

# 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, August 27, 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

#### 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 - 3:30pm

#### 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, William Biasi, Joey Bulger, Rich Ferrara, Kathy Freeburn, Marylou Goreb, Thomas Haring, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Lisa LoSchiavo, Joseph LoVecchio, Anne Matthaedi, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, George Rush, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Jim Walsh, Mary Younghans.

### **NEED BAPTISM, FIRST COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION**

If you want to become a Roman Catholic or complete your Initiation into the Church, the RCIA is for you! For more information, phone the rectory. *Adult Catholics* who have not yet celebrated *Confirmation*, should also contact the rectory for preparation class information.

## **CCD Registration**

The CCD office is accepting registrations for the CCD program starting in September. If you would like to register or re-register your children, please contact the CCD office at 201-768-1400, or email [olvhpccd@gmail.com](mailto:olvhpccd@gmail.com), and we will send a registration form to you.

## **MARRIED COUPLES**

Married couples who attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend go home more in love with each other than ever! To receive information and a registration brochure, call Mike and Janet Turco at 973 427-7016 or 609 335-6880 or email [njwme@peoplepc.com](mailto:njwme@peoplepc.com) or check us out on FACEBOOK.

### **NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED**

Stop in and visit Jesus in the Tabernacle. You can do it here at OLV Parish. Our Church is open 7am-4:30pm (M-F).

## **TISSUE FOR INJECTIONS**

Pro-life advocates are decrying a grisly new outrage in Europe. Face lifts and cosmetic surgery using tissue from aborted babies are being offered at clinics in places such as Moscow and Rotterdam. In many cases women in third world nations are being paid up to \$200 to carry babies up to 12 weeks of pregnancy, when the unborn children are aborted and sold to the cosmetic clinics. An increasing number of these facilities are now springing up in popular vacation spots including Barbados and the Dominican Republic where regulation is spotty at best.

## **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. See Fr. Bryan or call the Vocations Office 973-497-4365.

### **CONVALIDATION**

Were you married civilly by a mayor or justice of the peace and would now like to be married in the Catholic Church? See Fr. Bryan for more details and to see if your marriage can be regularized with the Church.

## **Norwood PreSchool**

**Enrolling now for the 2017-18 School Year**  
**Christina Guirland, Owner—201-767-9909**

155 Parkway, Harrington Park. Grow NJ Kids Participant, Spacious Indoor & Outdoor play areas, Yoga and Music Class included, Nutritious meals and organic milk provided, Before & After Care services available for Harrington Park Public School, After Care services available for Norwood Public School, Pro-rated summer tuition, Sibling Discount, **\$100 registration fee waived when you mention ad in church bulletin.**

### **Sisters of Charity 50/50 Raffle**

Sr. Elizabeth will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets this weekend after Mass to support Maris Stella Retreat Center. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. Three prizes: 1st prize 25%, 2nd prize 15%, 3rd prize 10% of gross receipts. Drawing will be held on September 3, at Maris Stella. Winner need not be present. Please make checks payable to Sisters of Charity.

### **Knights of Columbus**

All men over 18 are invited to join the OLV Knights of Columbus, the world's largest men's fraternal organization. For more information or to join, please contact Greg Evanello 201-784-5752.

### **EGGS, BUNNIES, AND EASTER**

By Ryan Scheel

Easter is a celebration Jesus' crucifixion, death, and resurrection through which we get new life and are reborn. Eggs, rabbits and springtime are symbols of new life and birth. Rabbits, being very fertile, were often used in early Christian art as a sign of fertility and new life. Eggs were used to symbolize creation and rebirth. But this is not exclusive to Christianity. Most cultures viewed eggs, obviously, as a sign of birth fertility... because that is EXACTLY what they are! Of course Christians would use obvious symbols to make obvious parallels.

According to Scientific America- The Phoenix (that dies and is reborn) was adopted as a Christian symbol in the first century AD. It appears on funeral stones in early Christian art, churches, religious paintings, and stonework. The egg from which it (The Phoenix) rose has become our Easter egg. As with many symbols, the Easter egg has continued to shift. When the Lenten fast was adopted in the third and fourth centuries, observant Christians abstained from dairy products, including milk, cheese, butter, and eggs. In England, on the Saturday before Lent, it was common practice for children to go from door to door to beg for eggs—a last treat before the fast began.

