

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

SUNDAY, February 16, 2020 A.D.

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



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

A bit different corner than others. Last Tuesday the Catholic Church celebrated the **World Day of the Sick**. You can read more on that below. I take occasion to commend all those who educate and form their children and grandchildren with a respect for DIGNITY of the sick, elderly, homebound and the dying. The Church has always TREASURED the sick, seeing in them Christ on the cross. It is not easy to care for the sick. I commend all the doctors and nurses who DEFEND their lives in the midst of our THROW AWAY culture. (That is also being pro-life.) It was the Catholic Church that started the hospitals caring for the sick with utmost dignity (even silk bed sheets were used) to underline that to care for the sick is not a waste of time, but a mission. That mission is not only a work of mercy for them, but for the one who is taking care of them. How many discovered the true secrets of life by caring for a sick person. How many became saints because they had contact with the sick: St. Ignatius of Loyola and St. Camillus de Lellis to mention a few. Let us not forget to take care of those who took care of us when we were little and vulnerable, (changing soiled diapers, sleep-deprived nights...all the p's) and they were not ashamed of us, to change us, etc. I had the privilege several times to take care of the elderly dying priests and even my own classmate. It was a great honor and only a grace that even made my priesthood better. It is so sad when a priest wants to visit a sick person and the family suggests that it is better not to *disturb* the sick person. The priest is not supposed to visit a person only when they are well, but especially when they need comfort. If we do not believe in the healing power of Jesus in the Sacraments, who then can truly help the sick, elderly, homebound, and the dying. It is even more sad when a person was a daily Mass-goer and they are denied last rites and for convenience, even denied a funeral Mass. I appeal to all of us. Let us CARE for the sick ALL THE WAY until their and our last breath. Mother Teresa used to say *love till it hurts*. (a different valentine perspective). Let us help those who are about to pass, to pass to heaven equipped with all graces. Our Lady of Victories, help us fight and win this battle.

DID YOU KNOW

The **World Day of the Sick** is a feast day of the Roman Catholic Church which was instituted on May 13, 1992 by Pope St. John Paul II. Beginning on **February 11, 1993**, it is celebrated every year on the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. For all believers it seeks to be "a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering". Pope John Paul II had been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease as early as 1991, an illness which was only disclosed later, and it is significant that he decided to create the World Day of the Sick only one year after his diagnosis. The pope had written a great deal on the topic of suffering and believed that it was very much a salvific and redeeming process through Christ, as he indicated in his apostolic letter *Salvifici Doloris*. He chose the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes for the date of the observance because many pilgrims and visitors to Lourdes, France, have been reported to have been healed at the Marian Sanctuary there through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin.

God wants to be your #1 VALENTINE TRUE VALENTINE QUOTE

To fall in love with God is the greatest romance;
to seek Him the greatest adventure;
to find Him, the greatest human achievement.

— St. Augustine of Hippo

**OLV Parish Office will be closed Monday,
February 17 for Presidents Day**

2020 Annual Appeal Shining the Light of Christ

Your gift 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 2020 parish goal is \$58,285.

Next weekend the Annual Appeal video will be available for viewing 10 minutes before each Mass in the lower church.

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 celebrate 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.

St. Valentine's Day Gift

Give your spouse the gift of a special Valentine. Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend teaches a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives. Sign-up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend at www.wmme.org. Contact Mike and Janet Turco: 973-427-7016 or mikeandjanetwmme@gmail.com.

Relevant Radio—1430 AM

Tune in to Relevant Radio, the largest Catholic radio network in the nation. Its local station 1430AM, has fast become a growing Catholic radio presence here in the Archdiocese of Newark and the greater New York/Tri-State area, sharing news and insights into our Catholic Faith. Listen online at www.relevantradio.com and on the FREE mobile app.

CCD Corner

We thank our Sunday first grade teacher Mr. Peter D'Auria for leading the Children's Liturgy this past Sunday. The children learned what it means to be salt and light to the world. All of Mr. D's first grade students know that "good manners equal God's grace" a great lesson for all!

Our students will be preparing for Lent in their classes. It is a wonderful opportunity for reflection, renewal and sacrifice, that help our children and families grow closer to God. Take some time today to discuss some ways that your family can grow this Lent. Even in a small way, by adding grace before meals, saving spare change to donate to those in need, even stopping in church for a few minutes during the week to pray. Small spiritual changes can lead to great graces.

CCD classes resume Sunday February 23rd and Monday February 24th.

The Western world has been attempting
to preserve the fruits of Christianity
after having surrendered the roots.

