

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, February 11, 2018 A.D.

WELCOME

To the Parish Family of

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES

(THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART)

COME WORSHIP WITH US



Photo courtesy of MELCHIOR DI GIACOMO

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2018

Mass at 6:30a.m., 8:00a.m., 12:00Noon, 5:00p.m.,

6:00p.m. Latin, 7:00p.m.

Service of Word at 3:30p.m.



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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**: Joey Bulger, Kamal Faris, Kathy Freeburn, Marietta Flahive, Gloria Genovese, Tom Giuliano, Marylou Goreb, Thomas Haring, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Lisa LoSchiavo, Anne Matthaehi, Roseann Placey, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, George Rush, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Jim Walsh, Mary Youngmans.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"Whenever a person becomes obsessed with success and material things, he quickly becomes restless. The proud and greedy never rest; the poor and humble in spirit rest in great peace. Anyone who is not completely free from the grip of his own vanity is easily tempted and is toppled by small, trifling things." **Thomas A Kempis**,

THE IMITATION OF CHRIST Book 1, Chapter 6.

ADDITIONAL FRIDAY MASS

During LENT there will be an additional Friday evening Mass offered at 7:00PM followed by the Stations of the Cross which will be led by one of the adult ministries of OLV parish.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross, followed by Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, on Thursday evenings at 7:00p.m. Each week the Thursday evening Stations will be led by OLV's Confirmation Class. Also, Stations of the Cross will be held after 8:00a.m. Mass on Saturday mornings during Lent.

Make a DIFFERENCE

What happens when 1.6 million men believe they can make a difference - they actually do. Join the Knights of Columbus. Last year they volunteered over 58 million hours to help the needy and better their communities. They raised over \$125 million for charities and local churches. For more information call Greg at 201-784-5752.

ADORATION

Just a reminder we have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays from 12:30PM—3:00PM, Thursday night from 7:00PM—8:00PM, and Fridays from 12:30PM—3:00PM.

So stop by and adore Our Eucharistic Lord.

2018 Wedding Anniversary Masses

The Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in 2018. Couples deserving of such recognition are urged to participate. These liturgies will be celebrated at 3:00p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

Sunday, April 29, 2018— 5 & 25 years

Sunday, May 6, 2018—50 years

Please call the OLV Rectory to register at 201-768-1706.

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.

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. All are welcome. Join us.

2018 LENTEN REGULATIONS

The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (or Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and **two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.** Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2018** to the **Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 27, 2018.**

*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

SOUPer BOWL Food Collection

For the next two weeks OLV will be collecting assorted non-perishable canned foods for St Cecelia's food Bank. Please bring your donation to the Church or leave at the rectory garages. Thank you.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ashes will be distributed during the Masses. The Mass Schedule for the day is as follows: 6:30a.m., 8:00a.m., 12:00Noon, 5:00p.m., 6:00p.m. Latin, and 7:00p.m. There will also be a Service and general distribution of ashes at 3:30p.m. As a reminder Ash Wednesday is a day of both Fast and Abstinence. On this particular day only one (1) full meal is permitted and no meat is permitted. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

Collection for Priests' Retirement Fund

On Ash Wednesday – February 14 – we will have a special collection at all Masses to support the Archdiocesan Priests' Retirement Fund. This collection is a way to ensure that this program, which provides a modest retirement benefit to priests who have served the Archdiocese faithfully for many decades, will continue to have adequate resources to meet the needs in the years ahead. The people of this parish are always generous, and we thank you for your support of this special collection.

