

Our Lady of Victories Church

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

Parish Office 201-768-1706

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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 12:00Noon Mass

'Ite ad Joseph, et quid quid obis dixerit, facite'.

'Go to Joseph, and do what he tells you.'
Genesis 41:55

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

during Lent

EVERY FRIDAY: 11:30AM & 7:00PM -in Church

Sunday, March 7, 2021 A.D.
Third Sunday of Lent
In the Year of Saint Joseph



ATTENTION !

no more sign-ups for
Saturday evening / Sunday Mass.

Seating for Mass will be on a "first-come, first-served" basis,
with the assistance of the ushers.

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday evening 4:00PM and 5:00PM

Sunday 7:00AM, 8:00AM *Latin*, 9:30AM - also live-streamed,
10:45AM, 10:45AM Family Mass in OLV GYM
12:00Noon, 1:00PM *Spanish*, 6:00PM. No 7PM Sunday Mass

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:

Mon.-Sat.: 7:30-7:50am. Saturday: 11:00-11:50am; 3:00-3:45pm

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.



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Fr. Wojciech's Corner

POPE FRANCIS
ANNOUNCES

YEAR OF
SAINT JOSEPH

December 8, 2020
✠
December 8, 2021

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph. We have the privilege of living in the year honoring St. Joseph. March 19 we will celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, a holy husband, foster father of Jesus, guardian of the Holy Family, Patron of the Church, patron of good death, terror of demons. Pope Francis' announcement of a Year of St. Joseph purposely coincided with the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on Dec. 8, 1870. Considering that this is such a special year, I encourage everyone to pray the novena prayers to St. Joseph starting March 10 as a way of preparation for his Solemnity and as a way of gaining the most out of his year. Please see next column also for special indulgences attached to this special year. Novena to St. Joseph can be found at (*copy and paste the following links to your browser*) [Novena to St. Joseph | EWTN](#) or [NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH - \(Prayer That Never Fails\) \(novenaprayer.com\)](#)

I encourage also all to familiarize yourself with the Archdiocesan web on this special year at [Year of Saint Joseph | Archdiocese of Newark \(rcan.org\)](#). On that website there is also a link to Pope Francis' great letter on St. Joseph *Patris Corde*.

St. Joseph, pray for us!

To All who helped the cause of the Little Sisters of the Poor and donated toiletries –THANK YOU.

2021 ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to all who already donated. Please prayerfully consider donating to the Annual Appeal. To date OLV pledges total **\$27,315** toward our goal of **\$65,143**. Appeal envelopes are available in the church. Please submit your Appeal donations to the OLV rectory, so we can ensure that our parish receives proper credit. Please make checks payable to **2021 Annual Appeal**. Visit the Archdiocesan Website for more information and videos at [2021 Annual Appeal | Archdiocese of Newark \(rcan.org\)](#). The link is available on our website.

2021 LENTEN REGULATIONS

The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and **two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity**. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2021 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021.**

*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

Prayer to Saint Joseph

This prayer to St. Joseph - spouse of the Virgin Mary, foster father of Jesus, and patron saint of the universal Church - was composed by Pope Leo XIII in his 1889 encyclical, *Quamquam pluries*. He asked that it be added to the end of the Rosary, especially during the month of October, which is dedicated to the Rosary. It may be said after the customary *Salve Regina* and concluding prayer, and may also be used to conclude other Marian devotions.

The prayer is ordinarily enriched with a partial indulgence (*Handbook of Indulgences*, conc. 19). **During the Year of St. Joseph, however - which lasts from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021 - the use of this prayer has been included among those enriched with a plenary indulgence** (see Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary issued Dec. 8, 2020, section E). It may be said on any day of the Year of St. Joseph, but especially on his various feast days or other devotional days dedicated to St. Joseph:

-March 19, 2021, Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Bl. Virgin Mary
-May 1, 2021, the Optional Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker
-the nineteenth day of each month
-every Wednesday, the traditional day of the week for devotions to St. Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph,
do we come in our tribulation,
and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse,
we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you
to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God
and through the paternal love
with which you embraced the Child Jesus,
we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance
which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood,
and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.
O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,
defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;
O most loving father, ward off from us
every contagion of error and corrupting influence;
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us
and from heaven assist us in our struggle
with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril,
so now protect God's Holy Church
from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;
shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection,
so that, supported by your example and your aid,
we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness,
and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

- composed by Pope Leo XIII in his 1889 encyclical, *Quamquam pluries*.

