

# Our Lady of Victories Church

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## WELCOME

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

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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 & after 12:00 Noon Mass

#### **OLV Adoration Schedule**

\* 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from after the 12 noon Mass until 3PM

\* Every Thursday Holy hour 7-8PM

\* Every Friday Adoration 12:30PM until 3PM

\* **First Friday** Adoration 12:30PM (after 12 Noon Mass),  
6PM confessions, 6:30PM devotions, concludes with 7PM Mass

\* **First Saturday** Adoration 12:30PM until 1PM

**SUNDAY, January 12, 2020 A.D.**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**



#### THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/CONFESSION:

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

First Friday at 6:00pm

Saturday at 11:00a.m.-Noon; 3:00pm - 3:45pm

#### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

To register for Baptismal preparation and Baptism,  
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Call the Religious Ed Office for requirements/class schedule.

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

In one week as every year there will be in Washington D.C. a **MARCH FOR LIFE**. In lieu of this great pro-life event we will host something special this year.

On **January 22nd at 3PM**, we will have a special **Public Pro-Life Rosary** in front of the statue of Our Lady of Victory (in front of the Church). The same evening we will have a presentation of the **movie Unplanned at 7PM in our lower Church**. You are strongly encouraged to take active part in these events. Maybe for those of us who cannot be at the March in Washington DC that would be a great way to "march" this year here in our own town. We can still "march" on our knees, saying the rosary or "marching" in our rooms. There are many ways to "march" and offer our lives so that other lives could be defended. **Let us learn from Mary to say YES to life and defend it in all its stages.**

As a way of getting together as OLV family I ask you to support the annual **BEEFSTEAK DINNER** organized by our Knights of Columbus. This is their 12<sup>th</sup> year and that is their major fundraiser. The money earned will help all KofC charity activities throughout the year. Hope to see you there.

Last Sunday we celebrated Epiphany (3Kings). As a way of celebrating, CCD students brought their teachers to Mass. I was happy to write my last thank you notes. Two cards reflected the 3Kings feast day. Two persons expressed their gratitude because they were found by the Lord and found themselves at OLV. It's an amazing mystery how God guides souls by different "stars" to Himself.

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and give thanks to God for our own Baptism and especially for our parents and godparents. **Let us keep immersing (that's what the word baptism means) in HIM more and more every day.**

### **EPIPHANY House Blessing with Chalk**

Last Sunday for the Feast of the Epiphany I blessed the Church doors with chalk. You may bless the external doors of your own homes. Chalk which has been blessed is available at the church exits. For those interested, using the blessed chalk, write above your home's entryway, 20 + C + M + B + 20. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words **Christus mansionem benedicat, "May Christ bless the house."** The "+" signs represent the cross and 2020 is the year.

## **Did You Know?**

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem used to take the newly baptized to Jesus' tomb, and point out that each of them were there when Jesus was buried.

St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem (349 – 384 A.D.) had a unique privilege of presiding over the church in Jerusalem immediately after the completion of new buildings begun during Constantine's reign. Cyril preached magnificent sermons within feet of the actual places of Christ's death and resurrection. He said of Calvary, "Others only hear, but we both see and touch." Cyril wrote: "Here in this city of Jerusalem the Spirit was poured out on the church; here Christ was crucified; here you have before you many witnesses, the place itself of the Resurrection and towards the east on the Mount of Olives the place of the Ascension."

*The rediscovery of the value of one's baptism is the basis of the missionary commitment of every Christian, because we see in the Gospel that he who lets himself be fascinated by Christ cannot do without witnessing the joy of following in his footsteps ... we understand even more that, in virtue of baptism, we have an inherent missionary vocation.*

- Pope Benedict XVI

## **SAINT WHO mocked baptism**

Genesius of Rome is a legendary Christian saint, once a comedian and actor who had performed in plays that mocked Christianity. According to legend, while performing in a play that made fun of baptism, he had an experience on stage that converted him. He proclaimed his new belief, and he steadfastly refused to renounce it, even when the emperor Diocletian ordered him to do so.

Genesius is considered the patron saint of actors, lawyers, barristers, clowns, comedians, converts, dancers, people with epilepsy, musicians, printers, stenographers, and victims of torture. His feast day is August 25.

