

# Our Lady of Victories Church

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

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## WELCOME

SUNDAY, July 7, 2019 A.D.

To the Parish Family of  
**OUR LADY OF VICTORIES**  
(THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART)

## COME WORSHIP WITH US

Rev. Wojciech B. Jaskowiak  
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### SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

**First Friday:** 6:00pm Confessions followed by Devotions & 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 & 12:00 Noon Mass.

DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS of JULY and AUGUST  
ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT  
WILL TAKE PLACE ONLY ON FIRST FRIDAY AND FIRST SATURDAY.  
The regular schedule will resume in September.



### THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/CONFESSION:

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 7:50am.

First Friday at 6:30pm

Saturday at 11:00a.m.-Noon; 3:00pm - 3:40pm

### 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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### **Fr. Wojciech's Corner ...**

One year already has passed being here and one week now as a pastor. What a wonderful experience, I am so honored - and so many miracles have happened already that God made me witness.

Now that we know where we stand with my assignment, we can finally open the 2020 Mass book that is so long due. Thank you for your patience.

By now, some are already gone for vacation and some are going. I will be going as well to see my family. Taking occasion also to express to my mom personally all your concern and prayers for which I am truly grateful.

We have included some family vacation ideas. Below is another one that I love to do myself when on vacation...discover a shrine or pilgrimage site of a saint that I've never visited. Be sure to share your experience of a Holy Trip. I would love to hear about it and maybe even include in our bulletin.

#### **What about a Holy Trip?**

Discover a shrine or pilgrimage site of a saint. The family can divide the work of researching info about a saint or shrine, finding appropriate prayers and once ready - get on the road! North of here there is a great shrine, The National Shrine of the North American Martyrs, also dedicated as the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, in Auriesville, New York with a great history of saints. Montreal with great Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal which is connected to the life of one of the greatest saints and devotees to St. Joseph (St. André Bessette). Travelling towards Montreal St. Marguerite d'Youville Sanctuary (near Montreal in Varennes), St. Joseph's shrine in Sterling NJ, Shrine of Mother Seton in Emmitsburg, or in NYC or in Baltimore. You can head towards Philadelphia with great saints of St. John Neuman, St. Rita, St. Katharine Drexel Tomb at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. There are several Marian shrines: National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC (it has many different chapels of Mary inside, and one great thing, beautiful Rosary mosaics with stories from the Old Testament that parallel the mysteries of the Holy Rosary - What a great way to (re)discover the Rosary and to fall in love with it, a great Marian Shrine of Our lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA or The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel located in the mid-Hudson region of New York state, The National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, The shrine of St. Frances Cabrini, or Mother Seton in New York, shrines like St. Gerard Magellan in Newark. You can also go to the Holy Face monastery on Route 3 or even to Newark Cathedral. The list could go on and on ... there are not enough pages in the bulletin to cover the richness that we have with saints. So sorry for all those who laugh at us when we pray to saints. What would we do without all the saints. This kind of vacation idea could be a great source of fun to be together with unexpected adventures and also a great source of blessing for the entire family. Even those parishioners who cannot physically make a trip due to work or family illness can make a spiritual pilgrimage; for example, devote some days or some hours of your day to reading about a shrine of a saint and then praying to that saint.

#### **SPIRITUAL EXCERPT**

"Your prayer life is twenty-four hours a day. You fill up at meditation in your prayer time when you are talking to Jesus, then you and Jesus go out into the world moment by moment. You don't live in yesterday and you don't live in tomorrow. You and He reenact His life. All of your life is a reenactment of His life. **Mother Angelica, Little Book of Life Lessons page 38.**

#### **OPTIMISM**

On my way home one day, I stopped to watch a Little League baseball game that was being played in a park near my home. As I sat down behind the bench on the first-base line, I asked one of the boys what the score was. "We're behind 14 to nothing," he answered with a smile. "Really," I said. "I have to say you don't look very discouraged." "Discouraged?" the boy asked with a puzzled look on his face... "Why should we be discouraged? We haven't been up to bat yet."

### **Save the Date!!!**

**Fr. Wojciech's Installation Mass**

**Saturday, September 21 - 5PM**

### **SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT**

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness...you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week. If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation...you are ahead of 500 million people in the world. If you can attend church without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death...you are more blessed than 3 billion people in the world. If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep...you are richer than 75% of the world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace...you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy. If your parents are still alive and are still married...you are very lucky, even if you live in the US. If you can read this, you received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you and furthermore, you are more blessed than over 2 billion people in the world who cannot read at all. Someone once said, "What goes around comes around." So Work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt. Dance like nobody's watching. Sing like nobody's listening. Live like it's Heaven on Earth.