BEING THANKFUL

A Rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy, "So your mother says your prayers for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?" The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"

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 11:00AM to Noon and 3:00-3:30PM. Monday thru Friday at 7:30AM, as well as every First Friday at 6:30PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Feb 13 - Tue - Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
Feb 13 - Tue - Social Concerns 7:00PM
Feb 14 - Ash Wed - Bible Study Group 10:00AM
Feb 14 - Ash Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM
Feb 15 - Thu - Rosary Society Mass & Meeting 12:00Noon
Feb 15 - Thu - Stations of the Cross/Exposition & Benediction 7:00PM
Feb 16 - Fri - Mass / Stations led by Holy Name Society 7:00PM
Feb 20 - Tue - Catholic Daughters of the Americas 7:00PM

PRAY for THOSE in the MILITARY

Private First Class Matthew Brady, U.S. Marine Corps;
Lieutenant Julia H. Cheringal, US Navy;
Captain Ben Clemente, US Army;
Ensign Jon Clemente, US Navy;
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo, U.S. Marine Corps;
Specialist Peter Dippolito, U.S. Army;
Major Michael Franson, US Army;
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene, US Army;
Lieutenant Tara Harris, US Air Force;
Lance Corporal 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;
Colonel John McLaughlin, US Army;
Captain John G. Miele, US Army.

Prayer for the Safety of Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in you will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Morning of Healing: For Perinatal Loss

Saturday, February 17, 8:30am-12:30pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Bloomfield. The Offices of Family and Respect Life are offering a Morning of Healing to support families who have experienced the loss of a child due to miscarriage, stillbirth or neo-natal death. We invite all parents, siblings, grandparents and others who are affected by the loss of a baby, either recently or long ago. Agenda includes presentations on topics specific to perinatal loss, small group discussions, a memorial service, resources and fellowship. Lunch and refreshments provided. Free of charge and babysitting provided. Register at <http://Events.rcan.org/PerinatalLoss>

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SEMINAR

Friday, February 16, 7pm, St. Joseph's Seminary (Yonkers). Presentation by James Monti, Author of "Praying in the Presence of Our Lord". More information and registration: nyliturgy.org/workshops. Contact: liturgy@archny.org or 914.968.6200, x8177.

PRE-CANA COUPLES NEEDED

The Archdiocese needs to increase its pool of Archdiocesan team couples to present the new Archdiocesan Pre-Cana program. Training is provided by the Archdiocesan Family Life Office. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Jill Cherrey 973-497-4325 or email jillc@joyfilledmarriageenj.org.

Contribution Statements

2017 Contribution Statements are now available. To obtain a copy of your 2017 donations, please call Maria at the rectory 201-768-1706.

2018 Sharing God's Blessings Appeal

Your contribution to the 2018 Sharing God's Blessings Appeal makes a difference in the lives of so many in our community. Funds raised through the appeal help to educate children in our inner-city Catholic schools, serve the spiritual needs of people at parishes located in poor neighborhoods, and assist Catholic Charities in running its programs, which help the poor overcome the many obstacles in life. In addition, the appeal assists with seminarian and priest retirement costs. Please consider making a generous gift. **IF YOU MAKE A PLEDGE DIRECTLY TO THE ARCHDIOCESE, PLEASE INFORM THE RECTORY SO THAT WE CAN CHECK AND VERIFY THAT OLV GETS THE CREDIT.**

QUESTION?

Where do we get the ashes that are used on Ash Wednesday?

We begin Lent with ashes, the burnt remains of last year's palms. Surprisingly, the use of ashes was reserved for serious public sinners. Eventually, they grew in popularity; in 1091 Pope Urban II mandated the use of ashes for all Catholics. This is to show that we will turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We also remove all signs of joy and festivity to focus on the core of our Faith. That is why from Ash Wednesday to the Easter Vigil we omit the "Alleluia" (a Hebrew word which means "Praise God") since it is our most joyful word of praise, and we also omit the joyful "Gloria" from the Sunday Mass. Through prayer, works of mercy, acts of self-denial, and Lenten practices, we prepare for the Sacred Triduum and Easter.

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.