### **OLV Holy Name Society - Sunday, January 19**

This month's topic is: **"Young people take 'Deep Dive' in becoming vibrant witnesses to the Gospel."** Holy Name Society is a small Catholic community of men who attend the 9:30AM Mass together, recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet and then gather downstairs for about an hour for refreshments and discussion. New members are welcome. Come and see!

## **Matter of Life and Death Events**

### **Public ROSARY to defend life January 22 – 3:00PM**

Public Rosary outside OLV Church in front of Blessed Mother statue. Let us be witnesses in the public square to how much life matters! ... a great opportunity for those who cannot travel to Washington to show support. You have a say!

### **"UNPLANNED" (movie) at OLV**

Wednesday, January 22 - 7:00PM  
in the OLV lower church - ALL ARE WELCOME

### **BUSES TO THE RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH IN D.C.**

The national **Right to Life March in Washington, DC is set for Friday January 24, 2020**. Buses leave that morning at 6:15AM from the parking lot of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Bergenfield. The drop off and pick up place in Washington, DC will be St. Peter's Church which is close to the Mall where the rally and March begin. The bus is expected to arrive in time for the opening rally. Bring a box lunch for the trip down and, on the return, the bus will stop at the Chesapeake House for dinner on your own. In the past, St. Peter's Church has provided coffee, donuts, and restrooms for everyone after the March. The cost is \$15 per person, payable on the bus. **Call Jerry Flood of the St. John's Parish Respect Life Ministry at 914-343-5508 for reservations.**

**OLV Rosary Society** meets every third Thursday of the month for 12:00 Mass followed by meeting/social. Next meeting January 16. Join us!

### **BEEFSTEAK DINNER - January 25**

Our Lady of Victories Knights of Columbus Council 14483  
Twelfth ANNUAL "Hap Nightingale" BEEFSTEAK  
Call Mike 201-784-2201 for tickets - Adults \$35 - Children \$15.  
Proceeds support Pro-Life charities, vocations, & feeding the hungry.

As we give thanks for the gift of life, consider the words of Pope John Paul II: "Causing death can never be considered a form of medical treatment. Rather, it runs completely counter to the health-care profession, which is meant to an impassioned and unflinching affirmation of life." - **Gospel of Life.**

**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  
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 Corporal Matthew Brady  
 1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo  
 Lance Corporal Thomas Iafraite  
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**US Navy**

Lt. Commander Julia Cheringal  
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 Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger  
 Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger  
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**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**

**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, baby Emmet Fischer, baby Sylvie, Richard Bolton, Dominic Carini, Carolanne Carini, Sal Cenicola, Helen Choma, Kevin Columbo, Marie D'Ascenzo, Maryann Dean, Lorraine Degerdon, Isabelle DeLeonibus, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Carl Falasca, Jay Filippone, Marie Filippone, Mary Foley, Kathy Freeburn, Rich Goldfarb, Leslie Handler, Peter Kellar, Milan Krupa, Mary Lowe, James McGarry, Robert Milli, Gianna Moscatello, John Pal, Joyanna Peros, John Peterson Jr, Marie Piazza, Terry Pommert, Canice Prince, Veronica Romanchuk, Phylis Rooney, Mike Tobia, Eric Unger, Brian, Carla, Chris, Christina, Dierdre, Edward, Elba, Fiona, Jennifer, Joann, Lisa, Liz, Lucas, Lynn, Michael, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, Sean, Sharon.

**Secret of Trevor Lawrence**

Clemson routed Alabama to win its second national title in three years.

Trevor Lawrence, a nineteen-year-old freshman, was named the Most Valuable Player. He is already being hailed as a **once-in-a-generation talent**. Now, after a performance for the ages, ESPN tells us this morning that **"the legend of Trevor Lawrence has only just begun."** The best part of the story isn't the part that's making headlines today. When Lawrence was named Clemson's starting quarterback last September, reporters asked how he stays so calm during games. "That's just always my personality," he explained. "Football's important to me, but it's not my life. It's not the biggest thing in my life. I would say my faith is."

He added: **"I put my identity in what Christ says, who He thinks I am and who I know that He says I am."**

**SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

We are constantly under attack and tempted by the forces of EVIL. Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month in the afternoon from 2:00-3:00PM members of OLV parish meet and pray the Marian Novena which focuses on this daily battle. All are welcome. Join us.

