

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, November 17, 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 Evanella Denise Coulter
Religious Education

Selena Piazza Elizabeth Gulfo Michael Flynn
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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

The **Catholic Daughters of America** are very grateful and happy with their rummage sale. Thank you all who stopped by and helped their cause.

We are slowly approaching **THANKSGIVING Day** and the season of giving thanks. I know there are many **Veterans** in our parish. I was so happy last Sunday to have such a great conversation with one of them who is not only a military veteran, but also a veteran in his joyful spirituality. What a great example. Once more thank you to all Veterans. I am so happy to know so many truly holy and grateful people in our parish.

The other day I told Maria, our parish *veteran* secretary, our *veterans* Deacon Al, Deacon Tom, Greg, our *veteran* sacristan, and John our *veteran* grounds manager: Happy Veterans Day! for in so many ways they are *veterans* and with such dedication and many times remaining behind the scenes. Remember to also sometimes say a simple Thank You to them.

Last Saturday I had a beautiful Baptism and let me tell you **we have LOTS of Baptisms. Life is POURING.** Afterwards I met one of our oldest parishioners Ray Lawlor. He is always so happy to see new babies being baptized. I told him you are **one of the oldest, and here is THE youngest parishioner.** We made a beautiful picture of that historic moment.

I thank all the CCD families and children who participated in the **Box of Joy collection for Cross Catholic Outreach.** I would like to thank one very young parishioner, James, who together with his father Brendan and grandpa Deacon Al, packed all the packages and brought them to be sent. Nice 3 generations work.

To all who took seriously my call to stay till the end of the Mass. THANK YOU. It is much more prayerful now, and also what a great lesson of patience and opportunity to offer it for souls in Purgatory.

Let us learn from Mary to offer our lives to the Lord especially on the Feast of Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary in the Temple on Nov. 21.

November 22 will be the feast of **St. Cecilia patron of Sacred Music.** I entrust to her our Organist and Cantor and all the choirs of adults and children. St. Cecilia pray for them

SAVE THE DATE! January 25, 2020

Our Lady of Victories Knights of Columbus Council 14483
TWELFTH ANNUAL "Hap Nightingale" BEEFSTEAK

CCD Corner

Although the project had a quick turnaround many CCD families participated in the Box of Joy collection for Cross Catholic Outreach. Box of Joy provides children in poor nations with a shoebox filled with small toys, school supplies, soap, toothbrushes, etc. These children would not otherwise receive gifts for Christmas. We were blessed to see such a generous response in a short amount of time! Almost 75 shoeboxes were filled and packed! Many thanks to Deacon Al for delivering the cartons to the drop-off location.

Classes resume this weekend. We remind all to continue to pray for those who have gone before us during this month of All Souls.

Relevant Radio 1430AM

For a clear signal download the free Relevant Radio app on your smartphone, ipad, computer and all those other devices! You can listen in your car without static on Bluetooth. Relevant Radio talk radio for Catholic life.

DO NOT stretch yourself too much-

ON Sunday, Rest!

A hunter in the desert saw Abba Anthony enjoying himself with the brethren and he was shocked. He thought he would be only praying and working all the time. Wanting to show him that it was necessary sometimes to meet the needs of the brethren, and enjoy with the others, the old man said to him, "Put an arrow in your bow and shoot it." So he did. The old man then said, "Shoot another," and he did so. Then the old man said, "Shoot yet again," and the hunter replied, "If I bend my bow so much, I will break it." Then the old man said to him, "It is the same with the work of God. If we stretch the brethren or ourselves beyond measure, they/we will soon break. Sometimes it is necessary for the bow to rest to shoot even better next time". When he heard these words, the hunter was pierced by compunction and, greatly edified by the old man, he went away.

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.

God is more pleased by one work, however small, done secretly, without desire that it be known, than a thousand done with desire that men know of them. The person who works for God with purest love not only cares nothing about whether men see him, but does not even seek that God Himself know of them. Such a person would not cease to render God the same services, with the same joy and purity of love, even if God were never to know of them. - **St John of the Cross**

St. Augustine reminds us: "If we had no care for the dead, we would not be in the habit of praying for them."

