

# *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 12, 2018 A.D.**



## **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Wednesday, August 15th**

**MASSES FOR THE HOLY DAY**

**Tuesday evening 5:30PM and 7PM Wednesday 6:30AM, 8AM, 12Noon, 6PM Latin and 7PM**



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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, Stefani Gosselink, 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.

### **Attention College Students!**

Fr. Wojciech would like to have a send-off pizza party for our college students before you return to your studies. Students, please join us this **Sunday, August 12**, for Mass at 7:00PM, followed by pizza in the lower church. *Mothers, please supply tissues for parting tears.* Our Lady of Victories is your parish family. Don't be strangers!! Please contact Maria at the rectory if you plan to join us, so we can plan the pizzas ... 201-768-1706 or olvrectory.hp@gmail.com.

### **SPIRITUAL EXCERPT**

"You want to know on what our faithfulness is founded? I would say, in broad outline, that it is based on loving God, which makes us overcome all kinds of obstacles: selfishness, pride, tiredness, impatience ... A man in love tramples on his own self. He is aware that even when he is loving with all his soul, he isn't yet loving enough."

**St. Jose Maria Escriva** **THE FORGE** pg 203

### **CCD ANNOUNCEMENT**

If you haven't done so already, please register your children for this upcoming CCD year as soon as possible. We are putting together the class rosters and finalizing the teachers' assignments. All first graders must be enrolled in the program this year if they are to receive their First Communion next year. You can register online at olvhp.org or call the CCD Office 201-768-1400.

### **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.

### **THE INFANT OF PRAGUE**

Did you know that on the 25<sup>th</sup> of every month, we have a novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague after the 8:00AM Mass?

### **Jesus asked one thing from us!!!**

On His last night of earth (Holy Thursday) Jesus asked His disciples one thing – to stay awake with Him for one hour. Every Thursday evening we at OLV try to fulfill this request by having a Holy Hour from 7-8PM. Join us in carrying out Jesus' request.

### **IT'S IN THE BIBLE**

The phrase "A bottomless pit," referring to a hole so deep and dark it seems to go on and on, comes to us from Revelations 9:1.

"Besides the Holy Mass there is nothing more powerful or important we can do, for ourselves or those around us, than praying the Holy Rosary while meditating on Christ's life, death, and glory."

**St. Louis De Montfort**

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## **A COURAGEOUS CHOICE**

2000 years ago, an angel announced the pregnancy of a young unmarried girl. The courageous choice made by that young woman to give birth in difficult circumstances, supported by a man named Joseph, still stands as a model of God's way to handle unplanned pregnancy.

### **The Magnificat The Prayer of Mary**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children forever.

(Lk 1:46-55)

### **FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORES IN HIGH SCHOOL**

If you are in high school and have not made your Confirmation and would like to — you must be registered ASAP. See or call Deacon Al.

### **ARE YOU NEW TO THE AREA?**

If you are, why not join our ever-growing Parish family. Stop by the Rectory any weekday and meet Maria and register to become a member of the OLV Family. Census forms are also located in the Church vestibule.

### **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. For information see Fr. Wojciech or call the Vocations Office at 973-497-4365.

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

**Upcoming OLV Parish Events**

- Aug 12 - Sun - College Students send-off Mass 7PM followed by pizza
- Aug 14 - Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
- Aug 15 - Wed - Feast of Assumption - Holy Day of Obligation
- Aug 15 - Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM
- Aug 16 - Thu - Holy Hour 7:00PM
- Aug 17 - Fri - Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM
- Sep 11 - Tue - Social Concerns Meeting 7:00PM
- Sep 23 - Sun - Parish Picnic

**Sisters of Charity 50/50 Raffle**

There are still some tickets available! Sisters of Charity 50/50 raffle tickets are available at OLV Rectory. Your purchase supports 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. For an application, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Dr. Marie Woke, 20 Kensington Court, Norwood, NJ 07648.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage**

Fr. Chris Ciccarino, our weekend assistant, and Fr. Jerry Hahn of St. Anthony's in Northvale, invite OLV parishioners, particularly those who may have wanted to be pilgrims this year but could not, to join our March 7 -15, 2019 Holy Land visit. For more information, please call Father Jerry 201-768-1177.