**The soul is regenerated in the sacred waters of baptism and thus becomes God's child.**

**- St. Maximilian Kolbe**

**Mass Intentions****Monday, January 13--St. Hilary-Bishop of Poitiers, France**

8:00 Clifford Keenan Jr. R/b Josephine Tristano  
 12:00 Domenica Bandiera R/b the Garzino Family

**Tuesday, January 14-- St. Sava-Bishop of Serbia**

8:00 Josephine Raymond R/b William Raymond  
 12:00 Intentions of Edwina Simonelli R/b Dan and Karen Brady

**Wednesday, January 15--St. Ida of Waterford, Ireland-Virgin**

8:00 Marie Landers R/b Deacon Al and Mary Clare McLaughlin  
 12:00 Ida Mae Walsh and John Zanetti R/b the Zanetti Family

**Thursday, January 16--St. Berard & Companions-Martyrs of Spain**

8:00 Anthony Osa R/b Tom and Jeanne Hennessey  
 12:00 Nair Lawlor R/b Ray Lawlor

**Friday, January 17-- St. Anthony, Abbot**

8:00 Winifred Pavlu R/b the Kip Family  
 12:00 Teasia Curry R/b Mary Corrigan

**Saturday, Jan. 18 - St. Volusian-Bishop of Tours & St. Deicolus - Abbot**

8:00 Marie Landers R/b Katherine Duffus  
 12:00 Carolyn Wilkins Zabawa R/b Joe Tobia

4:00 Ellen Keohane R/b the Oates Family

5:00 Patrick, Kathleen and Mary Rose Dolan R/b Glynis Burke

**Sunday, Jan. 19--St. Wulstan-Benedictine Monk-Bishop in England**

7:30 Simica Fizulich R/b Attilio and Rose Viscovich  
 8:15 Theresa Caraccio R/b the Bolton Family

9:30 James Gaffney R/b Joan Gaffney

10:45 Billy Moroney R/b the Dunlea Family  
 12:00 Alex Amendola R/b Bob and Sue Muggeo

1:00 People of the Parish

6:00 Ellen Varca R/b Andrew and Jeannine Risch

7:00 Joseph Fedele R/b Teresa and Michael Germinario

**Sanctuary Memorials**

**The Sanctuary Lamp** burns this week for the repose of the soul of

**Marie Landers**, r/b Rosemary Cenicola.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp** burns this week for the intentions of **Frances Semler**, r/b OLV parish.

**The St. Joseph Votive Lamp** burn this week for a special intention, r/b Julia Dalton.

**The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp** burns this week for the intentions of **Fr. Wojciech - birthday blessings.**

**Sanctuary Offerings**

**The Bread and Wine, Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp, St. Joseph Votive Lamp, and Sanctuary Lamp** in the Church can be dedicated on a weekly basis. **AND the Altar Flowers** are also available to be memorialized. Please call the rectory for information 201-768-1706.

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**"The early Church described Baptism as *fortismos*, as the Sacrament of illumination, as a communication of light, and linked it inseparably with the resurrection of Christ."**

**--Pope Benedict XVI**

## Holding on to old or new?

### BEGGAR'S RAGS

A beggar lived near the king's palace. One day he saw a proclamation posted outside the palace gate. The king was giving a great dinner. Anyone dressed in royal garments was invited to the party.

The beggar went on his way. He looked at the rags he was wearing and sighed. Surely only kings and their families wore royal robes, he thought. Slowly an idea crept into his mind. The audacity of it made him tremble. Would he dare?

He made his way back to the palace. He approached the guard at the gate. "Please, sire, I would like to speak to the king." "Wait here," the guard replied. In a few minutes, he was back. "His majesty will see you," he said, and led the beggar in.

"You wish to see me?" asked the king. "Yes, your majesty. I want so much to attend the banquet, but I have no royal robes to wear. Please, sir, if I may be so bold, may I have one of your old garments so that I, too, may come to the banquet?" The beggar shook so hard that he could not see the faint smile that was on the king's face. "You have been wise in coming to me," the king said. He called to his son, the young prince. "Take this man to your room and array him in some of your clothes." The prince did as he was told and soon the beggar was standing before a mirror, clothed in garments that he had never dared hope for. "You are now eligible to attend the king's banquet tomorrow night," said the prince. "But even more important, you will never need any other clothes. These garments will last forever."

The beggar dropped to his knees. "Oh, thank you," he cried. But as he started to leave, he looked back at his pile of dirty rags on the floor. He hesitated. What if the prince was wrong? What if he would need his old clothes again. Quickly he gathered them up.

