

# Our Lady of Victories Church

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

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SUNDAY, June 25, 2017 A.D.

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## SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

**First Friday:** 7:00pm, 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 6:30pm

Saturday at 11:00a.m.-Noon; 3:00pm - 3:00pm

## 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.

# 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



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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, William Biasi, James Brady, Joey Bulger, Kathy Freeburn, Marylou Goreb, Thomas Haring, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Joseph LoVecchio, Anne Matthaëi, Teresa Meierdierks, Kyle Murphy, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Danny Rizzi, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, George Rush, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Jim Walsh, Catherine Wanner.

## **Spiritual Excerpt**

The version found written on the wall in Mother Teresa's home for children in Calcutta:

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you.

Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight.

Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten.

Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them anyway.

## **REASON, SEASON, LIFETIME**

People come into your life for a **reason**, a **season** or a **lifetime**. When you know which one it is, you will know what to do for that person. When someone is in your life for a **REASON**, it is usually to meet a need you have expressed. They have come to assist you through a difficulty, to provide you with guidance and support, to aid you physically, emotionally or spiritually. They may seem like a god-send and they are. They are there for the reason you need them to be. Then, without any wrongdoing on your part or at an inconvenient time, this person will say or do something to bring the relationship to an end.

Sometimes they die. Sometimes they walk away. Sometimes they act up and force you to take a stand. What we must realize is that our need has been met, our desire fulfilled, their work is done. The prayer you sent up has been answered and now it is time to

Some people come into your life for a **SEASON**, because your turn has come to share, grow or learn. They bring you an experience of peace or make you laugh. They may teach you something you have never done. They usually give you an unbelievable amount of joy. Believe it, it is real. But only for a season.

**LIFETIME** relationships teach you lifetime lessons, things you must build upon in order to have a solid emotional foundation. Your job is to accept the lesson, love the person and put what you have learned to use in all other relationships and areas of your life. It is said that love is blind but friendship is clairvoyant..

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Four of the Twelve Apostles had Greek names. The name of Andrew, the first-called (protoclete) among the Twelve, and the elder brother of St. Peter, is derived from the Greek word andros, which means "man." The name Philip is derived from the Greek compound word philippos, which means "fond of horses." The name Bartholomew, which is actually a surname, is derived from the Greek word Ptolemy. This was the name of Alexander the Great's Macedonian general who was the conqueror of Egypt. It was he who gave his name to the Egyptian dynasty of the Ptolemy's (323-23 Be), which supplanted the Pharaohs of old. Bar is the Aramaic word for "son of." Matthew is a Greek name that means "accumulator of things." This apostle, writer of the first Gospel, (who called himself "the publican"), is referred to by his Hebrew name, Levi, by the two other synoptic evangelists. The Apostle Thomas' name is derived from the Aramaic word for "twin" and is translated three times in St. John's Gospel into the Greek equivalent Didymus. St. Peter's Hebrew name was Simon. Our Lord changed his name to "Cephas," which is translated into the Greek word petros (rock). Therefore, St. Peter did not originally have a Greek name, as did the first four Apostles mentioned. It was common for the Jews who lived in Galilee during our Lord's mortal lifetime, especially those that settled along the trade routes frequented by the gentiles, to have Greek names in addition to their Hebrew names. All of the other Apostles, the two James (the Greater and the Less), John, the other Simon (the Canaanite), Jude, and Matthias, have Hebrew names. Respectively: James is the English rendering of the Hebrew Jacob, which means "one who seizes by the heel, i.e., supplanter"; John is from the Hebrew Jonas, which means "graced by God"; Simon, or Shimon, in Hebrew means "heard"; Jude is, of course, from Juda (Jew), the royal line from Jacob (the latter's name was changed by an angel to Israel, which means "strong with God"). Juda means "celebrated"; and, finally there is Matthias, which means "gift of the Lord."

## **SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

We are constantly under attack and tempted by the forces of EVIL. Every Tuesday afternoon from 2:15-3:15PM members of OLV parish meet and pray the Mary Mother of All Nations Novena which focuses on this daily battle.

## **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.

## **CLOTHING BINS**

Through the turbulence of your many demands, would you be willing to take a few minutes to gather your unwanted clothing and shoes to help Catholic Charities? Please drop them in the Catholic Charities donation bin located on the Church grounds. Your donations help Catholic Charities and Mt. Carmel Guild. Thank you.

## **HOW SHOULD WE DRESS??**

People generally have no real problem wearing proper clothing when entering places that demand such attire. Would you ever consider attending a formal dinner or a wedding dressed in a tee-shirt and shorts, or a tank top and swimming trunks? Why be rebellious in God's house?

