

# Our Lady of Victories Church

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

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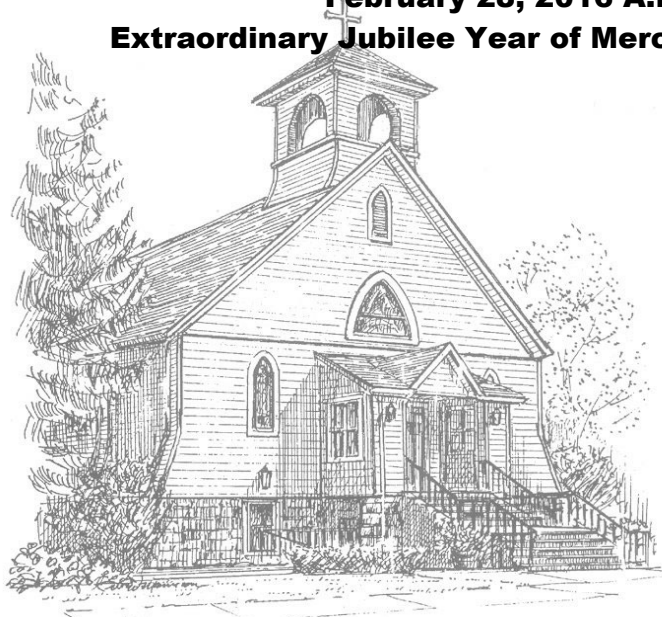
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**February 28, 2016 A.D.**

**Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy**



# WELCOME

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

## COME WORSHIP WITH US

### Mass Schedule

**Saturday: 4pm, 5pm, 6pm (Spanish)**

**Sunday: 7:30am, 8:15am (Latin)**

**9:30am, 10:45am, 12:00pm,  
6:00pm & 7:00pm**

**Weekdays: M-Sat 8:00am & 12:00noon**

#### SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

**First Friday:** 7:30pm, Mass of Sacred Heart & Devotions

**First Saturday:** 8:00am, Mass of Immaculate Heart of Mary

**First Saturday:** 12:00pm Mass for Souls in Purgatory

**Sundays:** at 3PM Group Rosary

#### 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

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

**Tuesday-Novena Prayer and Adoration:** 2:00-3:00pm

**Thursday-Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction:** 7:00pm

**Friday-Exposition & Adoration:** 12:30PM-3:00pm

**Nocturnal Adoration:** First Friday evening 8pm to Saturday 8am

#### THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/CONFESSION:

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 7:50am. First Friday at 7:00pm

Saturday at 11:00a.m.-Noon; 3:00pm - 3:25pm

#### 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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## **PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Please **PRAY** in the name of **JESUS**, the Healer, that the **SICK** of **OLV 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 GOOD WILL**: little Niamh Devlin, Br. Pius, Joseph Accardi, Isabella Ruggiero, Maria Aleman, William Biasi, Michael Conmy, Mario Gobbetti, Thomas Haring, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Ken Mosier, Kathleen Musante, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Cookie and George Rush, Cynthia Simonelli, Mildred Speck, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Mike Weber, Darien Wesler, Al Wiese, Roy Wurst, Marian Zanetti, Elaine Zito.

## **SPIRITUAL EXCERPT**

"I want to share with you two principles upon which I have built my life. The first is from St. Augustine: "God does not cause evil, but that evil should not become the worst." Second: "There are no accidents. Evil things occur because of bad will or stupidity or fatigue, yet whatever the cause God will bring good out of it if we let Him."

**Fr. Benedict Groeschel CFR**  
**There are No Accidents page 88**

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross, followed by Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, on Thursday evenings at 7:00p.m. The Thursday evening Stations will be led by OLV's Confirmation Class. There will be an additional Friday evening Mass offered at 7:00p.m. followed by the Stations of the Cross which will be led by one of the adult ministries of OLV parish. Also, Stations of the Cross will be held after 8:00a.m. Mass on Saturday mornings during Lent.