### **SAVE USED EYEGLASSES**

The Knights of Columbus collects used eyeglasses for the less fortunate. Any old or "retired" glasses may be left in the basket in the back of Church.

### **CLOTHING BINS**

July is often remembered for its excessive heat, picnics with family and friends and time at the beach. We work very hard and deserve leisure time. Some people, due to the hardships of life, have difficulty enjoying recreation in any form. Catholic Charities reaches out to those who suffer. Please help us to continue our mission by contributing to the clothing bins.

### **HOW SHOULD WE DRESS??**

People generally have no real problem wearing proper clothing when entering places that demand such attire. Would you ever consider attending a formal dinner or a wedding dressed in a tee-shirt and shorts, or a tank top and swimming trunks? Why be rebellious in God's house?"

### **GREAT WAYS**

**TO SPEND SUMMER** with kids

go to **DAILY MASS** with your kids

recite daily the **ROSARY**

and read Bible stories from Book of Genesis, Exodus, Book of Judges, 1 and 2 Samuel, Book of Judith, Ruth, Esther and Book of prophet Daniel and Jonah

Read **LIVES OF SAINTS**

by Alban Butler, Online resources

<http://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/lots/index.htm>

Or online google the saint of your birth day, Baptism, 1st Holy Communion, Graduation day, Confirmation day, wedding day, etc

**SO MUCH FUN + INSPIRATION**

"God has a plan of holiness for everyone."  
**Pope John Paul II**

## The Infinite Value of the Holy Mass

The Holy Mass is the highest form of worship. It is the sacrifice of Calvary renewed. One Mass gives God more praise and thanksgiving, makes more atonement for sin, and pleads more eloquently than does the combined and eternal worship of all the souls in heaven, on earth and in purgatory. In the Holy Mass, it is Jesus Christ, God as well as Man, who is our Intercessor, our priest, and our Victim. Being God – as well as Man – His prayers, merits, and His offerings are infinite in value.

### Why We Should Attend Holy Mass

*The Mass is the best means we have:*

- To render God the highest form of worship.
- To thank Him for all His blessings.
- To make reparation for all our sins.
- To obtain all the blessings we desire.
- To release souls from purgatory and to shorten our own time there.
- To preserve us from all dangers to soul and body.
- To be consoled at the hour of death, for at that moment their memory will be our greatest consolation.
- To intercede for us at the Judgment Seat of God.
- To bring down God's blessings; therefore, try to attend at Mass every day, or as often as possible, and of course, on Sundays.
- To better understand the sublimity of the Passion of Christ, and therefore, to increase our love for Him.

### DID YOU KNOW???

The Chair of Peter was once vacant for three years. From 1268 to 1271, after the death of Pope Clement IV, the cardinals met at Viterbo, but could not agree on a successor. Trying to resolve the deadlock, the civic officials resorted to confining the cardinals under lock and key until they elected a sovereign pontiff. (From this originated the "Conclave of Cardinals," the Latin CLAVIS meaning key.) This was not the only measure taken to compel the cardinals to act. Their daily food allowance was curtailed. St. Bonaventure, one of the prelates, being asked when the cardinals would give the Church a new Pope, facetiously responded, "As soon as the Holy Ghost can get into that assembly." With that, the town officials removed the roof of the episcopal palace where the cardinals were confined.

## Miraculous Invocation to St. Therese

Let us pray:

O Glorious St. Therese,  
whom Almighty God has raised up to aid  
and inspire the human family,

I implore your Miraculous Intercession.

You are so powerful in obtaining every need  
of body and spirit from the Heart of God.

Holy Mother Church proclaims you "Prodigy of Miracles...  
the greatest saint of Modern Times."

Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition  
(*mention in silence here*)

and to carry out your promises of  
spending heaven doing good on earth...

of letting fall from Heaven a Shower of Roses.

Little Flower, give me your childlike faith,  
to see the Face of God

in the people and experiences of my life,  
and to love God with full confidence.

St. Therese, my Carmelite Sister,

I will fulfill your plea "to be made known everywhere"  
and I will continue to lead others to Jesus through you.