In the Christian East, painting Easter eggs is an especially beloved tradition. Orthodox and Eastern Catholics have the tradition of dying eggs red to represent the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed on the cross. The eggs are blessed by the priest at the end of the Paschal vigil and distributed to the people. The shell of the egg represents the sealed Tomb of Christ, and cracking the shell represents Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Just because one culture adopts a thing as a symbol, it does not mean another culture cannot independently adopt the same things as a symbol of something else. To argue otherwise is the fallacy of false cause. For example, in the Chinese zodiac, the monkey is a sign of wisdom, where in the west, the monkey is a sign of foolishness as in "monkeying around".

"After Constantine decided to Christianize the Empire, Easter was changed to represent Jesus." One fundamental point that this image glosses over is that Constantine would never have used or heard the word Easter. The word Easter, let alone the English language didn't even exist yet in his time. Constantine would have spoken Latin and Greek. The word Constantine would have used to refer to the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ would have been Πάσχα, or "Pascha". In the Hebrew, Passover is Pesach. The Greek form is simply a transliteration and takes the form Pascha. Virtually ALL languages refer to Easter as either a transliterated form of pascha or otherwise use resurrection in the name. English and German stand apart in their use of Easter (Ostern) to refer to the celebration of the Resurrection.

## Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Aug 26/27—Sat/Sun: Srs. of Charity 50/50 Raffle Tickets for sale.  
Aug 29—Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM  
Aug 30 - Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM  
Sep 1 - Fri - Mass followed by Sacred Heart Devotions 7:30PM  
Sep 2 - Sat - AA meeting lower church 7:00PM

## PRAY for THOSE in the MILITARY

Private First Class 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;  
Private 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;  
Colonel John McLaughlin, US Army;  
Lieutenant John G. Miele, US Army.

## HIGH SCHOOL COOP EXAM

**Attention families of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students planning to attend Catholic high school in Fall 2018!** The High School Placement Test (HSPT®) administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Program for Catholic high schools will be given on Friday, November 10, 2017. Registration for this exam is online at [www.njcoopexam.org](http://www.njcoopexam.org) beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information about the Cooperative Admissions Program go to [www.catholicchoolsnj.org](http://www.catholicchoolsnj.org).

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON PRAYER GROUP

Every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00PM-3:00PM we have a group who are praying a **Marian Novena Rosary** in Church in front of the Blessed Sacrament. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

On the first day, God created the dog and said: "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this I will give you a life span of twenty years." The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?" And God said that it was good. On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span." The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?" And God again said that it was good. On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years." The cow said "That's kind of hard to want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?" And God agreed it was good. On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years." But the human said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?" "Okay," said God, "You asked for it." So that is why for our first 20 years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next 40 years, we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next 10 years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone. **Life has now been explained to you.**

## COMFORT FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

unknown author

So many people imagine that death cruelly separates us from our loved ones. Even pious people are led to believe this great and sad mistake. When our loved ones die, they do not leave us, they remain. They do not go to some dark and distant place. They simply begin their eternity. We do not see them because we are still in the darkness of the world. But their spiritual eyes, filled with the light of heaven, are always watching us as they wait for the day when we shall share their perfect joy. We are all born for heaven, and one by one we end this life of tears to begin our life in endless happiness.

A firm faith in the real and continual presence of our loved ones has brought the conviction and consolation that death has not destroyed them, nor carried them away. Rather it has given them life – a life with power to know fully and to love perfectly. With this new life and new power our loved ones are always present to us, knowing and loving us more than ever before.

The tears that dampen our eyes in times of mourning are tears of homesickness, tears of longing for our loved ones. But it is we who are away from home. Death, for our loved ones, has been a doorway to an eternal home. And only because this heavenly home is invisible to our worldly eyes, we cannot see them so near us. Yet, they are with us, lovingly and tenderly waiting for the day when we, too, will enter the doorway of our eternal home. No, death is not a separation. It is a preparation for eternal union with those we love, in the peace and joy of heaven. Someone has written these beautiful words. One must read and try to understand the deep meanings in them. All things in life are temporary. If going well enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong don't worry, they can't last long either. Old friends are like Gold! New friends are Diamonds! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a base of Gold! Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end! When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you. WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES; it takes away today's PEACE. Praying for love and peace to fill your life.