What if you are CALLED! ???

For information, call the Vocations office 973-497-4365 and ask for Fr. Gino, Director, who is always ready to listen - even anonymous inquiries or see or call Fr. Wojciech at our parish 201-768-1706, ext. 11.

If you do not worship God, you worship something, and nine times out of ten it will be yourself. You have a duty to worship God, not because He will be imperfect and unhappy if you do not, but because you will be imperfect and unhappy.

- Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Mother/Child Baby Items Collection to benefit New Hope - Weekend of March 20/21. Items most needed: Diapers sizes 3,4,5 and 6; Pull-ups size 4-5T; A&D ointment, diaper rash ointment, baby shampoo, baby lotion, baby wash, AVENT baby bottles, \$25 Shoprite gift cards.

NEED BAPTISM, FIRST COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION

If you want to become a Roman Catholic or complete your Initiation into the Church, the RCIA is for you! For more information, phone the rectory. *Adult Catholics* who have not yet celebrated *Confirmation* should also contact the rectory for preparation class information.

CONVALIDATION

Best way to start your married life is with God. In Sacramental Marriage God's own divine life can be experienced and lived. Were you married only civilly by a mayor or justice of the peace and would now like to be married in the Catholic Church? Call Fr. Wojciech for details.

REQUIREMENTS for GODPARENTS

Godparents play a very important role in your child's spiritual life as role models of the faith. They should support not only the child, but the parents as well. Additionally, in their role as godparent, they represent the larger Church community and this is a tremendous responsibility. The Church has provided guidelines to help parents choose the best possible godparents for their children. In recognizing the importance of the godparent and their duties:

Godparent/Sponsor must be at least 16 years old.

Godparent/Sponsor must be in good standing with the Catholic Church. Must be a practicing Catholic (*attend Sunday Mass weekly*). Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. If married, must be married in the Catholic Church. If single, not living with significant other, nor married civilly only.

Godparent/Sponsor cannot be the candidate's parent. Each child only requires one Godparent. If you wish to have 2 Godparents there must be one female and one male. (Canon Law 872-874)

Jesus asked one thing from us!!!

On His last night of earth (Holy Thursday) Jesus asked His disciples one thing – to stay awake with Him for one hour. OLV has Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday and Thursday - 8:30AM to 11:50AM.

Array of Hope-Awakening Hearts

Check out all that we have been up to on social media and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter! **Protector of the Church:** This week on the podcast, guest *Bill Donaghy* joins us as we discuss St. Joseph, authentic masculinity, and the role of husbands and fathers in the family!

Relevant Radio 1430AM Have you noticed that where one saint is found, others are often nearby? *Trending with Timmerie* recently pointed to the old adage, it's not *what* you know but *who* you know. Isn't that true when it comes to the faith? Holy, saintly people often surround themselves with other holy people. Ones who can help guide, instruct, and support them in their faith journey. This isn't an easy road and certainly not one that we can walk alone. Saints travel in packs, Timmerie explained. One example was Saint Polycarp. Polycarp was an apostle of St. John. Polycarp also instructed St. Irenaeus. St. Polycarp traveled to Rome to meet the pope, St. Anicetus, and he also kissed the chains of St. Ignatius of Antioch as he was led away for martyrdom. This isn't just a group of some well-connected people. It's faithful, holy people who sought out those who could guide them in their faith and they also instructed and passed the faith on to others. Why does it matter that these saints knew other saints? It's more than just knowing someone who is holy, it's a mutual support of one another throughout life. "One thing that saints did really well - one thing that the early Church did really well - is they encouraged one another in the faith". **More on Relevant Radio!**

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 8 – St. John of God, Religious

8:00 Alice Palermo R/b Ann Hamilla

12:00 David Musante R/b Martha and Paula Kleinlaut

Tuesday, March 9 – St. Frances of Rome, Religious

8:00 Mark Joseph Fizulich R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich

