

# Our Lady of Victories Church

(serving Harrington Park, River Vale and the Pascack/Northern Valley)

150 Harriot Avenue, Harrington Park, New Jersey

www.olvhp.org

SUNDAY, November 18, 2018 A.D.

## Happy Thanksgiving

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

**Welcome to our Thanksgiving visitors!**

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*Administrator*

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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



### 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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**Thanksgiving Day Mass**

**9:00AM**

**There will be no 12:00 Noon Mass**

**Fr. Wojciech's Corner**

*I have everything ...*

The sick kid in the hospital, holding a toy and a rosary, when his mother asked him what would you like for your birthday, answered "I have everything" - that is gratefulness. I recall visiting a family that was in turmoil. We sat at dinner on one regular Sunday night, and God inspired them to share reasons why they are grateful for each other. That evening turned into an evening full of tears-but tears of joy. I will never forget that evening.

Tempus fugit (time flies) as Virgil used to say. Let us not forget nor postpone the chance to say Thank You to each other. As a way of Thanking God we will gather for our Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00AM on Thursday. Eucharist means Thanksgiving - what better way to say thanks than participating at Mass that day. As we will gather at our homes and at our tables to give thanks to God for what He has given us, **I would like to thank Him for all of you and wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.** We welcome our guests, and especially our returning college students. Welcome home.

**Three People We Thank ...**

As a way of giving thanks, the Archdiocese is holding a special awards ceremony, Youth Ministry Recognition, to honor those whose lives are particularly dedicated to the youth. I have nominated Miss Allison Sumereau, Mr. Stephen Soravilla and Mrs. Susan Evanella to receive this award. We congratulate and thank them for all they did and do.

**Christmas Giving Tree ...**

Next weekend, we will start our annual project of helping families in need. On the weekend of November 24/25 you will see Christmas trees in the Church and one in our vestibule area. They will have different tags with the age, sex and size of a person. If you take a tag from the tree, please bring the gifts back to the church or rectory no later than December 10. We would not want a family to be left without the gift, or because somebody was late, for a child to be without a gift. I ask your diligence in that .

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON PRAYER GROUP**

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

**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 Holy Hour from 7-8PM. Join us.

**FRIDAY ADORATION**

Just a reminder we have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Friday, 12:30–3pm. So stop by and adore Our Eucharistic Lord.

**CAN YOU HELP THE SOULS IN PURGATORY?**

It is very possible that some of our own nearest and dearest ones are still suffering the excruciating pains of Purgatory and are calling to us for help and relief. There is no hunger, no thirst, no poverty, no need, no pain, no suffering to compare with what the souls in Purgatory endure. How YOU can help these souls: 1. Have Masses offered for them. 2. Make the Stations of the Cross. 3. Recite the Rosary. 4. Offer up all your pain and sufferings for the relief of Souls. 5. Since Fridays outside of Lent are designated as days of Penance, each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance. It can also be offered for the poor souls in Purgatory.

**Upcoming OLV Parish Events**

Nov 20 - Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM

Nov 21 - Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM

Dec 8-9 - Bethlehem Olivewood Sale

**THANKSGIVING FOOD & TURKEY DRIVE  
This Sunday, November 18, 2018**

Frozen turkeys must be delivered to OLV by **12:30PM**

**Thank you!**

The volunteers at the Office of Concern Food Pantry at St. Cecilia thank you for donating a total of 270 bags of groceries since October 10th. This is a remarkable achievement! Your continuing support makes it possible to provide food and other basic necessities available to over 800 families registered to receive food each week. Together we are making a difference in many lives.

**Youth Group Christmas Greens Sale**

OLV Youth Group will have our annual Christmas greens sale, starting with grave blankets, which are available this weekend. Decorated wreaths will be available in December. Proceeds of this sale will support our Youth Ministry Program. Prices: Small Grave Blanket-\$25; Large Grave Blanket-\$35; Decorated Wreath-\$25. Thank you for your support.

