

# 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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## WELCOME

SUNDAY, May 27, 2018 A.D.

To the Parish Family of  
**OUR LADY OF VICTORIES**

(THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART)

### COME WORSHIP WITH US

Rev. Bryan F.J. Adamcik SFO, KCHS

*Pastor*

Rev. Duverney Bermudez

Rev. Anthony Mastroeni

Rev. Christopher M. Ciccarino KCHS Rev. John O'Connor

Rev. Brian Muzás

*Latin Mass Assistants*

*Weekend Assistants*

**Br. Angelus CFR**

*Parish Seminarian*

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Sr. Mary Corrigan, SC

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Mr. Thomas Lagatol Mr. Albert McLaughlin

*Deacons*

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*Religious Education*

Deacon Al McLaughlin

*Parish Catechetical Leader*

Selena Piazza

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*Ministers of Music*

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*High School Ministry*

**Maria Hellrigel**

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*Chairman Finance Committee*

#### 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

**St. Peregrine:** First Friday of the Month

**Rosary:** Recited M - Sat after 8:00am & 12Noon Mass.

**Tuesday-Novena Prayer and Adoration:** 12:30pm-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.

**Latin Mass every Sunday 8:15AM**

**Spanish Mass every Sunday 1PM**



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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**: Kathy Freeburn, Marietta Flahive, Kyle Gauweiler, Tom Giuliano, Marylou Goreb, Thomas Haring, Megan Kavanagh, Peter Kellar, George Loder, Lisa LoSchiavo, Anne Matthaei, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Michael Tobia, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Jim Walsh.

### **SPIRITUAL EXCERPT**

"How can we fail to thank God and express genuine appreciation to our brothers and sisters in the faith throughout America who are committed to defending life by every legal means and to protecting the unborn, the incurably ill and the handicapped? Their work is all the more praiseworthy if we consider the indifference of so many people, the threats posed by eugenics and the assaults on life and human dignity perpetuated everywhere each day."

- Pope John Paul II, *Ecclesia in America*, No. 63

### **Time for EASTER DUTY is Ending**

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, May 27, 2018**. **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 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 7:30AM, as well as every First Friday at 6:30PM, and a Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.**

### **OLV K of C Baby Bottle Collection**

Just a reminder—if you took a baby bottle, please bring the bottle with your monetary donations to the church or drop it off at the rectory. You may deposit loose change, checks or cash. 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.

### **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.

### **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.**

### **JUST A REMINDER**

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.

### **MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE & REFLECTION**

Each Memorial Day, we honor those Americans who died while defending our Nation and its values. While these men and women should be honored every day for their profound contribution to securing our Nation's freedom, they and their families should be especially honored on Memorial Day. We in this country owe a debt of gratitude to those who sacrificed their lives so that we could live free. We can start to pay that debt by not forgetting, by remembering what they did and for what they stood.

For decades, Memorial Day was a day in our nation when stores closed and communities gathered together for a day of parades and other celebrations with a patriotic theme. Memorial Day meant ceremonies at cemeteries around the country, speeches honoring those who gave their lives, the laying of wreaths, the playing of Taps. In some places, these ceremonies continue. We should remember that on Memorial Day we honor the ideals and values for which those soldiers stood, and died defending. While you may not believe their cause was just, they were dedicated and courageous just the same.

As Saint Augustine was credited for saying over 1,600 years ago – "**The purpose of all war...is peace.**" Let us pray that all leaders abide by this until war is no longer waged.

Sadly, many Americans have lost the connection with their history. For a growing percentage of the American people, Memorial Day has come to mean simply a three-day weekend or a major shopping day. Families might still gather for picnics, but for many of them, the patriotic core – the spirit of remembrance – is absent.

