

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, April 30, 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 8:00am & 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, baby Nicholas, William Biasi, James Brady, Joey Bulger, 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

PLAYING WITH TEMPTATION

"You know, if you are bit by a chained dog, you can't blame the dog. If you put yourself in temptation and you fall, you cannot blame anyone but yourself. The devil has been chained, but when you go live in his pen, you are risking eternity. The grace and the Precious Blood of Jesus have penned him up. But when you give your mind, and heart, and will over to temptation, the teeth marks are on your soul."

Mother Angelica, Little Book of Life Lessons page 151.

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.

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

Our Lord told St. Margaret Mary Alacoque that individuals should go to confession **at a minimum once a month**. This sacrament is offered EVERY Saturday from 11AM to Noon and 4-4:30PM; every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 7:30AM, as well as every First Friday at 7PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

WORK for the LORD

Become a Priest or Religious Brother or Sister. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low, **BUT** the retirement benefits are out of this world. For information see Fr. Bryan or call the Vocations Office 973-497-4365.

WINNING CHOICES

Choose action over worry. Choose will over won't.

Choose "I can't do it yet" over "I can't do it"

Choose a career over a job.

Choose optimism over pessimism.

Choose quality over quantity.

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.

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.

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.

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.

THE GOSPEL OF ST. MARK

St. Mark's Gospel is the shortest of the four Gospels. St. Mark is the featured Gospel reading at Mass in Year B of the three cycles of Sunday readings (the year in which we are currently). Notable exceptions occur during Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and for the five weeks during the summer in which we hear St. John's discourse on the Bread of Life. St. Mark was probably the first Gospel written. Parts of it appear in both Matthew and Luke, who also use other materials which do not appear in Mark. Because Mark includes Jesus' saying about the destruction of the Temple, a prediction fulfilled in the year 70, the date of composition is certainly before the occurrence. This Gospel never identifies its author. An early tradition gave him the name Mark, a companion of St. Peter in Rome. Although someone who had heard the stories of Jesus (already being circulated) may have written the work in Rome, the name of its author is uncertain. The Gospel author writes with a sense of urgency. The audience who first received the book was probably a community of gentile Christians, which would account for the author's frequent explanation of Jewish customs and Aramaic words. Mark's main point is to proclaim that Jesus is the Son of God. We hear the proclamation in the opening verse and again near the end, from the centurion at the cross. In the middle of the Gospel stands St. Peter's declaration that Jesus is the Messiah. In the second half of the Gospel, Jesus three times predicts His Passion, Death and Resurrection. St. Mark is frequently symbolized as a lion, calling to mind the desert scene, which opens his Gospel.

"By the blood of His side and of His heart, our Lord watered the garden of the Church; for with this blood He made the sacraments flow from His heart."

St. Albert the Great

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

May 2 - Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
May 3 - Wed - Bible Study Group—10:00AM
May 3 - Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM
May 5 - First Fri - Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM
May 5 - First Fri - Mass 7:30PM followed by Sacred Heart Devotions
May 6 - Sat - AA meeting lower church 7:00PM
May 9 - Tue - Bereavement Group 6:30PM
May 20/21 - Sat/Sun -Mother & Child Items Collection
May 21 - Sun - Confirmation 2:00PM
May 27/28 - Sat/Sun - Mother & Child Items Collection

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

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.

Mother / Child Collection

May 20/21 and May 27/28

Social Concerns Ministry is having its annual Mother/Child collection to benefit New Hope Pregnancy Center. The center helps first time single mothers financially, physically, emotionally, and educationally. Items they are in most need of are: **Diapers: size 4 diapers, Size 3T-4T pull-ups, Size 4T-5T pull-ups, Q-tips, wipes, Avent baby bottles, crib sheets, Boys 0-3 mo. long sleeve, Boys 3T short sleeves, shorts, and pants, Girls 3T long sleeves, Girls 3T short sleeve shirts, shorts, outfits, and pants. New items only. Gift cards to Shop-Rite in amounts of \$10, \$15, & \$20 are needed.**

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.

High School Open Houses

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

Question???

What do the letters INRI stand for on the top of a crucifix? The letters indicated are an abbreviation for the Latin text, Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum (Jesus of Nazareth the king of the Jews) which is the inscription which Pontius Pilate had placed on the cross.

IT'S NOT OVER YET

Thanks to everyone who made a pledge to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, but we still have not reached our goal. We are just shy \$5600, so please consider giving; the AAA envelopes are at the exits of the church. If you do fill it out, return it to Maria at the rectory.

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.

Check out OLV's website olvhp.org

and find us on Facebook:

Our Lady of Victories Parish

SUN/SON TAN

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

PRAYER FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE 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.

CCD Corner

CCD Express Registration continues this week after each of the Masses. If you have not done so already, please take a minute of your time and stop by the CCD Registration table and register your children. Next Saturday and Sunday 26 second-graders will receive their **First Holy Communion**. Please keep these little angels and their families in your prayers. On **May 14th at 9:30am** in the school auditorium we will celebrate a special Mother's Day Mass and May Crowning as we conclude another CCD year. All are invited to attend.

