

Our Lady of Victories Church

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

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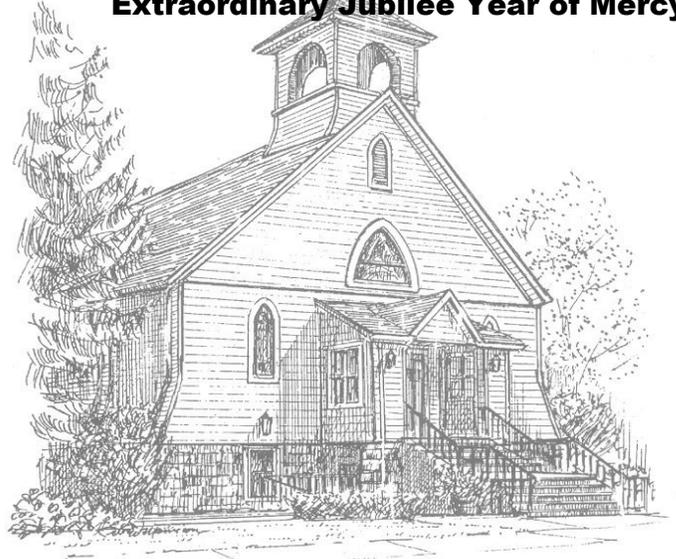
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SUNDAY, April 10, 2016
Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy



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 8:00a.m. & 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, Larry Dolce, 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

YOUR PERSONAL CROSS

We all have crosses, and some we make ourselves. But all of us have a personal cross from God Himself, designed specifically for us. That cross, whether it is physical, mental, spiritual whatever it is, that particular cross is the main reason why you will be holy and it indicates your glory in heaven. Your entire glory in heaven will be dependent on how you carried your cross. We waste a lot of time trying to determine whether our cross is from our neighbor or from the Lord, or from ourselves—what difference does it make? If you've got it, carry it. It's to make you holy. St. Paul says the Leader had to suffer everything in order to teach us. Isn't it strange that He didn't teach us about joy, or health, or happiness? What did He have to teach us? How to suffer and yet you have people today who run as far from suffering as they can, as if it were evil.

Mother Angelica, Little Book of Life Lessons page 41.

VANDALIZED

March 30, 2016 12:58 pm By Robert Spencer

"It's disrespectful to every religion." No, it isn't. It is most likely a member or members of one faith being disrespectful to another. But because the disrespected faith is so very, very solicitous of the likely faith of the perpetrators, no one involved is likely to speak about this honestly — if they ever even realize that the painters wrote "Allah" (الله) at the base of the statue. This one took place on Good Friday, three or four days before another incident of vandalism of a Virgin Mary statue in Massachusetts. Norwood Virgin Mary statue "Virgin Mary statue vandalized at Norwood parish," by Reenat Sinay and Alexandra Koktsidis, Boston Globe, March 27, 2016 : "A statue of the Virgin Mary at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Norwood was vandalized with black spray paint on Good Friday, the most sacred day of the year for Catholics. The body of the statue, which depicts the Blessed Mother with praying hands, was covered in paint. Graffiti was scrawled beneath a plaque that reads "To Jesus Through Mary," on the base of the statue, which stands in a garden outside the parish school. The Rev. Stephen Donohoe, the pastor of St. Catherine, called the incident "a sad act of vandalism," but asked parishioners to pray for whoever defaced the beloved figure. "Please pray for the person or persons who did this." Donohoe said in the statement, released Saturday by the Archdiocese of Boston. "We are reminded never to take the gift and treasure of our faith for granted but to live it and proclaim it every day."

EASTER DUTY

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty), that is the **obligation of receiving the Eucharist for Easter extends to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 22**. No one conscious of committing a serious or mortal sin should receive Holy Communion until they have first gone to the Sacrament of Reconciliation a.k.a. Confession. Confessions are heard EVERY Saturday from 11:00AM to Noon and 3:00-3:25PM, every week-day morning at 7:30AM, and Fridays from 6:30-6:50PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

Who is a True Christian?

This is a true story told by one of the first missionaries to enter Russia: In Russia before the Berlin Wall came down and freedom to worship freely was against the law, many Christians were forced to get together in secret to worship the Lord. One group of Christians were gathered together in a simple house studying the Bible when suddenly the door was thrown open violently and three Russian soldiers burst in with rifles. One of the soldiers bellowed out that anyone who wasn't a Christian could leave immediately but anyone who had come to worship God should stay. After a moment of silence many of the people filed out of the house leaving a few people behind. One of the soldiers closed the door behind them and locked it, and then the soldiers all put down the rifles and explained to the remaining few that they also were Christians but they only wanted to worship with true believers. Could you pass such a test of your faith?