**Memorial Opportunity**

The parish has purchased several sets of new vestments, which are available to be memorialized in honor of a loved one, deceased or living. Included are new vestments for deacons. The cost of the vestments to be memorialized is \$300 each. Also available to be memorialized are a Thurible (from Medieval Latin turibulum - a metal censer suspended from chains, in which incense is burned during Church liturgies) or the Boat (a small metal container, Latin navicula, which holds the supplies of incense.) Call Maria at the rectory if you would like to memorialize any of these items in the name of your family or a loved one.

**SAVE THE DATE - January 26, 2019**

Our Lady of Victories Knights of Columbus Council 14483

ELEVENTH ANNUAL "Hap Nightingale" BEEFSTEAK

**CLOTHING BINS**

Catholic Charities is deeply thankful for your positive response to the clothing bins. As we all know, one way to give "thanks" is by "giving." Just as the Lord has given us so many blessings, this is an ideal time to give any unwanted clothing to the Catholic Charities donations bins. Please note that in addition to all forms of used clothing we also welcome small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels and children's books. Happy "Thanks-for giving."

**CCD Corner**

Today we welcome our First Communion Class and their parents to our Sunday 10:45 Mass celebration. Raising children in this day and age is not any easy task so please keep them in your prayers. With Advent just two weeks away, our children have begun working on how they can prepare themselves for the celebration of the Feast of Christmas. This year our CCD Program will be working on mailing **Boxes of Joy** to the Holy Family School in the Turk and Caicos Islands. On **December 2, 2018** we will be having a special **Advent Gathering of Families** (after the 10:45 Mass...light refreshments will be served) where moms, dads, grandparents and children can construct Nativity sets that they can bring back to their homes as they start preparing their houses for Christmas. Our Confirmation candidates will be sponsoring a **Parents Night Out on December 14<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00 – 9:00pm. More information will be coming on all these exciting events. On behalf of our teachers and staff we would like to extend to you and your families a **Peaceful and Happy Thanksgiving. God bless.**

**Why Giving Thanks is Good for You**

The average American will consume 3,000 calories eating dinner on Thanksgiving Day. Drinks, dessert, and appetizers can bring the total count to 4,500. Experts warn us that half the weight we gain during the holidays can stay with us into next summer. Now aren't you glad it's Thanksgiving Day? Actually, we should be. "Happy Thanksgiving" is more than a wish for today—it's a fact: those who give thanks are happier than those who don't.

Studies show that those who give thanks are happier than those who don't. Neuroscientists have discovered that thankful thoughts not only produce pleasure in the brain, but stimulate areas of the brain regulating stress as well. Multiple studies have connected gratitude with resilience from post-traumatic stress for Vietnam War veterans and 9/11 survivors, likeliness to exhibit patience and self-control, college students slept longer and better, couples tend to be more committed to each other and are more likely to remain in their relationships. In short, thanksgiving is good for us, and the spiritual benefits of gratitude are even more significant.

This week we discover why God calls us to be grateful people. We've learned that thanksgiving encourages our humility and deepens our faith. Here's another reason why gratitude is so central to spiritual health: thanksgiving glorifies God. If you truly give thanks today, someone else is more likely to give thanks tomorrow.