Fulton J. Sheen

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
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, Richard Bolton, Robert Brawley, 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.**

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

We are constantly under attack and tempted by the forces of EVIL. Every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00-3:15PM members of OLV parish meet and pray the Marian Novena which focuses on this daily battle. All are welcome. Join us.

CONSECRATE your time adoring the Lord

Thursday Holy Hour at 7PM & Friday 12:30PM-3PM.

When great masterpieces of art are restored, layers and layers of the overlay are removed before the real painting is found. So it is with our sins. We ask God to take off one coat after another of sin and pretense until His real image is visible again. - **Mother Mary Francis from A Time of Renewal**

THINK ABOUT IT

When something happens to you, good or bad, consider what it means. There's a purpose to life's events, to teach you how to laugh more or not to cry too hard. You can't make someone love you; all you can do is be someone who can be loved. The rest is up to the person to realize your worth.

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 17–The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites
8:00 Louis Intintola R/b Marlene Thornton
12:00 Henry and Anne Eckert R/b Family
Tuesday, February 18–St. Marie Bernadette Soubirous, Virgin
8:00 Intentions of Michael and Jeannene Burruano - Wedding Anniv.
12:00 Anna Lucia Arias R/b Maria Arias
Wednesday, February 19–St. Conrad of Piacenza, Hermit
8:00 Edgar Seitz
12:00 Antonia Picinic R/b Nick and Maria Busanic
Thursday, February 20–St. Eucherius of Orleans, France-Bishop
8:00 Frances and Richard Ziemkiewicz R/b Barbara Sita
12:00 Intentions of Helene Petit R/b Joan Crowley
Friday, February 21– St. Peter Damian of Italy-Bishop
8:00 Lilly and Maria Piana R/b Carole Bellini
12:00 John and Rita Burke, and Patrick Dolan R/b Glynis and Family
Saturday, February 22 – Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
8:00 Vincent Gulfo R/b Liz Gulfo
12:00 Hazel Obutelewicz R/b Regina Bond
4:00 Peter T. Stonitsch R/b Peter and Carole Stonitsch
5:00 Intentions of George Fabiano R/b George and Gail Fabiano
Sunday, Feb. 23 –St. Polycarp-Disciple of St. John-Bishop, Martyr
7:30 Carol Curcio-Mertz R/b Liz Gulfo
8:15 Joseph and Mary Healy R/b Joe and Johanna Healy
9:30 George Duerr R/b the Goerg Family
10:45 Brian J. McElroy Sr. R/b the McElroy Family
12:00 Filomena Zaccaro R/b the Zaccaro Family
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Richard Luther R/b Terry and Bob Searson
7:00 Ted Westrich R/b Joe Tobia

Sanctuary Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the **repose of the soul of Mary Fallon**, r/b the Eckert Family.
The Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the **repose of the soul of Lydia DeJesus Mohsenin**, r/b the Dunn Family
The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week for the **repose of the soul of Vincent Gulfo**, r/b Elizabeth Gulfo

Sanctuary Offerings

The Bread and Wine, Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp, St. Joseph Votive Lamp, and Sanctuary Lamp in Church may be dedicated on a weekly basis. And the Altar Flowers may be memorialized.
For information call the rectory 201-768-1706.

VOCATIONS

Mary and Joseph raised their child in a family of love and faith. They directed Jesus to follow God's will for His life. Each of us must assist and allow our children to follow God's will in their lives. This is true even if God calls your child to serve Him as a Priest, or Religious Sister or Brother. For information see Fr. Wojciech or call the Vocations office at 973-497-4365.

New to the area? If you are, why not join our ever-growing Parish family. Stop by the Rectory any weekday and meet Maria and register to become a member of the OLV family.

PLEASE, if you change your address or phone number, let us know!

