

Our Lady of Victories Church

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

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WELCOME

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

COME WORSHIP WITH US

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SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

First Friday: 6:00pm 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, February 2, 2020 A.D.
Presentation of the Lord in the Temple



THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/CONFESSION:

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

First Friday at 6:00pm - 6:50pm

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

February 2 (Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple) has always been in the Church a day of prayer and honoring **consecrated life**. We would like here to thank our two Sisters of Charity, **Sr. Mary Corrigan** and **Sr. Elizabeth Holler** who gave their lives to the Lord and to us. We would also like to greet on this occasion our **Franciscan Friars** and **all the priests** who help every single weekend with such dedication. To all who appreciate consecrated life I suggest you enjoy watching *All or Nothing: Sr. Clare Crockett* (Full Movie on youtube).

That is also the day when Jesus was presented in the Temple and two elderly people, Simeon and Anna, recognized Him. Let us not forget **our elderly**. I am so grateful for all you do and all your dedication, your solid faith, and your spirit! As the psalm says, *"Planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God. In old age they will still bear fruit; healthy and green they will remain"* Psalm 92:14. Today, the **Grandparents** will be accompanied by their *grands* to the 10:45AM Mass and then we will have a special reception for them in the OLV gym. We thank in a special way our Holy Name Society who this year participated in organizing this event.

The Beefsteak Dinner last Saturday was a great success. Thank you to all who participated and Knights who prepared it. Special thanks to all those who donated gift baskets.

Last Sunday, the 6PM parishioners **impressed me** by staying till the end of the final song, and I did not even ask them. It was so moving. Wow! That's the total Catholic way to be at Mass. Thank you.

As we feast today the Lord's entrance into His House on earth (Temple) let us remember to treasure His presence and be prayerfully present in HIS house. May our time in His Temple help us prepare our souls (our own temples) for Him here so that one day He will receive us in His House ABOVE - the HEAVENLY TEMPLE. Enjoy SUPER BOWL Sunday with a *super bowl* of something - that's a great way of bonding with family and friends.

Basketball Legend & Catholic Kobe Bryant and Daughter Die in California Helicopter Crash

Former Player Credits Catholic Faith for Changing Life

Kobe Bryant, 41, widely considered one of the greatest basketball players of all time, died January 26, 2020, in a helicopter crash in Calabasas, California.

One of his four children, 13-year-old daughter, Gianna, also died in the crash, along with seven others. Bryant is survived by his wife, Vanessa, and three daughters - Natalia, 17, Bianca, 3, and Capri, seven months.

Bryant, who was raised Catholic and reportedly has become more involved in his faith in recent years, credited a priest with providing the guidance he needed in the wake of a 2003 incident in which he was charged with sexual assault, although he said the circumstances were consensual. Although the charges were eventually dropped, Bryant lost sponsors and realized he needed to make changes in his life.

Bryant said it was a priest who helped him to make some important personal realizations during the ordeal, according to a 2015 interview in *GQ Magazine*. He told the publication he had fear of being sent to prison.

"The one thing that really helped me during that process - I'm Catholic, I grew up Catholic, my kids are Catholic - was talking to a priest," Bryant said in the interview.

"It was actually kind of funny: He looks at me and says, 'Did you do it?' And I say, 'Of course not.' Then he asks, 'Do you have a good lawyer?' And I'm like, 'Uh, yeah, he's phenomenal.' So then he just said, 'Let it go. Move on. God's not going to give you anything you can't handle, and it's in his hands now. This is something you can't control. So let it go.' And that was the turning point," Bryant said. -*Jim Fair from Zenit.org, January 27, 2020*

2020 Annual Appeal Shining the Light of Christ

Your gift to the 2020 Annual Appeal supports ministries and programs including **Proclaiming the Gospel** (Family Life Office, Women's and Men's Commissions, international Missions), **Passing on the Faith** (Catechetical Office, Youth and Young Adult Ministry), **Caring for the Poor and Vulnerable** (Catholic Charities, hospital and Prison Chaplaincy, Ministry with Persons with Disabilities, Respect Life Office), **Forming Future Priests and supporting retired clergy** (seminarian education, priest health care, continuing education and formation for priests). Our parish goal this year is \$58,285.00.