The "Memorial" in Memorial Day has been ignored by too many of us who are beneficiaries of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. Often, we do not observe the day as it should be; a day where we actively remember our ancestors, our family members, our loved ones, our neighbors and our friends who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

We can observe this day by:

- Visiting cemeteries and placing flags or flowers on the graves of our fallen heroes.
- Visiting memorials.
- Flying the U.S. flag at half-staff until Noon.
- Flying the "POW/MIA Flag" as well (Section 1082 of the 1998 Defense Authorization Act).
- Participating in a "National Moment of Remembrance".
- Renewing a pledge to aid the widows, widowers, and orphans of our fallen dead, and to aid the disabled veterans.

Former President George W. Bush stated "*that on this day, we must tell the stories of those who fought and died in freedom's cause. We must tell their stories because those who've lost loved ones need to know that a grateful Nation will always remember. We must tell their stories so that our children and grandchildren will understand what our lives might have been like had it not been for their sacrifice.*"

So, let us remember the cause for which these Americans fought and the freedom and peace bought with their life's blood, and let us pass along to a new generation the accounts of honor and courage. Democracy is not our creation; it is our inheritance and it is ours to pass along.

*Charles M. Province, U.S. Army wrote:*

- "It is the Soldier, not the minister who has given us freedom of religion.
- It is the Soldier, not the reporter who has given us freedom of the press.
- It is the Soldier, not the poet who has given us freedom of speech.
- It is the Soldier, not the campus organizer who has given us freedom to protest.
- It is the Soldier, not the lawyer who has given us the right to a fair trial.
- It is the Soldier, not the politician who has given us the right to vote.
- It is the Soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, And whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag."

### **Upcoming OLV Parish Events**

May 29 - Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM  
May 30 - Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM  
Jun 1 - Fri - Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM  
Jun 3 - Sun - Corpus Christi Procession  
Jun 10 - Sun - Thank you reception for Fr. Bryan

### **Congratulations**

...to OLV parishioner Gianna Niece, who has been awarded the Jim McGahren Memorial Scholarship by Queen of Peace Council, #3679, Knights of Columbus.

### **7th Annual Gladys Heyliger/Mary Carley Scholarship**

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 1639 is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to an 8th grade student going into a Catholic High School in September 2018. For an application, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Dr. Marie Woke, 20 Kensington Court, Norwood, NJ 07648.

### **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; every week-day morning at 7:30AM, as well as every First Friday at 6:30PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

### **ACT OF CONTRITION**

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Amen.

### **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 Evanello at 201-768-5752.

### **PURITY**

1. Purity is promised the highest reward: "Blessed are the pure of heart for they shall see God." (Matt. 5:8)
2. Purity must spring from the heart, and must pervade every thought, act, or movement.
3. Modesty is the external manifestation of the purity of heart and mind.
4. The beauty of modesty is unforgettable: the greatest spiritual force on earth.
5. The attributes of purity: it is loving, tender, loyal, humble, ardent and, above all, ferocious - terrible as an army set in array.
6. Purity converted kingdoms and empires, exalted warfare to the sublime status of chivalry, transformed a family, elevated womanhood, and sanctified the earth by the religious vow of virginity.
7. The issues of purity are the personal concern of our Lady: for it is she who made virginity the heart of religion. It is primarily under that aspect that her arch-enemy, Lucifer, studies how to spread in the world the cult of impurity.
8. The triumph of purity is really the victory of the flesh showing the heights to which it can be raised through virtue and grace; it is the greatest achievement of our human nature.

### **CHECK OUT THE BOOK RACKS**

We have plenty of interesting books, booklets, and pamphlets as well as children's books and other items. The summer is a perfect time to learn more about your faith.

### **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**

Lance Corporal Matthew Brady, U.S. Marine Corps;  
Lieutenant Commander 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.

### **Dominican College Information Session**

Wednesday, June 8, for those interested in Undergraduate and Graduate degrees, including Undergraduate online programs, 5:30-7:30PM in the Prusmack Center. Information about financial aid, grants and scholarships will be available. Visit [www.dc.edu](http://www.dc.edu).

