

# 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)

**Parish Office 201-768-1706**

### COME WORSHIP WITH US

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Novenas prayed after 8:00 a.m. Mass:

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: Monday

St. Anthony: Tuesday

St. Joseph: Wednesday

St. Jude: Thursday

Infant of Prague: 25th of the month

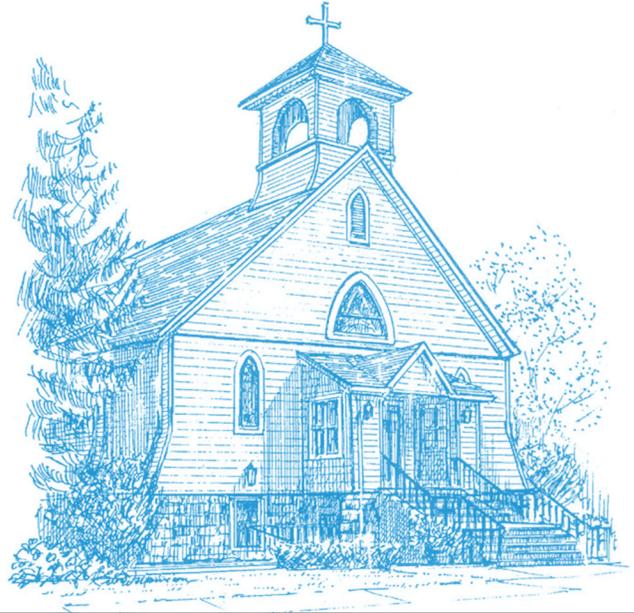
St. Peregrine: First Friday of the Month

Rosary: Recited M - Sat after 8:00am & after 12:00Noon Mass

**If only  
I touch His garments,  
I will be healed.**

**Mark 5:28**

Sunday, July 11, 2021 A.D.  
In the Year of Saint Joseph



### SUMMER ADORATION HOURS

July and August

Independence Weekend-Labor Day  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be

**NO TUESDAY/ NO THURSDAY ADORATION**

**ONLY**

**First Thursday 7:00PM-8:00PM**

**First Friday 12:30PM-6:50PM**

**First Saturday 8:30AM-11:50AM**

#### 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...

As of now, many parishioners are heading for vacations with their families. Those who returned told me of their experience in different places. All came to the same conclusion, nothing like our little church with the big heart. I think the same, wherever I am. To find a Catholic Church with the Mass times, go to our website and at the bottom you will find Mass Times Near Me, click on it and there you are. You could also go to Masstimes.org

Thank you to all who remember and support our parish with their donations while they are away.

As the summer is getting hotter and hotter, some considerations before we leave our houses and head to The House of the Lord: will my way of dressing call attention to myself and distract others from the Lord, will I be provoking irreverent behavior with the way I dress, will I make a wrong impression (or will I inspire others for more reverence and love for the Lord). I am so pleased to see that there are people, no matter the heat, come to Church dressed with dignity and reverence as suits Catholics coming to The House of the Lord (and not to the beach or the gym).

Some great ideas to spend vacations below. Maybe somebody would consider to spend vacation with an elderly or homebound?!

*Holy Summer to all!*

**GREAT WAYS  
TO SPEND SUMMER** with kids  
go to **DAILY MASS** with your kids  
recite daily the **ROSARY**  
and read Bible stories from Book of Genesis, Exodus, Book of Judges, 1 and 2 Samuel, Book of Judith, Ruth, Esther and Book of prophet Daniel and Jonah  
Read **LIVES OF SAINTS**  
by Alban Butler, Online resources  
<http://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/lots/index.htm>  
Or online google the saint of your birth day, Baptism, 1st Holy Communion, Graduation day, Confirmation day, wedding day, etc. You can also travel virtually to the places where they lived - SO MUCH FUN, so much to find out and learn & above all so much INSPIRATION  
**SO MUCH FUN + INSPIRATION**

## **Sisters of Charity 50/50 Raffle**

Sr. Elizabeth will be selling raffle tickets next weekend - July 17/18 after the Masses to support Maris Stella Retreat Center. Tickets are \$20 each or 3-for-\$50. 1st prize 25%, 2nd prize 15%, 3rd prize 10% of gross receipts. Drawing will be Sept. 5 at Maris Stella. Winner need not be present. Please make checks payable to **Sisters of Charity**.

