

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 14, 2017 A.D.

MOTHERS

The most important person on earth is a mother.

She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not.

She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral ... a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body.

Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature. God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation.

What on God's good earth is more glorious than this:

to be a mother!

Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty

**TO ALL OUR MOTHERS,
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY.**



**To our Mothers who have gone before us,
eternal rest grant unto them, oh Lord!**



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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, baby Nicholas, William Biasi, James Brady, Joey Bulger, Kathy Freeburn, Marylou Goreb, Thomas Haring, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Joseph LoVecchio, Anne Matthaëi, 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

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.

OLV K of C Baby Bottle Collection

This weekend 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 21st or drop it off at the Rectory. Your contributions will benefit mothers in need and their new-born babies.

The Morning Offering

Kneel down and using your own words or a formula, briefly offer up all the day ahead for God's glory. As Saint Josemaria Escriva explained it: "Conquer yourself each day from the very first moment, giving yourself and the entire day to God." If, with the help of God, you conquer yourself in the moment, you have accomplished a great deal for the rest of the day.

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.

Bumper sticker of the year:

**"If you can read this, thank a teacher—
and, since it's in English, thank a soldier."**

**"The greatest teacher I ever had was my mother."
George Washington**

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.

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.

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 Iafate, 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.

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.

OLV Scripture STUDY

The OLV Bible Study Group meets every Wednesday, at 10:00a.m. in the Rectory. All are welcome to join us.

All that I am and all I hoped to be, I owe to my mother."
Abraham Lincoln

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

May 16 - Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
May 17- Wed - Bible Study Group—10:00AM
May 17 - Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM
May 18 -Thu - Rosary Society Mass and Meeting 12:00Noon
May 19 - Fri - Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM
May 20 - 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!

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.

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.

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 weekday 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 info or to join, call Greg Evanella at 201-768-5752.

LONG DISTANCE CALL

While on vacation in Rome, I noticed a marble column in St. Peter's with a golden telephone on it. As a young priest passed by, I asked what the telephone was for. The priest told me it was a direct line to heaven, and if I'd like to call, it would be a thousand dollars. I was amazed, but declined the offer. Throughout Italy, I kept seeing the same golden telephones on marble columns. At each, I asked about it and the answer was always the same: It was a direct line to Heaven and I could call for a thousand dollars. Then - I continued my tour and arrived in Ireland. I decided to attend Mass at a local village church. As I walked in the door I noticed the same golden telephone. Underneath it there was a sign stating: "DIRECT LINE TO HEAVEN: 25 cents." "Father," I said, "I have just been all over Italy and in all the cathedrals I visited, I've seen telephones exactly like this one. But the price is always a thousand dollars. Why is it that this telephone is only 25 cents?" "It's only twenty-five cents because it's a local call from here."

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.

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 is a bittersweet time in the life of our parish. We love seeing our children receive the sacraments and learning about their faith in the classrooms. We are saddened to see this CCD year coming to a close. Today **we honor our Blessed Mother** as being queen of heaven and earth by having our First Communicants lead us in a procession that will culminate with the crowning of the statue of Mary. **We honor all our mothers** with a special Mass where we publicly thank them for their love, support and the sacrifices they make each day so we can live a life filled with joy and happiness. **We honor our teachers** who throughout the year gave witness to their love for God and Church by sharing their faith with all their students. Today is also the last day of CCD and although we are saddened because our classrooms and hallways grow silent for the summer, we rejoice because God has blessed our parish with such wonderful moms, dads, children, teachers and all who have made this a joyful and successful CCD year! May God bless all of you and hold you safely in the palm of His hand!

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.

ATTENTION ALL INCOMING 8TH GRADE PARENTS

Bergen Catholic High School will hold its annual summer COOP Prep Course for this Fall's examination. Choose from two sessions. Session 1 will be from June 26- July 5th and Session 2 will take place from July 6-July 14th. Classes run from 9-11am. Each Session is \$300. For information contact Matt Rosa, Director of Admissions, at mrosa@bergencatholic.org

Don Bosco Prep will offer two courses this summer for 8th grade boys to prepare them for the Cooperative Admissions (COOP) Exam for admissions to participating Catholic High Schools. Choose from two two-week sessions: Session 1: July 10-July 13 & July 17- July 20 or Session 2: July 24-July 27 & July 31-August 3. Both sessions are from 8:00am to Noon. Tuition for course is \$500. For more info contact Marilyn Palka at mpalka@donboscoprep.org.