Christ Made Visible

Love is made visible by witnessing for Christ. To love Christ means that we must be in union with Him, a sign of contradiction in our society. To be a sign of contradiction signifies not to compromise with the spirit of evil — the devil, who has always been a rebel — or with the world with all its deceptions, making the path large and easy, but a path which does not lead to heaven. Christ died on the Cross for each of us, and in our adherence to Him, we continue His Passion for the salvation of our brothers and sisters. May the Heart of Jesus incite you to a more heroic witnessing which will inflame the hearts of all men. **Blessed Luigi Novarese**

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, or use the contact page on our website: www.olvknights.org

Additional Easter Flower Memorials

In Memory of Giuseppe Gramuglia & Janet Santiago,

r/b Mr. & Mrs. George Santiago

Mr. & Mrs. James Laughlin, r/b Alfred & Lenore Villavecchia

Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Villavecchia Sr., r/b Alfred & Lenore Villavecchia

In Honor of The Gramuglia Family, r/b Mr. & Mrs. George Santiago

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.

MEMORIALS

There are still some items to memorialized for the church and grounds. pews, pavers and benches. If you are interested please call the rectory.

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.

**Check out OLV's website olvhp.org
and find us on Facebook:
Our Lady of Victories Parish**

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

- Apr 11—Mon—Women of Grace 7:30PM
- Apr 12-Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:15-3:15PM
- Apr 12—Tue—Social Concerns 7:00PM
- Apr 13 -Wed—OLV Bible Study Group
- Apr 13—Wed—OLV Needlers
- Apr 15 —Fri– Adoration from 12:30PM-4:00PM
- April 16- Sat—Confessions 11:00-12:00 Noon 3:00-3:25PM
- Apr 16—Sat—Mass of Anointing 12:00
- Apr 24—Sun—Rosary Society Ladies Breakfast
- May 14—Sat — First Holy Communions
- May 22—Sun—CONFIRMATION -2:00PM
- May 30—Mon—Fr. Innocent CFR First Mass & Reception at OLV-2:00PM

HOMEBOUND

If you or anyone you know is homebound, even for a short duration of time, please contact the parish office so I or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion can be scheduled to bring the Eucharist to the sick and homebound.

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.

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. Refreshments will be served.

Catholic Daughters 2016 Heyliger/Carley Scholarship

The \$1,000.00 Scholarship is opened to any student (female or male) entering a Catholic High School in the Fall of 2016. Details required for entering the essay contest can be found in the CCD office. If you have any questions, please call Renee Tringali at 201-768-0648.

K of C Queen of Peace Scholarships

Queen of Peace Council of the Knights of Columbus, Closter, is accepting applications for the Jim McGahren Memorial Scholarships, form students in the parishes of the Northern Valley. Two scholarships will be awarded, for the 2016/17 academic year; College-\$1000, Catholic High School-\$1000. Applications are available in the rectory or by emailing KofC3679@verizon.net.

Stephanie Cywinski-O'Brien Scholarship Applications - 2016

For the ninth consecutive year, student scholarships are being offered 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 attending a Catholic high school and continuing their education at a Catholic school. Applications and eligibility requirements are available at the parish office. Applications are due April 10 with decisions to be made by April 30.

Grief to Grace—Healing the Wounds of Abuse

A 4-5 day psychological and spiritual journey providing safety and support for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, or sexual abuse or neglect. In childhood, adolescence or as an adult. Visit website www.GriefftoGrace.org or call our hotline 610-203-2002.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the 91 families and individuals who contributed so far to the Living Stones Campaign. There is still time to contribute and out of a parish of 1300 families I would hope that more families would consider donating to this Archdiocesan Campaign. Although it is a four year campaign some families are making one time donations. No donation is too small, and there are additional envelopes at the exits if you misplaced your envelope. Please deposit your Living Stones Campaign in the Collection basket. Thanks, Fr. Bryan

QUESTION?

