

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: 6:30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass

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

Latin Mass every Sunday 8:15AM

Spanish Mass every Sunday 1PM

SUNDAY, March 31, 2019 A.D.



LAETARE (REJOICE) SUNDAY

His father came out and pleaded with him.
But now we must celebrate and rejoice,
your brother was dead and has come to life again;
he was lost and has been found.
Luke 15:28. 32

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/CONFESSION:

Mon - Fri 7:30am - 7:50am. First Friday 6:30pm
Saturday 11:00am-Noon; 3:00-3:30pm

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Call the rectory.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Call the Religious Ed Office for requirements/class schedule.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Call the rectory for an appointment.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/LAST RITES:

Call the rectory.

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.



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Fr. Wojciech's Corner

I would like to thank the numerous families who have already contributed generously to the Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a pledge, we urge you to make a pledge at your earliest convenience. Lent is a great time for us to participate in the Church's Works of Charity. Please help our parish surpass our goal of \$42,525.

Next weekend, April 6/7, we welcome Ms. Lauren Costabile from **Hearts of Joy International**, who will speak at the end of each Mass about helping those with Down syndrome. This, too is a perfect way to give alms this Lent.

As we hear this weekend about the prodigal son returning home, let us go to the Father who is waiting to receive us back with mercy in the **Sacrament of Confession**. Please see the schedule below. Let us not make excuses as the older son not to enter into the intimacy of the Father's house. Let this Easter be truly RISING from the ashes of our sins.

LAETARE

The midpoint of Lent is the Thursday of the third week of Lent, Laetare Sunday has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration, on which the austerity of Lent is briefly lessened. *Laetare, Jerusalem*, ("Rejoice, O Jerusalem") are the first words of the Entrance Antiphon of that day taken from Isaiah 66:10-11. The fourth Sunday was considered a day of relaxation from the normal rigors of Lent. It was a day of hope with Easter within sight. Traditionally, weddings, which were otherwise banned during Lent, could be performed on this day. The term Laetare Sunday is used by most Roman Catholic and Anglican churches, and by some Protestant denominations, particularly those with Latin liturgical traditions like Lutherans. The passage from Isaiah continues, "Rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow," and on Laetare Sunday, the purple vestments and altar cloths of Lent are set aside, and rose ones are used instead. Flowers, which are normally forbidden during Lent, may be placed on the altar. Traditionally, the organ was never played during Lent, except on Laetare Sunday. Laetare Sunday is also known as Rose Sunday, Refreshment Sunday, or Mothering Sunday. Historically, servants were released from service for the day to visit their mothers, hence the term "Mothering Sunday." Laetare Sunday has a counterpart in Advent season or the Christmas season in preparation of the birth of Jesus. Gaudete Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent when purple vestments are exchanged for rose ones. The point of both days is to provide us with encouragement as we progress toward the end of each respective penitential season.

Why STATIONS of the Cross

The 14 Stations of the Cross adorn the walls of almost every Catholic Church and chapel. Many parishioners commemorate the Fridays of Lent with a prayerful remembrance of the Passion of Christ by walking the stations with Him. Throughout our history, Christians have longed to literally walk in the footsteps of Christ. The shrines of the holy places in and around Jerusalem have drawn pilgrims inspired by the life and death of their Master.

However, not everyone is able to travel to the Holy Land. So, ever since the Middle Ages, churches and chapels began erecting images devoted to an aspect of the Passion. By the 15th century, the Franciscans had developed a devotion they called "stations." The word means a place where people stand still or gather together. So even though it implies something "stationary" the service obviously must include the movement of pilgrims following the footsteps of Christ. It took a while to fix the number and the names of the stations, but in 1731 Pope Clement XII established the 14 we know today.

We still find some variations on the number. Many places add a 15th station, for example, the resurrection of Jesus. Discontent with leaving Christ in the tomb when our faith expresses so much more, worshipers have found consolation in completing the story of the cross.

