

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

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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, December 16, 2018 A.D.
GAUDETE SUNDAY



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, December 24

3:30pm Christmas Pageant in OLV Gym
4:15pm Mass in Church
5:30pm Mass in Church
7:00pm Mass in Church
9:00pm *Sung Latin Mass in Church*

Christmas Day, December 25

Midnight Mass in Church

(Christmas Carols 30 minutes before Mass)

8:00am Mass in Church
10:00am Mass in Church
12:00Noon Mass in Church
1:00pm *Spanish Mass in Church*
6:00pm Mass in Church



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Fr. Wojciech's Corner

A great **big** THANK YOU to all those who gave to our Christmas Giving Tree. It was beautiful to see the mountain of gifts for those in need - thank you for your generosity !

We are now in the last week of Advent. Tomorrow the Church starts a novena that directly connects us with Christmas.

Good preparation=Good celebration.

We know that very well, we probably have prepared gifts already, cleaned the houses, provided food, tickets in case we travel - what about our SOUL where Christ will want to reside? He will not reside in our kitchen, neither under the Christmas tree, however beautiful it might be. In our soul. If you have not done so, there are still some "cleaning and decorations" to be done.

Please see the schedule of Confessions, one good confession can make of us saints. It would be unthinkable that we wait for Christ and then be like people in Bethlehem's inns not wanting Him in.

There is also this Tuesday a special time to STOP in silence, to think WHO we are waiting for. In all preparations there is a moment in which either a cook, cleaner, constructor, stops for a moment to see if everything is ready, that is the moment of this special stop. To give of our time, not to God, but really to ourselves, time with God. Tuesday 6-9PM. Please see the info for Silent Night Holy Night.

And today is Gaudete Sunday. We start the tradition of blessing *Babminelli*-the baby Jesus that will be in our home mangers. Good preparations!

Blessing of Water, Salt and Oil

There will be the blessing of water, salt and oil this Tuesday, December 18, after the 2PM Marian Novena prayers.

GOD'S HOUSE

The Church is God's special dwelling place and some people come to pray, so please be aware of this and please refrain from idle chatter before and after Mass. We should behave differently in God's House as opposed to being at home, at the mall, a grocery store or a civic center.

CCD CORNER

Today our children are spending time moving away from the secular celebration of Christmas to the sacred. They'll be going to confessions and through our prayers and scripture reflections our teachers will remind them that Christmas is a holiday as well as a holiday. We have put aside thoughts of what we will be getting and in the true spirit of this giving season we have put together **Boxes of Joy** that we will mail out to the children of The Holy Family School in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Tomorrow, **December 17th at 5:00** and again on **December 21st at 2:00**, we will be practicing for the Christmas Pageant that will be present on Christmas Eve before our 4:00 Mass.

Confession Schedule

Monday December 17

7:30am - 7:50am in Church
4:00pm - 5:00pm in Church CCD
5:00pm-6:00pm anyone

Tuesday-Saturday December 17-22

7:30am - 7:50am in Church
11AM-12noon

Sunday December 23

30 minutes prior to each Mass

CONFESSION'S POWER

Charles de Faucauld (now already Blessed) came into confessional and said through the confessional screen: Father, I do not have faith, please give me some advice. He heard from the other side a voice: Please kneel, confess your sins to God and you will believe. But I did not come for that, responded Charles. Please, confess, insisted firmly the priest. Charles knelt and allowed his heart to speak ...

Silent Night, Holy Night

Silent Night, Holy Night will be held at OLV this Tuesday, December 18, from 6:00PM to 9:00PM. During the season of Advent we ask everyone, young and not so young, to stop for 10 minutes from all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, and visit Jesus in His Church. The gift of time is so precious, but sometimes, especially around Christmas, we are so busy with last minute preparations that we forget about preparing our hearts and souls for the holy celebration of Christmas. As a family, what greater example can we give to our children than to come to God's house and in the silence of the night offer our prayers to Emmanuel — God with us. Please make the effort to come and allow the music of the season to prepare you for the Feast of Christmas.

'Maybe Christmas.....

.....means a little bit more?'