**Celebrities who gave it all up**

What makes a person happy? What makes a life worth living? Money? Fame? Popularity? Career success? We all know the answer, even if we don't always live like we know it: not at all. All of these things come up short. There is only one thing – or one person, to be more exact – that can make us happy, and that's Our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the only way to understand what three women decided to do. Even in the midst of worldly success, they gave it all up to pursue Christ in a more focused way in the religious life. Of course, one can follow after Jesus without joining a religious order. Some of us are called to go into business, to work in the entertainment industry, and have families, etc. But some are called to the radical religious life – and they remind us of what's really the most important. **Dolores Hart**—"If you heard what I hear..." Born with the name Dolores Hicks in 1938, Dolores took the stage name Dolores Hart when she started her acting career as a young woman. And that career took off pretty fast! At the age of 18 she landed a part playing Elvis Presley's love interest in the 1957 movie *Loving You*. Famously, she gave Elvis his first on-screen kiss in that role. She had important parts in 9 more films over the next 5 years, playing opposite Stephen Boyd, Montgomery Clift, George Hamilton and Robert Wagner. She got engaged to be married, and had her pick of roles. Then, suddenly, at the age of 24, engaged to be married and a rising Hollywood star, she announced she was leaving it all to become a nun. She later explained that she had a turning point while filming *Francis of Assisi*, in which she played St. Clare of Assisi. She met Pope St. John XXIII in Italy during the filming, and when she introduced herself, "I am Dolores Hart, the actress playing Clare," he responded, "No, you are St. Clare of Assisi!" Her fans and friends were in shock, angry even, when they heard the news. "Even my best friend," Hart recalled years later, "who was a priest, Fr. Doody, said, 'You're crazy. This is absolutely insane to do this.'" One friend wrote her angry letters for years after she joined the convent, trying to talk her out of "throwing her life away." Hart's response? "If you heard what I hear," she told her friend, "you would come, too."

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*A little humor ...*

**Exercise for People Over 60**

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5-lb. potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax. Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb. potato bags. Then try 50-lb. potato bags, and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb. potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level.) After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.

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*Other events ...*

**Calling All Senior Citizens!**

Please join us! Immaculate Heart Academy Annual Senior Citizen free Thanksgiving dinner - Monday, **November 19**, 5-7PM in the IHA cafeteria. RSVP to Sarah Shutrop 201-445-6800 or sshutrop@ihanj.com. You do not need to receive confirmation to sign up! Just RSVP.

**St. Joseph Elementary School**

Open House on Tuesday, Nov. 27-Thursdays, Nov. 29, 8am-2:45pm. St. Joseph School, located at 305 Elm St. in Oradell, provides education for Pre-K to 8th Grade. For more info call 201-261-2388.

**Paint and Sip**

Saturday, December 15, 6:30-9:00pm, Immaculate Conception Church, 211 Summit St., Norwood, NJ. \$25 donation per person includes materials, wine and cheese and hors d'oeuvres. For reservations call Immaculate Conception Rectory at 201-768-1600. Reservations are due November 30th. Tickets will not be available at the door.

**CATHOLIC CARE FOR TERMINALLY 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](http://www.rosaryhillhome.org).

**Christmas Artwork Contest**

Call for Entries! Sponsored by Missionary Childhood Association, contest is open to young Catholics in grades K-8. Winners' artwork will be displayed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC during Advent and Christmas 2019. Two grand-prize winners will have their artwork appear as the official Christmas card of the Natl. Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies. Contest winners will be notified in late spring 2019. Entries must be received by January 31, 2019. *Winners from last year's (2017-2018) contest may not enter this year's competition.* For contest guidelines and to enter the contest visit site <https://tinyurl.com/y72mqjye>.

In all created things discern the providence and wisdom of God, and in all things give Him thanks."

- St. Teresa of Avila

**Pray for Those in the Military**

**US Army**

Captain Ben Clemente  
Specialist Peter Dippolito  
Major Michael Franson  
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene  
Captain Shawn Linn  
Lieutenant Gigi McElroy  
Colonel John McLaughlin  
Lieutenant John G. Miele

**US Marine Corps.**

Lance Corporal Matthew Brady  
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo  
Lance Corporal Thomas lafrate

**US Navy**

Lieutenant Commander Julia Cheringal  
Ensign Jon Clemente  
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger  
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger  
OS3 Daniel T. LoVecchio

