

Our Lady of Victories Church

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

www.olvhp.org

WELCOME

SUNDAY, November 3, 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
Pastor

Sr. Elizabeth Holler, SC Sr. Mary Corrigan, SC
In Residence-Convent

Mr. Thomas Lagatol Mr. Albert McLaughlin
Deacons

Susan Evarella Denise Coulter
Religious Education

Selena Piazza Elizabeth Gulfo Michael Flynn
Lesla Rossmann Martin Coyne II Meagan Mullany
Ministers of Music Parish Trustees Jr. High School Ministry

Maria Hellrigel
Parish Secretary

Jorden Pedersen Esq. Jon Fischer CFA
President Parish Council Chairman Finance Committee

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

OLV Adoration Schedule

- * 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from after the 12 noon Mass till 3PM
- * Every Thursday Holy hour 7-8PM
- * Every Friday Adoration 12:30PM til 3PM
- * First Friday Adoration 12:30PM (after 12 Noon Mass),
6PM confessions, 6:30PM devotions, concludes with 7PM Mass
- * First Saturday Adoration 12:30PM till 1PM



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

Last weekend we had several events going on. The **Mass of Anointing** which gathered our precious sick. I thank our **Social Concerns** group who prepared "a home" in our Church and a great meal, but also who allowed these (many times) lonely and abandoned people to meet and console each other in their pains. How many times to see the pain of others helped me to "whine" less about my own. To take care of our sick and elderly is best medicine for them and for us.

I also thank all the parishioners who patiently and respectfully listened to Dr. Mayer who at the end of all the Masses spoke about a **raffle** to help **New Jersey Right to Life**. I especially thank Dr. Mayer and his wife Sharon and several other volunteers who during the whole Sunday gave of their lives for PRO-LIFE issues. Thanks to your generosity we have collected almost \$3,900.

10:45AM last Sunday was a Mass that I will not forget. It was pouring rain heavily outside and yet the **Church was packed** with families with little kids and full of life. Yes it was real, not a dream. **What a great witness you have shown! THUMBS UP!** That will make these little ones strong in faith and strong in life. **2nd graders** received at that Mass the **REAL CATECHISM** (*not a kid version*) and they went home with a question to answer by searching inside that great **FAITH SEARCH ENGINE** with their families.

We just celebrated **All Saints and All Souls**. And thus we have entered a very special month - the month of November. This is a month which brings more darkness and at the same time leads us to the end of the liturgical year with the Solemnity of Christ the King and also is a time of reflection about **OUR "END"**. Trying to deal with death as *halloween* poorly does, the Church instead makes us FACE death with **Memento Mori** without fear and look beyond because "*death is swallowed up in victory*" as St. Paul exclaims (*1 Cor 15:54*). The Church makes us look at the **graves** of our loved ones so we may also prepare not for the cemetery, but for the **garden** of paradise where we are originally from. That is our true home. This month we will be praying in a special way for the souls in purgatory, souls that are being purged in order to finally enjoy the heavenly bliss. **We will name the souls before each Mass as we did last year and say some prayers for them.** "*The devotion to the memory of the dead is one of the most beautiful expressions of the Catholic spirit.*" - Pope St. John XXIII. Many things can be done for the souls in purgatory; it is a great way to live this month offering prayers, adorations, communions, rosary, divine mercy chaplet, acts of self denial, fasting, alms, accepting afflictions that come our way, etc. I invite parents to especially instill that in their children. It is a great way of practicing the spiritual work of mercy - praying for the living and the dead.

And remember - As you pray for the Holy Souls, don't forget to ask them to pray for you in return once they enter heaven. They will be happy to do so, as they will be most grateful for your prayers and sacrifices on their behalf. This is the beauty of the Communion of Saints! Death does not separate those bonded to one another in Christ!

Thank you to all those who helped with the **November 2nd** reception after the 10AM **Special Memorial Mass** for the souls of our parishioners who died this past year.

2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to all who have helped Our Lady of Victories parish reach our 2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal goal of \$42,525. We have received \$19,255 in pledges from 71 families and have achieved approximately 45% of our goal. OLV will receive 62% of all funds received over our goal. To date we have collected \$18,155. Please be sure to honor your pledges. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form in the church atrium or visit www.rcan.org/sharing. Thank you for your prayers and support. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

CCD Corner

Last Sunday at the 10:45 Mass Fr. Wojciech presented the First Communion students with their own copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church; each week a question will be posed to the students and their families and they will be asked to look up the answer in the catechism. The first question was **What are the fruits of Holy Communion?** The Catechism of the Catholic Church is, as Father put it, "a great faith search engine" every Catholic should have a copy.