## **CCD Registration 2021-2022 deadline is August 1st.**

Registration for CCD has begun! We are happy to announce that classes will be in-person again! For info' about our CCD Program and to register your children, please visit OLV's website [olvhp.org](http://olvhp.org) - click on the Faith Formation tab - you'll find Registration Forms for new and existing students. Kindly keep in mind that in order to register a new student, you must first register your family in OLV parish. You will find a link to our Parish registration in the registration forms as well. Registration deadline is August 1st.

## **2021 Annual Appeal** Thank you for donating

**Anything over our goal comes back to us.**

Please prayerfully consider donating. OLV pledges total \$63,300 towards OLV's goal of \$65,143. Appeal envelopes are available in church. Please make checks payable to 2021 Annual Appeal. More info' is on the Archdiocesan website at 2021 Annual Appeal | Archdiocese of Newark ([rcan.org](http://rcan.org)).

## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Feast Day July 16



**Before Christ:** Mount Carmel is a biblical place where the prophet Elijah dwelt. It rises 1,742 feet above sea level and towers above Israel's Mediterranean coastline. It was here where Elijah prayed to God for the salvation of Israel, which was suffering a terrible drought at the time. He continued to pray and sent his servant up the mountain several times to look for rain. On the seventh try, Elijah's servant returned with good news. "Behold a little cloud arose out of the sea like a man's foot" (1 Kings 1:44). Soon thereafter, torrential rains fell upon the parched land and the people of Israel were saved.

Elijah saw the cloud as a symbol of the Virgin mentioned in the prophecies of Isaiah (Isaiah 7:14). The hermits who lived on Mount Carmel followed Elijah's example and prayed for the advent of the much-awaited Virgin, who would become the mother of the Messiah. The origins of the Carmelite Order can be traced back to Elijah and his hermitic disciples.

**St. Simon Stock:** In the 13th century, during the Crusades, St. Simon Stock joined a group of hermits on Mount Carmel during a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. In 1247, he was elected superior-general of the Carmelites at the first chapter held in Aylesford, England. However, the order had difficulty gaining general acceptance and suffered much persecution from secular clergy and other orders which prompted the monks to have recourse to the Blessed Virgin in the year 1251.

On Sunday July 16, 1251, as Simon Stock knelt in prayer, Our Lady appeared to him, holding the Child Jesus in one arm and the Brown Scapular in the other. She uttered the words: "Hoc erit tibi et cunctis Carmelitis privity legium, in hoc habitu moriens salvabitur" (This shall be the privilege for you and for all the Carmelites, that anyone dying in this habit shall be saved). On January 13, 1252, the order received a letter of protection from Pope Innocent IV, defending them from harassment. St. Simon Stock lived a holy life for 100 years and died in the Carmelite monastery at Bordeaux, France on May 16, 1265.

**The Brown Scapular:** The scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, also known as the Brown Scapular, is one of the most popular and celebrated of Roman Catholic devotions. The sacramental (as the lay faithful commonly use it) is a miniature derivative of the actual brown scapular used by the Carmelites - the sleeveless outer garment falling from the shoulders which is worn as a sign of their vocation and devotion.

Our Lady gave St. Simon a scapular for the Carmelites with the following promise, saying, "Receive, My beloved son, this habit of thy order: this shall be to thee and to all Carmelites a privilege, that whosoever dies clothed in this shall never suffer eternal fire. It shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger, and a pledge of peace."

Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Feast Day is July 16, the same day she appeared to St. Simon Stock.