**US Air Force**

Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn

**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.

**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**: baby Sean Cresci, baby Cole McKeon, Addie Bennington, Richard Bolton, Irene Ciccarino, Mary Corcoran, Eleanor Daily, Pat Dinnell, Antoinette Dougherty, Deb Dovale, Dan Filippone, Sebastian Filippone, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Kathy Freeburn, Marietta Flahive, Bernardita Garcia, Kyle Gauweiler, Tom Giuliano, Marylou Goreb, Thomas Haring, Glen Hall, Megan Kavanagh, Peter Kellar, Andrew Kloeppel, Lisa LoSchiavo, Peter Mahler, Anne Matthaei, David Mercur, Skylar Migliaccio, Len Moriarity, Kevin Mulane, John Murawski, John Pal, Joyanna Peros, Andy Pfeiffer, Janice Pillon-Mingione, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Linda Rivera, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Michael Tobia, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Jim Walsh, Angela, Brian, Carla, Chris, Dierdre, Jennifer, Lucas, Lynn, Lori, Michael, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, and Sean.

**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.

**CONVALIDATION**

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

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**ALL MEN / ALL GIRLS**

When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, "And all girls." This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?" Her response, "Because everybody else always finishes their prayers by saying 'All Men!'"

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, November 19—St. Mathilda of Germany - Nun**

8:00 Joseph Lamendola R/b Jinnie Moran  
12:00 George Erstling R/b Don Ulisse

**Tuesday, November 20 – St. Bernward, Bishop of Hildesheim**

8:00 Michael Bentivegna R/b the Bentivegna Family  
12:00 Michael Barrett R/b the Barrett Family

**Wednesday, November 21—Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 Intentions of Brian and Ginny Amaral R/b Peggy O'Brien  
12:00 Madeline Dunn R/b the Dunn Family

**Thurs, November 22—THANKSGIVING DAY-St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr**

9:00 Warren Lawten R/b the Quinn Family

**Friday, November 23—St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr; St. Columban**

8:00 Kevin Naughton R/b the Barrett Family  
12:00 Ivan Busanic R/b the Busanic Family

**Saturday, November 24—St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions**

8:00 John Raven R/b Jim and Caroline Connolly  
12:00 Jean McGuire R/b Bob McGuire  
4:00 Michael Giotta R/b Ann Giotta  
5:00 Jerry and Hilda Michaels  
R/b Marie Michaels and Josephine J. Fogarino

**Sunday, Nov. 25—St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr**

7:30 Blaise Zaccaro R/b the Zaccaro Family  
8:15 Jennie Russo R/b Joe Tobia  
9:30 Maureen Flood R/b Bill and Beth McMorrow  
10:45 Sanctity of Marriage R/b the McElroy Family  
12:00 Anna Lucia Arias R/b Maria Arias  
1:00 People of the Parish  
6:00 Marion O'Donnell R/b Arleen and Roly Chau  
7:00 Kathleen Rosenkranz R/b Leo and Eileen DeBartolo

**SANCTUARY MEMORIALS**

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of **Patricia Rube**, r/b Ria and Tom Ragusa.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the Dalton Family, r/b Julia Dalton.

St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week for a special intention, r/b the Werner 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 unemployed.

The Pope John Paul Votive Lamp burns this week for the sick of the parish.

**Sanctuary Offerings**

The Bread and Wine, Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp, St. Joseph Votive Lamp, and Sanctuary Lamp in the Church can be dedicated on a weekly basis. AND the Altar Flowers are also available to be memorialized. Please contact the rectory for more information 201-768-1706.

**KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS**

1) 1863. 2) 675 million lbs. 3) 86 lbs.

4) 1621. 5) Thursday.

"No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks."

- St. Ambrose

**“As Much Pain as in Hell”**

**St. Catherine of Genoa**

St. Catherine of Genoa was a 15th century nun who spent much of her time caring for the sick, particularly those with the bubonic plague. She’s also famous for her mystical experiences of purgatory.