What is the Ancient Order of Hibernians? The Ancient Order of Hibernians was established in post of the protestant reformation in order to retain the traditional Catholic teachings and culture amidst the persecutions of the English Protestant government and the constant attempt to secularize their people back to the ways of the immoral paganism

Traditionally and historically one of the strictest from among the 2nd and 3rd Orders prior to it's infiltration by the current Cardinal in 2015 This Catholic Society has an interesting history of it's continuity and defense of Traditional Catholicism into NYC from. Particularly a defense against persecution from upholding Sacred Tradition – forced adoption of elements of the heretical religions – and the full scale attack against Catholic property and business owners – which we see today in De Ja Vu fashion as history repeats itself – This societal order – even throughout the past century had it's traditional elite Catholic families assist in protecting families – friends and associates of the order from the abuses of the coming of the new US Catholic Church into traditional Roman Catholicism. "The Ancient Order of Hibernians of the Board of Erin" authorization of a fortress of establishment in NY City 1836. Brothers, Greeting: Be it known that to you and to all whom it may concern that we send to our few brothers in New York full instructions with our authority to establish branches of our society in America. The qualifications for membership must be as follows: All the members must be good Catholics, and Irish or of Irish descent, and of good and moral character, and none of your members shall join any secret societies contrary to the laws of the Catholic Church, and all times and at all places your motto shall be: 'Friendship, Unity, and True Christian Charity' * * *.All from the Catholic Encyclopedia

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Natural Family Planning methods are scientifically proven approaches to help a couple postpone or achieve pregnancy in a way that preserves the true, complete self-gift between husband and wife, the kind of love that brings real, lasting joy and peace. When we embrace God's plan for human sexuality and marriage and follow Jesus, we invite the Holy Spirit into our lives in a powerful way. To learn more, or to hear questions others have asked, please come to an informational session given by the Coordinator of Natural Family Planning for the Family Life Office, Jill Cherrey. May 4, 2016, 7:30-9:00PM, at St. Cassian Church, Upper Montclair.

CCD Corner

During this month, one of our four pillars of learning will focus on the **Beatitudes**. Jesus Christ gave us these eight beautiful ways to live our lives that have been recorded for all posterity in the Gospel of Matthew. The Ten Commandments, given to Moses on Mount Sinai in the Old Testament Book of Exodus, related a series of "Thou shalt not" phrases, evils one must avoid in daily life on earth. In contrast, the message of Jesus found in His **Sermon on the Mount** is one of humility, charity, and brotherly love. He presents the Beatitudes in a positive sense, virtues in life which will ultimately lead to reward. We constantly remind our children that religion is a way of life and that our Catholic faith must be lived daily. **Blest are we for the gift of our children and the wonderful men and women who teach our faith to them!**

EWTN

Did you know that there is a truly Catholic Television Station carried on cable TV? **Channel 73 is EWTN** – Eternal Word Television Network. It was started by a convent of Cloistered Nuns over twenty-five years ago. So if you are tired of the nonsense on regular TV, try channel 73 for a welcome change.

Attn: Harrington Park Residents

Harrington Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps is offering free Blood Pressure screenings at 15 Kline Street on April 16th and 30th from 8:30-9:30am. Stop by and get your baseline—no appointment needed.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the Hardwood High School Basketball team who won 2nd Place in the 2016 CYO Bergen County Varsity Division.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

As you may be aware, The Little Sisters of the Poor <http://www.littlesistersofthepoor.org/> have taken their case to the Supreme Court. See excerpts of an email below from the USCCB giving you more details. Oral arguments have been heard and then a decision is expected by late June. This is one the major cases of the year and so much is at stake that may threaten our religious liberty. The Little Sisters have taken their case to the Supreme Court on March 23. Archbishop William Lori says, "It is simply unreasonable for government to demand that the Sisters violate their consciences and put a wall between their faith and their good works." Pray for the Sisters! Bishop Loverde of the Diocese of Arlington writes to his diocesan family, encouraging them to pray. His words inspire all of us, and he includes an invitation to pray to which all Christians can respond.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society meets every second Sunday of the month for Mass at 9:30a.m., followed by a meeting, bagels and coffee in the lower church. We welcome new members. Did you know that the Holy Name Society is a world-wide Confraternity of the Catholic Church, founded by Pope Gregory and later by Pope Pius IV. Interested? Come down after the 9:30a.m. Mass on Sunday.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent weeks, we have looked at the evolution of how Roman Catholics initiate children into the life of the Church. How did customs evolve in the Eastern Church? At one time, Christians in both East and West preferred to celebrate baptism in a community setting, with large numbers of adults and children initiated at Easter. The two branches of Christianity began to split on the proper time to do this. In the East, water was blessed in abundance on the feast of the Epiphany, which marked, among other things, the baptism of the Lord. Once infant baptism was fixed on that day, local customs marking a birth began to evolve. One celebration was the giving of a name on the eighth day, another was the "purification" of the mother on the fortieth day after birth. In that blessing, re-enacting Mary and Joseph's journey to the temple, the priest took the baby in his arms and placed the child before the altar. Just as Simeon received the child Jesus, so the priest received the new Christian while chanting Simeon's prayer. Later, normally on Epiphany, the priest would baptize, chrismate (confirm), and give a few drops of the Precious Blood to the child in a joyous celebration of the whole community.