12:00 Robert Thomson R/b Anne Thomson

Wednesday, March 10 - St. Macarius, Bishop of Jerusalem

8:00 Mary Ann Lyddon R/b Stephen and Robin Hartman

12:00 Bartram Reeves R/b the Reeves Family

Thursday, March 11 – St. Eulogius, Martyr

8:00 Vera Lhotsky

12:00 Vincent Ricciardi R/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi

Friday, March 12 - St. Theophanes of Greece, Abbot

8:00 Dan Lynch R/b the Barrett Family

12:00 Alan Pitman R/b Lisa Unanue

Saturday, March 13 - St. Rodriguez, Priest/Martyr

8:00 Veronica Haskell R/b Jeanne Marie Walsh

12:00 Louise Desiree Ward R/b Joe Tobia

4:00 James Kenneth Laughlin R/b the Villavecchia Family

5:00 Larry Longo R/b the Bentivegna Family

Sunday, March 14 - St. Mathilda, Queen of Germany

7:00 David Musante R/b John and Linda Russo

8:00 Joseph and Leona DeJoseph R/b the DeJoseph Family

9:30 John Cox R/b Carl and Ellen Sutter

10:45 Richard Supple R/b the Ricchiuto/Keady Family

10:45 Gym Karen Mead R/b Tom and Jeanne Hennessey

12:00 Martino and Antonia Scrivanich R/b the Busanic Family

1:00 People of the Parish

6:00 Kathleen Mahoney R/b the Chung Family

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in **loving memory of Mark Joseph Fizulich**, r/b godparents.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp will burn this week for the **repose of the soul of Lydia Mohsenin**, r/b the Dunn Family.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp will burn this week for the **repose of the soul of Theresa Suchar**, r/b Judi Villani.

The St. John Paul II Votive Lamp will burn this week in **memory of John D. Kaberle Jr.**, r/b Tom and Ria Ragusa

My Parish - COVID-19 - My Responsibility

We thank all those who so generously continue to support our parish by mailing in your donations. At the same time, we understand that some have been laid off from their work or experiencing decreased income and are unable to continue their donations at this time. *Donations/offering envelopes may be mailed to: OLV Rectory, 81 Lynn Street, Harrington Park, NJ 07640.* *Thank you for your generosity.*

Clothing Bins

Please donate clothes, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, toys, and children's books. Please place your donations **INSIDE** the bins (sometimes you have to push it in). **Do not leave items outside.**

NEW TO THE AREA?

If you are, why not join our ever-growing Parish family. You may register via our parish website olvhp.org. Go to tab "About" and then "Parish Registration". PLEASE, if you change your address or phone number, let us know!

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
Private First Class Sean Keohane
Captain Shawn Linn
Lieutenant Gigi McElroy
Colonel John McLaughlin
Captain John G. Miele

US Air Force

Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn

US Marine Corps.

Corporal Shanna Bennett
Sergeant Matthew Brady
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo
Lance Corporal Thomas Iafraite
Captain Stephen Ikalowych
Corporal Joseph Levine
2nd Lieutenant J.P. Maher

US Navy

Lt. Commander Julia Cheringal
Ensign Jon Clemente
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger

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, baby Emmet Fischer, baby James Amicucci, baby Jonathan, baby Joseph, 5-year old Quinn, William Ragu, Richard Bolton, Robert Brawley, Dominic Carini, Sal Cenicola, Helen Choma, Kevin Columbo, Paul Corbett, Marie D'Ascenzo, Maryann Dean, Lorraine Degerdon, Roseann Dennehy, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Frank Diller, Mike Donohue, Carl Falasca, Michael Fallon, Jay Filippone, Marie Filippone, Christine Flatt, Mary Foley, Leslie Handler, Amy Hartwell, Peter Kellar, Mary Lowe, James McGarry, Robert Milli, Gianna Moscatello, Natalie Niebergall, Adelaide Pakingham, John Pal, Tom Paskewich, Joan and Buddy Phalon, Marie Piazza, Canice Prince, Debra Rendon, Bruce Michael Ricciardi, Louise Ricciardi, Vincent Ricciardi, Veronica Romanchuk, Beth Sacco, Peggy Shedden, Aileen Vassar, Maria Williams, Brian, Carla, Chris, Christina, Dierdre, Edward, Elba, Jennifer, Joann, Karen, Lauren, Lisa, Lou, Lucas, Lynn, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, Sean, Sharon, Tina W., Tom.