## **SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT US!!!**

It is through the generosity of our advertisers that we are able to place this bulletin into your hands without cost to the Parish. Why not get into the habit of looking through the ads and give these neighbors/merchants a chance to serve your needs. Tell them you read about them in the OLV Parish Bulletin.

## **SAVE USED EYEGLASSES**

The OLV Knights of Columbus collects used and old eyeglasses for the less fortunate. Any old or "retired" glasses may be left at the rectory.

## **NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED**

Stop in and visit Jesus in the Tabernacle. You can do it here at OLV Parish. Our Church is open 7:00am-4:30pm (M-F).

## **FRIDAY ADORATION**

Just a reminder we have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 12noon – 3PM. **So stop by and adore Our Eucharistic Lord.**

## **40 Days for Life**

*February 10 – March 20.* This Lent, pray and fast as Jesus did. Join your brothers and sisters in Christ in peaceful vigil across from the Women's Choice clinic, 10 Zabriskie Street, Hackensack. Your presence will bring hope to the good people who live on Zabriskie Street that God has not abandoned them to shoulder alone the burden that abortions are regular business on their street. For more info, call Margaret at 201-805-0937.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**  
NFP classes ([www.rcan.org/famlife/marriagefamily.htm#natural](http://www.rcan.org/famlife/marriagefamily.htm#natural)) are held at Holy Name Hospital email [NFP@RCAN.ORG](mailto:NFP@RCAN.ORG).

## **Baby Item Collection**

OLV Rosary Society will sponsor a Baby Item Collection this weekend - February 27/28. The items will benefit Birthright and New Hope, two pro-life organizations in our area, that help young mothers in need. Please leave your items in the lower atrium of the church. Items needed/  
New Items Only: Diapers of all sizes but especially sizes 4-5-6, baby shampoo, diaper ointment, diaper wipes, receiving blankets, onesies, baby towels, boys and girls clothing sizes Newborn to 3 Toddler but especially sizes 18 months to 3 Toddler. Gift cards to Shoprite, Target, Babies R Us and Toys R Us.

## **2016 LENTEN REGULATIONS**

- The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wed. and Good Friday. 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 14, 2016 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 22, 2016.

## **St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale**

Catholic Daughters of the Americas will have a St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale March 12 and 13 after each Mass. If you are interested in donating baked goods, please contact [Reneeringali@gmail.com](mailto:Reneeringali@gmail.com), 201-913-2580.

## **QUESTION?????**

**Does a person have to be confirmed to sponsor a person for baptism? Yes.** The Code of Canon Law states: To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must:

- be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function;
- have completed the 16th year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause;
- be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;
- not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
- not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the baptism.

## **3:00PM ROSARY**

**On Sundays** at 3:00PM parishioners have organized and will be reciting the rosary. All are welcome.

**Upcoming OLV Parish Events**

Feb 27/28 Sat/Sun—Baby Item Collection  
Feb 29—Mon—Women of Grace 7:30  
Mar 1—Tue—Moms, Pops & Tots 9:30 -11:30AM  
Mar 1 -Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:15-3:15PM  
Mar 2—Wed—Bible Study 10:00AM  
Mar 2—Wed—Lenten Faith Study Group 7:00PM  
Mar 2—Wed—OLV Needlers  
Mar 4—Fri— Adoration from 12:30PM-4:00PM  
Mar 5- Sat—Confessions 11:00-12:00noon 3:00-3:25PM  
Mar 12/13—Sat/Sun—CDA St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale  
Apr 16—Sat—Mass of Anointing 12:00  
Apr 24—Sun—Rosary Society Ladies Breakfast  
May 14—Sat- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
May 22—Sun—Confirmation 2PM  
May 30—Mon—Fr. Innocent CFR First Mass & Reception at OLV-2PM

**PRAY for THOSE in the MILITARY**

Lieutenant Julia H. Cheringal, US Navy;  
Lieutenant Ben Clemente, US Army;  
Midshipman Jon Clemente, US Navy;  
Sergeant Nicholas Colletti, US Army;  
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo, U.S. Marine Corps;  
Captain Michael Franson, US Army;  
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene, US Army;  
Lieutenant Tara Harris, US Air Force;  
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger, US Navy;  
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger, US Navy;  
Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn, US Air Force;  
Captain Shawn Linn, US Army;  
Colonel John McLaughlin, US Army;  
Corporal Richard McKenna, USMC.