Arrivederci OLV, Ciao Roma

Interested in our parish pilgrimage/trip to Italy this October? More information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks!

2020 Wedding Anniversary Masses

The Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in 2020. Couples deserving of such recognition are urged to participate. These liturgies will be celebrated at 3:00pm at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark:

Sunday, April 19 - 5 & 25 years / Sunday, May 3 - 50 years

Please call the OLV Rectory to register at 201-768-1706.

Why do we have to attend Mass every Sunday?

Throughout our two thousand years of Church history, Sunday has been set aside as "the Lord's Day," to celebrate God's greater creation of the world. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "The Sabbath brings everyday work to a halt and provides a respite. It is a day of protest against the servitude of work and the worship of money" (CCC 2172). Observing Sunday as the Lord's Day helps us to keep our worship of God outward, visible, public, and regular.

Sunday is also the day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. The Church instructs us to attend Mass each Sunday because that is where Jesus gives us what we need to stay strong in the world. Just as we take food into our bodies, so we take in Christ through the Eucharist. His body is real food and His blood is real drink (John 6:55-57). The resulting grace helps us to overcome our daily temptations and fulfill our responsibilities. And our faithful Communion will bring us eternal life in Heaven.

CCD Corner

Our second graders celebrated their First Reconciliation this past Saturday. Father encouraged them and their families to frequent the gift and grace of the sacrament often, as well as now making sure they attend Sunday Mass regularly.

Today we celebrate our Grandparents/Special persons Day. We are delighted to have our students' grandparents visit the Sunday classes and participate in the 10:45 Mass so we can thank God for them. What better way to thank than with the Eucharist (THE Thanksgiving). All classes made posters with notes about how special their grandparents are - it is easy to see the unique bond that they enjoy! We are grateful for all that they do to pass along the faith to their grandchildren.

Remember that Christ has promised us eternal life. What can the world promise? Let it promise anything - it may be making that promise to someone who will die tomorrow. And what does the world threaten? Prisons? Chains? Fires? Torments? Wild beasts? Yes, but not eternal fire. Love what the Almighty promises, and then the whole world becomes vile in our sight, whether it promises or terrifies.

- **St. Augustine from A Year with the Church**

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 Iafrate
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

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 Jonathan, 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, 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, Louise Ricciardi, Vincent Ricciardi, Veronica Romanchuk, Beth Sacco, 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.

HOMEBOUND

If you or anyone you know is homebound - even for a short duration of time - please contact the rectory so I or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion can be scheduled to bring the Eucharist to the sick and homebound. Let us not wait until the death of someone to look for a priest.

God knew our Greatest Need

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator. If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist. If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist. If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer. But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Savior. QADASH is a Hebrew word that means to be set apart (for God), consecrated, sacred, sanctified. May our lives become qadash.

CONSECRATE your time adoring the Lord

Thursday Holy Hour at 7PM.
First Friday 12:30PM-7PM. 6PM confessions, 7pm Mass.

DID YOU KNOW?

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts. So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them "Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down." It's where we get the phrase "mind your P's & Q's"

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 3 - St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 Michael Coviello R/b the Supple Family
12:00 Amelia Fabiano R/b George and Gail Fabiano

Tuesday, February 4 - St. Veronica of Jerusalem-Virgin

8:00 John Pantalon R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich
12:00 Edward and Winifred Pavlu R/b the Kip Family

Wednesday, February 5 - St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 Michael Bentivegna R/b the Bentivegna Family
12:00 Bill Lawlor R/b Ray Lawlor

Thursday, February 6 - St. Paul Miki, martyr and companions

8:00 Marie Landers R/b John and Linda Russo
12:00 Charles Anders R/b Bob and Renee Tringali