Green Knights Basketball Camp

St. Joseph Regional 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.sjrnj.org.

CLOTHING BINS

"Mary has a special love and sensitivity for all God's children. This was manifested on many occasions, but was most pronounced at the wedding feast of Cana in which she interceded for the bride and groom when the supply of wine was depleted at their celebration. We can imitate sensitivity to the needs of others by donating any unwanted clothing and shoes to Catholic Charities. The bin is located on the Church grounds. Thank you .

Giving back to your parents with a Charitable Gift Annuity

Are you looking for the perfect gift for your aging parents that would guarantee income for life? Consider opening up a charitable gift annuity with the Archdiocese of Newark. A charitable gift annuity can provide payments with direct deposit to your aging parents now and a gift to their parish later, all while providing you with both piece of mind and an income tax deduction. If you would like information on this unique gift, please contact Theresa Lynch, Planned Giving Manager, Archdiocese of Newark 973-497-4042 or email lynchthe@rcan.org.

The taxpayer: That's someone who works for the federal government but doesn't have to take the civil service examination." **Ronald Reagan**

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 15 – St. Isidore the Farmer

8:00 Winifred Pavlu R/b the Kip Family

12:00 All Mothers, Living and Deceased

Tuesday, May 16—St. John Nepomucene of Bohemia—Priest

8:00 All Mothers, Living and Deceased

12:00 Robert K. Raymond R/b William Raymond

Wednesday, May 17—St. Paschal Baylon of Spain - Brother

8:00 Anna Mae Kaelber R/b Tony and Laura Scott

12:00 Larissa McCloskey and Raymond Porman R/b Janina Porman

Thursday, May 18—St. John I of Italy – Pope and Martyr

8:00 All Mothers, Living and Deceased

12:00 Cosmo Abbadessa R/b Ruth Cangialosi

Friday, May 19—St. Yves of France—Priest and Lawyer

8:00 All Mothers, Living and Deceased

12:00 Danny Wakefield R/b the McLarnon and Ortiz Family

Saturday, May 20—St. Bernardine of Siena - Priest

8:00 All Mothers, Living and Deceased

12:00 All Mothers, Living and Deceased

4:00 John and Anna Pagnussat R/b Lorraine Gobbetti

5:00 Sr. M. Egidia R/b Josephine J. Fogarino

Sunday, May 21—St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions

7:30 Betsy Clark R/b the Clark Family

8:15 Rev. Thomas F. McHugh—35th Anniv. R/b the Evanelia Family

9:30 Michael Bentivegna R/b the Bentivegna Family

10:45 Ottavio Martire R/b the Dooley Family

12:00 June Greene R/b Andrew and Marcia Oakes

1:00 People of the Parish

6:00 Hanora O'Connor R/b John and Mary Dunlea

7:00 Stanley Frankowski R/b the Wilkens Family

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for all mothers.

The Convent Sanctuary Lamp burns for the healing of **baby Nicholas**.

The Rectory Chapel Sanctuary Lamp burns for the healing of **baby Nicholas**.

The BV Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the intentions and

healing of **Tim O'Connell**, r/b the **McCarney 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 intentions

and healing of **John O'Connell**, r/b the **McCarney Family**.

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.

SAVE USED EYEGLASSES

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

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. St. Elizabeth 2. St. Anne 3. Eve 4. St. Elizabeth Seton 5. St. Gerard

"Whoever finds Mary shall find Jesus Christ,
the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

Fr. Peter John Cameron, OP

May is dedicated to Our Lady

PRAY THIS PRAYER

Bishop Fulton Sheen wrote a prayer for the unborn that all Roman Catholics should pray. It goes as follows

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of being aborted."

WHALES

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal, its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah". The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?" The little girl replied, "Then you ask him."

How True!