Spiritual Communion *composed by Cardinal Rafael Merry del Val*

As I cannot this day enjoy the happiness of assisting at the holy Mysteries, O my God! I transport myself in spirit at the foot of Thine altar; I unite with the Church, which by the hands of the priest, offers Thee Thine adorable Son in the Holy Sacrifice; I offer myself with Him, by Him, and in His Name. I adore, I praise, and thank Thee, imploring Thy mercy, invoking Thine assistance, and presenting Thee the homage I owe Thee as my Creator, the love due to Thee as my Savior.

Apply to my soul, I beseech Thee, O merciful Jesus, Thine infinite merits; apply them also to those for whom I particularly wish to pray. I desire to communicate spiritually, that Thy Blood may purify, Thy Flesh strengthen, and Thy Spirit sanctify me. May I never forget that Thou, my divine Redeemer, hast died for me; may I die to all that is not Thee, that hereafter I may live eternally with Thee. Amen.

SICK OR "HOMEBOUND"

If you are sick or "homebound" (or know someone who is), and would like to have Communion, please contact the Rectory at 201-768-1706.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"PENANCE"

We all know that we need to be sorry for our sins, and yet we seem to know it much less than we used to. Personal penance, which in some way was painful or unpleasant, used to be part of the Christian life. For Catholics, it meant fasting, extra prayers, generosity to the poor, and just putting up with life without complaining. Somehow, in the last few decades, we moved away from any unpleasantness in fulfilling our Christian duties. We felt we had to have cushy, padded kneelers in church. We now have practically no Eucharistic fast, and our current Lenten fast would have brought laughter to the early Christians or even to those of the early twentieth century. Penance is supposed to be tough. As the three sacred days of Holy Week approach, those of us in the hospital have little opportunity to do traditional penances. Because of illness, we also feel that we are doing enough. Perhaps a lot of other people who are not in the hospital but who have severe problems, heavy crosses, or chronic difficulties with family all feel that they too are doing enough. But this is a time to do more, or to do better what we always do, and to do it with much love for Christ. Because of the film *The Passion of the Christ*, millions of people have a better awareness of what Christ suffered for us. Penance is the scriptural way of showing one's gratitude.

Fr. Benedict Groeschel CFR There are No Accidents page 10

DID YOU KNOW?

Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected and is often used for humor. (Sir Winston Churchill loved them)

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you ...but it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up -- we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
7. Knowledge, is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
10. In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of an emergency, notify..." I answered "a doctor".
11. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they look good.
12. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
13. I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure
14. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
15. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian, any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
16. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
17. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find someone older than me. Sadly this is true!!!

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. St. Paul. 2. Golgotha. 3. Barabbas. 4. Two thieves.
5. Jesus spent 40 days in the desert fasting right after his baptism and before his public ministry.

"Know that even when you are in the kitchen, our Lord moves amidst the pots and pans." **St. Teresa of Avila**

From the Saints ... Why fasting is an important spiritual practice:

