

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

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
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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

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

SUNDAY, June 10, 2018 A.D.



**Thank you Fr. Bryan.
God bless you always.**

We are grateful for Fr. Bryan's twelve years as pastor here at Our Lady of Victories — and for all his hard work and love for our parish and community. A humble priest with a big heart who made a huge difference in our lives!

Fr. Bryan's new assignment is chaplain at Hoboken Medical Center (formerly known as St. Mary's) in Hoboken. Fr. Bryan will reside at St. Francis Rectory in Hoboken.

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, Glen Hall, 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

"Holiness is attained with the help of the Holy Spirit, who comes to dwell in our souls, through grace given us by the sacraments and as a result of a constant ascetical struggle. My son, let us not have any false illusions about this. You and I — I'll never tire of repeating it — will always have to struggle, always, until the end of our lives. We will thus come to love peace, and we will spread peace around us, and we will receive our everlasting reward."

St. Josemaria Escriva - **THE FORGE** pg. 152.

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

A Occasionally there is a misunderstanding on Parish Registration; every family should be properly registered on our Parish Census by filling out a Parish Registration Form. Couples married at OLV who continue to live in the Parish should register shortly after the marriage as a new family. The Parish where you receive your Sacraments does not continue to be your Parish unless you are properly registered. Sponsor Certificates for Baptism and Confirmation and reference letters can only be given to those who are registered parishioners.

RESPECT LIFE

At the instant of physical conception, a human life is in existence. To deliberately kill or destroy that human life, THE GREAT LAWGIVER AND SUPREME JUDGE says, is **MURDER**, punishable by eternal and final **DEATH!** Regardless of human lawyers, human courts, human judges, or even Supreme Court Justices, abortion is an act of murder, in defiance of the supreme almighty GOD. Those who commit it, and order it, or "legally" by man's law authorize it, will be held in contempt of THE SUPREME COURT OF HEAVEN, and answerable to the great **SUPREME JUDGE**.

Do You Have a First Grader?

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

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.

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.

FRIDAY ADORATION

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MARY GARDENS

Christians of the early Church frequently used floral symbolism to honor the Blessed Mother. The Church Fathers, for example, took passages from the Scriptural passages from The Song of Songs to liken Our Lady to the rose of Sharon and the lily of the valley. By the Middle Ages, nearly 700 flowers and herbs had come to be associated with the Blessed Virgin. Some were associated through tradition, such as the rose of Sharon and the lily of the valley. Some were associated through legend. Our Lady's bedstraw is an herb said to have been placed by Mary in the manger. Columbine was called Our Lady's slipper because it was said to have grown where Mary's feet touched the earth. Here is a list of some common annuals and perennials named after or dedicated to Our Lady:

Annuals	Perennials
Sweet alyssum—Mary's flower	Morning Glory—Our Lady's mantle
Marigold—Mary's gold	English daisy—Mary's rose
Petunia—Our Lady's praise	Snowdrop—Our Lady's tears
Sweet pea—Our Lady's smile	Lily of the Valley—Our Lady's tears
Cornflower—Our Lady's crown	Daffodil—Mary's star
Pansy—Our Lady's delight	Bleeding heart—Mary's heart
Forget-me-not—Eyes of Mary	Iris—Our Lady's sword

THE BASICS ABOUT ALL CHURCH MINISTRY

Jesus Christ our High Priest is the source of every Church ministry, for He is the one and only Priest. He 'adorns' each baptized Christian with a share IN His Priesthood; so all ministers: social, liturgical, catechetical, administrative, etc., are vehicles through whom Christ now functions in the world. From among the baptized Christ, "with a brother's love," calls some men to particular roles as teachers, leaders and officiants - not for their own glory - but to serve God's People.

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.

GOING ON VACATION

Visit www.masstimes.org for the locations of Catholic Churches and a Mass schedule, throughout the USA.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

We are constantly under attack and tempted by the forces of EVIL. Every Tuesday afternoon from 2:15-3:00PM members of OLV parish meet and pray the Mary Mother of All Nations Novena which focuses on this daily battle.

Father's Day

Intention Cards for the Living and Remembrance Cards for the deceased are available in the vestibule.