Do not lose by saving, but gather in by scattering. Give to the poor, and you give to yourself. You will not be allowed to keep what you have refused to give to others. - **St. Peter Chrysologus (on alms)**

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Apr 3 - Wed - Bible Study Group 10:00AM
Apr 3- Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM
Apr 4 - Thu - Stations of the Cross 7:00PM
Apr 5 - First Friday - Stations of the Cross 11:30AM
and 6:30PM followed by Mass

Should I Confess?

St. John said: "If we say that we have not sinned, we make a liar out of God..." And that's because God sent His Son for our sins. If we have not sinned, then something is wrong with God for sending His Son to be sacrificed. And that simply is not so! People say no one steals anymore; they simply lift something, or in the case of some large corporations, someone simply made an error in judgment. +No one lies anymore; they simply misrepresent the facts. +No one kills an unborn child; they simply terminate a pregnancy. Who is kidding whom here? Some people say they are for a "woman's right to choose". A woman's right to choose what? + All this represents a clever way of candy-coating the reality of sin because we don't like to admit that we sin. If we close our eyes to sin in our lives, we don't need Jesus. And if we don't need Jesus, then we are surely lost!

Confession Schedule

First Friday April 5

7:30am - 7:50am in Church
6:00pm in Church

First Saturday April 6

7:30am - 7:50am in Church
11:00am - 11:50am in Church
3:00pm - 3:45pm in Church

Sunday April 7

30 minutes prior to each Mass

Monday April 8

7:30am - 7:50am in Church
11:00am - 11:50am in Church
4:00pm - 5:00pm in Church CCD
5:00pm-6:00pm in Church anyone

Tuesday-Thursday April 9 - 11

7:30am - 7:50am in Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thursdays-7:00PM led by Confirmation candidates

Fridays-11:30AM led by parishioners

6:30PM led by OLV ministries, followed by Mass

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION

To give us more time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, exposition will be prolonged until **First Friday Mass** (no exposition after Mass and Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm).

CCD Corner

Today at 10:15 (in the school hall) there is a meeting for the parents of our **First Communion Students**. Our **Confirmation Candidates** will be having class as well today at 10:50. **Registration** for next year's classes begins today thru April 29th. You can use the **express registration** avenue (come into the gym when you drop your children off before or after CCD Classes; it takes less than a minute) or you may fill out the form the students brought home and then return them the next week. **Next Sunday and Monday** during class the children will be going to **confession**, in preparation for Easter. Have a great week!

Pray for Those in the Military

US Army

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

US Air Force

Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn
A1C Alexander Kolbe

US Marine Corps.

Lance Corporal Shanna Bennett
Lance Corporal Matthew Brady
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo
Lance Corporal Thomas Iafraite

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**: Gabby Irene, baby Cordelia, baby Sean Cresci, baby Cole McKeon, Richard Bolton, Irene Ciccarino, Eleanor Daily, Don Deignan, Loraine Degerdon, Carl Falasca, James Fazzari, Jay Filippone, Marie Filippone, Mary Foley, Kathy Freeburn, Marietta Flahive, Bernardita Garcia, Kyle Gauweiler, Anne Giotta, Tom Giuliano, Thomas Haring, Glen Hall, Megan Kavanagh, Austin Kellar, Peter Kellar, Andrew Kloepfel, Lisa LoSchiavo, Peter Mahler, Len Moriarity, Kevin Mullane, John Murawski, John Pal, Sam Palmieri, Joyanna Peros, Andy Pfeiffer, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Wendy Ruggiero, Michael Tobia, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Brian, Carla, Chris, Dierdre, Edward, Elba, Jennifer, Joann, Lisa, Lucas, Lynn, Michael, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, Sean. **We are trying to accommodate all our sick who request prayers. To keep our sick list up to date, names of the sick will be included for one month. If you wish to have a name included for the following month, please call the rectory. In that way we know when a name could be removed (when someone's health has improved or they have passed away.) Thank you for your help.*

Pressing on to THE country...

