherine (the name of the prostitute) had died suddenly just a few hours before. "Died!" he repeated. "Well, let her tell us now what she has gained by laughing at hell. Let us ask her." He uttered these words in an inspired tone, and at that point everyone expected a miracle. Followed by an immense crowd, he went up to the death chamber, and there after having prayed for an instant, he uncovered the face of the corpse and said in a loud voice, "Catherine, tell us where you are now." At the command, the dead woman lifted her head, while opening her wild eyes. Then her face took on a borrowed color, her features assumed an expression of horrible despair, and in a mournful voice, she spoke these words, "In Hell; I am in Hell." Immediately she fell back again into the condition of a corpse. Needless to say many sinners were converted that day. (Related by eyewitnesses and approved by the Apostolic Tribunal which investigated St. Francis Jerome for his canonization.)

REGISTER FOR OLV PARISH

All Roman Catholics living within the boundaries of Our Lady of Victories Church should officially register; If you did NOT receive an Easter mailing you are probably NOT registered! Obtain a registration form from the priest after Mass or phone Maria at the Rectory. We strongly encourage you to register, even if you do not plan to use envelopes, so we can include you on our mailing list. Only registered members of the parish, who fulfill all other canonical [Church Law] requirements can obtain a Sponsor [Godparent] Certificate, letter of recommendation or other documentation.

There's no such thing as too many prayers.

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

- Apr 24—Mon—Presentation: Threats to Religious Freedom 7:30PM
- Apr 25-Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
- Apr 26—Wed—Bible Study Group—10:00AM
- Apr 26 - Wed—OLV Needlers 6:30PM
- Apr 28 -Fri– Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM
- Apr 29—Sat—AA meeting lower church 7:00PM
- May 9—Tue—Bereavement Group 6:30PM
- May 21—Sun - Confirmation 2:00PM

Moms Pops & Tots is done for the season and will resume in the Fall!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

How should we prepare for this great Feast of Mercy?

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when “all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened.” (Diary 699) Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of His Mercy, now called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Catholic Church. Jesus promised that “The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.” (Diary 699) He went on to say “I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy.” (Diary 1109) We want to encourage everyone to take advantage of this incredible promise and the additional Plenary Indulgence on this great Feast of Mercy “Divine Mercy Sunday”. We want you to benefit fully from these promises, and we also want you to notify all of your family and friends about them too and urge them to return to the practice of their faith! It is required of all Catholics to confess their sins at least once every year. If you haven't had the opportunity to meet this obligation then take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to receive an outpouring of an ocean of graces that Jesus promises. Those who have already confessed sins for Easter could make room for others. It is allowed for one to go to Confession up to about 20 days, before or after Divine Mercy Sunday.

Memorials

OLV has three bronze outside statues which may be memorialized. Memorial donation is \$4,000 (includes inscribed plaque). There are just a few church pews left to memorialized. Memorial Pavers are available (4 x 8 inscribed bricks) to memorialize your family name or a loved one for a donation of \$125. For more information contact the OLV Rectory 201-768-1706.

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.

Catholic Daughters Gladys Heyliger/Mary Carley Scholarship
CDA Court 1639 is offering a \$1000 scholarship to an 8th grade student entering a Catholic High School in September 2017. For an application, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Dr. Marie Woke, 20 Kensington Ct., Norwood, NJ 07648. Deadline for application is May 1st.

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.

OLV CCD REGISTRATION

OLV is starting up registration of children for the Fall 2017 CCD program. If the family has not yet registered and **would like to sign up before the deadline of May 15, 2017 the fees are as follows:**

- Kindergarten - \$50 per child.
- Primary grades 1 child in the program \$100.
- 2 children in program \$175.
- 3 or more children in the program \$250.

The First Holy Communion fee is \$100.

The Confirmation fee is \$150.

There is also a fee of \$50 for non-participating in the program.

New students must provide a baptismal certificate and all families must be registered parishioners of Our Lady of Victories parish.

If the family signs up after the deadline of May 15, 2017 the fees are as follows:

- Kindergarten - \$75 per child.
- Primary grades 1 child in the program \$125.
- 2 children in program \$200.
- 3 children in the program \$275.