## **Do You Have a First Grader?**

Time to register for CCD! Call 201-768-1400 or email olvhpcdd@gmail.com for a registration form and info. Classes begin in September.

## **GOING ON VACATION**

Visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) for the locations of Catholic Churches and a Mass schedule, throughout the USA.

## Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Jun 27 - Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM  
Jun 28 - Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM  
Jun 29 - Thu - Holy Hour 7:00PM  
Jun 30 - Fri - Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM  
Jul 1 - Sat - AA meeting lower church 7:00PM

## HOW TO STAY YOUNG

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay 'them.'
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.
6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves... Be ALIVE while you are alive.
7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county; to a foreign country but NOT to where the guilt is.
10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity. AND ALWAYS REMEMBER :  
Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We return to using the green vestments of Ordinary Time on Sundays. Changing colors gives a sense of the progress of faith through the seasons of life. For centuries, the number of colors and the reasons underlying them were left to local custom. Over time, we settled on six colors to express the character of a day or season: white, red, green, violet, black, and rose. Black is seldom seen these days, replaced by white or violet. Rose, really a dusty pink shade, appears at most twice a year. What does the color green suggest to you? Green is new growth, olives, evergreens, glistening emeralds, ripening pears, and fields at high summer. It suggests renewal, healing, fertility, peace, and harmony. In medieval Europe, green was the favorite color for brides! Did you know that drivers of green cars are the least likely to be stopped for speeding? Is it because of their own feelings of harmony and well being, or because law enforcement officers are filled with serenity when they see a green car whiz by? Take out a paint chart today and marvel at the many hues and names of green. The Church figured it out centuries ago: color really matters.

## 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.**

**The reason Mayberry was so peaceful and quiet was because nobody was married. Andy, Aunt Bea, Barney, Floyd, Howard, Goober, Gomer, Sam, Earnest T Bass, Helen, Thelma Lou, Clara and, of course, Opie were all single. The only married person was Otis, and he stayed drunk.**

## FOR GROWING IN THE FAITH

**On Sundays – Lectio Divina:** Devote a half hour or so each Sunday to reading Sacred Scripture in a prayerful manner. You might begin with one of the Gospels, or perhaps take up next Sunday's Gospel.

**On Mondays – Meditative Prayer:** Set aside time to pray by yourself and in silence. You might repeat peacefully the Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

**On Tuesdays – Fasting:** Choose one day of the week each week – perhaps this day – to fast. Offer your mortification for specific intentions. Pray that your spiritual hunger will match your physical hunger.

**On Wednesdays – Charitable Works of Mercy:** Use this day to go out of your way to care for the poor, the needy, and the lonely. Reflect on all the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and commit to carrying out each of them during the season of Lent.

**On Thursdays – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Make regular Eucharistic Adoration a priority of your Lenten observance. Bring all your prayer requests and the needs of your family and friends before the Lord's Eucharistic presence. Let him gaze at you in love.

**On Fridays – Study of the Faith:** Build into your Lenten Fridays choice time to study the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Start with those areas of doctrine which you need to understand better.

**On Saturdays – Confession and Mortification for Sins:** Let your Lent be marked by frequent confession. Resolve to give up certain pleasures and conveniences during Lent as a penance for sin.

## The REAL PRESENCE

On the evening of the last day of his October 1995 visit to the United States, John Paul II was scheduled to greet the seminarians at Saint Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. It had been a very full day that began with a Mass at Oriole Park in Camden Yards; a parade through downtown streets; a visit to the Basilica of the Assumption, the first cathedral in the country; lunch at a local soup kitchen run by Catholic Charities; a prayer service at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in North Baltimore; and finally a quick stop at Saint Mary's Seminary. The schedule was simply to greet the seminarians while they stood outside on the steps.

But the Pope made his way through their ranks and into the building. His plan was to first make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament. When his wishes were made known, security flew into action. They swept the building, paying close attention to the chapel where the Pope would be praying. For this purpose, highly trained dogs were used to detect any person who might be present. The dogs are trained to locate survivors in collapsed buildings after "earthquakes and other disaster." These highly intelligent and eager dogs quickly went through the halls, offices and classrooms and were then sent to the chapel. They went up and down the aisles, past the pews and finally into the side chapel where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved. Upon reaching the tabernacle, the dogs sniffed, whined, pointed, and refused to leave, their attention riveted on the tabernacle, until called by their handlers. They were convinced that they discovered someone there. We Catholics know they were right – they found a real living Person in the tabernacle.

