

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, May 7, 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 Matthaei, Teresa Meierdierks, Kyle Murphy, 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

"Mary – God's most beautiful gift to the human race. The moment Jesus came into her life she was 'full of grace' – and immediately she went 'with haste' to give Him to others. The fruit of her oneness with Christ, the fruit of her prayer, the fruit of her total surrender to God by saying: 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to Your word.'" **Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

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.

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.

PASTA COLLECTION

For the month of MAY OLV will be having a pasta collection to benefit the St. Cecelia Food Pantry.

EWTN

Did you know that there is a truly Catholic Television Station carried on cable TV? **Channel 67 is EWTN** – Eternal Word Television Network. It was started by a convent of Cloistered Nuns over twenty-five years ago. So if you are tired of the nonsense on regular TV, try channel 67 for a welcome change.

STEWARDSHIP

MY FAMILY – MY PARISH – MY RESPONSIBILITY

As your expenses increase, so do the Church's, but we rely on your generosity to meet our expenses. Please be generous.

Old age is coming at a really bad time!

Our First Communion Class

Zoey Aydin	Anjali Kolkebeck
Lauren Bernardez	Emma Landers
Cadence Bet	Fionn Maginn
Nicholas Blanchard	Erin McTigue
Reba Collins	Christian Medina
Josefina D'Auria	Andrew Milli
Finn Dunn	Sara Noroian
Bailey Fedarick	Maeve O'Neil
Simone Gambino	Padraic O'Neil
Vanessa Gil	Isabella Ruggiero
Jason Goodman	Lauryn Senzon
Isabella Guerra	Finley Zimmerman
Jimmy Heffernan	

Why is May MARY'S Month?

Though May is a contraction of the name Mary, the month was probably named for Maia Maiesta, the Roman goddess of grain. Each year, on the first day of May, the ancient Romans likewise honored Flora, the Roman goddess of flowers, who was represented by a small statue wreathed in garlands; processions of singers and dancers would carry Flora's statue past a sacred blossom-decked tree. Later, festivals of this kind spread to other parts of Europe, reaching their height in England during the Middle Ages. Dances around flower-bedecked maypoles were common, and festivities often blossomed into riotous and wild occasions. Often a May queen was chosen as part of the festivities. Devotions, specifically to Our Lady, on the first days of May date to St. Phillip Neri (16th century), who began the custom of decorating the statue of the Virgin with spring flowers. Then, after Annibale Dionisi, an Italian Jesuit, proposed devotions to Mary throughout the entire month, the Church did incorporate the pre-Christian May celebrations and gave them a Christian dimension – as it had done with many other pre-Christian customs.

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 or 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.

OLV K of C Baby Bottle Collection

Next weekend, May 13th and 14th, the OLV Knights of Columbus will distribute baby bottles - please take a baby bottle home. You may deposit loose change, checks or cash. Please bring the bottle with your monetary donations to OLV on the following Sunday, May 21, or drop it off at the Rectory. Your contributions will benefit mothers in need and their new-born babies.

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

May 9 - Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
May 9 - Tue - Bereavement Group 6:30PM
May 9 - Tue—Social Concerns 7:00PM
May 10 - Wed - Bible Study Group—10:00AM
May 10 - Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM
May 12 - Fri - Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM
May 13 - Sat - AA meeting lower church 7:00PM
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 info 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.

Marriage Enrichment

"...I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Lead your married lives "more abundantly" by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more info contact Mike and Janet Turco at 973 427-7016 or email njwwme@peoplepc.com. **Military families**, are you getting ready to deploy? Is your family trying to reconnect after deployment? Marriage Encounter offers tools of communication that have kept many military marriages strong and happy throughout the ups and downs of military service. Contact your local chaplain or call 973 427-7016 or 609 335-6880.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the following OLV parishioners who achieved Honor Roll Status for the third period 2016/2017 at Paramus Catholic High School:

Lisa LoSchiavo—Senior—President's List
Blaise Rossmann—Junior—President's List
Xavier Rossmann—Freshman—2nd Honors

Church Attendance – Fringe Benefits???

Can faithfully attending worship actually raise your income? MIT economist Jonathan Gruber thinks so. In a study, he found that income increases by 10 percent when people double their church attendance. Gruber proposes these possible reasons:

- Churchgoers join in fellowship with one another, resulting in social and job networking.
- They support one another during losses and setbacks.
- Such encouragement helps people do their best in all of life's endeavors.
- Churchgoers tend to be less stressed by everyday life, enabling them to work creatively and be more productive.
- Boosting one's bank account isn't the reason most people go to church of course. But it's interesting to note that worshipers reap both spiritual and earthly rewards.

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.

Green Knights Basketball Camp

St. Joseph Region HS in Montvale is the site of the 29th annual **Green Knights Basketball** camp for boys ages 9-15. 3 Sessions: July 10-14; July 17-21; July 24-28. Camp day is 9AM-3PM. Friday dismissal at Noon. Great fun and competition ... guest lecturers ... free basketball and player jersey to each camper! Please call 201-391-3300 for applications and information. Visit www.sjrj.org.