The First Holy Communion fee is \$125.

The Confirmation fee is \$175.

There is also a fee of \$75 for non-participating in the program. **Call Sue or Deacon Al in the CCD office 201-768-1400 for a registration form or info.**

BOX TOPS COLLECTION

The Archdiocese of Newark is helping the children of St. Joseph's Catholic school in Jersey City to collect Box Tops for Education. This is a program that was launched by General Mills to help support students and schools across the country. OLV is helping them in this endeavor. If you would like to donate any box tops to this cause, please drop off at the rectory.

REVERENT CLOTHING

In our much less formal culture, gone are the days of “Sunday best”, but have we gone too far with beachwear, gym attire, workout rags and the like at Mass? We are a Church of outward signs; what does your clothing say about your understanding of what happens at Mass? While the Lord loves everyone and accepts us as we are, and there are emergencies, are we giving witness to the sacred nature of the Mass if we just “come as we are”?

**Check out OLV's website olvhp.org
and find us on Facebook:
Our Lady of Victories Parish**

CCD Corner

Happy Easter! During Holy Week our Confirmation Candidates took an active role in our liturgical services. We are so grateful for their willingness to publicly share their faith. A special thanks goes out Loretta Borghi, Katie Bailey, Janice Gill, Kelly Griffin, Madison Lopez, Garret Misa, Anthony Ragucci and Gianna Sabatini, as well as Mary Rose Evanella, Brian Sumereau and Allison Sumereau. Many thanks go out to Sue Evanella, Clare Evanella and Julianne Deanne for running a successful Easter Egg hunt! **CCD REGISTRATION** is taking place today and tomorrow as well as next Sunday and Monday in the gym before and after classes. Please register your child as soon as possible.

“No one is suddenly made perfect.”
St. Bede the Venerable

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 23

**Led by the
THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL**

Sunday, April 23, is the feast of DIVINE MERCY. Beginning at 3:00PM OLV will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Devotions associated with the Day. Confessions will be heard during the hour to fulfill OUR LORD'S request. Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of His Mercy, now called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Catholic Church. Jesus promised that "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." He went on to say "I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy." (Diary 1109)

There will be an additional Mass at the end of the Holy Hour at approximately 4:15PM on Sunday, April 23. This Mass will be offered by Fr. Innocent CFR.

Feeding the Homeless

As part of our parish commitment to the community and to serving those less fortunate, we will be preparing and serving a lunch meal on Saturday, May 6, at St. John's Church Soup Kitchen in Newark. We will leave OLV parking lot between 8:00 and 8:15AM. This service is sponsored by our OLV Knights of Columbus council. **All parish members (men, women and children) are welcome to participate, even if not a member of the Knights.** For more information, contact Bob Tringali at 201-753-0512.

NEW HOPE - HELPING HANDS GALA

Wednesday, April 26, 6:30-10:30pm at Seasons in Washington Twp. \$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.

STEWARDSHIP

MY FAMILY – MY PARISH – MY RESPONSIBILITY

Did you ever notice that the price of a movie is now over \$10, milk is almost \$3 a gallon, and there is no longer such a thing as penny candy? The price of everything around us has increased, **but has your weekly donation to the Church ever increased?** That one dollar donation doesn't buy as much as it once did. As your expenses increase, so do those of the Church, but we rely on your generosity to meet our expenses. Please be generous.

DADS CHECK THIS WEBSITE

FathersforGood.org

The Church — People of God

Based upon the Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Church is our communion with Jesus. Christ is the vine and we are the branches. Christ established and ever sustains, here on earth, His holy Church — the community of faith, hope and love — as a visible organization. Christ is the head and we are the members. Together with Christ we make up the whole Church. Let us rejoice and give thanks that we have become not only Christians, but Christ himself! For if He is the head and we the members, He and we together are the whole man. The fullness of Christ then is the head and the members. But what does "head and members" mean? Christ and the Church. A reply by St. Joan of Arc to her judges sums up the faith of the holy doctors and the good sense of the believer: "About Jesus and the Church, I simply know they're just one thing and we shouldn't complicate the matter."