The banquet was far greater than he had ever imagined, but he could not enjoy himself as he should. He had made a small bundle of his old rags and it kept falling off his lap. The food was passed quickly and the beggar missed some of the greatest delicacies.

Time proved that the prince was right. The clothes lasted forever. Still the poor beggar grew fonder and fonder of his old rags. As time passed people seemed to forget the royal robes he was wearing. They saw only the little bundle of filthy rags that he clung to wherever he went. They even spoke of him as the old man with the rags.

One day as he lay dying, the king visited him. The beggar saw the sad look on the king's face when he looked at the small bundle of rags by the bed. Suddenly the beggar remembered the prince's words, and he realized that his bundle of rags had cost him a lifetime of true royalty. He wept bitterly at his folly. And the king wept with him.

We have been invited into a royal family -- the family of God. To feast at God's dinner table, all we have to do is shed our old rags and put on the "new clothes" of faith which is provided by God's Son, Jesus Christ. We cannot hold onto our old rags. When we put our faith in Jesus, we must let go of the sin in our life, and our old ways of living.

**Addendum -- 2 Corinthians 5:17 (GNB) "Anyone who is joined to Christ is a new being; the old is gone, the new has come."**

## Three Legged Race

How many of you have ever been in a three-legged race??? Why were you in a three-legged race??? Was it fun???

When you get tied together in a three-legged race you are saying that the two of you will go together until the end of the race. And when you are in a three-legged race, you have to hang onto each other. You can't act separately or you won't be able to move. If you hold onto each other it is easier.

Baptism is like a three legged race. God promises to be with us always - for our whole lives. God will be with us and help us to walk where we should go - and when we are not sure what to do - if we hold on tight to him - if we close our eyes - and we pray - we can feel him trying to lead us and we can do what we promise to do in baptism - which is to walk with him wherever he goes. At our baptism God promises to always be with us - he ties himself to us follow him.

## Birth into a New Creation

"Baptized into Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection," (Rom 6, 3-5). Thus does St. Paul clearly show us that our new birth through baptism is the symbol of our resurrection after death. This will be achieved in us through the power of the Spirit, as it is said: "It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body," (1 Cor 14,42f.). What this means is that, just as our body here below, so long as its soul is present, enjoys a visible life, so it will receive then, in the same way, an eternal and incorruptible life through the power of the Spirit.

The same thing applies to the birth given us in baptism, which is the symbol of our resurrection. Through it we receive grace by the same Spirit, but with moderation and in the form of a token. We will receive it in its fullness when we truly rise and incorruptibility is indeed given to us. That is why, when the apostle Paul speaks of the life to come, he tries to reassure his listeners with these words: "Not only creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for the redemption of our bodies," (Rom 8,23). For if we have received here and now the first fruits of grace, we expect to receive them in their fullness when the happiness of the resurrection is given to us.

**Theodore of Mopsuestia (?-428), Bishop and theologian  
Commentary on St John's Gospel, Book 2**

## KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. St. John the Baptist. 2. Jordan River. 3. Light. 4. Red Sea.

The Lord was Baptized, not to be cleansed Himself, but to cleanse the waters, so that those waters, cleansed by the flesh of Christ which knew no sin, might have the power of Baptism.

**-St. Ambrose of Milan**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Where do we get the names for the months of the year?** Our calendar takes the names of the months from the ancient Roman calendar, which was pagan in origin. The original Roman calendar had only ten months but in the year 700 B.C., January and February were added to make twelve. March was considered the first month of the year because it was the beginning of the planting season.

**January** is named for the Roman god Janus.

**February** is named for the purification festival Februa when Romans prepared for the new year.

**March** is named after the Roman god of war and agriculture - Mars.

**April's** name comes from the Latin aperire, which means open. It is in April when leaves and buds begin to open.

**May** is named after the Roman goddess of growth and living things – Maia, or it could also be derived from the Latin word majores – older men - because it was during this month that they were honored.

**June** is named after the Roman goddess of marriage – Juno, or it could also be derived from the Latin word juniores – younger men - because it was during this month that they were honored

**July** – is named after Julius Caesar.

**August** – is named after Caesar Augustus. August was originally Sextillus, the sixth month. At the time of renaming from Sextillus, to August, it had only 30 days. This did not sit well with the new ruler because July, named after his uncle had more days. He took a day from February and gave it to August.