**OLV K of C Council #14483**

All men over the age of 18 are cordially invited to join the OLV Knights of Columbus Council. The Knights are the largest Catholic Fraternal Organization in the world. For info' contact Rich at [pockets5197@aol.com](mailto:pockets5197@aol.com).

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE & RAFFLE**

Saturday, March 5, 6pm-12am, St. Joseph's Parish in Demarest. To purchase tickets \$40 each, please call Tom McNicholas at 201-906-8910. Proceeds benefit the American Special Children's Pilgrimage Group and the Parish of St. Joseph.

**SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

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

**Bereavement Support Group**

A Bereavement Support Group will be starting in the spring on Tuesday evenings in the OLV rectory. If you would be interested in participating, or if you know someone who would find this program helpful, please call Phyllis Rooney at 201-262-8665 or 201-803-3791. Refreshments will be served.

**BAD DAY**

I rear-ended a car a few days ago..... I tell you, it was a REALLY bad day! The driver got out of the other car, and he was a DWARF!! He looked up at me and said, "I am NOT happy!" So I said, "OK so which one are you then?"

**OLV Faith Study Group—Lent 2016**

We are assembling an adult group with a purpose of faith study. Learn how to find Catholic answers. We will meet in the church basement at 7PM on Wednesdays. Consider spending an hour each week this Lent enriching your faith.

**2016 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 2016. Couples deserving of such recognition are urged to participate. These liturgies will be celebrated at 3:00p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

Sunday, April 24, 2016— 5 & 25 years;  
Sunday, May 1, 2016—50 years.

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

**LENTEN Reading**

We just received a huge new order of interesting books and booklets so visit our bookrack and check out the vast selection of books, booklets, and pamphlets. **LENT is a great time to read and become closer to God.** Learn more about your faith, the Saints, Mary, Jesus, or pick up one of the inspirational books in stock. Check out some of our new and interesting titles. Don't have time to read? Listen to a CD in the car since we also have a wide variety of Catholic CDs.

**What the Catechism Says**

"In order that the full and living Gospel might always be preserved in the Church, the Apostles left Bishops as their successors. They gave them "their own position of teaching authority." Indeed, "the apostolic preaching, which is expressed in a special way in the inspired books, was to be preserved in a continuous line of succession until the end of time."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church #77

**TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR PARISH'S APPEARANCE**

At the end of each weekend the Church looks as if a tornado has touched down. The missals are tossed all over the pews and the floor. Tissues and a diverse assortment of garbage are strewn about. After the Masses please place the missals back in their racks, (closed and all facing sideward), and kindly please dispose of the assorted garbage.

**PRAY**

No one can get to Heaven unless he prays. If you do not eat, you will starve to death. If you do not drink, you will die of thirst. If you do not breathe, you will die for lack of air. But prayer is more necessary for you than food and drink and air. If you do not pray, you shall never see God in Heaven.

**CCD Corner**

Our CCD children and teachers continue their reflections and discussions on the holy season of Lent. **Mr. Tom Pfeiffer's Fifth Grade Class** have chosen to have each student make an Easter basket with their families. Each child will have filled their basket with Easter goodies and will also include a personal note to the recipient wishing them a blessed Easter. These baskets will be donated to The Center for Hope and Safety / Project Child. Our **Second Graders** will be praying an Our Father daily for the poor and homeless. As we move into the third week of Lent are there things that we can be doing as a family that reflects our understanding that this is a time of penance, fasting and alms giving?