## TWO BEGGARS

Two beggars were sitting side-by-side on a street in Rome. One has a cross in front of him; the other one, the Star of David. Many people go by and look at both beggars, but put money only in the hat of the beggar sitting behind the cross. The Pope comes by, stops and watches throngs of people giving money to the beggar behind the cross, but giving none to the beggar sitting behind the Star of David.

Finally, the Pope goes over to the beggar behind the Star of David and says, "My poor fellow, don't you understand? This is a Catholic country; this city is the seat of Catholicism. People aren't going to give money if you sit there with a Star of David in front of you, especially when you're sitting beside a beggar who has a cross in front of him. In fact, they would probably give money to him just out of spite." The beggar behind the Star of David listened to the Pope, turned to the other beggar with the cross and said, "Moishe, look who's trying to teach the Goldstein brothers about marketing."

**MARIAN SYMBOLS**

**W**hat is perhaps the simplest Marian insignia is her most profound symbol: the letter "M" beneath a simple cross, signifying what is recorded in the Bible: "Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his home." [John 19:2 Sa,26-27] The late Pope John Paul II put this symbol, which had been on his Episcopal seal, on his papal coat-of-arms. Other bishops with a strong devotion to Mary often do the same to honor our Blessed Mother. There is much debate over the root of her name, rendered in English as Mary. The Hebrew form of her name, Miryam, is also the name of the sister of Moses. Some suggest it is of Egyptian origin since Moses and his sister were born in Egypt as Hebrew slaves, and no other Old Testament woman is named Mary. In Egypt, the name "Mary" suitably means "Cherished" or "Beloved". Some say the Gospel writers used Mariam to differentiate her from other biblical Mary's: Ancient translations of Scripture use Maria or Mariamme from which arose many interesting Marian symbols! One translation of her Jewish name means "Star" - so it became customary to embroider a star atop her veil and/or on the right shoulder of her mantle. This led to such Marian titles as "Star of Jacob" based on this Old Testament prophecy of the promised Messiah: "I see him, though not close at hand: A star shall advance from Jacob." [Number24:17a] For just as the stars once guided travels before the dawn, Mary was the last and greatest "star" to guide us before the birth of the true Light of the World: Jesus Christ our lord ... and Mary's Son. She is also called "Stella Maris" or the "Star of the Sea" that guides sailors through the dark night, and the "Morning Star" that heralds the dawn of the new day. The last biblical book says: "A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." [Revelation 12:1] The dozen "stars" symbolize the Apostles, which gained her the title "Queen of Apostles." (from this some anti-Catholics opposed the European Union's flag which has a ring of twelve stars on a solid blue field, because it's a symbol of the Blessed Virgin Mary! The custom of dressing Mary in radiant, dazzling garments befits one "clothed with the sun." Based on this prophecy, Mary is also shown standing on a crescent moon though one rodeo-loving little guy once asked, "Why is Mary standing on bull horns?" [Can't make this up either for Pete's sake!]. Perhaps Mary's most common image after Madonna and Child is from the "Protoevangelium" or "First Gospel"- the Lord God's warning to the serpent after the Fall of Adam and Eve: I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your offspring and hers; He will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel" [Genesis 3:15] From this Mary earned the title, "The New Eve" - who stands atop a snake, often with an apple in its mouth. Sometimes [and more biblically accurate] the Child Jesus stands before Mary and He crushes the serpent's head. Mary is also seen as "the Closed Gate" since: "*Then he brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, facing the east but it was closed.* He said to me: 'This gate is to remain closed,' it is not to be opened for anyone to enter by it since the Lord, the God of Israel, has entered by it, it shall remain closed." [Ezekiel 44: 1-2] Since antiquity this has been to defend her perpetual virginity, for once her womb housed God, it was closed to all others as the prophet foretold! Believe in miracles.