Mass Intentions

- Monday, April 24—St. Fidelis Sigmaringen of Germany-Martyr**
8:00 Alice Pommert R/b Judy Pommert
12:00 Intentions of Dennis and Kathleen Falotico
- 7:00 (Convent) Gina Ottomanelli Bender R/b the Ottomanelli Family
- Tuesday, April 25 –St. Mark the Evangelist**
8:00 Mark Joseph Fizulich R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich
12:00 Anna Lucia Arias—Anniversary R/b Maria Arias
- Wednesday, April 26—St. Stephen – Bishop of Perm, Russia**
8:00 Timothy Pommert R/b Judy Pommert
12:00 Intentions of George Fabiano R/b George and Gail Fabiano
- Thursday, April 27—St. Zita of Lucca, Italy-Laywoman**
8:00 Joe Degnan R/b the Barrett Family
12:00 Mary Farrelly R/b Ed Farrelly
- Friday, April 28—St. Peter Chanel-French Missionary & Martyr**
8:00 Dan Gallagher R/b the Barrett Family
12:00 In Thanksgiving to St. Gianna R/b the Zaccaro Family
- Saturday, April 29—St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor**
8:00 Kevin Lagatol R/b the Lagatol Family
12:00 Anna Lucia Arias R/b Maria Arias
4:00 Malvina Bertoglio R/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi
5:00 Mary B. Sweeney R/b George and Gail Fabiano
- Sunday, April 30—Saint Pius V, Pope**
7:30 Mary Schittuli R/b Mary Muggeo
8:15 Fr. Guy McPartland, O.Carm. R/b Jack and Alicia Chimento
9:30 Jean Bentivegna R/b the Bentivegna Family
10:45 Richard Harrison
12:00 Frank and Mary Muggeo R/b Bob and Sue Muggeo
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Thomas J. Crowley R/b Mildred Crowley
7:00 Alfred Becker R/b John and Linda Russo

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for an increase in religious vocations.

The Convent Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the unemployed.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Dominic Izzo, r/b the Izzo Family.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week in Thanksgiving.

The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp burns this week for the unemployed.

The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp burns this week for the those who serve in defense of our country.

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.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

In March of 2018, OLV is planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. If you signed up and did not attend the March 29 meeting or if you are interested in going please get in touch with Deacon Al ASAP.

OLV Knights of Columbus

All men over 18 are invited to join the OLV parish Knights of Columbus, the world's largest men's fraternal organization. Upcoming events include a fishing trip, paintball expedition, skeet-shooting and golf outing. For more information or to join, please contact Greg Evanela at 201-768-5752.

QUESTION????

What exactly is an indulgence? It was the full remission of sins on the part of the pilgrim crowds in 1299 that prompted Pope Boniface VIII to call the first Holy Year in 1300. However, this theology of indulgences has not always been properly understood. Indeed, it has sometimes been an unfortunate cause of misunderstanding of the Catholic Theology of Redemption. This was especially true during the Middle Ages when there were abuses of the practice of granting indulgences. Disgracefully, in the 15th & 16th centuries, the preaching of indulgences made it, erroneously, believed that through donations, one would be able to obtain eternal salvation without true interior conversion or confession of sin. It was this kind of incorrect preaching and the offer of indulgences for money, which were the occasion that gave way to the Protestant Reformation. That is, much of the reasoning for the Reformation on the part of Martin Luther was due to the abuse of indulgence theology. Since the theology of indulgences has often been misunderstood in the past, it is important for the preaching and teaching of the Jubilee Year indulgence to be clear so as to prevent further false understanding. Technically speaking, **indulgences are the remission of temporal punishment of a sin already pardoned.** This pardon of sin, first comes through the Church through the "power of the keys" granted to the Church by Jesus, Himself, in St. Matthew 16:19, 18:18; St. John 20:22-23. This sacramental power of forgiveness of sins is present in the Church through the power of the Holy Spirit, and is not a human work at all. The Sacrament of Penance is a gift of God for release, forgiveness, and healing. Sin is definitely forgiven in the Sacrament of Penance, and yet a deep interior renewal of the person is still needed. This deep conversion is a process that continues throughout the Christian life and can be aided through the practice of indulgences.