OLV CCD is participating in Box of Joy with Cross Catholic Outreach. Participants purchase and pack small gift items for children in poor nations who may not receive Christmas gifts, Boxes are due back by November 6th. If you would like to participate please call or email the CCD office.

Reminder ... no CCD classes Sunday and Monday, November 10th and 11th.

THE PRO LIFE REPORT

ARE YOU AWARE that OLV Pro Life Committee hosted a most successful raffle to support the New Jersey Right to Life Foundation - the largest not for profit, non partisan, pro life organization in New Jersey providing education and political advocacy for the pro life cause. Parish members purchased almost \$3,900 in tickets last weekend to qualify to win the 2020 Volvo AWD SUV valued at \$42,000.00. Tickets can still be purchased until November 8th. If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket or would like to sell some tickets yourself to benefit this great pro life organization, contact Maria at the rectory. And don't forget to go to the website - NJRTL.org - and check out all their important resources online and learn what is happening in the pro life arena in New Jersey that effects you, how you can protect yourself and the teachings of the Catholic Faith, and see that your representatives vote pro life.

All parish members are invited to join the OLV Pro Life Committee. We meet the second Monday of the month at 7:30 PM in the lower floor lobby of the Church. If you are interested or just curious, you can call Richard Mayer at 646-206-4491.

Graves

This month is a traditional time for visiting the graves of loved ones (as is the anniversary of death). Rooted in ancient tradition, St. Odilo of Cluny established a memorial of all the faithful departed in 988 AD. It was accepted in Rome in the 13th Century, where it spread from the Cluniac monasteries. St. Augustine reminds us: "If we had no care for the dead, we would not be in the habit of praying for them." The theological basis of this feast is the acknowledgment of human frailty. Since few people achieve perfection in this life, but, rather, go to the grave still scarred with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification seems necessary before a soul comes face-to-face with God. Please remember to pray for the souls of the dead. To bury the dead is a corporal work of mercy, to pray for the dead is the spiritual work of mercy.

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine

O most gentle Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the souls of Thy departed servants. Be not severe in Thy judgments, but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames. And do Thou, O Merciful Saviour, send Thy holy angels to conduct them to a place of refreshment, light, and peace. Amen.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant unto the souls of Thy departed servants full remission of all their sins, that through the help of our pious supplications they may obtain that pardon they have always desired, Thou who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

- V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
- R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.
- V. May they rest in peace. Amen.
- R. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

St. Catherine of Siena to Blessed Raymond Capua: "I saw the pains of Hell and of Purgatory, [which are] so great that no tongue of man is able to declare them. I saw also the bliss of Heaven and the glory of my Divine Spouse, which only to think of fills my soul with a loathing for all things that are in the world." (**The 33 Doctors of the Church, p. 403**)

YOU HAVE A SOUL !

The Church teaches that every spiritual soul is created immediately by God - it is not "produced" by the parents - and also that it is immortal: it does not perish when it separates from the body at death, and it will be reunited with the body at the final Resurrection.

Catechism of The Catholic Church, 366.

OLV Latin Mass Altar Server Training

OLV Latin Mass Society will be scheduling training sessions for any male (middle-school age through adult) who wants to learn how to serve our traditional Latin Mass. The training starts in November and will take place in the Fr. Bryan Hall. It will be conducted by experienced Latin Mass servers of our parish. Please leave your contact information at the rectory.

***HOLY NAME SOCIETY** OLV's Holy Name Society generally meets on the second Sunday each month. The men attend 9:30AM Mass, followed by recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and then a meeting with refreshments downstairs. Our next meeting is Sunday, November 10th. Since October was "Extraordinary Missionary Month", Fr. Wojciech will speak about his time as a missionary. If you want to learn more about the Holy Name society, please email the rectory, olvrectory.hp@gmail.com

***OLV NEEDLERS** Every Wednesday AT 6:30pm in the lower church .

FAMILY PROMISE OF BERGEN COUNTY The program that provides assistance to working families with children who are temporarily experiencing homelessness needs volunteers -- particularly overnight hosts (8:30PM - 6AM) or adults with school-aged children who would host 7-8:30PM. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will next host for a week in November. Please consider joining Sr. Elizabeth and other HP residents in staffing this remarkable program. Contact Paul Schackford at pschackford@gmail.com or 201-768-6885.