First Friday, February 7 - St. Richard of England-King of West Saxon

8:00 Paul Anthony Ramirez R/b John and Dianne McNamara
12:00 Intentions of Julianna Herrera R/b the Giron Family
7:00 Florinio S. Samson R/b the Awais Family

Saturday, Feb. 8 - Ss. Jerome Emiliani, priest & Josephine Bakhita, virgin

8:00 Betty Gulfo R/b Liz Gulfo
12:00 Sr. Emily Patrick, SC R/b Sr. Elizabeth
4:00 Burke, Walsh and Melbourne Family R/b Bill and Peg Walsh
5:00 Ellen Tyrrell R/b Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Ryan

Sunday, February 9 - St. Apollonia - Virgin and Martyr

7:30 John J. Smyth R/b Jack and Alicia Chimento
8:15 Irene Talledo R/b Marita Morgan
9:30 Intentions of Mary Rose Yorio R/b Camille and Mike Yorio
10:45 Richard Murphy R/b the McAuley Family
12:00 Fred DeCroce R/b Norma DeCroce
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 John Kalaydjian R/b Chris and Mary Oakes
7:00 Patricia Barber R/b Donna and David Hansen

Sanctuary Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Richard Ferrara.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Betty Gulfo, r/b Liz Gulfo.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Paul Anthony Ramirez, r/b John and Dianne McNamara

The Hosts and Wine which will become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ at Mass this week have been donated in memory of Paul Anthony Ramirez, r/b John and Dianne McNamara.

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.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS NO LONGER PART OF OUR PARISH? OR SOMEONE WHO NO LONGER ATTENDS MASS?

If so, begin to pray and think of ways you can invite that person to be a part of our parish. Think of young people who may not look to the Church to help them find meaning in their lives. Think of those who may be angry with the Church. Think of those who left and went somewhere else - invite them back and tell them what is going on here at OLV. We want to reach out to everyone and move together as a human family toward greater unity and reconciliation.

WHY DO WE HAVE A HOLY HOUR?

On Holy Thursday evening Jesus asked his disciples to stay awake for an hour and pray with him, yet despite his request, they all fell asleep. Each Thursday evening at OLV we have a Holy Hour where we stay awake in adoration of our Eucharistic Lord. During the Hour - prayers are recited, a song or two may be sung and there is quiet time for one to pray or meditate. We live in a very noisy world which pulls us in every direction. The weekly Holy Hour helps to refocus and recharge one's inner batteries to face the world for another day. So if you have never been at the Holy Hour, try it you may like it. Every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00-3:00PM we have a Holy Hour with recitation of the Marian Cenacle Novena which is a version of the rosary with additional prayers. On Fridays we have continuous quiet meditation of the Blessed Sacrament from after the Noon Mass to 3PM.

WHEN LIGHTING A CANDLE

When you light a candle for another person or for your very personal intention always remember that the candle prolongs your prayer. As long as the candle is burning, your prayer is rising to God. Like the candle is spreading light and warmth, so you can imagine that with your prayer, your love and the love of God is flowing towards the person for whom you pray. Your prayer makes the life of the person brighter and warmer. Your prayer brightens your vision so that with greater confidence you can look upon the person and see with the eyes of the Love of God. When you pray for a personal intention light will enter the darkness; hope fills you. You may trust that God himself looks upon you and HIS merciful love overshadows you.

A candle radiates a gentle light. In the dim light of a candle you will look upon people and on your own life with gentleness. In calmness you will also be able to look at your own faults to have them healed by God.

despaired at scandals we hear about in the Church?

We may despair at scandals we hear about in the Church. True reform may seem impossible. Beware the tempter! Rather than succumbing to the despair and apathy to which the tempter seeks to lead us, let us instead embrace God's call to share in Christ's sonship and participate in His work of redemption...Transformation is possible, but only to those who trust in Him. -Michael Patrick Barber from *Salvation: What Every Catholic Should Know*

Rooted

As Catholics, we are to be rooted within a parish community, where we are obligated to come and be fed on God's Word in Scripture and on Christ's Body and Blood in the Eucharist at least once a week. To join our Parish, stop by the Rectory any weekday and meet Maria, our parish secretary, and register to become a member of the OLV family.