**The things that we love tell us who we are.**

**-Saint Thomas Aquinas**

**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 Iafate  
Captain Stephen Ikalowych  
2nd Lieutenant J.P. Maher

**US Navy**

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

**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, little boy Antonio, Michael Baruch, Phyllis Bloomer, Richard Bolton, Robert Brawley, Paul Brennan, 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, Carl Falasca, Michael Fallon, Dan Filipone, Jeremy Fillis, Christine Flatt, Mary Foley, Leslie Handler, Amy Hartwell, Peter Kellar, Pat Kissane, Mary Lowe, James McGarry, Michael McMahon, Robert Milli, Gianna Moscatello, Natalie Niebergall, John Pal, Tom Paskewich, Joan and Buddy Phalon, Canice Prince, William Ragu, Debra Rendon, Louise Ricciardi, Vincent Ricciardi, Veronica Romanchuk, Beth Sacco, Peggy Shedden, Charles Touw, Aileen Vassar, Hope White, Maria Williams, Brian, Carla, Chris, Christina, Dierdre, Edward, Elba, Jennifer, Joann, Karen, Lauren, Lisa, Lou, Lucas, Lynn, Michelle, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, Samantha, Sean, Sharon, Tina W., Tom.

**NO TUESDAY NO THURSDAY**

**ADORATION DURING SUMMER**

**FRIDAYS outside Lent**

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of Penance. Each individual should abstain from meat or may substitute some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

**Respect Life Retreat for Healing**

"Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven." (Pope Francis) The Church can also be a place to heal. We are called to "be merciful like the Father."

So many are suffering from the effects of abortion. Where can they heal? The Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office will host two Rachel's Vineyard retreats to heal the wounds from abortion: Sept 10-12 (English) and Oct 22-24 (Spanish). Contact the Respect Life Office 973-497-4350 (Spanish option 2) or Cheryl.riley@rcan.org (English) elvinedoderaquel-info@rcan.org (Spanish)

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." (Psalm 147:3)

SOLID CATHOLIC RADIO

**Relevant radio 1430AM**

*Listener Supported Talk Radio for Catholic Life*

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, July 12 - St. John Gualbert of Florence, Italy-Abbot**

8:00 William Reilly R/b Mike and Beth Rota  
12:00 Nell, John and Michael Sullivan R/b Anne Thomson

**Tuesday, July 13 - St. Henry II of Bavaria-Emperor**

8:00 Ida M. Walsh R/b the Zanetti Family  
12:00 Jack Ferro R/b Angie Ferro

**Wednesday, July 14 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha of Auriesville, NY-Virgin**

8:00 Benjamin and Hazel Obutelewicz R/b Regina Bond  
12:00 Intentions of Donna Siracusa R/b Marita Morgan

**Thursday, July 15 - St. Bonaventure of Bagnorea, Italy-Bishop**

8:00 Intentions of Erin Tully R/b Dan and Karen Brady  
12:00 Thomas and Maria Capasso R/b Angie Ferro

**Friday, July 16 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

8:00 Rev. Zachary H. Monet R/b Pat Consoli  
12:00 Theresa Wayne R/b Peter and Linda Wayne

**Saturday, July 17 - The Blessed Martyrs of Compiègne-Nuns**

8:00 Joyce Pizzi R/b Joe and Donna D'Ercole  
12:00 Intentions of Rev. Roy Regaspi R/b Joan Crowley

**7:00 Thomas J. Corcoran R/b Tom and Peg Corcoran**

**5:00 Michael Bentivegna R/b the Bentivegna Family**

**Sunday, July 18 - St. Camillus de Lellis, priest**

7:00 Debra Mann R/b Judi Villani  
8:00 Rev. Edward V. Duffy R/b the Evarella Family

**9:30 Frank Dunn R/b the Dunn Family**

**10:45 Wladyslaw (Walter) Latanyszyn R/b Tony and Mary Yorio**

**10:45 (Gym) Sam Burrano**

**12:00 Frank Muggeo R/b Bob and Sue Muggeo**

**1:00 People of the Parish**

**6:00 Marie Haiduk R/b Stan Gray**

**Sanctuary Memorials (this week)**

**The Sanctuary Lamp** burns for all fathers, living and deceased.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp** burns for the repose of the soul of **Mary Ciavarella**, r/b Helena Gliatta and Gena Schmid.