"And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice-cold in the snow
Stood puzzling and puzzling, 'How could it be so?
'It came without ribbons! It came without tags!
'It came without packages, boxes or bags!
And he puzzled three hours, 'till his puzzler was sore.
Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before!
'Maybe Christmas,' he thought, 'doesn't come from a store.
'Maybe Christmas ... perhaps ... means a little bit more!'"

CLOWN'S Gift for Christmas

There is an old story about a weary, way-worn juggler who performs his very last act before a statue of the Virgin Mother and Child in a dark church on Christmas Eve. This playful gift of flying colored balls was a gift of delight offered to the Monarchs of Heaven, and one blessed by a miracle when the image of the Child catches the last falling ball even as the clown falls to the floor in death—his soul in the hand of God.

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Dec 17 - Mon - Confessions
 Dec 18 - Tue - Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
 Dec 18 - Tue - Blessing of Water, Oil and Salt after 2:00PM Novena
 Dec 18 - Tue - Silent Night, Holy Night 6:00-9:00PM in church.
 Dec 19 - Wed - Bible Study Group—10:00AM
 Dec 19 - Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM
 Dec 20 - Thu - Rosary Society Mass & Meeting 12:00Noon
 Dec 20 - Thu - Advent Reflection 7:00PM

PRAY for THOSE in the MILITARY

Private First Class Matthew Brady, U.S. Marine Corps;
 Lieutenant Julia H. Cheringal, US Navy;
 Lieutenant 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 lafrate, 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;
 Lieutenant John G. Miele, US Army.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

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

Give yourself a CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Lord, Jesus, every Christmas, I need a quiet moment, just one silent moment. A moment outside of time, a moment without bells. Without carols or cards. A moment away from worrying about presents and parties. Just ONE quiet moment, either in Church or when all have gone to bed. A moment when I can be still and picture myself, one by one, as a shepherd, wise man, Scrooge, inn keeper, Little Drummer Boy, as George Bailey discovering "It's a Wonderful Life," a moment when I can experience You with me as the Christmas Present.

BEEFSTEAK DINNER - 1/26/19

This is a major fundraiser for the Knights of Columbus to fund our seminarians - men studying for the priesthood and other charitable works. It is a fun evening, and last year it was a great success. Please support this dinner.

SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT US

It is through the generosity of our advertisers that we are able to place this bulletin into your hands, each week, without cost to the Parish. Why not get into the habit of looking through the ads and giving your neighbors/merchants a chance to serve your needs. Tell them you read about them in the OLV Parish Bulletin.

Reflections from Fr Anthony—Visit www.frmastroeni.com

Advent Reflections

During Advent on Thursday evenings from 7 – 8PM OLV will be presenting **The Stories That Led Up to Christmas** during our weekly Holy Hours. Each night we will spend some time reflecting on these powerful moments and their impact on our lives and the history of salvation. We will recite from the Liturgy of Hours Evening Prayer and conclude with Benediction. Our topics for meditation are Week One: the Annunciation, Week Two: The Visitation, **Week 3: The Journey to Bethlehem**. As we prepare our homes for a joyous holiday let's find time to prepare our hearts and souls for the glorious Christmas Season!

NEW VESTMENTS—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. 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.

Clothing Bins

Most gifts will bring you a deep sense of joy on many levels – joy from the actual item you received and joy in knowing that someone thought about you. Catholic Charities reaches out to those who may not receive one gift and who may have very few if anyone to think about them. Help Catholic Charities by contributing to the clothing bin. Thank you.