**To bury the dead is a corporal work of mercy,
to pray for the dead is the spiritual work of mercy.**

Help THE SOULS in PURGATORY??

It is very possible that some of our own nearest and dearest ones are still suffering the excruciating pains of Purgatory and are calling to us for help and relief. There is no hunger, no thirst, no poverty, no need, no pain, no suffering to compare with what the souls in Purgatory endure. How YOU can help these souls: **1. Have Masses offered for them. 2. Make the Stations of the Cross. 3. Recite the Rosary. 4. Offer up all your pain and sufferings for the relief of Souls.**

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine

THANKSGIVING FOOD & TURKEY DRIVE

OLV will be having a month-long canned food/imperishable food drive to help area food banks and help the less fortunate. **We will also be hosting a one day frozen Turkey Drive on Sunday, November 24th. Frozen turkeys must be delivered here to OLV Church by 12:30PM on the 24th.**

ROSARY SOCIETY The Rosary Society will meet this Thursday, Nov. 21, for Mass at 12:00 and recitation of the Rosary. Meeting, refreshments and socialization will follow in the lower Church. We meet on the third Thursday of each month. All women are welcome.

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 be conducted by experienced Latin Mass servers of our parish. Please leave your contact information at the rectory.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS All men over 18 are invited to join the OLV Knights of Columbus, the world's largest men's fraternal organization. For more information, please contact Mike Hellrigel 201-784-2201.

FAMILY PROMISE OF BERGEN COUNTY The program that provides assistance to working families with children who are temporarily experiencing homelessness needs volunteers. Please consider joining Sister 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.

Special Thanksgiving Service for Churches of Harrington Park

The Churches of Harrington Park will gather together for a Thanksgiving worship service on **Tuesday evening, November 26, at 7:30PM**. The service will be at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at 31 Lynn St. It's our privilege to get together for the original purpose of Thanksgiving: to give thanks for God's many blessings! Representatives of each church will take part in leading the service.

A choir and instrumental ensemble of the combined churches will help us worship that evening, as they perform a spirited version of Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee. If you sing or play an instrument, and would like to participate in the choir/instrumental ensemble, we invite you to be involved. Rehearsals will be held for vocalists on Monday, November 11 and Tuesday, November 12 at 7:30 PM and Saturday, November 16 at 4 PM. Practice will be at The Community Church in Harrington Park. Instrumental rehearsals will be on Monday, November 18 and Tuesday, November 19 at 7:30. There will be one rehearsal for EVERYONE on Saturday, November 23 at 4 PM. These rehearsals are also at the Community Church in Harrington Park. Come for as many of the rehearsals pertaining to you as you can. For an idea of what the music sounds like by listening to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vUUPCaGSVwk&feature=youtu.be>.

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.

Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey will present Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, an original script written and directed by Brooke DeBettignies. Friday, Nov. 22 and Saturday, Nov. 23 at 7:30PM and Sunday, Nov. 24 at 3PM. Performance includes special effects like strobe lights/fog. For Tickets visit donboscoprep.org/Frankenstein. Best suited for age 10+. For more info email theaterarts@donboscoprep.org.

Immaculate Heart Academy in Washington Township will present *The Curious Savage* on Friday, Nov. 22 at 7:30PM and Saturday, Nov. 23 at 2 and 7:30PM. For more information and to purchase tickets, \$15 each, visit ihatheater.com.