**The St. Joseph Votive Lamp** burns for the repose of the souls of **Benjamin and Hazel Obutelewicz**, r/b Regina Bond.

**Flower & Sanctuary Offerings**

If you would like to donate flowers for the Altar, BVM and St. Joseph, call the rectory. Flowers, Bread and Wine, the BVM and St. Joseph Votive Lamps and Sanctuary Lamp in the Church can be dedicated on a weekly basis.

**My Parish—COVID-19—My Responsibility**

Thank you to 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 are experiencing decreased income and are unable to continue their donations at this time. *Donations / offering envelopes may be mailed to OLV Rectory, 81 Lynn St, Harrington Park, NJ 07640.* Thank you for your generosity.

**CLOTHING BINS**

**Donations** of clothes, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, toys, and children's books may be placed **INSIDE** the bins. (Do not leave items outside bins)

## Tuesdays are dedicated to the Apostles.

### PROMISES OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

"Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world, and the end of the war... If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace... If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace... In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, and she will be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world. In Portugal, the dogma of Faith will always be preserved... He (Jesus) wants to establish in the world, devotion to my Immaculate Heart. I promise salvation to those who embrace it, and these souls will be loved by God, like flowers placed by me to adore His throne... The moment has come in which God asks the Holy Father, in union with all Bishops of the world, to make the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, promising to save it by this means." Words of OUR LADY at Fatima

### QUOTE to PARENTS

Read this well: Your children are not stupid. They know very well if you take your faith seriously or if you are picking and choosing which parts of the Faith or the moral law to obey and they will interpret that to mean that they can, too. - Leila Miller from *Raising Chaste Catholic Men*

### SUMMER CHURCH DRESS

Dress up for the Lord, HE IS THE LORD. Show Him your love also with your clothes. Love the Lord with all your ... dress.

### 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 two Godparents there must be one female and one male. (Canon Law 872-874)

### KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. A Sacrament is defined as "an outward sign of inward grace" which was instituted by Christ Himself and receives its power from God, through the merits of Christ.
2. Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance (Confession, Reconciliation), Matrimony, Holy Orders, Extreme Unction-Anointing of the Sick.
3. To counsel the doubtful, to instruct the ignorant, to admonish the sinner, to comfort the sorrowful, to forgive all injuries, to bear wrongs patiently, to pray for the living and the dead.
4. To feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to shelter the homeless, to visit the sick, to visit the imprisoned, to bury the dead.

### A Little Humor ...

- Q: Where do bees go on vacation?  
A: Stingapore!
- Q: Where do sharks go on summer vacation?  
A: Finland!
- Q: Where did Tarzan go on summer vacation?  
A: Hollywood and Vine.
- Q: Why did the robot go on summer vacation?  
A: He needed to recharge his batteries.
- Q: Where do sheep go on vacation?  
A: To the baaaaahamas.

### Garment of Grace: Why Do We Wear the Scapular?

If you wear Mary's Brown Scapular, you should be introduced to St. Simon Stock. Actually, St. Simon is an old friend, for it was to him that Our Blessed Mother gave the Scapular promise in 1251, saying, "Whosoever dies wearing this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire." The Church's understanding is that the scapular is a miniature religious habit and as such is a highly indulgenced sacramental. The Scapular inspires those who wear it and who commit themselves to our Lady's way of life, a life in which Mary expressed her total openness to the will of God when she said, "Be it done to me according to your word." The message of the Scapular is the same advice she gave to the servants at the Cana wedding: "Do whatever He tells you," – to follow Christ in faith, hope, and charity. The second scapular promise concerns prompt deliverance from Purgatory. Known as the Sabbatine Privilege, it stems from a bull or decree issued on March 3, 1322 by Pope John XXII, it links the Scapular to Saturday, Our Lady's day, and spells out the requirement of a genuine Christian life: prayer, penance, purity, and fidelity to the sacraments. Our Blessed Mother in speaking with St. Simon Stock promised that those who wear Her Brown Scapular, "On Saturday, as many as I shall find in Purgatory I shall free."