Great Mothers Day Idea

To honor your mother (living or deceased) this Mother's Day, Catholic Charities is offering a meaningful gift. For a minimum donation of \$5, the Emergency Food Network will send your mom or the person you designate a card noting your donation to help feed the hungry of the Archdiocese! Monies received will be used to support 50 pantries in Essex, Hudson, Union, and Bergen counties. Mail your donation to EFN Catholic Charities, 505 South Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016 or call 908-497-4012.

CCD Corner

This a beautiful time in the life of our parish! As we enter May, the month dedicated to Mary, next Sunday we will publicly honor her with our May Procession and Crowning. This weekend 25 second graders have received their First Holy Communion. The smiles on their faces and the joy in their hearts gave witness to their love of Jesus. In 2 weeks nearly the same number of teens will receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation and then, like the original apostles, they will be commissioned to share those gifts with those they encounter. Easter is that time of the year when we focus on the risen Lord and his conquering of death. Well, right here in Harrington Park, in the parish with the *little church with the big heart*, Jesus is very much alive and thriving! .

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

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.

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.

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. Register by June 9th. Info and registration at www.NewPriestNJ.com/quovadis. Scholarships are available.

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.

Fulton Sheen app

It includes free samples of Archbishop Fulton Sheen's talks available for your iPhone or Android phone. It's great to listen to on your commute or while relaxing at home. You can access it thru the App Store, Google Play, or the link: <http://fultonsheen.com/app>.

Some of you may not know of Archbishop Sheen, but he was a Catholic archbishop that hosted the show, "Life is Worth Living" on the ABC network during prime time television of the 1950s-1960s. I'm sure that some of our more illustrious brothers could share fond memories of watching Archbishop Fulton Sheen on TV.

Some Fun Facts:

1. The actor Martin Sheen (father of Charlie Sheen and Emilio Estevez) took the stage name "Sheen" in honor of Archbishop Fulton Sheen.
2. Archbishop Fulton Sheen has a cause for canonization and is currently "venerable." His body is currently entombed NYC's St. Patrick's Cathedral
3. When Pope St. John Paul II visited St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City he embraced Sheen, saying, "You have written and spoken well of the Lord Jesus Christ. You are a loyal son of the Church."

A truism worthy of note:

**Do not fear the enemy, for they can take only your life.
Fear the media, for they will destroy your honor.**

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 8 - St. Victor Maurus—Roman Soldier/Martyr

8:00 Harold Slattery R/b the Evanela Family
 12:00 James McGrath Jr. R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico

Tuesday, May 9 – St. Pachomius – Egyptian Abbot

8:00 Margaret McShane R/b Kathleen Steinwehr
 12:00 Joseph and Adele Coates R/b William and Carole DeBrino

Wed., May 10—Bl. Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka'i, priest

8:00 John Nicoletti R/b Rose Nicoletti
 12:00 Ruben Bernardo-1st Anniversary R/b the Mariano Family

Thursday, May 11– St. Francis Di Girolamo—Jesuit Missionary

8:00 Ida Boyhan R/b John and Anna Heaney
 12:00 Peggy Ann Tuma R/b Bill and Cathy Ryan

Friday, May 12—Sts. Nereus, Achilleus and Pancras—Martyrs

8:00 Laurence Orbe R/b John and Anna Heaney
 12:00 Michael Giotta R/b the Giotta Family

Saturday, May 13—Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 Alberto Bellini R/b Carole Bellini
 12:00 Sam Burrano R/b John and Anna Heaney
 4:00 Irene Louise Ricciardi R/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi
 5:00 John Plinio R/b Stephen and Robin Hartman

Sunday, May 14 – St. Matthias, Apostle—MOTHERS DAY

ALL MASSES TODAY ARE FOR ALL MOTHERS, LIVING AND DECEASED.

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the children who are receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend.

The Convent Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the unemployed.

The Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Michael Mazzola, r/b the Davies Family.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week in Thanksgiving, r/b the Brennan Family.

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.

THE VISITOR

One day, a man went to visit a church, He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!" The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing. After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still he said nothing. Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I took your place."

Kidz Korner Answers

1. Nazareth
2. Gabriel
3. 13/14
4. Elizabeth
5. John the Baptist

May is dedicated to Our Lady

After School Satan Club

While the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) makes conservative groups wait years for tax-exempt status an "After School Satan Club" launched to hinder Christian-based counterparts got its nonprofit ranking in just ten days, records obtained by Judicial Watch show. The classification is offered to charitable, religious and educational organizations that operate as nonprofits. Under the Obama administration IRS political appointees illegally targeted conservative groups, either making them wait up to seven years for tax-exempt status or denying their application altogether. Judicial Watch uncovered that scandal and has obtained piles of government records showing how the IRS illegally colluded with another federal agency to single out groups with conservative-sounding terms such as patriot and Tea Party in their titles when applying for tax-exempt status.