THE BEGGAR'S RAGS

A beggar lived near the king's palace. One day he saw a proclamation posted outside the palace gate. The king was giving a great dinner. Anyone dressed in royal garments was invited to the party. The beggar went on his way. He looked at the rags he was wearing and sighed. Surely only kings and their families wore royal robes, he thought. Slowly an idea crept into his mind. The audacity of it made him tremble. Would he dare? He made his way back to the palace. He approached the guard at the gate. "Please, sire, I would like to speak to the king." "Wait here," the guard replied. In a few minutes, he was back. "His majesty will see you," he said, and led the beggar in. "You wish to see me?" asked the king. "Yes, your majesty. I want so much to attend the banquet, but I have no royal robes to wear. Please, sir, if I may be so bold, may I have one of your old garments so that I, too, may come to the banquet?" The beggar shook so hard that he could not see the faint smile that was on the king's face. "You have been wise in coming to me," the king said. He called to his son, the young prince. "Take this man to your room and array him in some of your clothes." The prince did as he was told and soon the beggar was standing before a mirror, clothed in garments that he had never dared hope for. "You are now eligible to attend the king's banquet tomorrow night," said the prince. "But even more important, you will never need any other clothes. These garments will last forever." The beggar dropped to his knees. "Oh, thank you," he cried. But as he started to leave, he looked back at his pile of dirty rags on the floor. He hesitated. What if the prince was wrong? What if he would need his old clothes again. Quickly he gathered them up. The banquet was far greater than he had ever imagined, but he could not enjoy himself as he should. He had made a small bundle of his old rags and it kept falling off his lap. The food was passed quickly and the beggar missed some of the greatest delicacies. Time proved that the prince was right. The clothes lasted forever. Still the poor beggar grew fonder and fonder of his old rags. As time passed people seemed to forget the royal robes he was wearing. They saw only the little bundle of filthy rags that he clung to wherever he went. They even spoke of him as the old man with the rags. One day as he lay dying, the king visited him. The beggar saw the sad look on the king's face when he looked at the small bundle of rags by the bed. Suddenly the beggar remembered the prince's words and he realized that his bundle of rags had cost him a lifetime of true royalty. He wept bitterly at his folly. And the king wept with him.

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 Air Force

Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn

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

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, Dan Filippone, Sebastian Filippone, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Mary Foley, Marietta Flahive, Kathy Freeburn, Bernardita Garcia, Kyle Gauweiler, Anne Giotta, Tom Giuliano, Marylou Goreb, Thomas Haring, Glen Hall, Megan Kavanagh, Austin Kellar, Peter Kellar, Andrew Kloeppel, Lisa LoSchiavo, Peter Mahler, Anne Matthaei, David Mercur, Skylar Migliaccio, Len Moriarity, Kevin Mullane, John Murawski, John Pal, Joyanna Peros, Andy Pfeiffer, 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, Edward, 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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It is necessary to understand that
**the whole of our life must be an
“Advent”,**
a vigilant awaiting of the final coming of Christ.
Pope St. John Paul II

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 17–St. Olympias-Widow

8:00 Frank Urgo R/b Clara Urgo
12:00 Helen Smith R/b Joe and Cheryl Carley

Tuesday, December 18–St. Gatian, Bishop of Tours, France

8:00 Anthony Quatrone R/b Jon and Jen Fischer
12:00 Helen Smith R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico

Wednesday, December 19–Blessed Urban V-Pope

8:00 Alice Pommert R/b Judy Pommert
12:00 Benjamin Mattesich R/b the Izzo Family

Thursday, December 20–Ss. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob-Patriarchs

8:00 Paul Loomis R/b Tom and Selena Giuliano
12:00 Deceased of Walsh and Zanetti Family R/b the Zanetti Family

Friday, December 21–St. Peter Canisius of Holland-Priest

8:00 Joan A. Thompson R/b Matthew and Mary Ann Donohue Ryan
12:00 Ivan Busanic R/b the Busanic Family

Saturday, Dec. 22-Ss. Chaeremon and Ischyron, Martyrs of Egypt

8:00 Special Intention R/b the Landers Family
12:00 Joseph Lamendola R/b Jinnie Moran
4:00 Violet Piano R/b Sally Moller
5:00 Michael Coviello R/b the Supple Family

Sunday, December 23 – St. John of Kanty, Poland-Priest

7:30 Lynn Savage R/b the Mahoney Family
8:15 *Latin* Special Intention R/b the Landers Family
9:30 In Thanksgiving R/b Peter and Linda Wayne
10:45 Tom Valenti R/b Ann DiLullo
12:00 Marion O’Donnell R/b Arleen and Roly Chan
1:00 *Spanish* People of the Parish
6:00 William Giacoma R/b Arleen and Roly Chan
7:00 Loretta Grace Masse R/b Maureen Desmond

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Albert Burchell, r/b the NY Burchells.