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/quivadis.

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.

QUESTION

This week I was listening by radio to a good priest giving answers on a very well-known Catholic Q & A program. They were discussing the Apostolic Pardon. The priest said it was for someone in danger of death who had complete detachment from all sin, as in any plenary indulgence. Then they could go directly to Heaven at death. My understanding is that it is for someone dying who is known by the priest to have led a devout life, but it eliminates the requirement of having complete detachment from sin. Am I correct? And why do I never hear any mention of this great gift?

A. Once the Sacrament of Penance has been given to a dying person, says the Pastoral Care of the Sick (n. 201), "the priest may give the Apostolic Pardon for the dying, using one of the following: "Through the holy mysteries of our redemption, may almighty God release you from all punishments in this life and in the life to come. May He open to you the gates of paradise and welcome you to everlasting joy. Amen." "By the authority which the Apostolic See has given me, I grant you a full pardon and the remission of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." We are not aware that the dying person must have lived a devout life in order to be eligible for the Apostolic Pardon. Here are the conditions that are spelled out in the Handbook of Indulgences (n. 28): "Priests who minister the sacraments to the Christian faithful who are in a life-and-death situation should not neglect to impart to them the Apostolic Blessing, with its attached indulgence. But if a priest cannot be present, Holy Mother Church lovingly grants such persons who are rightly disposed a plenary indulgence to be obtained in articulo mortis, at the approach of death, provided they regularly prayed in some way during their lifetime. The use of a crucifix or a cross is recommended in obtaining this plenary indulgence. "In such a situation, the three usual conditions required in order to gain a plenary indulgence [freedom from all attachment to sin, performance of an indulgenced work, sacramental Confession and Eucharistic Communion] are substituted for by the condition 'provided they regularly prayed in some way.' "The Christian faithful can obtain the plenary indulgence mentioned here as death approaches (in articulo mortis) even if they had already obtained another plenary indulgence that same day." We don't know why you never hear mention of this gift. Priests should be aware of it since it is mentioned in the section of the Breviary dealing with prayers for emergencies. In any case, you ought to ask every priest you know if he is familiar with the Apostolic Pardon, and even give him a card with the prayer on it for use with those who are dying. Also, tell your family members and friends that you want to receive this blessing when your death approaches.

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 1—St. Joseph the Worker

8:00 Peter Piana R/b Carole Bellini
12:00 Antonio and Connie Rodriguez R/b Ron and Adele Filippone

Tuesday, May 2—St. Athanasius of Egypt—Bishop & Doctor

8:00 Ellen Lawten R/b Rick and Debbie Quinn
12:00 Peter and Florence Kruimer R/b Peter and Eileen Kruimer

Wednesday, May 3—Ss. Philip and James, Apostles

8:00 John Merola R/b Richard and Maureen Ferrara
12:00 John Nicoletti R/b Rose Nicoletti

Thursday, May 4—St. Gothard of Bavaria - Bishop

8:00 Thomas F. Lagatol II R/b the Lagatol Family
12:00 Winifred Pavlu R/b the Kip Family

First Friday, May 5—St. Hilary – Bishop of Arles, France

8:00 Veronica Haskell R/b the Colasuonno Family
12:00 Victor and Santiago Giron R/b the Giron Family
7:30 Marie Quirk—1st Anniversary R/b the McLarnon Family

First Saturday, May 6—St. Edbert - Bishop

8:00 Teresita Lapid R/b Margaret McClean
12:00 Souls In Purgatory
4:00 Mario Gobbetti R/b Lorraine Gobbetti
5:00 Edward and Anne Redmond R/b Pete and Fran Redmond

Sunday, May 7—St. Domitian of Gaul, France-Bishop of Tongres

7:30 Marie Baldassari R/b Theresa Graziano
8:15 Basil Fagnoli R/b Greg and Susan Evanella
9:30 Michael Bentivegna R/b the Bentivegna Family
10:45 Brian J. McElroy Jr. R/b the McElroy Family
12:00 David Zocco R/b Mike Zocco
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Sandy Rogozinski R/b Tony and Laura Scott
7:00 Elizabeth Barrett R/b the Colasuonno Family

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

The Convent Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the unemployed.

The Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the intentions of Alexandra Lucia Arias on her birthday, r/b Maria Arias.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week for the intentions of the Fizulich Family, r/b Attilio and Rose Viscovich.

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.

Kids Korner Answers

- 1. Mother Cabrini
- 2. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- 3. Katherine Drexel
- 4. Mother Cabrini
- 5. Canonization.

The only reason they say 'Women and children first' is to test the strength of the lifeboats. ~ Zsa Zsa Gabor...

AMERICAN MARINES

Every American should understand the background of the phrase "to the shores of Tripoli" and why the Marine Hymn contains the verse "to the shores of Tripoli" Most Americans are unaware of (or have forgotten!) the fact that over two hundred years ago, the United States declared war on Islam, and Thomas Jefferson led the charge!

At the height of the eighteenth century, Muslim pirates were the terror of the Mediterranean and a large area of the North Atlantic. They attacked every ship in sight, and held the crews for exorbitant ransoms. Those taken hostage were subjected to barbaric treatment and wrote heart breaking letters home, begging their government and family members to pay whatever their Mohammedan captors demanded.