### **DON BOSCO HSPT TEST PREP PROGRAM**

Don Bosco Prep is hosting its HSPT Test Prep Program this summer, open to all rising eighth grade students to help prepare for the high school entrance exam. Session I runs from Monday, July 9 through Thursday, July 12 and Monday, July 23 through Thursday, July 26, and Session II runs from Monday, July 16 through Thursday, July 19, and Monday, July 30 through Thursday, August 2. Program Tuition is \$500. For more information, please visit [www.donboscoprep.org/admissions](http://www.donboscoprep.org/admissions).

### **A DAY OF COMFORT AND HOPE- FOR BEREAVED PARENTS**

For parents who have suffered the loss of a child. **Saturday, June 2**, at Notre Dame RC Church, North Caldwell, NJ. This full-day retreat affords bereaved parents the opportunity to join together in a caring, spiritual setting for prayer, meditation, discussion, presentations, fellowship and Holy Mass. Pre-register by May 29th. For info, contact Lauren Egan at 973-497-4327.

### **DEFEND YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH**

Over the course of the last generation, Christianity and in particular our Catholic Faith has been under attack. Anti-Catholicism is the last acceptable prejudice. What can we do about it; besides prayer, all Catholics should join the Catholic League, 450 7th Ave, NY, NY 10123 or [www.catholicleague.org](http://www.catholicleague.org) and receive the journal The Catalyst, which has articles detailing where Catholicism is under attack and by whom.

### **WORK for the LORD**

**B**ecome 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.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

January is dedicated to the Holy Name.  
 February is dedicated to the Passion.  
 March is dedicated to St. Joseph.  
 April is dedicated to the Holy Eucharist.  
 May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
 June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart.  
 July is dedicated to the Precious Blood.  
 August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart.  
 September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows.  
 October is dedicated to The Holy Rosary.  
 November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory.  
 December is dedicated to the Divine Infancy.  
 Sundays are dedicated to the Holy Trinity.  
 Mondays are dedicated to the Holy Angels.  
 Tuesdays are dedicated to the Apostles.  
 Wednesdays are dedicated to St Joseph.  
 Thursdays are dedicated to the Holy Eucharist.  
 Fridays are dedicated to the Passion.  
 Saturdays are dedicated to Our Lady.

**CLOTHING BINS**

We traditionally honor Mary during the month of May. This is most appropriate for the Mother of God who gave birth to the Savior of the world. Mary's heart is filled with the love of Christ and also with the love of every one of God's children. Would you be so kind as to imitate that love of humanity by donating to the Catholic Charities bin? We need used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, and children's books. God Bless.

**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.

**God Knew Our Greatest Need**

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator. If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist. If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist. If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer. But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Savior.

**DAILY OFFERING**

O My Jesus, I include myself in all the Holy Masses which are celebrated this day throughout the world, and offer them to You in union with the intentions of You Sacred Heart. I implore You to reserve for me, from each Holy Mass, Your most precious Blood to atone for my sins and their punishment.

**Check out OLV's website [olvhp.org](http://olvhp.org)  
 and find us on Facebook:  
 Our Lady of Victories Parish**

**O most gentle Jesus,  
 by your most bitter death give us  
 a lively faith, a firm hope, and a perfect charity,  
 that with our whole hearts we may love you  
 with all our soul and strength. – St. Clare of Assisi**