**LEARN TO KNIT/CROCHET**

The OLV Catholic Daughters meets every Wednesday evening in the lower church and will teach you to knit or crochet. Contact Renee Tringali at 201-768-0648 for more information.

**REFRESH YOUR MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP**

On a **Marriage Encounter** weekend married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones for 44 hours - and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can make! For information contact Janet and Mike Turco at 973-427-7016 or email mikeandjanetwwme@gmail.com or visit nnjwwme.org.

**Relevant Radio—1430 AM**

Tune in to Relevant Radio, the largest Catholic radio network in the nation. Its local station 1430AM, has fast become a growing Catholic radio presence here in the Archdiocese of Newark and the greater New York / Tri-State area, sharing news and insights into our Catholic Faith. Listen online at www.relevantradio.com and on the FREE mobile app.

**CLOTHING BINS**

The dog days of summer are upon us. Most of us escape and find relief from the extreme heat in air conditioned surroundings. We are most fortunate. There are those whose financial circumstances prohibit such a luxury as air conditioning. Catholic Charities strives on a daily basis to relieve suffering. Please be part of this effort by contributing to the clothing bin. Thank you.

**Join our Bishops in Their Call for a Pro-Life Novena**

The U.S. bishops are asking you and all people of good will to join with them each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, from August 3 to September 28. To participate in the Novena and Call to Prayer initiatives sign up at [www.usccb.org/pray](http://www.usccb.org/pray). Kicking off this important national event, in a recent statement, Cardinal Timothy Michael Dolan, Archbishop of New York and Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities said: "As soon as Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy announced his retirement, pro-abortion groups began lobbying the U.S. Senate to reject any nominee who does not promise to endorse Roe v. Wade. While the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops does not support or oppose the confirmation of any presidential nominee, we can and should raise grave concerns about a confirmation process which is being grossly distorted by efforts to subject judicial nominees to a litmus test of support for Roe v. Wade. And we must pray."

By any measure, the Roe decision has been a heartbreaking failure, taken millions of innocent lives and demonstrably divided the country for decades. The Bishops urge you to join in the Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life at this critical time. Additional Novena prayer and education materials are accessible at [www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/take-action-now/call-to-prayer/legal-protection-of-human-life.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/take-action-now/call-to-prayer/legal-protection-of-human-life.cfm). The Cardinal concluded this special appeal by asking Our Lady of Guadalupe to "intercede for the healing of our nation and our people from decades of abortion on demand." Please join the U.S. bishops in this focused time of prayer, fasting, and education.

**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.

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

**ST PIUS X GOLF OUTING**

St. Pius X Church in Old Tappan is sponsoring its first annual Golf Outing on Monday, September 17, at the Old Tappan Golf Course. The day includes a BBQ at the course at 12Noon, 1PM Shotgun Start (scramble format 18 holes), 6PM dinner. Prizes for the golf! Tricky Tray at dinner. Sign up for golf as a single, pair or as a foursome. **Cost:** \$150 for BBQ, Golf, Dinner; \$60 for Dinner only; \$100 to Sponsor a Hole (\$650 for a foursome and a sponsor). Please call the St. Pius X Parish Office at 201-664-0913 for more information

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

Jehovah's Witness' 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.

"Love our Lady. And she will obtain abundant grace to help you conquer in your daily struggle." **-St. Josemaria Escriva**

**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;  
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;  
Lieutenant Gigi McElroy, U.S. Army;  
Colonel John McLaughlin, US Army;  
Lieutenant 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.

**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.**

**FRIDAY ADORATION**

Just a reminder we have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 12:30 – 3:00PM.

**So stop by and adore Our Eucharistic Lord.**

**OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL**

Did you know that every Monday after the 8:00AM Mass we have a novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. We also pray the Rosary DAILY after the completion of the 8:00AM weekday Mass.

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**OLV Prayer Power House**

Become one of our prayer team members. There are no meetings, so this apostolate is wonderful for all, including those parishioners who are homebound. For information, please phone Maria at the rectory.

**Rachel's Vineyard**

**Healing the Wounds of Abortion**

Upcoming retreat weekend in the archdiocese:

September 14th-16th 2018

For confidential help / info' 973-497-4350 or rileyche@rcan.org.

www.Rachelsvineyard.org.