CLOTHING BINS Much needed items: clothing, small appliances, shoes, sheets/towels, stuffed animals, knickknacks, novels and children's books.

High School Open House

Wednesday, November 6 - St. Joseph Regional, Montvale , 6:30PM-9PM For info call 201-391-3300. Register at www.sjrmj.org.

Catholic HS Placement Test

8th graders planning to attend Catholic High School in Fall 2020! The High School Placement Test will be given on Friday, Nov. 8, 2019. Register at www.njcoopexam.org. For information visit www.catholicschoolsnj.org.

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She Loves Me-St. Joseph Regional HS performing arts presents *She Loves Me* in the Inserra Theater - Performances Friday, Nov 15 at 7pm, Saturday, Nov 16 at 2pm and 7pm, Sunday, Nov 17 at 3pm. Tickets \$23 each - Purchase at door or at sjr.booktix.com. Senior Preview Wednesday, Nov 13 at 3pm. Senior Preview tickets \$10 at door/incls preshow nosh at 2:15. Groups with 10 or more attending email sjrtheatertickets@gmail.com.

Calling All Senior Citizens-Immaculate Heart Academy Annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving dinner - Nov. 26, 5-7PM in the IHA cafeteria. Free Thanksgiving dinner, raffle & entertainment. RSVP to IHA 201-445-6800 x167 or sshutrop@ihanj.com. You do NOT need a call back to be confirmed.

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A WALK TO REMEMBER: Lives Lost to Addiction - Sunday, Nov. 3, 10AM-1PM, Westvale Park, Westwood NJ. Register at AinRwalk.org.

Relevant Radio 1430AM

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“what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul?”

Mathew 16:26

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 4 – St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

8:00 Joanne Williams R/b Judy Pommett
12:00 All Souls

Tuesday, November 5–St. Sylvia, Mother of St. Gregory the Great

8:00 All Souls
12:00 Dolores Terri R/b Maria Lapidus

Wednesday, November 6 – St. Bertille of France - Religious

8:00 Peter Bentivegna R/b the Bentivegna Family
12:00 All Souls

Thursday, November 7–St. Carina and companions, Martyrs

8:00 All the poor souls R/b Nicolo and Marie Ottomaneli
12:00 Intentions of Rose Spincken

Friday, November 8– St. Godfrey, Bishop of Amiens

8:00 Anna Hellrigel R/b the Hellrigel Family
12:00 All Souls

Saturday, November 9–Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00 All Souls
12:00 Robert Skok R/b Tony and Mary Yorio

4:00 Deceased of the Burderi Family R/b Tom and Phyllis Burderi
5:00 All Souls

Sunday, November 10-St. Leo the Great, pope, doctor

7:30 Marion McPolin R/b Sr. Elizabeth
8:15 Foley Family R/b Mary Foley

9:30 Tommy Farrell R/b the Creagh Family
10:45 Antonia Picinic R/b Nick and Maria Busanic

12:00 James M. Walsh R/b the Walsh Family
1:00 People of the parish

6:00 Suzanne Oates R/b the Corcoran Family
7:00 Elizabeth Geffers R/b the DiGiacomo Family

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

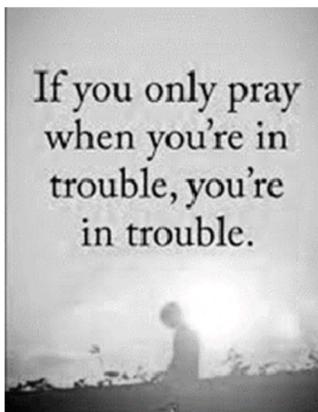
The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Michael A. Casenta - 10th Anniversary**, r/b Jessica Connors.

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

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Michael A. Casenta - 10th Anniversary**, r/b Jessica Connors.