Mass Intentions**Monday, November 18—Dedication of the Churches of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Duchesne-Virgin**

8:00 In thanksgiving R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich
12:00 Pat Dinell R/b Rose Spincken

Tuesday, November 19 – St. Mathilda of Germany - Nun

8:00 Joseph Lamendola R/b Jinnie Moran
12:00 Doug Walsh R/b the Zaccaro Family

Wednesday, November 20 – St. Bernward, Bishop of Hildesheim

8:00 Jean Bentivegna R/b the Bentivegna Family
12:00 James M. Walsh R/b the Filippone Family

Thursday, Nov. 21—Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Intentions of Brian and Ginny Amaral R/b Peggy O'Brien
12:00 Robert Capobianco Sr. R/b Jon and Jen Fischer

Friday, November 22— St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 Intentions of Matthew Brady R/b Dan and Karen Brady
12:00 Madeline Dunn R/b the Dunn Family

Saturday, Nov. 23—St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr; St. Columban

8:00 Gina Marie Ottomanelli Bender R/b Nicolo and Marie Ottomanelli
12:00 Dorothy Millett R/b Peter and Linda Wayne

4:00 Rosario and Josephine Amato R/b Armando and Christina Carrino
5:00 Mary Locke R/b Cathy Ryan

Sunday, Nov. 24 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

7:30 John Raven R/b Jim and Caroline Connolly
8:15 George Kelly R/b Tish and Michael Oates

9:30 Mary Lou Gorab R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico
10:45 Michael Carpenter - 1st Anniversary R/b Terry and Tony Russell

12:00 Deceased of the Bonomolo Family R/b Tom and Phyllis Burderi
1:00 People of the parish

6:00 L. Robert Connolly R/b Clare and Joe Mongelli
7:00 Margaret and Evo Razzetti R/b Vivian Cafarella

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of **Bob Hamilla**, r/b Ann Hamilla.

The Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of **Bob Hamilla**, r/b Ann Hamilla

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of **David Scaffa**, r/b loving family.

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.

St. Margaret Mary wrote of a Benedictine monk who appeared to her in a "pitiable condition," in fire of which she herself felt the heat. He told her that because he had directed her to receive Holy Communion, he was given the grace to approach her and ask her to suffer her sufferings and actions for him for three months to ease his sufferings. He told her he was in Purgatory because he was too concerned about others' opinions of him, he was too attached to other people, and he was not as charitable to his fellow monks as he should have been. She received permission from her superior to do as he asked and endured terrible suffering, feeling the heat from his presence, which continued the whole three months. After this he appeared to her in glory, about to enter Heaven, and promised to help her from there.

Pray for Those in the Military

US Army

Captain Ben Clemente
RRT Specialist James Crumb
Specialist Peter Dipolito
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
OS2 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 Filipponi, 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.

Did you know?

Johannes Gutenberg is credited with the invention of the movable type printing press some time around the year 1440. A Catholic man, it was fitting the first book he printed using his invention was the Bible, his seminal work entitled the Gutenberg Bible.

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A little humor ... The Burglar

Late one night, a burglar broke into a house he thought was empty. He tiptoed through the living room but suddenly he froze in his tracks when he heard a loud voice say: "Jesus is watching you!" Silence returned to the house, so the burglar crept forward again. "Jesus is watching you," the voice boomed again. The burglar stopped dead again. He was frightened. Frantically, he looked all around. In a dark corner, he spotted a bird cage and in the cage was a parrot. He asked the parrot: "Was that you who said Jesus is watching me?" "Yes," said the parrot. The burglar breathed a sigh of relief and asked the parrot: "What's your name?" "Clarence," said the bird. "That's a dumb name for a parrot," sneered the burglar. "What idiot named you Clarence?" The parrot said, "The same idiot who named the Doberman Jesus."

The Benefits of the Mass

St. Thomas, the Prince of Theologians, writes wonderfully of the Mass. "The Mass" he says, "obtains for sinners in mortal sin the grace of repentance. For the just, it obtains the remission of venial sins and the pardon of the pain due to sin. It obtains an increase of habitual [Sanctifying] grace, as well as all the graces necessary for their special needs."