**September, October, November and December** their names come from the Latin words meaning seventh (septem), eighth (octo), ninth (novem) and tenth (decem). These names are remnants of the original Roman calendar whose year only had ten months so these names make no sense in our modern day twelve-month calendar.

**ADORATION**

Just a reminder we have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays from 12:30PM–3:00PM, Thursday night from 7:00PM–8:00PM, and Fridays from 12:30PM–3:00PM. **So stop by and adore Our Eucharistic Lord.**

**CLOTHING BINS**

“Out with the old and in with the new.” Get your old out - and make it new for others. One way to do this is by donating to the Catholic Charities bins located on the Church grounds. May your continued generosity brighten every day of the New Year.

**A Little Humor ...**

After a hardy rainstorm filled all the potholes in the streets and alleys, a young mother watched her two little boys playing in the puddle through her kitchen window.

The older of the two, a five-year-old lad, grabbed his sibling by the back of his head and shoved his face into the water hole. As the boy recovered and stood laughing and dripping, the mother runs to the yard in a panic.

"Why on earth did you do that to your little brother?" she says as she shook the older boy in anger. "We were just playing church mommy," he said. "And I was just baptizing him ...in the name of the Father, the Son and in...the hole-he-goes".

A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they drew. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's artwork. As she go to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what her drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one know what God looks like."

Without missing a beat or looking up from her drawing, the little girl replied, "they will in a minute!"

**Baptism of Blood**

St. Genesius is not the only saint who was baptized by blood: the Holy Innocents whose feast we celebrate on December 28th; St. Emerentiana, the foster-sister of St. Agnes, was martyred before baptism, as were St. Rogatien of Nantes (France) and St. Victor of Braga (Portugal) among many other catechumens.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says of Baptism of blood: *The Church has always held the firm conviction that those who suffer death for the sake of the faith without having received Baptism are baptized by their death for and with Christ. This Baptism of blood, like the desire for Baptism, brings about the fruits of Baptism without being a sacrament. (CCC § 1258)*

Numerous Fathers of the Church and theologians have confirmed the Church's teachings and have reflected on the nature of this baptism notably St. Cyprian, St. Gregory Nazianzen, St. John Chrysostom, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Bonaventure, Peter Lombard Hugh of St. Victor and St. Alphonsus Ligouri, the Church's great moral theologian.

A number of years ago a priest, Fr. Leonard Feeney, citing the doctrine "outside the Church there is no salvation", denied the possibility of Baptism by blood and maintained that all who died without baptism are lost, even those Saints and other catechumens who were martyred. The Church rejected his opinion in 1949, pointing out that since the beginning, and drawing on Sacred Scripture, those who died without baptism but with the desire for baptism were *baptized by desire* and those put to death for the faith were *baptized by blood*. The Church does indeed believe that outside the Church there is no salvation (cf Vatican II document *Lumen Gentium*, § 13) but this teaching is not contradicted by Baptism of desire or of blood and must be understood in terms of how the Church sees herself as being founded by Christ as the Sacrament of Salvation in the world, and that God, in his mercy, desires that all people should be saved. It must also be understood that in Catholic teaching those who are not baptized and not members of the Church are not necessarily lost or excluded from heaven: if they do not know or believe in Christ or his teaching through no fault of their own, but live good lives according to their understanding, God in his mercy will not exclude them.

**The Fraternity of St. Genesius**

Praying for those involved in cinema and theatre

The Fraternity of St. Genesius was founded on January 19, 2007 in Drogheda, Ireland, and was formally approved as a Catholic Private Association of The Faithful on August 27 of the same year. The Fraternity was founded in response to the calls of the then Servant of God, Pope John Paul II (now saint) and Pope Benedict XVI for the renewal of culture, and as a means of supporting the men and women of the theatrical and cinematic arts through spiritual accompaniment.

**KIDZ KORNER**

1. Who baptized Jesus?
2. In what river was Jesus baptized?
3. In creation, which appeared first: plants, animals or light?
4. Moses parted what sea so that the Israelites could escape Egypt?

**ANSWERS ON PAGE FOUR**

“Let nothing disturb you; let nothing dismay you. All things pass, God never changes. Patience attains all it strives for. The one who has God finds they lack nothing. God alone suffices.” **St. Teresa of Avila**