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



Oh! What years of Purgatory will there be for those Christians who have no difficulty at all in deferring their prayers to another time on the excuse of having to do some pressing work! If we really desired the happiness of possessing God, we should avoid the little faults as well as the big ones, since separation from God is so frightful a torment to all these poor souls! -St. John Vianney-Sermon on Purgatory

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 lafrate
Corporal Joseph Levine

US Navy

Lt. 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 the 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 Will*: baby Cordelia, aby Emmet Fischer, Richard Bolton, Dominic Carini, Carolanne Carini, Sal Cenicola, Helen Choma, Kevin Columbo, Anthony Cortez, Marie D'Ascenzo, Maryann Dean, Lorraine Degerdon, Isabelle DeLeonibus, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Carl Falasca, Jay Filipone, Marie Filippone, Mary Foley, Tom Giuliano, Peter Kellar, Milan Krupa, Mary Lowe, James McGarry, Robert Milli, John Pal, Joyanna Peros, John Peterson Jr, Marie Piazza, Canice Prince, Veronica Roman-chuk, Phylis Rooney, Mike Tobia, Brian, Carla, Chris, Christina, Dierdre, Edward, Elba, Fiona, Jennifer, Joann, Lisa, Lucas, Lynn, Michael, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, Sean, Sharon.

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A little humor ... The Diagnosis

A woman accompanied her husband to the doctor's office. After his checkup, the doctor called the wife into his office alone. He said, "If you don't do the following, your husband will surely die:

1. Each morning , fix him a healthy breakfast.
2. Be pleasant and make sure he is in a good mood.
3. For lunch, make him a nutritious meal.
4. For dinner, prepare him an especially nice meal.
5. Don't burden him with chores as he probably had a hard day.
6. Don't discuss your problems with him."

On the way home, the husband asked his wife what the doctor said to her. "You're going to die," she replied.

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Bumping the Wall

A funeral service was being held in a small town funeral parlor for a woman who had just passed away. At the end of the service the pallbearers were carrying the casket out, when they accidentally bumped into a wall and shook the casket. Hearing a faint moan, they opened the casket and found out that the woman was actually alive!

For ten more years, the women enjoyed good health and then suddenly died. A ceremony was again held at the same funeral parlor. At the end of the ceremony the pallbearers were again carrying out the casket.

As they made their way toward the door, the husband cried out, "Watch out for the wall!"

"A Spirit All on Fire, Resembling Incandescent Metal"

Saint Lidwina of Schiedam

St. Lidwina of Schiedam was a 15th century Dutch saint and mystic. As a teenager she had an ice skating accident that left her debilitated the rest of her life. A sinful man was converted by her prayers and exhortation and was able to make a good confession, but he died soon after, unable to do much penance. After some time, she asked her guardian angel if he was still in purgatory, and she had this vision:

"He is there," said her angel, "and he suffers much. Would you be willing to endure some pain in order to diminish his?" "Certainly," she replied, "I am ready to suffer anything to assist him." Instantly her angel conducted her into a place of frightful torture. "Is this, then, hell, my brother?" asked the holy maiden, seized with horror. "No, sister," answered the angel, "but this part of purgatory is bordering upon hell."

"Looking around on all sides, she saw what resembled an immense prison surrounded with walls of a prodigious height, the blackness of which, together with the monstrous stones, inspired her with horror. Approaching this dismal enclosure, she heard a confused noise of lamenting voices, cries of fury, chains, instruments of torture, violent blows which the executioners discharged upon their victims. This noise was such that all the tumult of the world, in tempest or battle, could bear no comparison to it. 'What, then, is that horrible place?' asked St. Lidwina of her good angel. 'Do you wish me to show it to you?' 'No, I beseech you,' said she, recoiling with terror, 'the noise I hear is so frightful that I can no longer bear it ; how, then, could I endure the sight of those horrors?'

"Continuing her mysterious route, she saw an angel seated sadly on the curb of a well. 'Who is that angel?' she asked of her guide. 'It is,' he replied, 'the angel-guardian of the sinner in whose lot you are interested. His soul is in this well, where it has a special purgatory.' At these words Lidwina cast an inquiring glance at her angel; she desired to see that soul which was dear to her, and endeavor to release it from that frightful pit. Her angel, who understood her, having taken off the cover of the well, a cloud of flames, together with the most plaintive cries, came forth." Do you recognize that voice?" said the angel to her. 'Alas! yes,' answered the servant of God. 'Do you desire to see that soul?' he continued. On her replying in the affirmative, he called him by his name; and immediately our virgin saw appear at the mouth of the pit a spirit all on fire, resembling incandescent metal, which said to her in a voice scarcely audible, 'O Lidwina, servant of God, who will give me to contemplate the face of the Most High?'