- 1) **St. Augustine** - "Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one's flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble, scatters the clouds of concupiscence, quenches the fire of lust, and kindles the true light of chastity. Enter again into yourself."
- 2) **St. Peter Chrysologus** - "Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself."
- 3) **St. Jane Frances Chantal** - "God hides the prize of eternal glory in our mortifications and in the victory of ourselves, which we always strive for with great gentleness."
- 4) **St. Isaac the Syrian** - "When a man begins to fast, he straightway yearns in his mind to enter into converse with God."
- 5) **St. Gregory the Great** - "It is impossible to engage in spiritual conflict, without the previous subjugation of the appetite."
- 6) **St. John Chrysostom** - "Fasting is the support of our soul: it gives us wings to ascend on high, and to enjoy the highest contemplation! [...] God, like an indulgent father, offers us a cure by fasting."
- 7) **St. Francis De Sales** - "Besides the ordinary effect of fasting in raising the mind, subduing the flesh, confirming goodness, and obtaining a heavenly reward, it is also a great matter to be able to control greediness, and to keep the sensual appetites and the whole body subject to the law of the Spirit; and although we may be able to do but little, the enemy nevertheless stands more in awe of those whom he knows can fast."
- 8) **St. Catharine of Sienna** - "Without mortifying the taste, it is impossible to preserve innocence, since it was by the indulgence of his appetite that Adam fell."
- 9) **St. Basil** - "Penance without fasting is useless and vain; by fasting [we] satisfy God."
- 10) **St. Alphonsus De Ligouri** - "He that gratifies the taste will readily indulge the other senses; for, having lost the spirit of recollection, he will easily commit faults, by indecent words and by unbecoming gestures. But the greatest evil of intemperance, is that it exposes chastity to great danger."

How NASA Sent the Virgin Mary to Mars in 2021

NASA's 2020 Mars expedition landed the Perseverance Rover on Mars on February 18 after a seven-month trip from earth. However, many do not know that Our Lady traveled to Mars under the title of "Nuestra Señora de Flores" (Our Lady of Flowers), patron saint of Alora, Spain.

NASA selected inscriptions for 150,000 plates for the robot to carry to Mars. Air Force Sergeant Francisco José Fernández told Sur News that he included the Nuestra Señora de Flores' name, for whom he has great devotion. "The goal is that when the robot stops working for eternity, those names will be inside if someone finds the machine or if humans end up settling on Mars," Francisco explained. "It is exciting to know that in a few years, [her] name will be there, in space, between the valleys and deserts of Mars," he added.

Francisco happily recounted the "Marian presence" on Mars with member of the Brotherhood of Nuestra Señora de Flores, Álvaro Fernández García-Gordillo. He said that the congregation was "surprised" and "crazy" to hear the news. "It is always a pride that Our Lady of Flowers leaves the city, but going to Mars is very unique. It is nothing that we have thought or imagined," Garcia-Gordillo said.

Here's a photo of Our Lady's "boarding pass".



The devotion to the Nuestra Señora de Flores (Our Lady of Flowers) originated in the 15th century in Alora, Spain after the conquest of Granada. Queen Elizabeth ordered the building of a chapel in her honor. Today the chapel is a sanctuary.

This statue of Our Lady was built for the sanctuary in 1502. Our Lady holds a scepter in her right hand and the Child Jesus in her left. The Church celebrates her feast on Sept. 8.

- Churchpop Editor

A little humor ...

Lost on a rainy Friday night in Lent, a priest stumbles into a monastery and requests shelter there. Fortunately, he's just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips he's ever had.

After dinner, he goes into the kitchen to thank the chefs. He is met by two brothers, "Hello, I'm Brother Michael, and this is Brother Francis."

"I'm very pleased to meet you. I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I've ever tasted. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?"

Brother Michael replied, "Well, I'm the fish friar."

Father turns to the other brother and says, "Then you must be...." "Yes, I'm afraid I'm the chip monk..."

KIDZ KORNER

1. Who witnessed the stoning of Stephen the Martyr?
2. What was the name of the hill on which Jesus was crucified?
3. Pontius Pilate set what prisoner free instead of Jesus?
4. Jesus was crucified between whom?
5. Where did we get the idea for the Lenten 40-day fast?

ANSWERS ON PAGE FOUR

Christians live around the world, but gather at the foot of the cross.

LIFE LESSONS FROM YOUR
MOTHER (THE CHURCH)
THAT YOU NEED FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

Clean your room (Go to Confession)

Our Mother, the Church invites us to regularly "clean our soul" through the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Eat your dinner (Receive the Eucharist)

Our mothers know that without food we would die (eventually). The same happens to our spirit if we don't receive Christ in the Eucharist.

Be nice to your siblings (Practice charity)

Mothers try to make sure that their children take care of each other. The Church is always encouraging us to love our fellow men.

Call your family (Pray)

Once we reach a certain point in life, we need to take our own initiative to "call our family" in heaven and pray regularly.

Source: Churchpop.com