**The Miracle of the Scarlet Thread**

With the destruction of the Second Temple in A.D. 70, the Jewish people lost the ability to perform sacrifices for the atonement of sins. Yet, according to Christianity, the efficacy of such sacrifices should already have ended at the time of the crucifixion about forty years earlier. For it was then that the Old Covenant, with its animal sacrifices for the atonement for sins, was replaced by the New Covenant, in which Jesus shed His blood once and for all for the atonement of sins.

Both the Talmud and the Zohar contain accounts of how, in the days of the Temple, the High Priest would once a year - on Yom Kippur, or the "Day of Atonement" - enter the Holy of Holies and offer sacrifice for the atonement of the sins of all Israel. Both mention the "miracle of the scarlet thread", in which a scarlet thread would miraculously turn white as the sign that God had accepted the sacrifice. From the account in the Zohar (Vayikra, Section 3, condensed):

All the sins are [taken] away on this day, the defilement of the soul and of the body ... All that day ... God makes atonement for Israel and purifies them from all their sins and they are not accused before Him ... On this day the priest ... makes atonement for himself and his house and the priests and the sanctuary and all Israel. ... They used to know by a certain thread of scarlet if the priest had been successful. ... (It was known by the thread changing its color to white, when there was rejoicing above and below. If it did not, however, all were distressed, knowing that their prayer had not been accepted).

The scarlet thread turning white would be the sign that God had accepted the sacrifice and had forgiven the Jewish people their sins ("though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow; though they be crimson red, they may become white as wool"-Isaiah 1:18). Yet the Talmud itself reports that forty years before the Temple was destroyed, this great miracle, which gave divine confirmation that the High Priest's sacrifice had been accepted taking away the sins of the Jewish people, ceased to occur. The passage from the Talmud reads (Rosh Hashanah 31b):

Originally they used to fasten the thread of scarlet on the door of the [Temple] court on the outside. If it turned white the people used to rejoice, and if it did not turn white they were sad ... For forty years before the destruction of the Temple the thread of scarlet never turned white, but it remained red.

The Temple was destroyed about A.D. 70; hence the miracle ceased to occur about A.D. 30, which is precisely when the crucifixion took place - the crucifixion that replaced the sacrifice of the Old Covenant with that of Jesus on the Cross. According to the New Testament at the very moment that Jesus died on the Cross the curtain of the Temple that separated off the Holy of Holies was rent in two, symbolizing the end of the efficacy of the sacrifices of the Old Covenant (cf. Matthew 27:51; Mark 15:38; Luke 23:45). It is the Talmud itself that unwittingly confirms this when it recounts that from that time on - forty years before the destruction of the Temple in A.D. 70 - the scarlet thread never again turned white.

**INTERESTING INSIGHT**

The Most Reverend Chaput provides a straight forward and unqualified answer: "We're at a time for the Church in our country when some Catholics - too many - are discovering that they've gradually become non-Catholics who happen to go to Mass." And, as to who is responsible: "That's sad and difficult, and a judgment on a generation of Catholic leadership." "Sad and difficult" indeed and "a judgment on a generation of Catholic leadership," during which the Shepherds' failure to deal with negligence and abusive conditions and practices, has indeed spawned the loss or belief.

**POST-ABORTION COUNSELING**

Contact PROJECT RACHEL - 908-925-6442

**Mass Intentions****Monday, February 29 – St. Oswald—Bishop**

8:00 Louis Sheffler R/b Mark and Carol Kiernan  
12:00 Palma Evelyn Polise R/b William and Dianne Smith  
7:00 (Convent) Theodore Yarrish R/b David and Kathleen Musante

**Tuesday, March 1—St. David, Bishop-Patron of Wales**

8:00 Ann Moriarty R/b Kelly Adamcik  
12:00 Mary Meagan Barnes R/b Rae Rinaldi

**Wednesday, March 2—Bl. Angela of the Cross Guerrero**

8:00 Special Intention  
12:00 Joseph McLarnon R/b the McLarnon Family

**Thursday, March 3—St. Katharine Drexel, Heiress**

8:00 Brice Rowland—First Anniversary R/b Sr. Elizabeth  
12:00 Thomas Zanetti R/b the Zanetti Family