These extortionists of the high seas represented the Islamic nations of Tripoli, Tunis, Morocco, and Algiers – collectively referred to as the Barbary Coast – and presented a dangerous and unprovoked threat to the new American Republic. Before the Revolutionary War, U.S. merchant ships had been under the protection of Great Britain. When the U.S. declared its independence and entered into war, the ships of the United States were protected by France. However, once the war was won, America had to protect its own fleets. Thus, the birth of the U.S. Navy.

Beginning in 1784, seventeen years before he would become president, Thomas Jefferson became America's Minister to France. That same year, the U.S. Congress sought to appease its Muslim adversaries by following in the footsteps of European nations who paid bribes to the Barbary States, rather than engaging them in war.

In July of 1785, Algerian pirates captured American ships, and the Dye of Algiers demanded an unheard-of ransom of \$60,000. It was a plain and simple case of extortion, and Thomas Jefferson was vehemently opposed to any further payments. Instead, he proposed to Congress the formation of a coalition of allied nations who together could force the Islamic states into peace. A disinterested Congress decided to pay the ransom.

In 1786, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams met with Tripoli's ambassador to Great Britain to ask by what right his nation attacked American ships and enslaved American citizens, and why Muslims held so much hostility towards America, a nation with which they had no previous contacts. The two future presidents reported that Ambassador Sidi Haji Abdul Rahman Adja had answered that Islam "was founded on the Laws of their Prophet, that it was written in their Quran, that all nations who should not have acknowledged their authority were sinners, that it was their right and duty to make war upon them wherever they could be found, and to make slaves of all they could take as Prisoners, and that every Muslim who should be slain in Battle was sure to go to Paradise."

Despite this stunning admission of premeditated violence on non-Muslim nations, as well as the objections of many notable American leaders, including George Washington, who warned that caving in was both wrong and would only further embolden the enemy, for the following fifteen years, the American government paid the Muslims millions of dollars for the safe passage of American ships or the return of American hostages. The payments in ransom and tribute amounted to over twenty percent of the United States government annual revenues in 1800.

Jefferson was disgusted. Shortly after his being sworn in as the third President of the United States in 1801, the Pasha of Tripoli sent him a note demanding the immediate payment of \$225,000 plus

\$25,000 a year for every year forthcoming. That changed everything. Jefferson let the Pasha know, in no uncertain terms, what he could do with his demand. The Pasha responded by cutting down the flagpole at the American consulate and declared war on the United States. Tunis, Morocco, and Algiers immediately followed suit. Jefferson, until now, had been against America raising a naval force for anything beyond coastal defense, but having watched his nation be cowed by Islamic thuggery for long enough, decided that it was finally time to meet force with force.

He dispatched a squadron of frigates to the Mediterranean and taught the Muslim nations of the Barbary Coast a lesson he hoped they would never forget. Congress authorized Jefferson to empower U.S. ships to seize all vessels and goods of the Pasha of Tripoli and to "cause to be done all other acts of precaution or hostility as the state of war would justify".

When Algiers and Tunis, who were both accustomed to American cowardice and acquiescence, saw the newly independent United States had both the will and the might to strike back, they quickly abandoned their allegiance to Tripoli. The war with Tripoli lasted for four more years, and raged up again in 1815. The bravery of the U.S. Marine Corps in these wars led to the line "to the shores of Tripoli" in the Marine Hymn, and they would forever be known as "leathernecks" for the leather collars of their uniforms, designed to prevent their heads from being cut off by the Muslim scimitars when boarding enemy ships.

DID YOU KNOW????

The game of Dominos was invented by two Catholic Monks in the 18th century. Having violated their monastery rule by looking over the abbey wall at the town festivities, they were commanded by their abbot to remove themselves from the community and spend their time in isolated prayer and silence.

During their seclusion, which lasted three months, the younger monk started to collect smooth, flat stones of matching size that were on the floor of his cell. His brother monk joined in, until eventually they had 28 stones. After marking the stones to number them, they arranged them in numerical order. Still in silence, and with great difficulty, the brothers devised rules for a game to play with the stones. Within several days, they were playing their game in the free time their many prayers allowed them. At the end of the game, the winner often found it difficult to hold back the excitement of victory, but neither monk wanted to break the discipline of silence. Soon they found a way to be both obedient and celebrate their victories: whoever won the game would say the first line of Psalm 110: "Dixit Dominus Domino Meo." (The Lord said to my Lord) Since this prayer was one of the Psalms they chanted every week in their Divine Office, it was not considered a break of their silence. After the Brothers' punishment was over, the game was approved as a suitable recreation for the monks. It became popular in the abbey and eventually spread. Its name comes from the third word of Psalm 110 – Domino.

KIDZ KORNER

1. Who was America's first Saint?
2. Who was the first Saint born in the United States?
3. What American millionairess became a saint?
4. What Saint actually lived in NJ – Newark and Kearny?
5. What is the name of the ceremony which declares a person a saint?

Answers on Page 4