APOLOGETICS

Defend your Catholic Faith, but first learn more about it. Check out this site www.biblechristiansociety.com to learn more about Roman Catholicism.

Did you know that dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish?

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Jun 12 - Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
Jun 13 - Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM
Jun 15 - Fri - Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM

Sisters of Charity 50/50 Raffle

Sr. Elizabeth will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets the weekend of June 23/24 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 September 2, at Maris Stella. Winner need not be present. Please make checks payable to Sisters of Charity.

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.

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.

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

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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. Why don't you stop by the Church on Thursday evenings at 7PM.

Charitable Gift Annuities

Making a significant gift to your parish can increase your bottom line! By making a gift for a **charitable gift annuity**, you receive an income tax deduction and annuity payments for life. Plus, part of each payment is tax-free. Learn more about this wonderful opportunity by contacting Theresa Lynch, Planned Giving Manager, Archdiocese of Newark 973-497-4042 or Theresa.Lynch@rcan.org.

RACIST ROOTS of Planned Parenthood

The following are just a few of the many racist comments by Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger: "Birth control: to create a race of thoroughbreds." - "More children from the fit, less from the unfit - that is the chief aim of birth control." - "The most successful educational approach to the Negro is through a religious appeal. We do not want word to get out that we want to exterminate the Negro population, and the Minister is the man who can straighten out that idea if it ever occurs to any of their more rebellious members." - "Those least fit to carry on the human race are increasing most rapidly. Funds that should be used to raise the standard of our civilization are diverted to maintenance of those who should never have been born." - "It now remains for the US government to set an example to the world by offering a bonus or yearly pension to all those obviously unfit parents who allow themselves to be sterilized." Margaret Sanger, an American, is the founder of Planned Parenthood in the early 1900's. She believed in eugenics – that is, engineering a superior race, an idea that Adolph Hitler read about and embraced. For Margaret, the race would be Protestant, white, with Northern European ancestry. Catholics, Blacks, Southern Europeans, Indians and Asians were, therefore, genetically all inferior and should not be allowed to breed.

CHRISTIAN?????

A man was being tailgated by a stressed-out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have barely beaten the light by accelerating through the intersection. The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup. As she was still in mid-rant she heard a tap on the window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell. Later an officer let her out of the cell and escorted her back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects. He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk. Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car.

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.

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CLOTHING BINS

June is noted for graduations, the arrival of summer and a floral manifestation of Mother Nature. The gradual blossoming of sweet-scented June roses along with their beautiful colors adds to the charm of this delightful season. While you are enjoying the glory of these days, please reserve a little time to donate items to the Catholic Charities bin. Any questions or comments, please contact Maria F. Biancheri at 973-596-3985 or mbiancheri@ccannj.org. Thank you.

WHO WALKS INTO YOUR LIFE

The first sentence is pretty powerful!!! God determines who walks into your life....it's up to you to decide whom you let walk away, whom you let stay, and whom you refuse to let go. Father, God bless all my friends in whatever it is that You know they may be needing this day! And may their lives be full of your peace, prosperity and power as they seek to have a closer relationship with you. Amen.

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 at 450 7th Ave, NY, NY 10123 or www.catholicleague.org and receive the journal The Catalyst, which has articles detailing where Catholicism is under attack and by whom.

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.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Every week, some treasures from our tradition are shared here in our parish bulletin. Where does all this history come from? The history of God's people of prayer is always coming to light, mostly because scholars have dedicated their lives to research. They translate and ponder prayers and songs; explore the places used for worship; look at the vessels, books, and vestments; and read works from legal documents to letters and diaries. In the 1930s, Hitler's rush to arm Germany closed seminaries as priests and seminarians alike were drafted into service. One professor, Father Josef Jungman, forced from his classroom, spent the war years in an Austrian library. His careful work disclosed much of what we know of the history of the Mass. His great work, The Mass of the Roman Rite, describes the evolution of Eucharistic celebration and inspired generations of scholars to explore a tradition surprisingly rich and varied. It was said of him that he had a command of the past that cast new light on the present, and opened up a clear direction to the future. His contributions to the Second Vatican Council helped shape the way that we worship today. At the end of his life, in 1975, his studies completed, he told a friend that he was waiting patiently for the Lord's knock at the door to take him to the heavenly banquet.