THAT'S NOT MY JOB

This is a story about four people named - Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

[Our] love of neighbor is genuine love (instead of common interest) only if it includes the love of God and leaves the other free for God. Love of neighbor finds its fulfillment in the love of God, love of God its concretization in love of neighbor.

—Adrienne von Speyr from *The Passion from Within*

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios being the same, it would look something like the following: There would be 57 Asians, 21 Europeans, 14 from the Western Hemisphere (both North & South), and 8 Africans. There would be 52 females and 48 males. There would be 30 whites and 70 non-whites. There would be 70 non-Christians and only 30 Christians. 6 individuals would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth, and all 6 would be from the United States. 80 of the individuals would live in substandard housing. 70 individuals would be unable to read. 50 would suffer from malnutrition. One would be near death, and another would be near birth. ONLY one individual would have a college education and one would own a computer. When one considers our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for acceptance, understanding and education becomes glaringly apparent.

GRATITUDE

I am thankful for:

- ...the mess to clean after a party because it means I have been surrounded by friends .
- ...the boss who annoys me because it means I have a job and some money .
- ... the clothes that fit a little too snugly because it means I have more than enough to eat.
- ...my shadow who watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine .
- ... my little sister who always wants to play because it means I have a family to care for.
- ... a lawn that my parents want me to mow, the garbage that needs to be taken out and my room that needs cleaning because it means I have a home.
- ... all the complaining I hear about our government because it means we have freedom of speech.
- ... the class on the opposite side of the school because it means I am capable of walking .
- ... the person behind me in church who sings off-key because it means I can hear .
- ... the teacher who bugs me because it means I have the privilege of going to school and learning.
- ... weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been productive.
- ... the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours because it means that I am alive.

BE A LAMP-Blessed Guerric of Igny

Be a lamp then in heart, in hand, in lips. The lamp in your heart will shine for you; the lamp in your hand or on your lips will shine out for your neighbors. The lamp in the heart is loving faith; the lamp in the hand is the example of good works; the lamp on the lips is edifying speech. But not just before men must we shine by works and word, but before angels too by prayer, and before God Himself by pure intention. Our lamp before the angels is the purity of our devotion, when in the sight of angels we chant the psalms with care or pray with burning ardor; our lamp before God is the honesty of our intention to please Him only whose approval we have won...

There are so many lamps then, my brethren, to lighten your way, if only you will come to the source of all light and be enlightened. Come, I say, to Jesus who shines out to us from Simeon's arms. He will give light to your faith, luster to your works, meaning to your words for men, ardor to your prayer, purity to your intentions... And when this life's lamp is extinguished there will arise a life's light which can never be extinguished, a shimmering noontday light, arising as it were at the evening of your life.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

- 1. St. Blaise
- 2. St. Damien of Molokai
- 3. St. Jeanne Jugan

OLV's Holy Name Society

Our next meeting is Sunday, February 9. We are a small Catholic community of men who attend the 9:30AM Mass together once a month, recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet right after Mass and then gather downstairs for about an hour for refreshments and discussion. This month's topic: **"Reverence & Gratitude."** New members are welcome. If you want to learn more, just join us on Sunday, February 9.

Baby Items Collection February 15/16 & 22/23

OLV Social Concerns & Rosary Society are having the annual Mother/Child collection to benefit New Hope Pregnancy Center. The center helps first time single mothers financially, physically, emotionally, and educationally. Items most needed: Newborn diapers size 3 diapers, 4, 5, and 6; Girls one-piece outfit with feet in sizes 3-6 months, 6-9 months, 9-12 months; Boys one-piece outfit with feet in sizes 0-3 months, 3-6 months, 6-9 months, 9-12 months; Girls long-sleeve shirt and pants in sizes 24 months, 3T, 4T; A&D ointment, baby wash, baby shampoo and Shop-Rite gift cards in amounts of \$10, \$15, and \$20.