Lenten Disciplines

The Lenten discipline consists of three separate parts:

1. **Corporal or External Fast**, including the abstinence from certain foods, drinks and amusements, i.e. music, and parties during Lent. These points of fast should be stressed today especially with the mania of entertainment besetting our society;
2. **Spiritual or Internal Fast**, which consists of abstinence from "all evil" – sin. St. John Chrysostom taught that the "value of fasting consists not so much in abstinence from food but rather in withdrawal from sinful practices." And St. Basil the Great explains: "Turning away from all wickedness means keeping our tongue in check, restraining our anger, suppressing evil desires, and avoiding all gossip, lying and swearing. To abstain from these things – herein lies the true value of fast!"
3. **Spiritual Change** achieved by the practice of virtues and good works must be the main objective of our fasting. The Fathers of the Church insisted that during Lent the faithful attend the Lenten church services and daily Mass.

CCD Corner

Last Sunday over 450 attended our first **Grandparents Day Liturgical celebration**. It was a huge success and special thanks go out to Mrs. Evanela, Mrs. McLaughlin, our CCD teachers and students. This Wednesday is **Ash Wednesday** and there will be an after-school service and **distribution of ashes at 3:30** in the church. Please think about doing a family Lenten practice that will give special meaning to this time of the year. During this holy season our students will be reminded that Lent is a time of fasting, almsgiving and prayer. On Thursday evenings (7:00) our Confirmation Candidates will lead us in the recitation of the Stations of the Cross.

Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, March 10, 2018, 8:00am–4:30pm, Cost: \$25, Seton Hall University. This year's theme is "Be Not Afraid: *The Victory is Christ's!*" His Eminence Joseph W. Cardinal Tobin will be celebrating the Mass! Register at www.NJCatholicMen.org

Women's Commission Day of Reflection

Saturday, March 3, 2018, 8:00am–4:00pm, Cost: \$25, Seton Hall University. This year's theme is "Alive in Christ ... *Renewing Our Families*". Register at www.rcan.org/womenscommission. His Eminence Joseph W. Cardinal Tobin will celebrate Mass at 4:00PM.

Registration for both events is \$25. Priests and religious are free.

Both events include continental breakfast and lunch. For more information, visit: www.rcan.org/womenscommission and www.NJCatholicMen.org

St. Zita's Villa for Women

When your loved one needs a Home away from Home, NYS certified St. Zita's Villa for women in Airmont, NY provides affordable private rooms with nutritious, tasty meals in a clean, comfortable Catholic setting with 24/7 personal care nursing and medical assistance. 845-356-2011.

CATHOLIC CARE FOR THOSE ILL WITH CANCER

Rosary Hill Home, owned and operated by the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne, NY, since 1901, is committed to providing loving, one-on-one palliative care to those suffering from terminal cancer. Free to all who meet the Admission requirements; there is no discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex or handicap. The Sisters depend solely upon the "providence of God and the hourly mercy of the charitable public;" no payment is accepted from patients, their families, private insurance or from the government. For info' call 914-769-0114 or visit www.rosaryhillhome.org.

SUN/SON TAN

During the summer we often go down the shore to "work" on our tans. We may spend an hour in the sun and get "burned" by the sun. Imagine how much good spending an hour before the Son of God will do us. During these long cold winter nights, we all yearn for the warm days of summer. Why don't you stop by the Church on Thursday evenings at 7PM and bask in the brilliant rays of our Eucharistic Lord. Join us and pray away those winter blues.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Do you want to give your Valentine something that will be remembered for a lifetime? The WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND is a great romantic get away! **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 Mike and Janet Turco at 973 427-7016 for more information.

LENT – SACRIFICE – CLOTHING BINS

Lent is a time of sacrifice in order to bring us closer to Christ. As we do so, we become more charitable. Would you be willing to sacrifice your time and efforts to go through your closet and donate any used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, and children's books to the Catholic Charities clothing bin? If you do, you have made the connection and you have moved closer to Christ. Thank you.

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.