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, May 28–St. Germanus, Bishop of Paris**  
 8:00 Rev. Zachary H. Monet, O.Carm. R/b Pat Consoli  
**NO 12:00 MASS TODAY**  
**Tuesday, May 29 – St. William Arnaud of Toulouse, France-Martyr**  
 8:00 James P. Spillane  
 12:00 Michele House Wood R/b Diana DiGiacomo  
**Wednesday, May 30 - St. Joan of Arc – Virgin Martyr**  
 8:00 Kathleen Musante R/b Jeanne Marie Walsh  
 12:00 John J. Harrison  
**Thursday, May 31 – Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 8:00 William and Helen Blessinger R/b Carl and Rita Colasuonno  
 12:00 Maeve Behan R/b Barbara Sita  
**First Friday, June 1 – St. Justin - Martyr**  
 8:00 Richard O'Neill R/b Peggy O'Brien  
 12:00 Victor and Santiago Giron R/b the Giron Family  
 7:00 Mary McCrudden R/b the Bloomer Family  
**First Saturday, June 2 – Ss. Marcellinus and Peter - Martyrs**  
 8:00 Evelyn Pedersen R/b the Pedersen Family  
 12:00 Souls in Purgatory  
 4:00 John Bolger R/b Dean and Mary Ubriaco  
 5:00 Kristen and John Crowley R/b Joan Crowley  
**Sunday, June 3 - St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs**  
 7:30 Robert Ubriaco R/b Jeanne Marie Walsh  
 8:15 Remedios Consoli R/b Flor Alto  
 9:30 Jean Bentivegna R/b the Bentivegna Family  
 10:45 John Barnes  
 12:00 Marie Zocco R/b Mike Zocco  
 1:00 People of the Parish  
 6:00 George Bondarenko  
 7:00 Ellen Fernandez Link R/b Matthew and Mary Ann Donohue Ryan

**SANCTUARY MEMORIALS**

**The Church Sanctuary Lamp** burns this week for the repose of the soul of Helen Smith, r/b Leo and Eileen DeBartolo.  
**The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp** burns this week for the repose of the soul of Norma Gomez, r/b the Morato Family.  
**The Convent Sanctuary Lamp** burns for the souls in Purgatory.  
**The Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp** burns this week for the repose of the soul of Monica Schmidt, r/b Stacye Page .  
**The St. Joseph Votive Lamp** burns this week for a special intention.  
**The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp** burns this week for an increase in religious vocations.  
**The Hosts and Wine** used at Holy Mass this week have been donated in memory of Joseph Baneky, r/b the Skok Family.  
**The Altar Flowers** have been donated in memory of Ernest Williams, r/b Clare Kaberle.

**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.

**KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS**

- 1. God.                      2. Jacob.                      3. Zechariah.
- 4. Joachim.                      5. Adam.

"We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way."  
 St. Francis of Assisi

## May is dedicated to Our Lady.

# F Y I

From Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Nydegger, Ed.D.

Vicar General for the Archdiocese of Newark May 19, 2015

In September 2005, information was sent to all Pastors and Priest Administrators in the Archdiocese of Newark regarding the establishment of a Decree in March 2004 by the Bishops of the Province of New Jersey reaffirming that the Mass Stipends (Offerings) for public Masses will remain at \$10.00 for weekday, Sunday and Holyday Masses.

## SAINT PETER'S BASILICA

Those who have visited Saint Peter Basilica know its immensity; just the nave or main aisle is 610 feet long! [Our center aisle is 70 feet, a football field is 300 feet long!] Our first Pope's statue is near the Basilica's midpoint, which means its hundreds of feet from the yellow alabaster window of the Holy Spirit which is above the back wall's Altar of the Chair. How appropriate that the Basilica's central focal point is not Peter but the Holy Spirit. As the Church's first history book, the Acts of the Apostles attests - and as her endurance and growth through SO MANY far less-than holy Popes or Cardinals, Bishops, Priests or Deacons, Religious Sisters or Brothers, lay men and women also attests: the Church must be truly divine - for she would have collapsed long ago if she were merely a human enterprise! For from the start, the Church has been rocked by scandals, split by schisms, marred by her sinful leaders and members, persecuted by internal and external forces and mired in countless controversies. Yet she endures.