"The sight of this soul, a prey to the most terrible torment of fire, gave our saint such a shock that the cincture which she wore around her body was rent in twain; and, no longer able to endure the sight, she awoke suddenly from her ecstasy. The persons present, perceiving her fear, asked her its cause. 'Alas!' she replied, 'how frightful are the prisons of Purgatory! It was to assist the souls that I consented to descend thither. Without this motive, if the whole world were given to me, I would not undergo the terror which that horrible spectacle inspired.'

"Some days later, the same angel whom she had seen so dejected appeared to her with a joyful countenance; he told her that the soul of his protégé had left the pit and passed into the ordinary purgatory. This partial alleviation did not suffice the charity of Lidwina; she continued to pray for the poor patient, and to apply to him the merits of her sufferings, until she saw the gates of heaven opened to him." (*Purgatory*, by Fr. F. X. Schouppe, SJ, 16-19)

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. Shem, Ham, Japeth.
2. Nimrod.
3. Seth.
4. Methuselah.
5. A rainbow.

WE TEACH BY EXAMPLE

As a father lay on the couch watching TV, his son, all dressed for church, entered the room. "Dad?" he said, "I have a question." Without even looking up, the father replied, "What's that son?" The boy said, "When am I going to be old enough not to go to church either?"

Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great

Our Lord dictated the following prayer to St. Gertrude the Great to release 1,000 Souls from Purgatory each time it is said.

"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

St. Gertrude's life was the mystic life of the Cloister – a Benedictine nun. She meditated on the Passion of Christ, which many times brought a flood of tears to her eyes. She did many penances and Our Lord appeared to her many times. She had a tender love for the Blessed Virgin and was very devoted to the suffering souls in Purgatory. She died in 1334. Her feast day is Nov 16th.

DID YOU KNOW

Memento mori - is Latin for "Remember death." The phrase is believed to originate from an ancient Roman tradition as a part of the ritual of welcome given to Roman military leaders upon their return from victory in battle. Amid the cheers of adoring crowds, a slave was designated to approach the great general and intone: "*Respice post te, hominem te memento*" ("Look around! Remember you're only a man!"). Mortal like the rest of us.

St. Martin de Porres - Patron of Hairdressers (Nov 3)

St. Martin de Porres was born at Lima, Peru, in 1579. His father was a Spanish gentleman and his mother an Indian woman from Panama. At fifteen he became a lay brother at Dominican Friary at Lima and spent his whole life there as a barber, farm-laborer, almoner, and infirmarian among other things.

Martin had a great desire to go off to some foreign mission and thus earn the palm of martyrdom. However since this was not possible, he made a martyr out of his body, devoting himself to ceaseless and severe penances. In turn, God endowed him with many graces and wondrous gifts, such as aerial flights and bilocation.

St. Martin's love was all-embracing, shown equally to humans and animals, including vermin, and he maintained a cats' and dogs' hospital at his sister's house. He also possessed spiritual wisdom, demonstrated in his solving his sister's marriage problems, raising a dowry for his niece inside of three days time, and resolving theological problems for the learned of his Order and for Bishops. A close friend of St. Rose of Lima, this saintly man died on November 3, 1639 and was canonized on May 6, 1962, by Pope John XXIII.

St. Charles Borromeo - Patron of Seminarians (Nov 4)

St. Charles of the noble family of Borromeo, was born in 1538 on the banks of Lake Maggiore, Italy. He studied at Milan and afterward at the University of Pavia, where he received his doctorate in civil and canon law in 1559. His uncle, the Cardinal de Medici, having in the same year been elected Pope under the title of Pius IV, sent for him and created him Cardinal, and a short time afterward nominated him Archbishop of Milan, though he was only twenty-two years of age.

At the same time he was detained at Rome by the Pope and he began to labor diligently in the interests of the Church. There he founded the Vatican Academy for literary work. As Papal Secretary of State he was instrumental in reassembling the Council of Trent in 1562. He was active in enforcing its reforms and in composing the Roman Catechism, containing the teachings of the Council.