Don't worry about what people think; they don't do it very often.
My idea of homework is to sweep the room with a glance.
It is easier to get forgiveness than permission.
If you look like your passport picture, you need a vacation.
Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.
A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.
Middle age is when broadness of mind and narrowness of waist change places.
Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.
By the time you can make ends meet, they move the ends.

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.

FASTING

Are Catholics still required to fast prior to reception of Holy Communion? The General Rule is that Catholics **should fast for one hour** from solid food and beverages, with the exception of water, before going to Holy Communion. The period of fast is reduced for those who are sick, in the hospital, advanced in age and for those caring for them.

PRAY

No one can get to Heaven unless he prays. If you do not eat, you will starve to death. If you do not drink, you will die of thirst. If you do not breathe, you will die for lack of air. But prayer is more necessary for you than food and drink and air. If you do not pray, you shall never see God in Heaven.

OLV Prayer Power House

Become one of our prayer team members. There are no meetings, so this apostolate is wonderful for all, including those parishioners who are homebound. For information, please phone Maria at the rectory.

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.**

The Queen of this Land

Jaime Cardinal Sin, Primate of the Philippines, spoke at Stonehill College in North Easton, Massachusetts, to graduating seniors on May 18, 1986. His Eminence said of a scene he witnessed on February 23, 1986: "We knew that Marcos had sent out his troops, and that the only way to stop that dictator was to encourage the people to go to EDSA and pray to Our Lady."

Cardinal Sin said "Through all the available media sources, I, along with many other religious and media individuals, pleaded with the people to "Go to EDSA!" Shortly after the EDSA event, Rosalie was in the Philippines, and she spoke to Mr. Alex Reyes, the President of the local Blue Army, and a restaurant owner. At the time of the plea, he asked his family, "Who will go with me to die for God?" Several of his grandchildren joined him in his mission, fully expecting to be run over by the tanks...and die. And, they went!

Without any other weapons, several hundred people were praying the Rosary – everyone in deep and earnest prayer, with beads in their hands and candles flickering beside them.

On the front lines of EDSA stood Brother Joseph Rona with the statue of Our Lady that he had received from Rosalie, John, and the Blue Army, some two years before. Because the people had seen miracles with this statue, they asked Our Lady to intercede for them again, since their only alternatives now were Her help, or death. Facing them were hundreds of combat-ready marines whom this assembly of prayer had stopped; and, behind the soldiers (ready to climb up the little hill), the tanks, trucks, there stood two battalions about to launch an attack!

Then a very amazing thing happened. The troops stopped, the tanks were halted, not by any force of weapons, nor even by the force of bodies bound together in a human barricade. In the United Press International, Cardinal Sin reported that the government troops held their fire and did not attack the crowds blocking their way to Camp Crame, "because," as the soldiers told him, "a very beautiful Lady appeared," saying to them, "Dear soldiers, stop! Don't attack My people. I am the Queen of this land." The troops dispersed!

Cardinal Sin said, "I have not said this publicly before, and I hesitate to say it here, but I firmly believed, in my heart of hearts, that if the people prayed there, there would indeed be a miracle, and that our deliverance would come in peace from the Lord, through His Mother's hands.

"That is why I had to encourage them to go there. I felt that their confidence in Our Lady was necessary to save the day. Their lives were at stake, but we all trusted in God's power and Our Lady's love."

KIDZ KORNER

1. Who was St. John the Baptist's mom?
2. Who was the Virgin Mary's mom?
3. Who was the mother of Cain and Abel?
4. What famous American Saint was the mother of five children?
5. Who is the patron of expectant mothers?

Answers on page four

POST-ABORTION COUNSELING

Contact PROJECT RACHEL - 908-925-6442.

Antarctica: Antarctica is the only land on our planet that is not owned by any country. Ninety percent of the world's ice covers Antarctica. This ice also represents seventy percent of all the fresh water in the world. As strange as it sounds, however, Antarctica is essentially a desert; the average yearly total precipitation is about two inches. Although covered with ice (all but 0.4% of it, ice.), Antarctica is the driest place on the planet, with an absolute humidity lower than the Gobi desert.