**Mass Intentions****Monday, August 28 – St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor**

8:00 Msgr. James M. Sheehan R/b the Adamcik Family  
12:00 Thomas Cox R/b the Yorio Family

**Tuesday, August 29 – Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist**

8:00 Intentions of Anna Heaney R/b the Heaney Family  
12:00 Mimma Mormina R/b Domenic and Marcella Cafarella

**Wednesday, August 30– St. Fiacre, Hermit-Ireland**

8:00 Anna F. Smyth R/b Lou and Carol Beirele  
12:00 Deirdre M. Maywood R/b Bill and Cathy Ryan

**Thursday, August 31– St. Aristedes, Athenian Philosopher**

8:00 Rose Vespucci R/b the Poggi Family  
12:00 Timothy Pommatt R/b Judy Pommatt

**First Friday, September 1 – St. Giles, Abbot - France**

8:00 Marijan Fizulich R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich  
12:00 Intentions of Raph, Mike and Sandra Giron R/b the Giron Family

**7:00 Gerard and Maureen Byrne R/b William and Carole DeBriano**

**First Saturday, Sep. 2–St. Ingrid, Virgin-Swedish Dominican Sister**  
8:00 Kevin Lagatol R/b the Lagatol Family  
12:00 Souls in Purgatory

4:00 Joel More R/b Steve and Mary Izzo  
5:00 Lizette Donnelly R/b Pat Halligan

**Sunday, September 3–St. Gregory the Great of Rome, Italy-Pope**

7:30 Patricia Harvey R/b David Musante  
8:15 Intentions of Marita Morgan

9:30 John J. Harrison R/b Barbara Harloe  
10:45 Joseph Gornetski R/b the McElroy Family

12:00 David Zocco R/b Mike Zocco  
1:00 People of the Parish

6:00 Charles Coutant R/b Bill and Anne Cote  
7:00 Vincent Savastano R/b Bob and Roe Murphy

**SANCTUARY MEMORIALS****The Church Sanctuary Lamp, the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph**

**Votive Lamps** burn this week for the intentions of Anna Heaney, r/b the Heaney Family.

**The Hosts and Wine** used at the sacrifice of Holy Mass have been donated in honor of Anna Heaney, r/b the Heaney Family.

**The Convent Sanctuary Lamp** burns this week for the souls in Purgatory .

**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 serve in defense of our country.

**LEARN YOUR FAITH**

Defend your Catholic Faith, but first learn more about it. Check out this site to learn more about Roman Catholicism - [biblechristiansociety.com/](http://biblechristiansociety.com/)

**SAY A HAIL MARY**

Father Gabriel Amorth, Chief Exorcist of the Vatican writes: One day a colleague of mine heard the devil say during an exorcism: "Every Hail Mary is like a blow on my head. If Christians knew how powerful the Rosary was, it would be my end." The secret that makes this prayer so effective is that the Rosary is both Prayer and meditation. It is addressed to the Father, to the Blessed Virgin, and to the Holy Trinity, and is a meditation centered on Christ.

**KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS**

1. 30 years 2. 33 years 3. The Wedding in Cana 4. Mary 5. Yes

**Feed your faith and your fears will starve.**

### **The Wall**

A little history most people will never know. Interesting Veterans Statistics off the Vietnam Memorial Wall: There are 58,267 names now listed on that polished black wall, including those added in 2010. The names are arranged in the order in which they were taken from us by date and within each date, the names are alphabetized. It is hard to believe it is 36 years since the last casualties.

The first known casualty was Richard B. Fitzgibbon, of North Weymouth, Mass. Listed by the U.S Department of Defense as having been killed on June 8, 1956. His name is listed on the Wall with that of his son, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Richard B. Fitzgibbon III, who was killed on Sept. 7, 1965. There are three sets of fathers and sons on the Wall. 39,996 on the Wall were just 22 or younger. 8,283 were just 19 years old, and of the largest age group, 33,103 were 18 years old. 12 soldiers on the Wall were 17 years old. 5 soldiers on the Wall were 16 years old. One soldier, PFC Dan Bullock was 15 years old. 997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam. 1,448 soldiers were killed on their last day in Vietnam. 31 sets of brothers are on the Wall. Thirty one sets of parents lost two of their sons.

54 soldiers attended Thomas Edison High School in Philadelphia. I wonder why so many from one school. 8 Women who nursed the wounded are on the Wall. 244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War; 153 of them are on the Wall. Beallsville, Ohio, with a population of 475, lost 6 of her sons. West Virginia had the highest casualty rate per capita in the nation. There are 711 West Virginians on the Wall.