"The Christian says, 'Creatures are not born with desires unless satisfaction for those desires exists. A baby feels hunger: well, there is such a thing as food. A duckling wants to swim: well, there is such a thing as water. Men feel sexual desire: well, there is such a thing as sex. If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. If none of my earthly pleasures satisfy it, that does not prove that the universe is a fraud. Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing. If that is so, I must take care, on the one hand, never to despise, or to be unthankful for, these earthly blessings, and on the other, never to mistake them for the something else of which they are only a kind of copy, or echo, or mirage. I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country, which I shall not find till after death; I must never let it get snowed under or turned aside; I must make it the main object of life to press on to that country and to help others to do the same.'

—C.S. Lewis

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 1 – St. Hugh, Bishop of Grenoble

8:00 Richard Murphy R/b Kathy O'Neill
12:00 Pamela Warren R/b Rae Rinaldi

Tuesday, April 2–St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

8:00 Margaret Slattery R/b the Dunn Family
12:00 Intentions of Anna Dellaportas R/b Margarete Rajner

Wednesday, April 3 – St. Richard, Bishop

8:00 Wilma Longo R/b the Bentivegna Family
12:00 Dorothy Harloe R/b Barbara Harloe

Thursday, April 4 – St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 George McNamara R/b Rita McNamara
12:00 Deborah Ann Quinn R/b Joan Gaffney

First Friday, April 5 – St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

8:00 Michael Andreano Sr.
12:00 Intentions of Sandra Giron R/b the Giron Family
7:00 Jack Moore R/b Rita McNamara

First Saturday, April 6 – St. William of Eskilsoe, Denmark- Abbot

8:00 Margaret Slattery
12:00 Souls in Purgatory
4:00 Intentions of Pauline Burke R/b Joan Crowley
5:00 Nancy Hulbrock R/b Jennifer Petrone

Sunday, April 7 – St. John Baptiste de la Salle - Brother

7:30 Deborah Ann Quinn R/b Liz Gulfo
8:15 Intentions of Mrs. Birabha Amalraj R/b Rani Victor
9:30 Eddie Carillo R/b the Liik Family
10:45 Betty Walstrom R/b Tish and Michael Oates
12:00 John Wenston R/b Joe Tobia
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Ray Finnegan R/b Connie Luzzi
7:00 Carol Gordon R/b Chris and Mary Oakes

Sanctuary Memorials

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the **repose of the soul of Adela Quiroz**, r/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp will burn this week for the **repose of the soul of Helen Andreone McEnaney**, r/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi.

The Saint Joseph Votive Lamp will burn this week for the **Manzi and Hazuda Family**, r/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi.

The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp will burn this week for the **unemployed**.

Clothing Bins

As the cold days of winter chill us to the bones, there are many homeless who don't even have a single blanket. Catholic Charities needs your help to continue our mission. Please contribute to the donation bin. Thank you!

Our Final!

There is an old story told about little Johnny ...

Johnny was going home one day past his grandfather's house with a couple of his chums. As they passed the house, they spied the old gentleman out on his sun porch in his rocking chair with a big ornate Bible on his lap reading rather devoutly and intently.

"What's your grandfather doing", asked one of Johnny's friends.

"Oh - grandpa - he's cramming for the finals", Johnny replied.

TWO SONS...

The prodigal son is every human being: bewitched by the temptation to separate himself from his Father in order to lead his own independent existence..., exploited when he tries to build a world all for himself. The parable also brings into the picture the elder brother, who, too sure of himself, full of bitterness and anger, is not reconciled with his father and his brother. Every human being is also this elder brother. Selfishness makes him jealous, hardens his heart, blinds him and shuts him off from other people and from God. The parable of the prodigal son is above all the story of the inexpressible love of a Father. Like the father in the parable, God looks out for the return of His child, but it also portrays the situation of the human family, divided by forms of selfishness. It therefore reminds us of the need for a profound transformation of hearts through the rediscovery of the Father's mercy and through victory over misunderstanding and over hostility among brothers and sisters. — *Saint John Paul II*

Human & Divine Mercy

What is human mercy like? It makes you concerned for the hardship of the poor. What is divine mercy like? It forgives sinners... In this world God is cold and hungry in all the poor, as he himself said (Mt 25:40)... What he receives on earth he returns in heaven. Show mercy on earth, and you will receive mercy in heaven. A poor man is begging from you, and you are begging from God: he asks for a scrap, you ask for eternal life... And so when you come to church give whatever alms you can to the poor in accordance with your means.