**Feast of the Chair of St. Peter-February 22
Feast of the Chair ?!**

The physical object — known as the *Cathedra Petri* (Latin, "Chair of Peter") — is located in the apse of St. Peter's Basilica. It is in the back of the chamber, behind the famous altar, on the far, back wall, below the well-known, stained glass image depicting the Holy Spirit as a dove. The Catholic Encyclopedia notes: During the Middle Ages it was customary to exhibit [the chair] yearly to the faithful; the newly-elected pope was also solemnly enthroned on this venerable chair... In order to preserve for posterity this precious relic, Alexander VII (1655-67) enclosed, after the designs of Bernini, the *Cathedra Petri* above the apsidal altar of St. Peter's in a gigantic casing of bronze, supported by four Doctors of the Church: two from the West - St. Ambrose and St. Augustine, and two from the East - St. Athanasius and St. John Chrysostom. The Chair of St. Peter is a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his Successors to tend Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity according to Benedict XVI [Angelus, Feb. 19, 2012]. According to Pope Benedict: This is a very ancient tradition, proven to have existed in Rome since the fourth century. On it we give thanks to God for the mission He entrusted to the Apostle Peter and his Successors. "Cathedra" literally means the established seat of the Bishop, placed in the mother church of a diocese which for this reason is known as a "cathedral"; it is the symbol of the Bishop's authority and in particular, of his "magisterium", that is, the evangelical teaching which, as a successor of the Apostles, he is called to safeguard and to transmit to the Christian Community... The See of Rome, after St Peter's travels, thus came to be recognized as the See of the Successor of Peter, and its Bishop's "cathedra" represented the mission entrusted to him by Christ to tend His entire flock... Celebrating the "Chair" of Peter, therefore, means attributing a strong spiritual significance to it and recognizing it as a privileged sign of the love of God, the eternal Good Shepherd, who wanted to gather His whole Church and lead her on the path of salvation [General Audience, Feb. 22, 2006]. Taken and edited from National Catholic Register, February 20, 2013

DON'T DESPAIR

Sitting by the window of her convent, Sister Barbara opened a letter from home one evening. Inside the letter was a \$100 bill her parents had sent. Sister Barbara smiled at the gesture. As she read the letter by the window, she noticed a shabbily dressed stranger leaning against the lamp post below. Quickly, she wrote, "Don't despair. - Sister Barbara," on a piece of paper, wrapped the \$100 bill in it, got the man's attention and tossed it out the window to him. The stranger picked it up, and with a puzzled expression and a tip of his hat, went off down the street. The next day, Sister Barbara was told that a man was at her door, insisting on seeing her. She went down, and found the stranger waiting. Without a word, he handed her a huge wad of \$100 bills. "What's this?" she asked. "That's the \$8,000 you have coming Sister," he replied. "Don't Despair paid 80-to-1."

KIDS KORNER ANSWERS

1. George Washington was the only president unanimously elected, meaning all of the state representatives voted for him.
2. James Madison and George Washington are the only presidents who signed the Constitution.
3. John F. Kennedy was the youngest to be elected President.
4. Abraham Lincoln, who often stored important documents in his tall stove-piped hat.
5. William Henry Harrison died just 32 days after becoming president. He died from a cold he got while standing in the rain giving his inauguration speech.

GRACE

A visiting Priest was attending a men's breakfast in Ohio farm country. He asked one of the impressive older farmers in attendance to say grace that morning. After all were seated, the older farmer began: "Lord, I hate buttermilk." The Priest opened one eye and wondered to himself where this was going. Then the farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the Priest was overly worried. However without missing a beat, the farmer prayed on, "And Lord, you know I don't care much for raw white flour." Just as the Priest was ready to stand and stop everything, the farmer continued, "But Lord, when you mix 'em all together and bake 'em up, I do love fresh biscuits." "So Lord, when things come up we don't like, when life gets hard, when we just don't understand what you are sayin' to us, we just need to relax and wait till you are done mixin', and probably it will be somethin' even better than biscuits." Amen.

MASS EXPECTATIONS

So it goes with meals AND WITH MASS. Many of us come to weekly Mass with certain expectations. We sit down and select (in our minds) from the pre-fix menu. We expect certain things to happen at certain times, and it usually goes off without a hitch. I have noticed over the years, and at different churches, that we get through the meal okay, but then we leave right before dessert. The end of Mass is really important. Not only do we get a great hymn from our great choir, but more important we get to hear the announcements which tell us just what is important, even if you think you are too full. If you stay and partake, you just might get your glass refilled with the sweetest drink. Sure our Mass is like a big meal, so stay for all the courses ... not only is everything included, but the best part about the Mass the check has already been paid in full for each and every one of us by Jesus Christ.

Remember Your Victories

When you think about your past, what events do you remember? What memories do you allow to play over and over in your mind? In the Old Testament, they had what they called memorial stones. These were used to remind the people about the good things God did in their lives - their victories. Today, we need to remind ourselves to focus on our victories, too. Sure, we've all had setbacks, but when you meditate on your disappointments and failures, it only drains you of valuable energy. It steals your confidence and joy. But when you focus on your victories, it builds your strength and confidence. It feeds your faith and gives you a reason to give God praise. I encourage you today to get into the habit of focusing on your victories. Remember, every good and perfect gift comes from Him. As you praise and thank Him for His favor and victory in your life, He'll pour out His blessing on you. He'll open up doors for you to move forward in strength to fulfill the dreams and desires He has placed in your heart!

**TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN
YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE
SO ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS.**

Baby Items Collection February 15/16 & 22/23

Sponsored by OLV Social Concerns & Rosary Society, the annual Mother/Child collection benefits New Hope Pregnancy Center. New Hope 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 and shampoo and Shop-Rite gift cards in amounts of \$10, \$15, and \$20.