Amen.

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, July 8 - St. Grimbald, Abbot of Newminster

8:00 Anthony DiBella R/b Chris and Mary Oakes  
12:00 Antonio Cordon R/b the Cordon Family

### Tuesday, July 9 - St. Augustine Zhao Rong and companions

8:00 James M. Walsh R/b Lorraine Petrone  
12:00 Bernard O'Connor R/b the Dunlea Family

### Wednesday, July 10 - St. Ulric of Augsburg, Germany-Bishop

8:00 James Clarke R/b Leo and Eileen DeBartolo  
12:00 Michael Giotta R/b Ann Giotta

### Thursday, July 11 - St. Benedict of Italy - Abbot

8:00 Madeline Vespucci R/b the Poggi Family  
12:00 Gilberte Kendirgi R/b Joan Crowley

### Friday, July 12 - St. John Gualbert of Florence, Italy-Abbot

8:00 Clifford P. Kennan Jr. R/b Josephine Tristano  
12:00 Carmella Zanetti R/b the Zanetti Family

### Saturday, July 13 - St. Henry II of Bavaria-Emperor

8:00 Thomas Foerster R/b OLV Rosary Society  
12:00 Jack Ferro R/b Angie Ferro  
4:00 Debra Lusardi R/b Merinda and Gregory Corio  
5:00 Carol Gordon R/b Stefano Pappalardo

### Sunday, July 14 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha of Auriesville, NY-Virgin

7:30 Vincent Schittulli R/b Mary Muggeo  
8:15 Stanton and Vollmers Family R/b Mary Foley  
9:30 Benjamin Obutelewicz R/b Regina Bond  
10:45 Patricia Ann Mastropietro R/b Domenica Glielmi  
12:00 Edward J. Gormley R/b Nick and Marie D'Amico  
1:00 People of the Parish  
6:00 Angelina Biasi R/b the Adamcik Family  
7:00 Margaret O'Reilly R/b Colleen Connors-Casenta

## SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

**The Church Sanctuary Lamp** burns this week **for the repose of the soul of Rose Bandiera, r/b the Garzino Family.**

**The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp** burns this week for the **repose of the soul of Lydia de Jesus Mohsenin, r/b the Dunn Family.**

**The St. Joseph Votive Lamp** burns this week for the **intentions of Deacon Al McLaughlin, r/b Tom and Ann Thomas.**

**The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp** burns for the **unemployed.**

**The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp** burns this week for those who **have given their lives in defense of our country.**

## Flower & Sanctuary Offerings

If you would like to donate **flowers** for the Altar, BVM and St. Joseph, call the rectory. Flowers, Bread and Wine, the BVM and St. Joseph Votive Lamps and Sanctuary Lamp in the Church can be dedicated on a weekly basis.

Trust the past to the mercy of God,  
the Present to His love,  
and the future to His Providence.

**St. Augustine**

**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

**US Marine Corps.**

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

**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 Cordelia, Gabriella Irene, Kelly Bauerlein, Richard Bolton, Sal Cenicola, Helen Choma, Bob Cole, Anthony Cortez, Marie D'Ascenzo, Lorraine Degerdon, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Carl Falasca, Jay Filippone, Marie Filippone, Mary Foley, Tom Giuliano, John Pal, Joyanna Peros, John Peterson Jr., Marie Piazza, Veronica Romanchuk, Phylis Roney, Mike Tobia, Jeremy Unanue, Brian, Carla, Chris, Dierdre, Edward, Elba, Jennifer, Joann, Lisa, Liz, Lucas, Lynn, Michael, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, Sean.

**GOING ON VACATION with God not without**

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

**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 11AM to Noon and 3-3:40PM; every weekday morning at 7:30AM, as well as every First Friday at 6:00PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

**SICK OR "HOMEBOUND"**

If you are sick or "homebound" (or know someone who is), and would like to have Communion, please contact the Rectory at 201-768-1706.