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 12 - St. Saturninus & Companions, Martyrs

8:00 Filipa Fizulich R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich
12:00 James Baldwin R/b Richie and Connie Luzzi

Tuesday, February 13–St. Catherine De Ricci, Virgin-Italy

8:00 Intentions of Stephen and Robin Hartman—Wedding Anniversary
12:00 Diane Melchiorre R/b George and Claire Meyer

Wednesday, February 14 – ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30 Charles and Catherine Denning R/b Jane Desmond
8:00 Kathleen Musante R/b John McDonough

12:00 Special Intention

3:30 Service of Word

5:00 Dennis Delgado R/b Marie Ortiz

6:00 Latin Pedro Aguirre R/b Alberto Caballero

7:00 Robert C. Kaiser R/b Robert and Dianne Kaiser

Thursday, February 15–St. Claude De La Colombiere, Priest

8:00 Jim Spillane R/b Ralph and Pat Dinnell
12:00 Violet Carlson R/b Peter and Linda Wayne

Friday, February 16– St. Onesimus, Martyr

8:00 Kathleen Musante R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich
12:00 Santa Crisall R/b Kevin and Dolores Leeds

7:00 Joseph McPolin - 49th Anniv. R/b the McPolin Family

Saturday, February 17–The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites

8:00 Gina Ottomanelli Bender R/b the Ottomanelli Family
12:00 Martino and Antonia Busanic R/b the Busanic Family

4:00 James Kenneth Laughlin R/b Peter and Kathy Denkus

5:00 Michael Giotta R/b Ann Giotta

Sunday, February 18–St. Marie Bernadette Soubirous, Virgin

7:30 Hazel Obutelewicz R/b Regina Bond
8:15 Jacqueline Maalouf R/b Greg and Susan Evanello

9:30 Michael Bentivegna R/b the Bentivegna Family

10:45 Marie Zocco R/b Mike Zocco

12:00 Anna Lucia Arias R/b Maria Arias

1:00 People of the Parish

6:00 Stefano Piccinich R/b Chris and Mary Oakes

7:00 Colleen Kennedy Beach R/b Matthew and MaryAnn Ryan

Sanctuary Memorials

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of

Katie McPolin (100th Birthday), r/b the McPolin Family.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week in loving memory

of Michael Giotta, r/b Ann Giotta

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

r/b the Werner Family.

The Rectory Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of Emma

Lombardi, r/b her children and grandchildren.

The Convent Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of Emma

Lombardi, r/b her children and grandchildren

The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the

soul of Emma Lombardi, r/b the Leyden Family.

The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp burns this week for the souls in

Purgatory.

THE LOVE OF GOD

No matter how long it has been, the Love of God knows no time. We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **First Friday** at 6:30PM, **Saturday** at 11AM until Noon, and from 3:00PM – 3:30PM. **Monday thru Friday** at 7:25AM – 7:50AM.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. The Dove. 2. Exodus 3. Genesis 4. Leviticus 5. The Ascension.

February is dedicated to the Passion.

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

An Acceptance of Suffering: Jesus promised us that suffering would be a normal part of a disciple's life (see Lk. 9:23-24). So, when we mark our bodies with the Sign, we are embracing whatever pain comes as a consequence of our faith in Christ. Making the Sign is our taking up the cross and following Him (Lk.9:25). At the same time, however, it comforts us with the realization that Jesus, who endured the Crucifixion for us, now joins us in our suffering and supports us. Signing ourselves also announces another significant truth: With St Paul, we are celebrating that our afflictions as members of the Body of Christ contribute to the Lord's saving work of perfecting the Church in holiness.

How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child/Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

HUNGRY

"I once picked up a small girl who was wandering the streets, lost. Hunger was written all over her face. Who knows how long it had been since she had eaten anything? I offered her a piece of bread. The little one started eating it, crumb by crumb. I told her, "Eat, eat the bread! Aren't you hungry?" She looked at me and said, "I am just afraid that when I run out of bread, I'll still be hungry."

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE

There is something wrong with this world when basketball superstar Michael Jordan makes more money from Nike annually than all the Nike factory workers in Malaysia combined. Americans spend \$17 billion a year on pet food which is \$4 billion more than what is needed to provide basic health and nutrition for everyone in the world. Europeans spend \$11 billion a year on ice cream which is \$2 billion more than is estimated to provide clean water and safe sewers for the world's population. Americans spend \$8 billion a year on cosmetics which is \$2 billion more than the estimated total needed to provide basic education for everyone in the world.