In the meantime, leftist groups like the Satan Club got fast tracked. The principle goal of establishing the Satan Clubs in public schools throughout Washington State appears to be to counter existing enterprises operated by a Christian-based group. Documents obtained by Judicial Watch include the process of establishing an after-school Satan Club at Point Defiance Elementary in Tacoma. The entity behind the club is a nonprofit called Reason Alliance, which is based in Somerville, Massachusetts, and operates in Washington State as the Satanic Temple of Seattle. Its director, Liliith X. Starr, established the Point Defiance Elementary Satanic Club, the records show. In its application the club states that its purpose is "character development" and that adult instructors are vetted by the Satanic Temple's "Executive Ministry." Children ages 5-12 will develop basic critical reasoning, character qualities, problem solving and creative expression, according to the Satanic Temple filings included in the documents. The club logo is a pencil with devil's horns. Records obtained by Judicial Watch from the Treasury Department show that the Satanic cult applied for tax-exempt status on October 21, 2014 and received it on October 31, 2014.

The parent permission forms ask for the name of the child's church and pastor, the records show. They also reveal that Starr, the Seattle Satanic Temple director, told Tacoma School District Superintendent Carla Santorno that the clubs are led by "caring Satanists" and each child receives a membership card. Starr also tells the superintendent that the effort to establish after-school Satan Clubs in Tacoma schools is in direct response to the Christian-based Good News Clubs operating in campuses throughout the district. This ignited concern among some Tacoma district officials, the records show. In one electronic mail exchange, Tacoma Schools official Andrea O'Brien-Henley sends colleague Paul Koch a citation from the Satanic Temple's website noting that the temple only wants to establish after-school Satan Clubs in school districts with Christian Good News Clubs. O'Brien-Henley notes that it's odd that the Satanic Temple only targets schools that have Good News Clubs, writing to her colleague: "If they really want to get their message out to kids it seems kind of odd that they would only be targeting schools with a Good News Club; one would think that they would want to start clubs anywhere there is an *interest* in them." Here's the citation that O'Brien-Henley forwarded to fellow school district official Koch from the Satanic Temple's website: "How do I start an After School Satan Club in my school district? If there isn't a chapter of The Satanic Temple near you, but you're interested in starting an After School Satan Club in your school district, please contact The Satanic Temple. Please keep in mind that the Satanic Temple is not interested in operating After School Satan Clubs in school districts that are not already hosting the Good News Club. However, the Satanic Temple ultimately intends to have After School Satan Clubs operating in every school district where the Good News Club is represented." In another exchange, the Executive Director of Communications for the Tacoma School District, Dan Voelpel, expresses concern to colleagues that people will confuse the school district's message of tolerance toward the Satan Club with tolerance toward alleged "hate-related ->

activities around the country in the wake of the presidential election." In the records the principal of Point Defiance Elementary reveals that, two weeks after the Satan Club was launched, no one had signed up for it. The fact remains however, that the IRS fast-tracked a deranged Satanic cult to operate as a nonprofit in taxpayer-funded elementary schools.

TODAY

When The Ten Commandments are removed from society

We lose a true civilization:

Logic is dead.

Excellence is punished.

Mediocrity is rewarded.

And dependency is to be revered.

This is present day America.

When people rob banks they go to prison.

When they rob the taxpayer they get re-elected!

DEAR LORD,

I thank you for this day. I thank you for my being able to see and hear this morning. I'm blessed because You are a forgiving God and an understanding God. You have done so much for me and You keep on blessing me. Forgive me this day for everything I have done, said, or thought that was not pleasing to You. I ask now for Your forgiveness. Please keep me safe from all danger and harm. Help me to start this day with a new attitude and plenty of gratitude. Let me make the best of each and every day to clear my mind so that I can hear from You. Please broaden my mind that I can accept all things. Let me not whine and whimper over things I have no control over, and it's the best response when I'm pushed beyond my limits. I know that when I can't pray, You listen to my heart. Continue to use me to do Your will. Continue to bless me that I may be a blessing to others. Keep me strong that I may help the weak... Keep me up-lifted that I may have the words of encouragement for others. I pray for those that are lost and can't find their way. I pray for those that are misjudged and misunderstood. I pray for those who don't know you intimately. I pray for those that don't believe, but I thank You that I believe. I believe God changes people and people change things. I pray for all my sisters and brothers and for each and every family member in their households. I pray for peace, love, and joy in their homes that they are out of debt and all their needs are met. I pray that every eye that reads this knows there is no problem, circumstance, or situation greater than God. Every battle is in Your hands for You to fight. I pray that these words be received into the hearts of every eye that sees it. "God I love You and I need You, come into my heart, please".

THINK ABOUT IT

There are two good things about a closed mouth. It can be interpreted as a sign of superior intelligence, and there is no need to apologize later.

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.

KIDZ KORNER

1. What was Mary's hometown?
2. What was the name of the Angel that appeared to Mary?
3. About how old was Mary when the angel appeared to her?
4. What cousin did Mary go to after the angel appeared to her?
5. What future Saint was this cousin expecting?

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