**First Friday, March 4—St. Casimir – Patron of Poland**

8:00 Joseph Caldera R/b the Evanelia Family  
12:00 Intentions of Sandra Giron R/b the Giron Family  
7:00 Margaret Gallagher R/b the Barrett Family

**First Saturday, March 5 – St. John Joseph of the Cross**

8:00 Barbara Sapienza R/b the Dunn Family  
12:00 Souls in Purgatory

4:00 Intentions of Fr. Bryan Adamcik R/b Al and Lenore Villavecchia  
5:00 Fr. Robert Beghammer R/b Joseph and Jaclyn Jaeger

6:00 Josephine Conlon R/b the Conlon Family

**Sunday, March 6 – St. Colette, Virgin - France**

7:30 Rose Rubino R/b Tony and Laura Scott

8:15 People of the Parish

9:30 Joan M. Fryling

10:45 Intentions of Bryan J. McElroy III R/b Family

12:00 Gino Zocco R/b Mike Zocco

6:00 Fred G. Donnelly R/b Tom and Tara Oakley

7:00 Raymond Racioppo R/b Eileen Fallon

**Sanctuary Memorials**

**The Church Sanctuary Lamp** burns this week for the **repose of the soul of Justine Zaconi**, r/b Rae Rinaldi.

**The Convent Sanctuary Lamp** burns this week for the **souls in Purgatory.**

**The St. Joseph Votive Lamp** burns this week for the **repose of the soul of Cleveland Michaels**, r/b Jorden and Renee Pedersen.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp** burns this week for the **repose of the soul of Joseph Neglia**, r/b John Haiduk Family.

**The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp** burns this week for the **intentions of the Fr. Bryan**, r/b OLV staff.

**The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp** burns this week for the **living and deceased members of the Knights of Columbus.**

**Sanctuary Offerings**

The Altar Flowers, Bread and Wine, the BVM Votive Lamp, and St. Joseph Votive Lamp, Pope John Paul Votive Lamp, The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp, the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church and in the Convent can be dedicated on a weekly basis.

**KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS**

1. The Third
2. Fig Leaves
3. Unknown
4. The Temple in Jerusalem
5. Pontus Pilate

**"It is impossible to rightly govern without GOD and the BIBLE." George Washington**

## TEN COMMANDMENTS

Ten Commandments have occupied a predominant place in the catechesis of baptismal candidates and the faithful. This Lent we will present an examination of conscience based on the Ten Commandments so you can prayerfully probe your mind and heart to prepare yourself for the Easter Sacraments and/or Confession/Reconciliation.

I. "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them." [Ex 20:2-5]

**Faith.** Do I nourish and protect my faith with prudence and vigilance, rejecting everything opposed to it? Do I disregard or refuse to accept what God has revealed or the Church teaches? Am I hesitant to believe, unwilling to overcome my objections or anxieties with faith? Is my spiritual laziness making me spiritually blind? Am I incredulous: neglecting revealed truth or refusing to assent to it? Am I heretical? Obstinate in my denial of essential truths or doubtful about them? Am I an apostate: do I repudiate the Christian faith? Am I schismatic: refusing to submit to the Pope or to communion with all the members of the Church subject to him?

**Hope.** Do I despair by not hoping for my personal salvation from God, or by not trying to attain it, or the forgiveness of my sins? Do I reject God's goodness and mercy? Am I guilty of presumption? Do I presume upon my own capacities and try to save myself without God's help? Do I presume upon God's almighty power or mercy, hoping to obtain His forgiveness without conversion and glory without merit?