## Fathers Day Raffle Winners

1st Prize – Tim Supple, River Vale— \$2302.50

2nd Prize – Tony DiBari, River Vale— \$1381.50

3rd Prize – Paul Parascondolo, Harrington Pk— \$921.00

**My therapist said that my narcissism causes me to misread social situations. I'm pretty sure she was hitting on me.**

**"The Magic Bank Account"**

Imagine that you had won the following \*PRIZE\* in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has rules:

The set of rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time it can say, "Game Over!" It can close the account and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted right?

Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

ACTUALLY, This GAME is REAL ... Shocked ??? YES!

Each of us is already a winner of this \*PRIZE\*.

We just can't seem to see it. The PRIZE is \*TIME\*!!

1. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life.
2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is Not credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever gone.
5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time WITHOUT WARNING... SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds?

I have seen something like this before but this time I enjoyed it a little more. It really makes you "think," doesn't it? Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars. Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.

**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 6:30PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

**STUDY THE BIBLE**

A young boy had just gotten his driver's permit and asked his father if they could discuss his use of the car. His father said he'd make a deal with his son. "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, get your hair cut and we'll talk about the car." The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, "Son, I've been real proud. You brought your grades up, and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm real disappointed you didn't get your hair cut." The young man paused a moment then said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair and there's even a strong argument that Jesus had long hair." To this his father replied, "And did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?"

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, June 26 – St. Anthelm, Bishop**

8:00 All fathers, living and deceased  
12:00 Wally Gansleben R/b Monika Senicar

**Tuesday, June 27 – St. Cyril of Alexandria**

8:00 Karen Walz R/b Tom and Jeanne Hennessey  
12:00 Elsie M. Ballas R/b the Zwerle Family

**Wednesday, June 28-St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr**

8:00 Thomas F. Lagatol II R/b the Lagatol Family  
12:00 All fathers, living and deceased

**Thursday, June 29– Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles**

8:00 James P. Walsh R/b Jeanne Marie Walsh  
12:00 Intentions of George Fabiano R/b George and Gail Fabiano

**Friday, June 30 – First Martyrs of the Church of Rome**

8:00 Eleanora Zanetti R/b the Zanetti Family  
12:00 Anita Portelli R/b the Bland Family

**First Saturday, July 1 – Bl. Junipero Serra - Priest**

8:00 Graziano and Smith Families R/b Teresa Smith  
12:00 Souls in Purgatory

4:00 Lois Ryder R/b Al and Janet Weis  
5:00 Gregory Luzzi R/b the Russo and Bischoff Families

**Sunday, July 2 – St. Bernardino Realino of Italy-Priest**

7:30 Kelly Chalkley R/b the O'Brien Family  
8:15 Intentions of Roseanne Morgan R/b Marita Morgan  
9:30 Living and Deceased members of Holy Name Society  
10:45 Helen Bator—10th Anniversary R/b the Davies Family  
12:00 Louise M. Gorman-1st Anniversary R/b Jennifer Link  
1:00 People of the Parish  
6:00 James Cahill R/b Steve and Karen LoPresti  
7:00 Cerillo and Izzo Families R/b the Maher Family

**SANCTUARY MEMORIALS**

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of **Anita Portelli**, r/b Edna Portelli.

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

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

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week in for a special intention.

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

The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp burns this week for those who have given their lives 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.

**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 July 31.

**KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS**

1. Jesuit Father John Carroll – whose cousin signed the Declaration of Independence.
2. Los Angeles with 5 million Catholics.
3. St Patrick's in NYC
4. To mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Dioceses of NY, Boston, Philadelphia and Louisville.
5. Sixteen (16).

**The Church's Best-Kept Secret**

In 1968 when *Humanae Vitae* was released, there were great howls of protests from lay and clergy alike. The notion was that the Church was "behind the times," "out of touch" with the needs of married couples, lacking in compassion and so forth. In truth, it was the secular culture that was out of touch in its notion that the Church had to take her marching orders from the culture instead of vice-versa. On this issue as on many others the Church has been sadly vindicated, although many still do not recognize it. Fr. Tom DiLorenzo, of the Archdiocese of Boston, and one of the most effective preachers in the country, once proclaimed in a homily, "If you're having a disagreement with God, guess who's wrong!"