All are Led and Guided by the Holy Spirit. Only Bishops, who have the fullness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, also have the fullness of the Holy Spirit's gifts and graces; so when the Pope acts in union with the Bishops, they are free from error in matters of faith and morals. We call this the Doctrine of Infallibility; while only defined in 1867, it was practiced in theory ever since Peter and the Apostles [the first Pope and Bishops] declared as 'truth' all that must be believed by Christians. This 'power' is based on what Christ told them: "Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me." [Luke 10:16a] and to Peter: "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" [Matthew 16:19]

However, Bishops are not the only ones empowered by the Holy Spirit! Every Christian receives a 'dose' of the Spirit's sevenfold gifts at their Baptism and Confirmation; in the Anointing of the Sick the infirm receive a boost of courage among other things; at their Ordination Deacons and Priests are infused with special gifts; in Matrimony, the Spirit imparts the graces without which marriage would be impossible; in Penance those who confess their sins hear these beautiful words in the Prayer of Absolution: "God, the Father of mercies, through the Death and Resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins." And without the Holy Spirit, we would not have - or at least understand as best we do, the ultimate of gifts: the Eucharist.

In fact, without the Holy Spirit, every liturgical time [which we once called 'season'] would lose its spiritual meaning; Christmas and Eastertime would succumb to their secular meaning. Without the Holy Spirit we could not understand the Bible or Church teaching - or make sense of - or at least see how God's plan unfolds through this world's many challenges - like the Cross. Without the Holy Spirit our prayers of thanks and our deeds of gratitude for God's many graces and blessings would be devoid of any meaning or effectiveness. Without the Holy Spirit even our joy would be incomplete, for the Bible often states that one main 'fruit' of the Spirit ... is JOY!

## Prayers Which May Be Said at the Offertory When the Priest Offers the Host.

Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and in the Holy Will of God, I place upon the paten my heart; the hearts of all those near and dear to me, especially the hearts of my relatives; the hearts of all those for whom I have promised to pray; the hearts of all those who have injured me; the hearts of all those whom I may have injured; the hearts of all the agonizing. Jesus when Thou changest the bread and wine into Thy Body and Blood, change our hearts into hearts pleasing to Thee. Jesus, gaze into my soul, purify, illuminate.

## YOU HEARD IT SAID

"Catholics should follow their conscience in all things ... whether it's abortion, birth control, or women's ordination." It's true -- the Catechism says quite plainly, "Man has the right to act in conscience and in freedom so as personally to make moral decisions. He must not be forced to act contrary to his conscience. Nor must he be prevented from acting according to his conscience, especially in religious matters" (1782). This teaching is at the heart of what it means to have free will. But that doesn't mean that our conscience is free from all responsibility or may remain ignorant of God's law. This is what the Catechism refers to as having a "well-formed conscience." The Catechism assigns great responsibility to a person's conscience: Moral conscience, present at the heart of the person, enjoins him at the appropriate moment to do good and to avoid evil. It bears witness to the authority of truth in reference to the supreme Good to which the human person is drawn, and it welcomes the commandments. When he listens to his conscience, the prudent man can hear God speaking (1777). In other words, our conscience isn't just "what we feel is right" -- it's what we judge to be right based on what we know of the teachings of God and the Church. And in order to make that judgment, we have a responsibility to study and pray over these teachings very carefully. The Catechism has a section dedicated entirely to the careful formation of our conscience -- that's how important it is in making right decisions. And in the end, whether right or wrong, we're still held accountable for our actions: "Conscience enables one to assume responsibility for the acts performed" (1781). When properly formed, it helps us to see when we've done wrong and require forgiveness of our sins. By seeking a fully formed conscience, we actually experience great freedom, because we're drawing closer to God's infinite Truth. It's not a burden or something that keeps us from doing what we want; it's a guide to help us do what is right. "The education of the conscience guarantees freedom and engenders peace of heart" (1784).

## CEREAL COLLECTION

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

## KIDZ KORNER

1. Who is the Father of Jesus?
2. Who was the father of Joseph?
3. Who was the father of John the Baptist?
4. Who was the father of Mary?
5. Who was the father of Cain and Abel?

Answers on page four.

"For my own part, I sincerely esteem the Constitution a system without the finger of God, never could have been suggested and agreed upon by such a diversity of interests."

Alexander Hamilton