**GOING ON VACATION**

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

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, August 13– Sts. Pontian, Pope, & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs**

8:00 Blanche Vespucci R/b the Poggi Family  
12:00 John Kevin Smith R/b Family

**Tuesday, August 14–St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**

8:00 William Ellis R/b Joanne Ellis  
12:00 Helen Green R/b the Zwerle Family

**Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption**

5:30 Michael A. Casenta R/b Colleen Connors Casenta  
7:00 Gina Ottomanelli Bender R/b the Ottomanelli Family

**Wednesday, August 15– ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

6:30 Samuel Burruano R/b Mike and Maria Hellrigel  
8:00 Rev. Zachary H. Monet, O.Carm. R/b Pat Consoli  
12:00 John Kevin Smith R/b Family

6:00 *Latin* Deceased of the Mayer and Isaacson Families  
R/b Richard and Sharon Mayer

7:00 Alice Ruiz R/b the LoSchiavo Family

**Thursday, August 16 -St. Stephen – King of Hungary**

8:00 Ann McGuire R/b the Barrett Family  
12:00 Sr. Mary Rajner R/b Margarete Rajner

**Friday, August 17–St. Hyacinth of Silesia, Poland-Priest**

8:00 Restituta Sasso R/b Antoinette Cuomo  
12:00 Intentions of Klein children & grandchildren R/b Margarete Rajner

**Saturday, August 18 – St. Helena, Widow**

8:00 Marino, Rubino, Santora and Scott Families R/b Tony and Laura Scott  
12:00 Michael Giotta R/b Mother

4:00 Kathy Kruimer R/b Peter and Eileen Kruimer  
5:00 Sr. M. Amadeus and Sr. M. Modesta R/b Josephine J. Fogarino

**Sunday, August 19– St. John Eudes of France-Priest**

7:30 Clare Burruano R/b Mike and Maria Hellrigel  
8:15 Intentions of Lauren Alcala R/b Marita Morgan

9:30 Larry Longo R/b the Bentivegna Family  
10:45 Intentions of Ernesto Salazar R/b the McElroy Family

12:00 In thanksgiving R/b George and Gail Fabiano  
1:00 People of the Parish

6:00 Joseph Flood R/b the Ubriaco Family  
7:00 George Heath R/b Regina Bond

**SANCTUARY MEMORIALS**

**The Church Sanctuary Lamp** burns this week for the repose of the soul of Robert J. Maynes IV, r/b the Maynes Family.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp** burns this week for the repose of the soul of Michael Giotta, r/b Anne Giotta.

**St. Joseph Votive Lamp** burn this week for the repose of the soul of Theresa Beringer, r/b the Oakely Family.

**The Convent Sanctuary Lamp** burns this week for those serving in defense of our country.

**The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp** burns this week for the intentions of Carole Deignan, r/b Joe and Johanna Healy.

**The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp** burns this week the souls in Purgatory.

**THE FAMILY**

A hectic family life can be hazardous to a Christian family. Is life so rushed that you don't have time to be a Good Samaritan? We will be judged by our compassion, not by how much we accomplish each day.

**KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS**

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

## **THE ASSUMPTION**

August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption. It is the oldest exclusively Marian feast, and her most important day. It is Mary's "Easter". In the Western (Latin) Church it is the only Marian Feast with a vigil Mass; in the Eastern Churches, it is preceded by a two-week Lent-style fast. Although the Church believed in Mary's Assumption since the 5<sup>th</sup> century, it was not until 1950 that it was universally declared a dogma of the Church. We may never know which came first, the chicken or the egg; perhaps it is not even that important. However, on certain Marian Feasts, like Mary's Assumption into Heaven, we can easily stray into heresy if we do not know who came first; Mary the Mother or Jesus Christ the Son. The Feast of the Assumption commemorates Mary's entrance, body and soul, into heaven. An awesome event which was made possible because Jesus Christ rose from the dead and ascended into heaven! Mary's assumption into heaven is the result or fruit of her Son's Death, Resurrection and Ascension. As the Preface on Christ's Ascension says, "Where Christ has gone, we hope to follow." So why should we doubt that Mary, who was born without Original Sin, now enjoys this hope, and is already in heaven? To the Eastern Churches, this feast is called the "Dormition" or "Falling Asleep" of Mary. Since Mary was free from original sin, she did not have to suffer the worst consequence of Original Sin – Death. According to Eastern Tradition, at the end of Mary's earthly journey, Mary "fell asleep" and was taken body and soul into heaven. An ancient legend about St. Thomas the Apostle, a.k.a. Doubting Thomas, concerns this feast. According to Scripture, St. Thomas did not believe in the Resurrection until he saw the Risen Lord and probed his hand in Jesus' nail prints in his hands, feet and side. According to legend, Thomas would not believe that Mary was assumed into heaven until Mary dropped her belt from heaven to prove that she was "up there". Legends aside, why should WE doubt that Mary is in heaven. This is exactly what Jesus promised to all who follow His Way, and trust in God, and place their lives in His Father's Hands. Mary's Assumption is important and comforting to us because it shows what Jesus promised, what Jesus has done for His Mother, and what He will do for each of US – His faithful people.