The Marines of Morenci - They led some of the scrappiest high school football and basketball teams that the little Arizona copper town of Morenci (pop. 5,058) had ever known and cheered. They enjoyed roaring beer busts. In quieter moments, they rode horses along the Coronado Trail, stalked deer in the Apache National Forest. And in the patriotic camaraderie typical of Morenci's mining families, the nine graduates of Morenci High enlisted as a group in the Marine Corps. Their service began on Independence Day, 1966. Only 3 returned home.

The Buddies of Midvale - Le Roy Tafoya, Jimmy Martinez, and Tom Gonzales were all boyhood friends and lived on three consecutive streets in Midvale, Utah on Fifth, Sixth and Seventh avenues. They lived only a few yards apart. They played ball at the adjacent sandlot ball field. And they all went to Vietnam. In a span of 16 dark days in late 1967, all three would be killed. Le Roy was killed on Wednesday, Nov. 22, the fourth anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination. Jimmy died less than 24 hours later on Thanksgiving Day. Tom was shot dead assaulting the enemy on Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

The most casualty deaths for a single day was on January 31, 1968 ~ 245 deaths. The most casualty deaths for a single month was May 1968 - 2,415 casualties were incurred. For most Americans who read this they will only see the numbers that the Vietnam War created. To those of us who survived the war, and to the families of those who did not, we see the faces, we feel the pain that these numbers created. We are, until we too pass away, haunted with these numbers, because they were our friends, fathers, husbands, wives, sons and daughters. There are no noble wars, just noble warriors.

### **AT THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE**

A gorgeous young redhead goes into the doctor's office and said that her body hurt wherever she touched it. "Impossible!" says the doctor. "Show me." The redhead took her finger, pushed on her left shoulder and screamed, then she pushed her elbow and screamed even more. She pushed her knee and screamed; likewise she pushed her ankle and screamed. Everywhere she touched made her scream. The doctor said, "You're not really a redhead, are you?" "Well, no" she said, "I'm actually a blonde. "I thought so," the doctor said, "Your finger is broken."

### **The Gift of Every Day**

**B**efore beginning your work, dear brethren, never fail to make the Sign of the Cross. Do not imitate those people without religion who dare not do this because they are in company. Offer quite simply all your difficulties to God and renew from time to time this offering, for by that means you will have the happiness of drawing down the blessing of Heaven on yourself and on all you do. Just think, my dear brethren, how many acts of virtue you can practice by behaving in this way, without making any change in what you are actually doing. If you work with the object of pleasing God and obeying His Commandments, which order you to earn your bread by the sweat of your brow, that is an act of obedience. If you want to expiate your sins, you are making an act of penance. If you want to obtain some grace for yourself or for others, it is an act of hope and charity. Oh, how we could merit Heaven every day, my dear brethren by doing just our ordinary duties, but by doing them for God and the salvation of our souls! Who stops you, when you hear the chimes striking, from thinking on the shortness of time and of saying in your minds: "Time passes, and death comes closer. I am hastening towards eternity. Am I really ready to appear before the tribunal of God? Am I not in a state of sin?" **St. John Vianney**

### **WHO IS RIGHT????**

**Jehovah's Witnesses have been known to say that God's name is Jehovah. Is this true?** The Hebrew name for God, as given in the Book of Exodus, is Yahweh. Ancient Hebrew did not have written vowels; therefore, the name looked like this: YHWH. The four letters of the sacred Name are known as the tetragrammaton. In German, Y can be replaced by J and W by V, so that it would come out thus: JHVH. When certain vowels are inserted, "Jehovah" emerges. However, the substitutions are shaky, and the best proof that the whole process is faulty is that Jews today know the Lord's Name as Yahweh, not Jehovah.

### **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.

### **KIDZ KORNER**

1. How old was Jesus when He started His ministry in Israel?
2. How old was Jesus when He was imprisoned and crucified?
3. Where did Jesus perform His first miracle?
4. Who was taken up to Heaven on the Assumption?
5. According to Tradition, was Mary an only child?

**Answers on page four**

**Believe in miracles.**