### "When you pray, go to your inner room"

In those who have entered into the unity of the divine inner life, everything is one: rest and activity, contemplation and action, silence and speech, listening and communicating, loving receptiveness, and loving gift of self in thanksgiving and praise... We need hours of silent listening, when we allow the divine Word to work in us, until it craves to become fruitful in the sacrifice of praise and of action.

We need the traditional forms and participation in the set forms of acts of regular worship, so that the inner life can be awakened and guided and find a suitable expression. The solemn divine praise must have its homes on earth where it is developed to the greatest perfection possible to human beings. From these it ascends to heaven for the whole Church and becomes effective in the members of the Church, quickening their interior life, inviting their participation. But it must itself be quickened from within even in these places by leaving space for silence and depth. Otherwise it would degenerate into mere lip-service. Contemplative houses where souls stand in solitude and silence before the face of God are a protection against this danger. They wish to be in the heart of the Church the love that vivifies all.

-St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross [Edith Stein]

(1891- 1942) Carmelite, martyr, co-patron of Europe-The Prayer of the Church (trans. Darlington Carmel)

There are other events that contributed to Edith [Stein's] conversion. She tells us how moved she was when she saw a woman with a shopping basket enter a Catholic church to make a visit. It was, she said, as though the woman were going to have an intimate conversation with someone. She had never seen anything like this; she had been to churches only for services. The woman who made the visit impressed Edith, it seems, because the woman's faith informed her daily life; her faith was a communion with a Person. – Sr. M. Regina van den Berg from *Communion with Christ*

### DID YOU KNOW Saint Dymphna

Patroness of those who suffer with mental and nervous disorders.



Saint Dymphna has become increasingly popular in recent years as someone to turn to when experiencing worry, fear, and anxiety. Saint Dymphna can be invoked for help with a range of mental issues, from daily stress to the more serious anxiety disorders.

### St. Ephraem:

“O Lord, we cannot go to the pool of Siloe to which you sent the blind man. But we have the chalice of Your Precious Blood, filled with life and light. The purer we are, the more we receive.”

July is the Month of the Precious Blood. During this month, we remember our special devotion to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus poured out for us on the cross. The Blood of Christ is the price of our salvation; no other sacrifice could win for us atonement for our sins and eternal life. Having a devotion to the Precious Blood reminds us of our total dependence on God’s mercy and calls us to humble personal atonement.

**LITANY OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS** *For private recitation.*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*

God, the Holy Spirit, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, One God, *have mercy on us.*

Blood of Christ, only-begotten Son of the Eternal Father, *save us.*

Blood of Christ, Incarnate Word of God, *save us.*

Blood of Christ, of the New and Eternal Testament, *save us.*

Blood of Christ, falling upon the earth in the Agony, *save us.*

Blood of Christ, shed profusely in the Scourging, *save us.*

Blood of Christ, flowing forth in the Crowning with Thorns, *save us.*

Blood of Christ, poured out on the Cross, *save us.*

Blood of Christ, price of our salvation, *save us.*

Blood of Christ, Without Which there is no forgiveness, *save us.*

Blood of Christ, Eucharistic drink and refreshment of souls, *save us.*

Blood of Christ, stream of mercy, *save us.*

Blood of Christ, victor over demons, *save us.*

Blood of Christ, courage of Martyrs, *save us.*

Blood of Christ, strength of Confessors, *save us.*

Blood of Christ, bringing forth Virgins, *save us.*

Blood of Christ, help of those in peril, *save us.*

Blood of Christ, relief of the burdened, *save us.*

Blood of Christ, solace in sorrow, *save us.*

Blood of Christ, hope of the penitent, *save us.*

Blood of Christ, consolation of the dying, *save us.*

Blood of Christ, peace and tenderness of hearts, *save us.*

Blood of Christ, pledge of eternal life, *save us.*

Blood of Christ, freeing souls from purgatory, *save us.*

Blood of Christ, most worthy of all glory and honor, *save us.*

Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us, O Lord!*

V. Thou hast redeemed us, O Lord, in Thy Blood.

R. *And made us, for our God, a Kingdom.*

*Let us pray.*

Almighty and eternal God, Thou hast appointed Thine only-begotten Son the Redeemer of the world, and willed to be appeased by His Blood. Grant we beg of Thee, that we may worthily adore this price of our salvation, and through its power be safeguarded from the evils of the present life, so that we may rejoice in its fruits forever in Heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. *R. Amen.*

### KIDZ KORNER

1. What is a **sacrament**?
2. What are the **seven sacraments**?
3. What are the seven **spiritual works of mercy**?
4. What are the seven **corporal works of mercy**?