Catholic Men’s Conference

Saturday, February 29, 8AM–4PM, Cost: \$30, Seton Hall University. This year’s theme is “Man of God...I am my brother’s keeper”. English track speakers: *Bishop John Flesey*, retired auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark and *Paul Kim*, dynamic speaker who appeals to all ages. Spanish track speakers: *Fr. Jeivi Hercules* and *Andres Arango*, director of evangelization of Diocese of Camden. Cardinal Joseph Tobin will celebrate Mass at 4PM. Visit www.rcan.org/mens-commission.

Women’s Commission Day of Reflection

Saturday, March 7, 8AM–4PM, Cost: \$30, Seton Hall University. This year’s theme is “Alive in Christ”. English track speakers: *Sr. Bethany Madonna*, *Sisters of Life*; Colleen Kelly Rayner, a Catholic Lay Evangelist; Dianne M. Traflet, Assoc. Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration. Spanish track speakers: Kathia Arango director of the Office for Hispanic Catholics, Archdiocese of Philadelphia; Yamilka Genao Assoc. Director of Hispanic Family Pastoral, Archdiocese of Newark. Featured is Kelvin Joel Ministry, Catholic singer-songwriter whose music carries a positive, hopeful message. Visit www.rcan.org/alive-in-christ-2020.

Stephanie Cywinski-O'Brien Scholarship

For the 13th consecutive year, student scholarships are available through the Stephanie Cywinski-O'Brien Trust. Applications are now being accepted from parish 7th and 8th grade students attending a Catholic grammar school, as well as Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors (secondary consideration) attending a Catholic high school and continuing their education at a Catholic school. Applications and eligibility requirements are available at the parish office and/or on the parish website. Applications are due April 10 with decisions due on or about May 1.

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 more info call Mike at 201-784-2201.

CLOTHING BINS

What better way to share your heart with someone than to help a person in time of need? As the cold winter days chill us to the bone, there are many homeless who don't even have a single blanket. Catholic Charities provides a warm haven (along with heavy blankets) in our 7 shelters. Please help us continue our mission by donating to the bins on the church grounds. Items needed: used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, and children’s books.

Contribution Statements

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

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.



Valentine’s Resolution

We decided to upgrade our relationship through the Sacrament of Matrimony so that Christ’s love fuels our relationship.

**SPIRITUAL EXCERPT
“THE STRUGGLE”**

I don't want any of you to ever think that you are not going to have a struggle. Holiness is a constant struggle. It is not something you arrive at and enjoy while the rest of humanity wallows in imperfections. We are an imperfect, miserable bunch of people - and we're gonna be that way until we die. Sinners? Let's hope not. Imperfect? You bet.

You're going to have inclinations, temptations to anger, lust, gluttony. Don't blame it all on the devil. You have a lot to do with it too, sweetheart. I think the old guy gets more credit than he deserves. So examine your own heart and keep struggling to make the right choices.

Mother Angelica, Little Book of Life Lessons

PARENTS & TIME

If your son or daughter were to be asked, “What was most important in your mother’s or father’s life”, how would your children answer this question? What does your child perceive as most important in their parent’s lives? Would the response of the most important be jobs or career, the pursuit of money and material wealth, or themselves over the correct answer of God and family? We are supposed to spend eternity in heaven with God, and we want our families to be there as well. Then, Dear Parents, think about it, because your actions speak louder than words.

For love of your children, guard the faith. For love of your grandchildren, transmit the faith, whole and entire. For the love of Christ, study the faith. Read it. Learn it. Live it. And fall in love with it. — Dr. Scott Hahn from *The Splendor of the Church*

By taking the time to stop and appreciate who you are and what you've achieved - and perhaps learned through a few mistakes, stumbles and losses - you actually can enhance everything about you. Self-acknowledgment and appreciation are what give you the insights and awareness to move forward toward higher goals and accomplishments.

- Jack Canfield

A Little Humor...

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning. The wife said, "You should do it because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee". The husband argued, "You are in charge of the cooking around here, so you should do it, and I can just wait for my coffee." Wife replied, "No you should do it. Besides, it is in several pages of the Bible that the man should brew the coffee." Husband replied, "I can't believe that, show me." So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says:

"HEBREWS"

KIDZ KORNER

1. Which U.S. President was the only President unanimously elected?
2. Which two U.S. Presidents signed the Constitution?
3. Who was the youngest elected U.S. President?
4. Which U.S. President is often depicted wearing a tall stove-pipe hat?
5. Which U.S. President had the shortest term in office?

Answers on page 4.