—*Saint Caesarius of Arles*

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. The word Lent comes from the old English word "lencten" which means **Spring**.
2. **There are 40 days in Lent.** The season lasts from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday, which makes 46 days-but the six Sundays are not included in the 40 days of Lent and Catholics are not required to fast on these days.
3. **The days Jesus retreated into the wilderness and fasted.** By observing the 40 days of Lent, we replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the wilderness in the desert for 40 days, where he fasted, was tempted by the devil and prepared to begin his ministry
4. **Stations of the Cross.** The Stations of the Cross are our way to pray and meditate on Jesus' sacrifice for us. Each station represents a moment from the time Jesus was condemned to his burial.
5. **The word Alleluia** derives from Hebrew and means "Praise Yahweh." It is a term of great joy and used to join the angels' worship of God's throne. It serves as a reminder that the Kingdom of Heaven is established. During Lent, we focus on the Kingdom coming, not the kingdom we already have. Finally, on Easter with the Lord is Risen, Alleluia returns, as well.

DYING TO SELF

- When you are forgotten or neglected and you don't hurt with the insult, but your heart is happy—that is dying to self.
- When your advice is disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you refuse to let anger rise in your heart, and take it all in patient, loving silence—that is dying to self.
- When you lovingly and patiently bear disorder, irregularity, tardiness and annoyance ... and endure it as Jesus endured it—that is dying to self.
- When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation or record your own good works, or itch for praise after an accomplishment, when you can truly love to be unknown—that is dying to self.
- When you can see your brother or sister prosper and can honestly rejoice with him, and feel no envy even though your needs are greater—that is dying to self.
- When you are content with any food, any offering, any raiment, any climate, or any society—that is dying to self.
- When you can take correction, when you can humbly submit inwardly as well as outwardly, with no rebellion or resentment rising up within your heart —that is dying to self.

Suggested things to GIVE & GIVE UP during Lent

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| Give thanks | Give up complaining |
| Give compliments | Give up harsh judgments |
| Give forgiveness | Give up revenge |
| Give encouragement | Give up negativism |
| Give hope | Give up despair |
| Give attention to virtue | Give up sin |
| Give time to prayer | Give up wasting your time |
| Give respect | Give up prejudice |
| Give help | Give up selfishness |
| Give time to God | Give up what keeps you from God |

A Little Humor ...

We were sitting in church a few weeks ago while the pastor delivered a sermon based on the timeless story of the prodigal son. When he got to the point where the father sees his son returning and races out to meet him, the pastor said, "Throwing wide his arms, the father said..." at which point my younger son leaned over to me and whispered "YOU'RE GROUNDED!"

Lent reminds us, therefore, that Christian life is a never-ending combat in which the 'weapons' of prayer, fasting and penance are used. Fighting against evil, against every form of selfishness and hate, and dying to oneself to live in God is the ascetic journey that every disciple of Jesus is called to make with humility and patience, with generosity and perseverance." - *Pope Benedict XVI*

The Sacrament of Reconciliation Penance or Confession

Become a *better Catholic Christian* by confessing your sins in the Sacrament of *Penance* or *Reconciliation* – aka ‘*Confession*.’ While only all *mortal* sins *must* be confessed, this Rite’s sacramental grace also purges us of our lesser or venial sins. It serves as a “check-up”, helps nip sinful habits in the bud before they bloom into full-blown sins, and strengthens us against temptation and other distractions. Those guilty of mortal sin may **NOT** receive Holy Communion until they confess them to a Priest. Confession is also encouraged in *Lent* and *Advent*, before a Baptism, First Communion, or Wedding, or serving as a Sponsor or Godparent. The 4 parts are:

CONTRITION.