St Paul, the Hermit, stood once at the church door as the people entered. He saw the soul of one man, a great sinner, in such a state of horrible corruption as appalled him. Moreover, he saw a devil standing by his side who seemed to have complete control of him. On leaving the church, he saw the same man so completely changed that he called him aside and asked him confidentially if he was sorry for his sins. The poor man at once confessed that he had committed many and very grave sins, but during the Mass he had read in his prayer book, "if your sins are as red as scarlet, I will make them as white as snow." "I began at once to ask God to pardon and forgive me, and I am very sorry for my sins and I wish to go to Confession at once." St. Paul saw that by his act of sincere sorrow the man was, by the infinite merits of the Mass, pardoned of all his sins.

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 November 16th.

Purgatory

The dogma of Purgatory is an all-but-forgotten teaching of the Church, yet it is extremely valuable in supporting the call to perfection. The fundamental purpose of Purgatory is not forgiveness of sins, but making up for sins, reparation. The damage done by sin, especially to our own souls, is "repaired" in Purgatory.

When a boy accidentally throws a baseball through a neighbor's window, it is one thing to be forgiven by the owner, another thing to repair the window. When a man does something terrible to his wife, it is one thing to receive her forgiveness, quite another to make it up to her. True, Jesus has paid most of the price for sin, but we have a relatively small price to pay as well. St. Paul says, "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and I make up in my own flesh what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ, for the sake of his body, which is the Church" (Col 1:24). So, there is a place or state we enter to repair the damage our sins have caused.

Rev. Thomas G. Morrow

Kidz Korner Answers

- 1. Mother Cabrini. 2. Elizabeth Ann Seton. 3. Katherine Drexel.
- 4. John Neumann. 5. St. Genesis

PELICAN & The Louisiana flag

The Louisiana flag has a pelican as its symbol. Three small drops of blood make it very clear that the pelican is not simply feeding her chicks; rather, she's nourishing them with her own lifeblood. The "Pelican in Her Piety" has long been used in Catholic art to represent Our Blessed Lord in the Sacrament of the Altar. The earliest use of this symbol appears to be in the patristic volume, *Physiologus*, written in the second century of the Christian Era. The pelican is only one of the animals used in this book to represent important persons and mysteries of the Faith. Among the others are the phoenix, representing the resurrected Christ; and the unicorn, which can be captured only in the lap of a virgin, symbolizing the Incarnation of Our Lord in the virginal womb of Mary. In the *Physiologus*, the pelican is portrayed as giving life to her dead children by heroically tearing open her own chest to pour her blood on them. The symbol is truly a beautiful allegory of Holy Communion, by which Our Lord pours on us His life-giving Blood so that we might live by His grace, for without it we are surely dead: *Unless you eat the flesh of the son of man and drink his blood, you shall not have life in you* (John 6:54). After its early appearance in the patristic period, the symbol became very popular in the Church, especially in the Middle Ages. In his stirring hymn to the Blessed Sacrament, *Lauda Sion*, Saint Thomas Aquinas calls Our Lord the *Pie Pelicane*, or "Holy Pelican." Dante Alighieri, the celebrated Florentine poet, calls Him *Nostro Pelicano* ("Our Pelican") in his *Divine Comedy*. Catholic liturgical art is full of representations of this figure. Altar frontals, monstrances, chalices, paintings, engravings, stain-glass windows, and vestments were commonly adorned with this symbol of Our Lord. Pre-Reformation England boasted a monastery in the city of Durham that had a tabernacle in the form of a silver pelican suspended from the ceiling over the high altar. Presumably, it was melted and sold when the "reformers" savaged the monastery.

SPIRITUAL GYM

Train yourself in godliness [to be spiritually fit]. For while bodily training [to be physically fit] is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise [prepares us] for the present life and also for the life to come.