QUESTION??

Why are many coin banks shaped like pigs? Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of a dense orange clay called 'pygg'. When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as 'pygg banks.' When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a container that resembled a pig. And it caught on.

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 11 – St. Barnabas, Apostle

8:00 Gina Marie Ottomanelli Bender R/b the Ottomanelli Family
12:00 Nabiha Boulos R/b Diana DiGiacomo

Tuesday, June 12 – St. Guy Vignotelli of Italy - Priest

8:00 James P. Spillane R/b Mary Warner
12:00 Mary Fick R/b Deacon Al and Mary Clare McLaughlin

Wednesday, June 13–St. Anthony of Portugal–Priest of Padua-Italy

8:00 Frank Ciccarino R/b the Adamcik Family
12:00 Cyrus Mohsenin R/b the Dunn Family

Thursday, June 14 - St. Methodius of Sicily – Patriarch

8:00 Joyce Edwards R/b Karen Accavallo
12:00 Pat McCormick R/b Ellen King

Friday, June 15– St. Germaine Cousin of France - Virgin

8:00 John J. Harrison R/b Jeanne Marie Walsh
12:00 Edward Pavlu R/b the Kip Family

Saturday, June 16 – St. John Francis Regis of France - Priest

8:00 Betsy Clark R/b the Clark Family
12:00 Dorothy Suric R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich
4:00 Silvio and Mary Burderi R/b the Burderi Family
5:00 Thomas and Sadina Ubriaco R/b the Ubriaco Family

Sunday, June 17 – St. Harvey of France-Abbot - FATHERS DAY

All Masses today are for All Fathers, living and deceased.

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of "Junior" del Prete, r/b John Walsh.

The Convent Sanctuary Lamp burns for the souls in Purgatory.

The BV Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Dorothy Suric, r/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Monica Schmidt, r/b the Ricciardella Family.

The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp burns this week for world peace r/b The Smith Family.

The St. Peregrine Votive Lamp burns this week for those suffering cancer, r/b the Brown Family.

The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Monica Schmidt, r/b Peggy Kane.

The Hosts and Wine used at Holy Mass this week have been donated in memory of Dorothy Suric, r/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich.

Sanctuary Offerings

Our expenses continue even in your absence.

The Altar Flowers, Bread and Wine and the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church and in the Convent can be dedicated on a weekly basis. Altar Flower offering is \$35. The Sanctuary Lamp offering is \$15 the votive lamps are \$10 and the Altar Wine and Hosts offering is \$25.

The offering for ALL MASSES throughout the Archdiocese is \$10.

Kidz Korner Answers

1. Fr John Carroll
2. Only on Jan 10, 1984
3. William Wilson
4. John F. Kennedy
5. John F. Kennedy

My therapist says I have a preoccupation with vengeance.
We'll see about that.

“REJOICE AND BE GLAD.”

Pope Francis released a new Apostolic Exhortation “on the call to holiness” called *Gaudete et Exsultate*, Latin for “rejoice and be glad.” We recommend you read the whole thing, but here are some key quotes:

1) Christ is the center of any Christian life.

“That mission has its fullest meaning in Christ, and can only be understood through him. At its core, holiness is experiencing, in union with Christ, the mysteries of his life. It consists in uniting ourselves to the Lord’s death and resurrection in a unique and personal way, constantly dying and rising anew with him.” (GE 20)

2) Our prayerful life must support our life of active service.

“We need a spirit of holiness capable of filling both our solitude and our service, our personal life and our evangelizing efforts, so that every moment can be an expression of self-sacrificing love in the Lord’s eyes. In this way, every minute of our lives can be a step along the path to growth in holiness.” (GE 31)

3) Holiness leads to joy.

“Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy. On the contrary, you will become what the Father had in mind when he created you, and you will be faithful to your deepest self. To depend on God sets us free from every form of enslavement and leads us to recognize our great dignity.” (GE 32)

4) We can only become holy by the grace of Christ.

“The Church has repeatedly taught that we are justified not by our own works or efforts, but by the grace of the Lord, who always takes the initiative. The Fathers of the Church, even before Saint Augustine, clearly expressed this fundamental belief. Saint John Chrysostom said that God pours into us the very source of all his gifts even before we enter into battle.” (GE 52)

5) Don’t replace the Gospel with lesser important things.