To be contrite or remorseful we must know our sins, so we examine our conscience by shining God’s divine Light, found in Gospel values, the Ten Commandments, Precepts of the Church, Beatitudes and Seven Deadly Sins, into *every* aspect of our life. **If you can’t come up with any sins, ask your family or friends to help ... they know your sins!**

CONFESSION.

Priests not only speak for God and the Church; as ‘*doctor of the soul*’ they help cure sick souls, as medical doctors help heal bodies – but only if we are totally open and honest. Begin with “**Bless me, Father, for I have sinned**” or simply say, “**Please help me**” from behind the screen or face-to-face. We may remain anonymous, but should tell our state in life (married, single, ordained, a parent, etc.), and approximate date of our last confession. List all grave, serious mortal sins **by number and kind**: abortion, adultery, etc.; a **general admission** (I’m impatient, rude, insensitive, etc.) covers all lesser sins. An **Act of Contrition** card is available in the confessional; at Penance Services we recite it from a printed program; don’t let not knowing the Act of Contrition keep you from this Sacrament of Healing!

ABSOLUTION.

Listen as the Priest prays; make the Sign of the Cross on yourself as he imparts it on you at the end of the beautiful **Prayer of Absolution.**

PENANCE.

To express our gratitude and offer a token of our willingness to try to avoid future sins, we perform a penance: a prayer, good deed or other sign.

A brother said to an old man: “There are two brothers. One of them stays in his cell quietly, fasting for six days at a time, and imposing on himself a good deal of discipline, and the other serves the sick. Which one of them is more acceptable to God?” The old man replied: “Even if the brother who fasts six days were to hang himself up by the nose, he could not equal the one who serves the sick.” Here we learn that love is above fasting, that we must not presume to put our fasting above “the more excellent way,” the “new commandment” to love one another.
— Desert Fathers

Cell Phones vs BIBLE CELLS

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone? What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets? What if we flipped through it several time a day? What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it? What if we used it to receive messages from the text? What if we treated it like we couldn’t live without it? What if we gave it to kids as gifts? What if we used it when we traveled? What if we used it in case of emergency? This is something to make you go...hmm...where is my Bible? Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don’t have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill. Makes you stop and think “where are my priorities?” And no dropped calls!

KIDZ KORNER

1. What is the original meaning of the word “Lent”?
2. How many days are there in Lent?
3. Which Biblical event does the time of Lent represent?
4. Which devotion has a special place during Lent?
5. What word is never sung or said during Lent?

Answers on page 4.

OLV TOILETRIES Collection

Please donate toiletry items to benefit the Little Sisters of the Poor. Small and medium size toiletries: Toothpaste * Toothbrushes * Soap * Disposable razors * Lip Balm Body Lotion-unscented * Dental Floss * Shampoo * Deodorant Shaving Cream * Talcum / Baby Powder * Combs / Brushes * Denture Adhesive/Cleaner * Individual Packets of Tissues *Please leave your donations in the Church vestibule.*

OLV Breakfast Cereal Collection

March 25th—April 25th for St. Cecilia’s food pantry.

Archdiocesan Divorced/Separated Support Groups

The Archdiocese of Newark currently has 13 parishes who offer a support group for the separated/divorced. For a list of these groups, contact Lauren.Egan@rcan.org or call 973-497-4327 or visit www.rcan.org/separateddivorced-support-groups.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Get your marriage on the right path by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Visit www.nnjwwme.org. Contact Mike & Janet Turco 973-427-7016 or mikeandjanetwwme@gmail.com.

14th Annual Divine Mercy Conference

April 6, 9AM-5:30PM at Cardinal Spellman HS, Bronx, NY. Sponsored by Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception and Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Featured speaker Fr. Frank Pavone, one of the most prominent pro-life speakers in the world. Holy Mass * Confessions * Adoration. For more info’ visit TheDivineMercy.org/Bronx or call 1-800-462-7426.