TROUBLED MARRIAGE???

If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring, if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you're thinking of separation or divorce, BUT you want to try again – then try the Retrouvaille program, it can help you. For more information, contact Family Life Ministries, at 973-497-4327. You may call anonymously. Please be assured that all inquiries are kept in confidence.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

There will be a modified vigil for the 40 Days for Life in Hackensack this Lent on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays (days when abortions are performed), 7AM-2PM at 10 Zabriskie St., Hackensack. Vigil will start on Ash Wednesday, February 14, and end on Palm Sunday, March 25. Please consider giving one hour per week during Lent to join us in prayer. To sign-up please contact Margaret at 201-805-0937.

KIDZ KORNER

1. What bird symbolizes the Holy Spirit?
2. What Book in the Bible is about the Jews living in Egypt?
3. What Book in the Bible means "the Beginnings"?
4. What Book in the Bible is a collection of Jewish laws?
5. Is Jesus' return to heaven called the Ascension or the Resurrection?

Answers on page 4.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

On February 11, 1858, occurred the first of many apparitions of Our Lady to St. Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes France. It was here where Mary identified herself as the Immaculate Conception, the title under which Mary is the patroness of our nation. After the apparition, a flowing spring of natural Lourdes water sprang up which became the means of effecting miraculous cures via Mary's patronage. The sick, infirm or crippled whose prayers for health seemed answered were carefully examined by local medics for their authenticity. As many as 6 million pilgrims visit Lourdes each year. Feb. 11, besides being the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, has also been declared by Pope John Paul II, World Day of the Sick. It has had this designation since 1993 when The Holy Father called, "For a special time of prayer and sharing of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of a reminder to us to see, in our sick brothers and sisters, the face of Christ, who, by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of mankind." This quote from the Holy Father gives insight into his valiant struggle to offer himself as a witness to the redemptive value of sickness, old age and suffering. May God grant to all who suffer in any way, the grace they need to bear their cross with patience and hope.

THE CROSS

1. The Cross is the key to the secret treasures of the Church. A Christian is one who takes up his cross to follow Jesus.
2. The treasures of faith are hidden. How are they hidden? They are hidden under the Cross. Who would look for joy and happiness under such a symbol?
3. What is the Cross a symbol of? It is above all a symbol of disgrace before the world, of being jeered at and spit upon, of being deserted by friends and gloated over his enemies, of being in utter defeat, yet able to shout at the top of your voice: "I have conquered!"
4. Saint Paul warned us against making vain the Cross of Christ. What does that mean? It means preaching a salvation that has not got the roots nor the fruits of the Cross-a salvation without the Faith or the sacraments.
5. Only God's religion dares to take for its banner a symbol of defeat. By the Sign of the Cross we proclaim the Faith entirely. By the Cross we honor the true God; we associate ourselves with the work of Redemption; we proclaim the eternal destiny of man.
6. Is there any man who cannot gaze at the Cross? Is there any man who cannot pray for salvation? Is God ungenerous in His dealings with us?
7. The Cross makes our bodies pure and our souls confident; it reveals the divine meaning of suffering and of death; it lifts man to a new plane of existence.
8. When we gaze at the Cross nothing of our entire being remains untouched.

RESPECT LIFE

"The irony of the rhetoric "freedom of choice" is that women get abortions precisely because they feel they have no freedom and no choice," notes Fr. Frank Pavone, International Director of Priests for Life. He adds that a simple phone number listing a local alternative group published weekly in the church's bulletin can change all that.

Some Local Abortion Alternatives:

Abortion Alternative-Oradell - 262-1953

Birthingright of Maywood - 845-4646

Several Sources of Washington Twp. - 666-9272

Catholic Family Service of Paramus – 444-3883

Catholic Family Life Center – 973-763-7659

Catholic Respect Life Office –908-925-6442

Abortion Absolutely Not 800-662-2678 800-648-4357

Pregnancy Resource Center 877-478-2328