**SOUPER BOWL
Canned Food Collection**

THIS WEEKEND. Benefits St. Cecilia Food Pantry. Please bring your donations of non-perishable canned foods to the Church or leave at the rectory garage. Thank you.

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.

Make a DIFFERENCE

What happens when 1.6 million men believe they can make a difference - they actually do. Join the Knights of Columbus. Last year they volunteered over 58 million hours to help the needy and better their communities. They raised over \$125 million for charities and local churches. For information call Mike at 201-784-2201.

Married Couples

The Super Bowl is nothing compared to the Super Marriage relationship you can have after learning the tools for communication on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. *Military families*, are you getting ready to deploy? Is your family trying to reconnect after deployment? Marriage Encounter offers tools of communication that have kept many military marriages strong and happy throughout the ups and downs of military service. Call Mike and Janet Turco at 973 427-7016 for more info.

STEWARDSHIP

My Family—My Parish—My Responsibility

Did you ever notice that the price of a movie is now over \$10, milk is almost \$3 a gallon, and there is no longer such a thing as penny candy? The price of everything around us has increased, but has your weekly donation to the Church ever increased? That one dollar donation doesn't buy as much as it once did. As your expenses increase, so do those of the Church, but we rely on your generosity to meet our expenses. Please be generous. Thank you.

Contribution Statements

2019 Contribution Statements are available. Please phone Maria at the rectory 201-768-1706 to request your statement.

TITHE IF YOU LOVE JESUS! ANYONE CAN HONK!

DEAR PARENTS

It is a genuine cause for alarm that so many children who attend Catholic Grammar Schools and High Schools or our Parish's Religious Education Classes (CCD) **DO NOT** go to Mass on the weekends. **ALL the MONEY, TIME and COMMITMENT** to our Catholic Religious Education is **WASTED** if **PARENTS** fail to impress upon their children the importance of worshipping on Sunday. **Also, Confirmation is NOT GRADUATION** from attending Mass. There is no substitute for fulfilling your Sunday Mass obligation.

**THE 12 RULES TO RAISE
DELINQUENT CHILDREN**

The Houston (Texas) Police Force came up with them, and they are as follows:

1. Beginning in infancy give to your children everything they want. (In this way they will believe the world owes them a living.)
2. When your children pick up bad words - laugh as if it were cute. (In this way it encourages them to pick up cuter words and phrases to spout out when they get older.)
3. Never give them any spiritual training. Wait until they are 21, and let them decide for themselves.
4. Avoid the use of the word WRONG. (They may develop a guilt complex and low self-esteem.)
5. Pick up everything they leave around, including shoes, books, clothes, etc. Do everything for them. (So when they get older, they are experienced in directing all responsibility on others.)
6. Let them read all the printed matter they can get their hands on; we should include watching all the TV, be on the internet, and play as many video games as possible. Be careful to make certain that the silverware and glasses are clean and sterilized, BUT ... let their minds feast on all the garbage they wish to put into it.
7. Quarrel frequently in front of your children ... in this way they will not be shocked when the home is broken up later on.
8. Give your children all the spending money they want. Never let them earn their own way. (Why should they have things as tough as you did as a child?)
9. Satisfy their every craving for food, drink, comfort and things. See that every sensual desire is satisfied. (Because denial might lead to harmful frustration.)
10. Take their side against neighbors, teachers and the police, because as you know they are all prejudiced against your child. (Everyone knows that.)
11. When they get into real trouble, apologize for yourself by saying, "I never could do anything with that child!"
12. Prepare for a life of grief, You've earned it.

A Little Humor ...

Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to Heaven he said "Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of my life and give up me Irish Whiskey!" Miraculously, a parking place appeared. Paddy looked up again and said, "Never mind, I found one."

KIDZ KORNER

1. Name the Saint who saved a choking child?
2. Name the Saint who helped lepers in Hawaii?
3. What Saint started the Little Sisters of the Poor?

Answers on page 4.

Consecrated = conformed to the WORD not the world