The Convent Sanctuary Lamp burns for the souls in Purgatory.

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

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

The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp burns this week for the unemployed.

The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp burns this week for an increase in religious vocations.

The St. Peregrine Votive Lamp burns for the souls in Purgatory.

PROOF that you are REGISTERED

If you are presently not on our mailing list, receiving envelopes and the various parish mailings, chances are that you are not a registered member of our parish. You are **NOT automatically** a registered member because you were married here or even if you were brought up here and lived in the parish with your parents - or went to school here. Membership is by **FORMAL** registration **ONLY**. Call the Parish Office - (201) 768-1706 to see if you are registered and if not, let us help you become an official member of Our Lady of Victories Parish. Thank you.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

- 1. Nazareth. 2. Bethlehem. 3. Egypt. 4. House of Bread. 5. A manger—which is a container that holds an animal’s food.

GAUDETE SUNDAY

Today is Gaudete Sunday – *Rejoicing Sunday*-"rejoice"- because the Entrance Antiphon of Holy Mass takes up St Paul's words in the Letter to the Philippians where it says: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice". Today we light the rose candle on the Advent Wreath as we rejoice in the Lord's coming.

Bambinelli Sunday

"Bambinelli", plural for the word "bambinello", refers to the "Baby Jesus" in a Nativity scene. The Bambinelli Blessing is a thirty year old tradition that was started in Rome at the Vatican. Today every family brings their "Baby Jesus" from their Nativity Scene to receive a blessing from the Pope at the Angelus.

The Bambinelli Blessing at OLV's 10:45AM Mass today will incite us to experience God's true joy and love that comes to us from the infant Jesus. Come and rejoice in God's love for you in this new Advent celebration with your parish family.

why ROSE today?

The season of Advent originated as a fast of forty days in preparation for Christmas, commencing on the day after the feast of St. Martin (12 November).

St. Gregory the Great was the first to draw up an Office for the Advent season, and the Gregorian Sacramentary is the earliest to provide Masses for the Sundays of Advent. In both Office and Mass provision is made for five Sundays, but by the tenth century four was the usual number, though some churches of France observed five as late as the thirteenth century.

Notwithstanding all these modifications, however, Advent still preserved most of the characteristics of a penitential season which made it a kind of counterpart to Lent, the middle (or third) Sunday corresponding with Laetare or Mid-Lent Sunday. On it, as on Laetare Sunday, the organ and flowers, forbidden during the rest of the season, were, permitted to be used; rose-colored vestments were allowed instead of purple (or black, as formerly). Gaudete Sunday, therefore, makes a breaker like Laetare Sunday, about midway through a season which is otherwise of a penitential character, and signifies the nearness of the Lord's

c o m i n g .

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A farmer whose crops were more plentiful than those of his neighbors. On being asked how this happened with such unvarying regularity, he said he was not surprised because **He Always Had The Kind of Weather He**

Wanted. He was asked to explain. He said: "It is so because I want whatever kind of weather God wants, and because I do, he gives me the harvests I want." If souls resigned to God's will are humiliated, says Salvian, they want to be humiliated; if they are poor, they want to be poor; in short, whatever happens is acceptable to them, hence they are truly at peace in this life. In cold and heat, in rain and wind, the soul united to God says: "I want it to be warm, to be cold, windy, to rain, because God wills it."

THE "O ANTIPHONS" OF ADVENT

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23.

Since the Second Vatican Council, they have also been adapted (slightly reworded and rearranged) for the "Alleluia Verse" of the Mass (the short scriptural text or paraphrase that immediately precedes the Gospel reading). Each Antiphon invokes the coming of the Messiah, beginning with a biblical title and closing with a specific petition.

They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem,
sign of God's love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

December 20

O Key of David,
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!

—From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

KIDZ KORNER

1. In what city did Mary reside?
2. In what city was Jesus born in?
3. To what country did Mary and Joseph flee with the baby Jesus?
4. What does the translation of the name Bethlehem mean?
5. After He was born where did Mary place baby Jesus?

Answers on page 4

Remember Christ is the Reason for the Season.