After receiving priestly ordination, he also accepted the office of grand penitentiary. For merely honorary or lucrative positions he had no ambition. He assisted at the deathbed of the Pope in 1564, and on the election of Pius V he went to reside at Milan.

In 1572 he concurred in the election of Gregory XIII. In the great plague at Milan, in 1575, he showed himself the true shepherd by his self-sacrificing charity and heroism. This great light in the firmament of the Church was extinguished in 1584. He was canonized in 1610 by Pope Paul V.

HOW DEAD CONVERTED THE LIVING *The Conversion of the Duke of Gandia Francis de Borja Gertrude von Schwarzenfel*

Here, in Granada, a stone cross recalls the last journey of the Empress Isabella who died in Toledo on May 1, 1539. The Emperor Charles V withdrew to the Hieronymites' monastery near Toledo and wrote from there to his sister: "Over this heavy loss I feel all the sorrow and distress that you can imagine, and there is nothing that can console me so well as the contemplation of her good Catholic life and her holy religious end."

The memorial cross stands on the road where the funeral procession passed on its way from Toledo to Granada Cathedral. According to ancient custom, the coffin was opened before entering the city, and it was Isabella's chamberlain, the young Don Francisco de Borja, Duke of Gandia and grandee of Spain, who had to declare that the coffin did in fact contain the body of the Empress. At age 19 Borja had entered the household of Empress Isabel and attended Prince Philip, later King Philip II. Borja campaigned with the Emperor in 1536. Now it fell to him to identify the body of the once beautiful Isabella. One look was enough to show him the frailty of all earthly things. He exclaimed, "Had I not accompanied the bier all the way from Toledo, I could not say that this was the Empress." Twelve-year-old Prince Philip was present, and he wept, we are told. This scene is known as the moment of the Duke of Gandia's conversion. A few years after, he entered the Jesuit Order and was later canonized. In his *Life of Francisco de Borja*, Padre Ribadeneyra described the moment when the Duke "recognized the vanity of all that the world prizes so highly; and it inspired him with disdain for all that is transient and with a good, efficacious desire to know what is true and enduring and to bring it about, be it at the cost of great hardship, suffering and persecution."

That same evening, when the Duke left the cathedral to go home, in his heart he had uttered these words: "What shall we do, Soul, what shall we seek? Have you not seen, Soul, how the brightest and most precious things of earth end? If death treats earth's splendor so, who can resist it? That same death has his arrow directed at you. Were it not well to die to the world in life in order to live with God in death? Give me, O God, give me Your light, give me Your Spirit ... Nevermore will I serve a master who can die on me." On his return to court, the Duke informed Charles of his design to enter a monastery. The Emperor replied he had the same intention. In fact, the Emperor retired for a time to the La Sista Monastery, near Toledo, where he spent many hours in his cell in prayer. But soon came news of fresh conflicts, as though the world were incapable of rest. The Turks were hard on the Austrian borders again, Barbarossa was harrying the Mediterranean from Algeria; in the Netherlands, and in Italy too, serious riots had broken out. To deal with these pressing affairs, Charles left the Monastery to meet Francis I at Paris. Borja continued to serve, now as Governor General of Catalonia, until his father's death in 1543. Then when his wife died in 1545, he put his promise into effect and decided to become a Jesuit. A year later, he took his first vows, and in 1548, professed as a Jesuit. In 1550 he journeyed to Rome for the Jubilee and to meet Ignatius of Loyola. On his return he abdicated his titles and domains to his eldest son, Carlos, and less than two weeks later was ordained a priest. The entrance of Don Francisco de Borja into the Society of Jesus created a great stir at the time, an age caught up in the controversies of the Reformation and Counter-Reformation.

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1. Who were Noah's three sons?
2. What King started to build the Tower of Babel?
3. Who was the third son of Adam and Eve?
4. In the Old Testament who lived 969 years?
5. What was the sign of the covenant between God and Noah?

Answers on page four.

Bl. Anne Catherine Emmerich: Pray for the Poor Souls in Purgatory

"The prayer most pleasing to God is that made for others and particularly for the poor souls. Pray for them, if you want your prayers to bring high interest." "The poor souls suffer inexpressibly." "Many stay a long time in purgatory who, although not great sinners, have lived tepidly."