**in your absence** ... The continuing support of all our parishioners is essential if we are to meet our current operating expenses. Remember, our expenses continue when you are not here, so please remember to support YOUR parish in your absence

**A little humor ...**

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?"  
The mother replied, 'Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.'  
The child thought about this for a moment then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"

**Sisters of Charity 50/50 Raffle**

Sr. Elizabeth will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets next weekend—**Saturday/Sunday July 13/14** after the Masses to support Maris Stella Retreat Center. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. Three prizes: 1st prize 25%, 2nd prize 15%, 3rd prize 10% of gross receipts. Drawing will be September 1, at Maris Stella. Winner need not be present. Please make checks payable to Sisters of Charity. *If you will be away next weekend, there are some tickets available at the OLV rectory.*

**Family Promise of Bergen County**

The program that provides assistance to working families with children who are temporarily experiencing homelessness is in need of volunteers. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church graciously acts as host several weeks each year. Please consider joining Sr. Elizabeth and other Harrington Park residents in staffing this remarkable program. For more information contact OLV rectory or Paul Shackford at [pshackford@gmail.com](mailto:pshackford@gmail.com) or 201-768-6885.

**Divine Gifts and Promises**

When we honor the Saints, we do not worship or adore them; not even the great Mother of God, Mary Most Holy, merits what God alone deserves. However, they are among the many gifts God gives to us. With their guidance and example, their prayers and intercession, the Saints (and Angels, too!) reflect Divine Light into this world's darkness. That gives us the ability to see, as they saw, what God is calling us to do, and what gifts God is providing so that we can "share the lot of the Saints in light."

**How to Know YOU are Growing Old**

Everything hurts and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work. The gleam in your eye is from the sun hitting your bifocals. You feel like the night before, and you haven't been anywhere. Your knees buckle, but your belt won't. Your little black book contains only names ending in MD. You get winded playing chess. You look forward to a dull evening. Your children begin to look middle-aged. You join a health club and can't go. A dripping faucet causes an uncontrollable bladder urge. You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going. You turn off the lights for economic reasons. You know all the answers, but nobody asks you the questions. Your back goes out more often than you do. You sink your teeth in a steak, and they stay there. You have too much room in your house, but not enough in the medicine cabinet. The little gray-haired man/woman you helped across the street is your husband/wife.

**DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE**

**If you have never heard  
Jason and Crystalina Evert speak  
You missed great talks,  
google:  
jason and crystalina evert videos  
U WILL NOT REGRET**

**KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS**

- 1. 1910. 2. 1912. 3. Fr. Andrew Schonhart; he was 38 years old – he also was the pastor the longest – 37 years. 4. Fr. Thomas Mansfield—1948. 5. 1959. 6. The Sisters of Charity from Convent Station, NJ. 7. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. 8. Sr. Elizabeth Holler (Sr. Mary Noel) - 54 years. 9. April 14, 1912. 10. The Church floor collapsed. 11. The Titanic sank.

The nine most terrifying words in the English language are: "I'm from the government and I'm here to help." -Ronald Reagan

### History Lesson - The Star Spangled Banner OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM....IN GOD DO WE TRUST!

Unless you know all four stanzas of the Star Spangled Banner you may find this most interesting. Perhaps most of you didn't realize what Francis Scott Key's profession was or what he was doing on a ship. This is a good brush-up on your history. In 1812, the United States went to war with Great Britain, primarily over freedom of the seas. We were in the right. For two years, we held off the British, even though we were still a rather weak country. Great Britain was in a life and death struggle with Napoleon. In fact, just as the United States declared war, Napoleon marched off to invade Russia. If he won, as everyone expected, he would control Europe, and Great Britain would be isolated. It was no time for her to be involved in an American war.

At first, our seamen proved better than the British. After we won a battle on Lake Erie in 1813, the American commander, Oliver Hazard Perry, sent the message, "We have met the enemy and they are ours." However, the weight of the British navy beat down our ships eventually. New England, hard-hit by a tightening blockade, threatened secession. Meanwhile, Napoleon was beaten in Russia and in 1814 was forced to abdicate. Great Britain now turned its attention to the United States, launching a three-pronged attack.