1 Timothy 4:7-8 (St. Timothy was the first Christian bishop of Ephesus)

Legend of the Presentation of Mary

The Feast in the Temple: Mary was 3 years old when her parents Joachim and Anne chose to bring their daughter to the temple to consecrate her to God. It is said Mary climbed the stairs of the temple with great joy, dancing and without looking back. This tradition of the Presentation of Mary originates from apocryphal gospel according to James -- writings date from the years 130-140. And the child was three years old, and Joachim said: "Invite the daughters of the Hebrews that are undefiled, and let them take each a lamp, and let them stand with the lamps burning, that the child may not turn back, and her heart be captivated from the temple of the Lord." And the priest received Mary, and kissed her, and blessed her saying: "The Lord has magnified thy name in all generations. In thee, on the last of the days, the Lord will manifest His redemption to the sons of Israel." And he set her down upon the third step of the altar, and the Lord God sent grace upon her; and she danced with her feet, and all the house of Israel loved her. And her parents went down marveling and praising the Lord God because the child had not turned back. And Mary was in the temple of the Lord as if she were a dove that dwelt there, and she received food from the hand of an angel. This recitation is a legend to express the preparation of Mary to become the Mother of God, her total consecration to God, from the first awakening of her freedom.

**The Mystery of the Presentation of Mary in the Temple is a mystery of:
-worship and self offering -the presence of God.**

Inspired by the Presentation of Mary

Marie Rivier's spirituality was born at the feet of the statue of the Pieta (Our Lady of Mercy) in her village church. The crippled child asked her mother to be left there to pray while her mother ran errands and worked. While waiting she begged our Lady to cure her and she promised to make Jesus Christ known and loved. This experience fashioned in her a spirit of prayer and a heart of compassion and this she passed onto her daughters, The Sisters of the Presentation of Mary. Inspired by the Presentation of Mary offering herself to God in the temple and the mysteries of the life, death / resurrection of Jesus; we hope to be an open gospel where every person we meet can read the love and compassion of Jesus Christ.

THE PRO LIFE REPORT

ARE YOU AWARE that the annual RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH in Washington, DC is scheduled for Friday, January 24, 2020. This is the highlight of 3 days of pro-life activities in Washington, DC that draws hundreds of thousands of people every year. The highlight and conclusion of the 3 days of activities is the national Right to Life March. That day will begin with a rally on the National Mall at 12 noon which will be followed by a march at 12 noon up Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court and the Capitol Building. However this event offers even more. There will also be a special March for Life Youth Rally on Thursday, January 23rd from 2 to 4PM at the DC Renaissance Hotel Grand Ballroom where pro life youth can meet and network and support each other in their fight to oppose the culture of death. The most surprising, inspiring, and hopeful aspect of this March is the large number of young people who attend. There will also be a three day March For Life Expo from Wednesday January 22nd to Friday January 24th where you can meet representatives of many pro-life organizations across the country. It is again inspiring and gives great hope to see how many organizations exist among people of different religions, among atheists, among scientists, and among different political groups who support the pro life movement. Buses will be available on the day of the March to take us to and from New Jersey. Think about joining the March. Ask those who have gone. Many people testify to what a great experience it is. But it is more than an event. It is a pilgrimage of faith to testify in front off our national politicians that we still hold to the self-evident truths expressed by our Founding Fathers that we are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights including the right to life.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Healing the pain of abortion ... Are you suffering from an abortion experience? Do you have feelings of guilt and anxiety? Do you suffer from depression? There is Hope! Rachel's Vineyard Retreats: rachelsvineyard.org. For more information contact the Respect Life Office 973-497-4350.

Any woman who is pregnant and in need of assistance? should never feel that abortion is her only option.

Personal & confidential assistance is available at the following:
Archdiocesan Respect Life Office: 973-497-4350
Gateway Pregnancy Center: Phone: 908-353-0604
Catholic Community Services: 201-246-7379
Birthright: 800-550-4900 Lifecall: 800-662-2678

"For I trust, in whatever manner I die, that I shall not be deprived of the mercy of my God, without which my eternal ruin would be inevitable, whether I die an unprepared death, or whether I have long anticipated my end." **St. Gertrude**

KIDZ KORNER

- 1. Who was the first American citizen to be made a Saint?
- 2. Who was America's first native-born Saint?
- 3. Who is America's newest declared Saint?
- 4. What Philadelphia Bishop is America's only male Saint?
- 5. Who is the patron saint of Secretaries?

Answers on page 4