“No tongue can tell nor explain, no mind understand, the grievousness of purgatory. But I, though I see that there is in purgatory as much pain as in hell, yet see the soul which has the least stain of imperfection accepting purgatory, as I have said, as though it were a mercy, and holding its pains of no account as compared with the least stain which hinders a soul in its love.

“I seem to see that the pain which souls in purgatory endure because of whatever in them displeases God, that is what they have willfully done against His so great goodness, is greater than any other pain they feel in purgatory. And this is because, being in grace, they see the truth and the grievousness of the hindrance which stays them from drawing near to God.” (*Treatise on Purgatory*)

**St. Augustine on Purgatory**

“But by the prayers of the Holy Church, and by the salvific sacrifice, and by the alms which are given for their spirits, there is no doubt that the dead are aided, that the Lord might deal more mercifully with them than their sins would deserve. The whole Church observes this practice which was handed down by the Fathers: that it prays for those who have died in the communion of the Body and Blood of Christ, when they are commemorated in their own place in the sacrifice itself; and the sacrifice is offered also in memory of them, on their behalf. If, then, works of mercy are celebrated for the sake of those who are being remembered, who would hesitate to recommend them, on whose behalf prayers to God are not offered in vain? It is not at all to be doubted that such prayers are of profit to the dead; but for such of them as lived before their death in a way that makes it possible for these things to be useful to them after death”.

“Temporal punishments are suffered by some in this life only, by some after death, by some both here and hereafter, but all of them before that last and strictest judgment. But not all who suffer temporal punishments after death will come to eternal punishments, which are to follow after that judgment” (The City of God 21:13 [A.D. 419]).

**\$20**

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?" Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you, but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple up the \$20 dollar bill. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air. Well, he replied, "What if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty. "Now, who still wants it?" Still the hands went into the air. "My friends, we have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who DO LOVE you. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we know, but by WHO WE ARE and WHOSE WE ARE. You are special - Don't EVER forget it." "And remember: amateurs built the ark. professionals built the Titanic. If God brings you to it - He will bring you through it."

**St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr  
November—22 - Patroness of Musicians**

According to her legendary Acts, Cecilia was a native of Rome. At an early age she made a vow of virginity, but her parents forced her to marry a nobleman named Valerian. She converted him to the Faith of Christ, and by the Providence of God, preserved her virginity. She also converted Tiburtius, the brother of Valerian. Both these men suffered martyrdom for the Faith, and St. Cecilia died the same glorious death a few days after. Their death occurred probably in the reign of Marcus Aurelius or of Commodus, between the years 161 and 192.

The name of St. Cecilia has always been most illustrious in the Church, and since the primitive ages it has been mentioned in the Canon of the Mass (First Eucharistic Prayer). She is honored as the patroness of ecclesiastical music.

**Sts. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Martyr  
& Companions, Martyrs  
November 24**

Through the missionary efforts of various religious families beginning in the 16th century and continuing until 1866, the Vietnamese people heard the message of the Gospel and many accepted it despite persecution and even death.

On June 18, 1988, Pope John Paul II from the great number of Vietnamese martyrs canonized 117 person martyred in the 18th century. Among these are included 95 Vietnamese, 11 missionaries born in Spain and belonging to the Order of preachers, and 10 French missionaries belonging to the Paris Foreign Mission Society. Among these saints are 8 Spanish and French bishops, 50 priests (13 European and 37 Vietnamese) and 59 lay people of every state in life.

These martyrs gave their lives, not only for the church but for their country as well. They showed that they wanted the Gospel of Christ to take root in their people and contribute to the good of their homeland. On June 1, 1989, these holy martyrs were inscribed in the liturgical calendar of the Universal Church for November 24.

**KIDZ KORNER**

1. What year did Thanksgiving become a national holiday?
2. On Thanksgiving, how many pounds of turkey are eaten?
3. What was the weight of the largest turkey ever raised?
4. What year did the first Thanksgiving take place?
5. On what day of the week is Thanksgiving celebrated?

**Answers on page four.**