Many were and still are wrong in their disagreements with God on contraception. Is dissent on *Humanae Vitae* a disagreement with God? Yes. Jesus Christ is God, and he instituted the Magisterium, saying, "He who hears you hears me." He gave Peter the Keys, saying "what you loose on earth is loosed in Heaven, what you bind on earth is bound in Heaven." This is what Catholics believe; that the ordinary Magisterium speaks for Christ infallibly on matters of faith and morals. A papal encyclical is an exercise of the ordinary Magisterium which is infallible in its teaching, even though not declared solemnly. Contraception is a moral issue. It is a matter of faith that we accept this teaching. However, God never asks the impossible or unreasonable of us. It may seem unreasonable in the short run, as in when He asked Abraham to slay his only son as a sacrifice, but Abraham in his obedience passed the test God put to him and his son was spared. So too, some interpreted *Humanae Vitae* as unreasonable, a heavy burden. (Even though since the beginning of time couples gave birth to and raised children in hardships unknown to the modern world, yet the modern world somehow saw children as a burden.) Perhaps we, too, were put to a test of obedience. But before long God revealed to those studying the issue the gift of Natural Family Planning (NFP). The response has been less than grateful.

As always, God and the Church are very understanding and a licit way to space children for serious reason appeared on the scene, which had the added benefit of improving communication between couples on intimate matters, creating, in turn, greater intimacy. In fact, studies show that correctly done, NFP is more effective than the pill and entirely free of the medical risks that accompany the pill. All this presupposes a proper Catholic attitude that children are a priceless blessing from God always to be welcomed.

Strangely, to this day NFP remains one of the Church's best-kept secrets. At the mention of it people still scoff: "Oh! The rhythm method!" This is inexcusable ignorance in any Catholic who ostensibly cares about the issue. NFP is most certainly not the rhythm method. One would have thought the good news of NFP would have been shouted from the housetops by those who found *Humanae Vitae* to be a "heavy burden" placed on couples by an "uncaring Church," but it hasn't worked out that way, which leads one to suspect the core of the issue is not pastoral but ideological. Attacking Church authority, it seems, is more important to dissenters than helping the "heavily burdened."

**SAINTS PETER & PAUL**

On June 29, we honor the two great pillars on which Jesus built His Church: Saints Peter and Paul, who totally lived for God and His Church. Peter left a fishing career, his wife and family; Paul, a tent maker, left the comforts of family and homeland, to travel to the ends of the know world to spread the news of Jesus Christ. They both died to "self" so that Jesus could work in and through them! Jesus will work in and through each of us – if we die to "self" and live totally for God.

**CEREAL COLLECTION**

For the month of June OLV will be having a breakfast cereal collection to benefit the St. Cecelia Food Pantry.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The custom of signing an "X" as a sign of affection at the conclusion of a letter is actually a Medieval usage that expressed a sacred promise to fulfill one's obligations in the name of St. Andrew the Apostle. Tradition has it that those Christians who were unable to write used to draw this symbol in place of their own name on necessary documents. The signer then kissed the letter to affirm his sincerity in the same way that one kissed the Bible when taking an oath. The "X" was used to honor St. Andrew who was martyred in Achaia, Greece on a cruciformed shaped cross.

**BAPTISM**

Johnny's Mother looked out the window and noticed him "playing church" with their cat. He had the cat sitting quietly and he was reaching to it. She smiled and went about her work. A while later she heard loud meowing and hissing and ran back to the open window to see Johnny baptizing the cat in a tub of water. She called out, "Johnny, stop that! The cat is afraid of water!" Johnny looked up at her and said, "He should have thought about that before he joined my church."

**THE REAL NAME**

The original name of Los Angeles, California, as a Franciscan mission, was El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de los Angeles de Portiuncula (The Village of our Lady Queen of the Angels of the Portiuncula). The Portiuncula was the original chapel built by Saint Francis of Assisi after receiving God's command to "rebuild My Church." The seal of the city of Los Angeles is encircled by a seven-decade rosary, which was the traditional number of decades on the Franciscan crown. The late Walter O'Malley, the first owner of the L.A. Dodgers, said that when he designed Dodger stadium he surrounded the park with cypress trees in seven groups of ten (one Our Father tree spaced between each) to honor our Lady's Rosary as it was portrayed on her city's seal.

**PARENTS & TIME**

If your son or daughter were to be asked, "What was most important in your mother or father's life". How would your children answer this question? What does your child perceive as most important in their parent's lives? Would the response of the most important be jobs or career, the pursuit of money and material wealth, or themselves over the correct answer of family? Parents, think about it, because your actions speak louder than words.

**SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS OF THOSE WITH ADDICTION**

Weekly support group for loved ones of opiod-addicted young adults, adults. Experienced facilitator. Our Lady of Victories Rectory, starts Tuesday, June 27, at 7:30PM.

**KIDZ KORNER**

1. Who was the first Catholic bishop in the US?
2. Which is the largest archdiocese in the US?
3. Where is the largest Catholic Cathedral in the US?
4. What was the reason for the Pope's 2015 visit to America?
5. How many American Cardinals are there right now?

Answers on page four.

**God loves us the way we are,  
but too much to leave us that way.**