The northern prong was to come down Lake Champlain toward New York and seize parts of New England. The southern prong was to go up the Mississippi, take New Orleans and paralyze the west. The central prong was to head for the mid-Atlantic states and then attack Baltimore, the greatest port south of New York. If Baltimore was taken, the nation, which still hugged the Atlantic coast, could be split in two. The fate of the United States, then, rested to a large extent on the success or failure of the central prong. The British reached the American coast, and on August 24, 1814, took Washington, D.C. Then they moved up the Chesapeake Bay toward Baltimore. On September 12, they arrived and found 1,000 men in Fort McHenry, whose guns controlled the harbor. If the British wished to take Baltimore, they would have to take the fort. On one of the British ships was an aged physician, William Beanes, who had been arrested in Maryland and brought along as a prisoner. Francis Scott Key, a lawyer and friend of the physician, had come to the ship to negotiate his release. The British captain was willing, but the two Americans would have to wait. It was now the night of September 13, and the bombardment of Fort McHenry was about to start. As twilight deepened, Key and Beanes saw the American flag flying over Fort McHenry. Through the night, they heard bombs bursting and saw the red glare of rockets. They knew the fort was resisting and the American flag was still flying. But toward morning the bombardment ceased, and a dread silence fell. Either Fort McHenry had surrendered and the British flag flew above it, or the bombardment had failed and the American flag still flew.

As dawn began to brighten the eastern sky, Key and Beanes stared out at the fort, trying to see which flag flew over it. He and the physician must have asked each other over and over, "Can you see the flag?" After it was all finished, Key wrote a four stanza poem telling the events of the night. Called "The Defense of Fort McHenry," it was published in newspapers and swept the nation. Someone noted that the words fit an old English tune called, "To Anacreon in Heaven" -- a difficult melody with an uncomfortably large vocal range. For obvious reasons, Key's work became known as "The Star Spangled Banner," and in 1931 Congress declared it the official anthem of the United States.

Now that you know the story, here are the words. Presumably, the old doctor is speaking. This is what he asks Key: Oh! say, can you see, by the dawn's early light, What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming? And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there. Oh! say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave, O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave? ("Ramparts," in case you don't know, are the protective walls or other elevations that surround a fort.)

—continued in next column—

*The first stanza asks a question. The second gives an answer: On the shore, dimly seen thro' the mist of the deep Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes, What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep. As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses? Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam, In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream 'Tis the star-spangled banner. Oh! long may it wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!* "The towering steep" is again, the ramparts. The bombardment has failed, and the British can do nothing more but sail away, their mission a failure. In the third stanza I feel Key allows himself to gloat over the American triumph. In the aftermath of the bombardment, Key probably was in no mood to act otherwise.

*During World War I when the British were our staunchest allies, this third stanza was not sung. However, I know it, so here it is: And where is that band who so vauntingly swore That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion A home and a country should leave us no more? Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution. No refuge could save the hireling and slave From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave, And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.*

*The fourth stanza, a pious hope for the future, should be sung more slowly than the other three and with even deeper feeling: Oh! Thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand Between their loved homes and the war's desolation, Blest with victory and peace, may the Heaven - rescued land Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation. Then conquer we must, for our cause is just, And this be our motto -- "In God is our trust." And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.*

I hope you will look at the national anthem with new eyes. Listen to it, the next time you have a chance, with new ears. Pay attention to the words. And don't let them ever take it away ... not even one word of it.

**HERESY** The word "HERESY" is derived from the Greek word *haireisthai*, meaning "to choose." Faith is the virtue of believing a truth without logical proof or evidence. As our Lord said to St. Thomas the Apostle, "Blessed are they who do not see, and yet believe." A heretic, therefore, is one who "chooses" what truths he/she will accept, rejecting faith in the divinely established teaching authority of the Church.

### DID YOU KNOW ???

...that Guglielmo Marconi, a devout Roman Catholic of Irish/Italian descent, is credited with perfecting a practical wireless radio system. By 1932, he had successfully installed a working radio-telephone system between Vatican City and Castel Gandolfo, the Pope's summer residence. But the impetus for his research in the wireless derived from a fantastic theory - Marconi believed, erroneously, that sound waves, as well as electromagnetic radio waves, travel out into space without fully dissipating. He imagined that these sound waves, produced by human speech, would leave behind a faint residual pattern which could be amplified and reproduced through the workings of a radio receiver. Incredible as it seems, with the most pious of intentions, Marconi was obsessed with the desire to intercept, by radio, the seven last words spoken by Our Lord on the Cross!

### KIDZ KORNER

1. What year was OLV parish started?
2. When was OLV church built?
3. Who was the youngest pastor of OLV parish?
4. Who was OLV's first resident Pastor?
5. What year did OLV school officially open?
6. What order of Sisters staffed OLV School?
7. What American Saint founded the Sisters Order?
8. What Sister has been at OLV the longest?
9. What was the date of OLV's Church opening?
10. What happened when OLV Church first opened?
11. What other important event happened that particular day?

**Answers on page four.**