## **ROSARY**

THE SOURCE: (Telegraph.co.uk).

In May 2009 a much-loved priest, Monsignor William Kerr, collapsed with a stroke while delivering a sermon in Tallahassee. Monsignor Kerr had been speaking about his very first hospital assignment, ministering to a young burn victim dying from his injuries. Later, he was called on to perform an even more ghastly duty. He was called to a sorority house at FSU where the young female victims of serial killer Ted Bundy were lying dead or dying. Monsignor got the call from police in the middle of the night. When he arrived, he was told all but one girl was dead, murdered by a serial killer later identified as Ted Bundy. After giving Last Rites, the then Father Kerr was asked by the police to speak to the one girl who survived unscathed. They wanted to know how it was she survived the brutal attacks, because Bundy had stopped right inside her dorm room, dropped his weapon and left without touching her. But the girl would speak to no one but a priest. When Father was able to speak with the near catatonic girl, she told him that her mother had made her promise before leaving home for college that each night before going to bed she would pray the Rosary for protection. She had done exactly that the night when Bundy came into her room with murder on his mind. Though fast asleep, the beads were still clutched in her hands. Later, Bundy would tell Monsignor that when he entered the girl's room, he just couldn't go on; he dropped his weapon and fled. Hopefully this encourages all of us to continue or start praying our daily Rosary.

## **PRAYER FOR OVERWHELMED**

All loving, gentle God, I sometimes feel overwhelmed with daily life and all that it may bring. I believe that you are always there for me. Help me to trust more in Your Presence. Give me the strength and courage I need to face my life with confidence in Your Presence and love. Through Your grace, may I open my hands, release the cares I feel, and the troubles I face, and let them go to You. My loving God, I believe You will take my cares and troubles to Yourself. Help me free myself from all of life's anxiety and fear. I love You, my God. Let me feel the comfort of Your love, the warmth of Your embrace and the healing power of Your gentle touch. My Lord and my God, I place my life completely in Your hands. Amen.

## **ANNOYING HABIT**

A couple of aunts of mine had the annoying habit of coming up to me at weddings, poking me in the ribs and cackling, "You're next!" They stopped after I started doing the same to them at funerals.

## **F Y I**

If you have children, pharmacists recommend that no medicine cabinet or home be complete without:

- 1) liquid Benadryl – for allergic reactions.
- 2) Ipecac\* – to combat accidental poisoning – \*only use after calling the poison control hotline 800-962-1253, and they inform you to administer it.

## **THOUGHTS OF SAINTS**

"In times of aridity when I am incapable of praying, of practicing virtue, I seek little opportunities, mere trifles, to give pleasure to Jesus; for instance a smile, a pleasant word when inclined to be silent and to show weariness. If I find no opportunities, I at least tell Him again and again that I love Him; that is not difficult and it keeps alive the fire in my heart. Even though this fire of love might seem extinct, I would still throw little straws upon the embers, and I am certain it would rekindle."

Saint Therese Lisieux, "The Little Flower"

## **THINGS I LEARNED**

On a positive note, I've learned that, no matter what happens, how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow. I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles four things: a rainy day, the elderly, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights. I've learned that, regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life. I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back. I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But if you focus on your family, your friends, the needs of others, your work and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you. I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision. I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. I've learned that every day, you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch -- holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. I've learned that I still have a lot to learn!

## **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.