“[S]ome Christians insist on taking another path, that of justification by their own efforts, the worship of the human will and their own abilities. The result is a self-centred and elitist complacency, bereft of true love. This finds expression in a variety of apparently unconnected ways of thinking and acting: an obsession with the law, an absorption with social and political advantages, a punctilious concern for the Church’s liturgy, doctrine and prestige, a vanity about the ability to manage practical matters, and an excessive concern with programmes of self-help and personal fulfilment. “Some Christians spend their time and energy on these things, rather than letting themselves be led by the Spirit in the way of love, rather than being passionate about communicating the beauty and the joy of the Gospel and seeking out the lost among the immense crowds that thirst for Christ.” (GE 57)

6) Don’t let entertainment distract us from empathizing with others.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. The world tells us exactly the opposite: entertainment, pleasure, diversion and escape make for the good life. The worldly person ignores problems of sickness or sorrow in the family or all around him; he averts his gaze. The world has no desire to mourn; it would rather disregard painful situations, cover them up or hide them. “Much energy is expended on fleeing from situations of suffering in the belief that reality can be concealed. But the cross can never be absent. A person who sees things as they truly are and sympathizes with pain and sorrow is capable of touching life’s depths and finding authentic happiness.” (GE 75-76)

7) The Church rejects abortion for the same reason she cares for the poor.

“Our defence of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of

human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection. “We cannot uphold an ideal of holiness that would ignore injustice in a world where some revel, spend with abandon and live only for the latest consumer goods, even as others look on from afar, living their entire lives in abject poverty.” (GE, 101)

8) The devil is real and we should be on guard.

“[W]e should not think of the devil as a myth, a representation, a symbol, a figure of speech or an idea.[121] This mistake would lead us to let down our guard, to grow careless and end up more vulnerable. The devil does not need to possess us. He poisons us with the venom of hatred, desolation, envy and vice. “When we let down our guard, he takes advantage of it to destroy our lives, our families and our communities. ‘Like a roaring lion, he prowls around, looking for someone to devour’ (1 Pet 5:8).” (GE 161)

9) Mary is the greatest of the saints.

“I would like these reflections to be crowned by Mary, because she lived the Beatitudes of Jesus as none other. She is that woman who rejoiced in the presence of God, who treasured everything in her heart, and who let herself be pierced by the sword. Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others. “She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us. Our converse with her consoles, frees and sanctifies us. Mary our Mother does not need a flood of words. She does not need us to tell her what is happening in our lives. All we need do is whisper, time and time again: ‘Hail Mary...’” (GE 176)

No, Catholic Parents Should NOT Let Small Kids “Decide For Themselves” About the Faith

I feel the necessity to say this at least once a week to parents when it comes to their role in the spiritual development of their children:

You. Are. The. Parent. When your child was baptized, you said you would take the lead in the spiritual and moral development of your children. This idea that that you let your child decide if they are going to be involved in that development is a dereliction of duty. I would assume good parents don’t let their child decide whether or not they go to school. I would assume good parents don’t let their child determine their diet. I would assume good parents don’t let their children determine their bed times. I would imagine good parents don’t let their children determine whether or not the child wants to obey their parents. I would imagine good parents don’t let their child determine a lot of necessary and important facets in their child’s life. Perhaps as the child gets older, more leeway is given to help the child decide... but to make good decisions. Why on earth do we treat faith as if it is so personal and individual that the child decides whether they are going to participate in what builds their faith? Why would we let a child decide whether they go to Mass? Catholicism isn’t a buffet of choices. It is way of life. We do this and then wonder why the child grows up to treat faith and belief like a buffet that they stylize to what they want. We do this and teach our children rebellion against God. My job as a pastor is to call the parents to live up to the commitment they made at their child’s baptism. They weren’t just words. They were a promise made to God. — Fr. Bill Peckman *Originally posted on Facebook*

KIDZ KORNER

1. Who was America’s first Catholic Bishop?
2. What year did diplomatic relations between the US and the Vatican begin?
3. Who was the US first ambassador to the Vatican?
4. Who was the first President to visit the Vatican?
5. Who was the first Catholic president of the US?

Answers on page four