High School Open Houses

Tuesday, April 25, Don Bosco Prep (Ramsey, NJ) 6:30-8:30PM, for prospective freshmen and transfer students. For information, contact admissions@donboscoprep.org and 201-327-8003. Register online at www.donboscoprep.org.

Wednesday, May 3, Immaculate Heart Academy (Washington Township) 6:30-8:30PM. Pre-register online at www.ihanj.com. Please note, bussing is now available for Rockland and Orange County, NY students. For info' call 201-445-6800.

Wednesday, May 3, Paramus Catholic HS (Paramus) 7:00-9:00PM, for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and parents. 201-445-4466 x104.

Dominican College Open House

Saturday, April 29, 10:00AM-12:30PM in the Hennessey Center. Located in Orangeburg, NY. Visit www.dc.edu/visit for more info or other opportunities to visit.

Meaning and Uses of Holy Water

Fonts filled with holy water for blessings are for three purposes: As a sign of repentance of sin, for protection from evil, and as a reminder of our Baptism. • The repentance of sin symbolized in the washing with water; • Holy water protects us against evil; • Holy water reminds us of our Baptism. In making the sign of the cross with the holy water, we are mindful that we are called to renew those baptismal promises of rejecting Satan, all his works, and all his empty promises, and to profess our cradle faith. — Fr. William Saunders, Catholic Straight Answers

Errors of Russia

In 1917 Our Lady appeared six times to three children at Fatima, Portugal. As a Queen, arrayed in white and shimmering gold with a star at the edge of her gown, she reminds us of Esther. Our Lady is our Queen, and what she told the children just 92 years ago was her Peace Plan. She warned of the errors of Russia, which could spread throughout the world. She also told Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco the solution: Pray the Rosary every day, do penance and offer sacrifices in order to prevent the terrible calamities which would come about as a result of these "errors" from Russia.

The confusion of mere opinion with worthwhile ideas or knowledge grows in a direct ratio to lack of genuine education. And probably never before have Americans been as poorly educated as they are today; the general cause being a deterioration of the philosophy of education. The true nature of ideas has been replaced by conjecture; that of knowledge with subjective reaction: Existentialism.

Existentialism jettisoned all importance of history and tradition. As a result, each individual has been made his own teacher; each person's subjective understandings have become important and significant, more so than the intellectual achievement of his ancestors. In this situation, the uneducated tend to make their masters and heroes anyone who expresses opinions compatible with their own.

Modernism and Existentialism are interchangeable terms: subjective judgment without reference to history, science, truth or the magisterium of the church. Be on your guard!

Practice the Devotion of the First Saturdays as Requested by Our Lady of Fatima

On December 10, 1925, Our Lady appeared to Sister Lucia (seer of Fatima) and spoke these words: "Announce in my name that I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for the salvation of their souls, all those who on the first Saturday of five consecutive months shall:

1. Go to confession; 2. Receive Holy Communion; 3. Recite the Rosary (5 decades); and 4. Keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the Rosary with the intention of making reparation to me."

In a spirit of reparation, the above conditions are each to be preceded by the words: "In reparation for the offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

Confessions may be made during eight days before or after the first Saturday, and Holy Communion may be received at either the morning or evening Mass on the first Saturday.

LITTLE JOHNNY

Johnny, age 4, was listening to a Bible story. His dad read: "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." Concerned, Johnny asked: "What happened to the flea?"

THANK YOU!

To ...

Mr. and Mrs. George Meyer, for their donation of the Paschal Candle in loving memory of their daughter, **Diane Melchiorre**.

Kathleen Falotico, Marie Flahive, Anita Garzino, Diane Koch, Peggy O'Brien, Jeanne Marie Walsh, Linda Wayne, and Mary Ann Torre, who arranged the flowers and readied our Church so beautifully for Easter.

Mr. Andrew Oakes, who for the past 20 years has prepared the Paschal fire for the Easter Vigil Mass.