Answers on page 4.

### Blessed Carmelite martyrs of Compiègne

On July 17th we commemorate the 16 Blessed Carmelite martyrs of Compiègne, Mother Teresa of St. Augustine and Companions, who were executed on July 17, 1794 during the French Revolution.

The Sisters had refused to comply with the Civil Constitution of the Clergy, a law passed in 1790, which subordinated the Catholic Church to the revolutionary government, confiscated all Church land and banned religious orders. The Carmelites of Compiègne resisted the suppression of their monastery and so were arrested in June 1794 and imprisoned at the former Visitation convent of Compiègne, where they offered themselves daily for the peace of France and the Church. On July 17th they were tried in Paris, convicted of treason and sentenced to death by guillotine. Providentially, they were wearing their outlawed religious habits, since their only secular clothes were being washed on the day of the trial.

The Sisters were then transported in tumbrels among a group of 40 condemned prisoners to the place of execution at the Place du Trône, Paris. On the journey, the Sisters chanted the combined Offices of Vespers and Compline. This included the *Miserere*, the penitential Psalm 50: “*Have mercy on me, O God, in your kindness...*” and concluded with the *Salve Regina*. Eyewitness accounts report that the usually hostile crowds along the route were strangely silent.

On reaching the place of execution, Mother Teresa intoned the *Te Deum*, and then the *Veni Creator Spiritus*. Then all of the Sisters renewed their vows and Sr. Constance, the youngest and still a novice, joined in, thus making Profession before mounting the scaffold. Sr. Constance was the first to die, after kneeling for the blessing of her Prioress, and kissing a small statue of Our Lady. As she approached the guillotine, she intoned *Laudate Dominum Omnes Gentes* (Psalm 117) : “O praise the Lord, all you nations; acclaim him all you peoples. Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever.” This was taken up by all the Sisters, who continued to sing, with diminishing voices, until all had died. Usually executions were accompanied by shouting and cheers but there was only silence.

Sr. Constance waved aside the executioner and his two assistants and approached the guillotine unaided. It is likely that the executions continued in order of religious profession. We know that Mother Teresa was the last. The 78 year old Sr. Mary of Jesus Crucified was heard to say to the executioners “I forgive you, my friends. I forgive you with all that longing of heart with which I would that God forgive me!” The bodies of the Carmelites were buried in a Mass grave.

Many believe that the sacrifice of Mother Teresa of St. Augustine and her community brought about the end of the ‘Reign of Terror’, which happened just 10 days later on July 27, 1794. They were beatified by Pope St. Pius X on May 27, 1906.

The heads and bodies of the martyrs were thrown into a deep sandpit in a cemetery at Picpus. Because this pit contains over 1300 victims of the Revolution, there seems to be no hope of their relics being recovered.

There is a British connection with the Compiègne Martyrs. The English Benedictine community of Cambrai were ejected from their monastery in 1792 and imprisoned at Compiègne. From June 1794, the Carmelites joined them, although they were detained separately. The Benedictine community testified to the holiness of the Compiègne sisters and believed that the Carmelites’ martyrdom saved their own lives. It may also be that their English nationality prevented them from being executed for treason. They remained in prison until April 1795, and were then banished to England, where they eventually settled at Stanbrook Abbey. Their only ‘possessions’ were the secular clothes of the Carmelites, which they wore. The surviving pieces of cloth and one espadrille are now venerated at Stanbrook as relics.

The martyrs of Compiègne have been models of inspiration for all Carmelites, including Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, Saint Julie Billiart, Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat, Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity, Blessed Titus Brandsma, and Saint Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein). Their story has been the subject of numerous articles, books, a film, and even an opera, Poulenc’s *Dialogues des Carmélites*. — **Carmelite nuns in Britain**