**Charity.** Am I indifferent, do I neglect or refuse to reflect on divine charity, fail to consider its enduring goodness, deny its power? Am I an ingrate: do I fail or refuse to acknowledge God's charity and return God's love? Am I lukewarm, hesitant or negligent in responding to God's love? Am I a spiritual sloth refusing God's joy and peace? Am I repelled by God's goodness? Do I believe God hates me, or anyone else, which is contrary to God's loving goodness? Do I adore and acknowledge God as the Creator and Savior, the Lord and Master of everything that exists? Do I respect and submit to God and His ways? Do I pray regularly, so as to grow in my relationship with God? Do I pour out my heart with prayers of praise, thanksgiving, intercession and petition? Do I offer my life as a sacrifice to God for all He has given me? Do I seek the truth about God and religion? Do I help make known the truth God has revealed to us, His Church? Do I genuinely respect those of other faiths or different views? Do I respectfully challenge the non-religious or lukewarm? Do I have any non-Christian religious practices or beliefs? Do I believe God, the Church or its sacraments and sacramentals work by magic? Am I overly caught up in the mere external performance of rites and rituals, rather than their deeper meaning? Do I make divine what is merely human? Do I honor or revere creatures in place of God, whether this be gods or demons (for example, Satanism), power, pleasure, race, ancestors, the state, money, horoscopes, astrology, recourse to mediums etc.? Do I test God by putting myself in the path of temptation? Have I been sacrilegious by profaning or treating unworthily the sacraments or other liturgical actions, as well as persons, things, or places consecrated to God? (This is a grave sin especially when committed against the Eucharist.) Have I added to the atheistic tone of today's world by ignoring God or neglecting to include God in my daily life and all my decisions? Do I deny or neglect God's unique place in this world, equating faith and religion with anything else?  
**Next week: more of this "examination of conscience" based on the Ten Commandments.**

"Am I convinced of Christ's love for me and mine for Him? This conviction is the rock on which sanctity is built." **Mother Teresa**

## SCRIPTURE QUESTION

**Who copied and conserved the Bible during the interval between 400 AD & 1440 AD?** The Catholic monks, in many cases, spent their entire lives to give the world personally-penned copies of the Scriptures, before the invention of the printing press. In spite of this, the Catholic Church is accused of having tried to destroy the Bible; had She desired to do so, She had 1500 years in which to do it, and as we can plainly see She has never done so.

## COMMUNION DRESSES/SUITS NEEDED

The First Communion Day of our child is a very special occasion - a day to be celebrated and always remembered! Please help to make another child's First Communion Day one that will be cherished by donating any communion dresses, suits, head pieces or shoes. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Please bring all articles, clean and on hangers, to St. John the Baptist Church Parish Ctr. by March 24th or call Kathy 201-666-4185.

## SAVE THE DATE

The Rosary Society will have their annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, April 24th - the featured speaker will be Full Bird Colonel Fr. Matthew Pawlikowski a priest of the Newark Archdiocese.

## PARKING SPOT

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 me life and give up me Irish Whiskey!" Miraculously, a parking place appeared. Paddy looked up again and said, "Never mind, I found one."

## TRAVELING STATUE

OLV has a traveling statue of the Blessed Mother that can go from home to home so that prayers and rosaries can be said for the good of the people of the parish and the individual family. The statue will "visit" for a week before it will be sent to the next home. Contact the rectory for information or to have your name placed on the list to receive the statue.

## IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

The IRA Charitable Rollover has been passed permanently into law. This law will allow individuals 70½ or older to move up to \$100,000 from their IRAs directly to qualified charities such as OLV parish, without having to pay income taxes on the donated money. For info about how you can benefit from an IRA charitable rollover, call Theresa at (973) 497-4042.

## MOMS, TOTS, & POPS

OLV has a playgroup for infants and children ages 1-5. The group will meet Tuesday mornings from 9:30AM to 11:30AM in the lower church. If you have gently used toys and would like to donate them, please contact samreville@hotmail.com 732-371-8130 or Reneetringali@gmail.com 201-913-2580.

## KIDZ KORNER

1. We are in what Millennium of Christianity?
  2. What did Adam and Eve make their first clothes out of?
  3. How many wise men came to see Baby Jesus?
  4. Where did Jesus get lost when he was twelve years old?
  5. Who was the Roman Governor of Jerusalem when Jesus was a man?
- ANSWERS ON PAGE 4**

**Been taken for granted?  
Imagine how GOD feels!**