Congratulations

Congratulations to parishioner Mark LoSchiavo II, who achieved second honors for the second quarter at Paramus Catholic HS and who also recently became an OLV Knight of Columbus.

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 11– St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 Joan Hill R/b Pat Duggan
12:00 Denise Garolis R/b Bob and Renee Tringali

Tuesday, April 12– St. Julius of Italy - Pope

8:00 Ted Gormley R/b the Gormley Family
12:00 Timothy Pommert R/b Judy Pommert

Wednesday, April 13 – St. Martin I – Pope and Martyr

8:00 Sam Burruano R/b Richard & Peg Harrison
12:00 Maria Hildebrandt R/b the Zaccaro Family

Thursday, April 14 – Sts. Tiburtius, Valerian & Maximus-Martyrs

8:00 Philip Vespucci R/b the Poggi Family
12:00 Kurt Axelsson R/b Andrew and Marcia Oakes

Friday, April 15–St. Paternus, Bishop

8:00 Jack O'Mara R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico
12:00 Intentions of Sean Bolton R/b the Bolton Family

Saturday, Apr. 16–St. Benedict Joseph Labre of France-Mendicant

8:00 Intentions of John and Carole Deignan R/b Joe and Johanna Healy
12:00 Richard Fabiano R/b George and Gail Fabiano

4:00 Edward Pavlu R/b the Kip Family

5:00 Dan Walters R/b Bob and Rosemarie Murphy
6:00 Intentions of Ray and Ann Palladino R/b Family

Sunday, April 17 – St. Stephen Harding of England

7:30 Joan M. Fryling R/b OLV CCD
8:15 People of the Parish

9:30 William Tristano R/b Josephine Tristano

10:45 Wilma Longo R/b the Bentivegna Family

12:00 Mary Muggeo R/b Bob and Sue Muggeo

6:00 Sam Napolitano R/b Mike and Maria Hellrigel

7:00 John J. Dunn Sr.–1st Anniversary R/b Ann Bartolomeo and Family

Sanctuary Memorials

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the **repose of the soul of Stan Pniewski**, r/b Ron and Adele Filippone.

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 souls of Bob and Mary Kaiser**, r/b Bob and Dianne Kaiser.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the **repose of the soul of John J. Dunn Sr.–1st Anniversary**, r/b Anna Bartolomeo.

The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp burns for the **souls in Purgatory.**

The Hosts and Wine used at Mass this week have been donated in **memory of Bernadette Mills**, r/b Bob Skok.

MOMS, TOTS, & POPS

OLV has a playgroup for infants and children ages 1-5. The group meets 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.

OLV Prayer Power House

Become one of our prayer team members. There are no meetings, so this apostolate is wonderful for all, including those parishioners who are homebound. For more information, please phone Maria at the rectory.

Presto's Pizza

Presto's Pizza in Harrington Park will make a donation to OLV any time you patronize the restaurant and mention you are an OLV parishioner!

OPEN HOUSE

Don Bosco Prep, Thursday, April 14, 6:30-8:30PM for prospective students and their families. Register online at www.donboscoprep.org under "Admissions." For more info' email admissions@donboscoprep.org or call 201-327-8003.

Saint Joseph Regional H.S., Wednesday, May 4, 6:30-9:00PM, for prospective students (6th ,7th and 8th grade boys) and their families. SJR students will provide tours starting promptly at 6:30PM. For more info' and directions call 201-391-3300 or pre-register at www.sjrnj.org

God Calling: Your Great Reward

You pray for Faith, and you are told to do so. But I make provision in the House of My Abiding for those who turn toward Me and yet have weak knees and hearts that faint. Be not afraid. I am your God, Your Great Reward. Yours to look up and say, "All is well."

I am your Guide. Do not want to see the road ahead. Go just one step at a time. I very rarely grant the long vista to My disciples, especially in personal affairs, for one step at a time. I very rarely grant the long vista to My disciples, especially in personal affairs, for one step at a time is the best way to cultivate Faith.

You are in uncharted waters. But the Lord of all Seas is with you, the Controller of all Storms is with you. Sing with joy. You follow the Lord of Limitations, as well as the God in whose service is perfect freedom.

He, the God of the Universe, confined Himself within the narrow limits of a Baby-form and, in growing Boyhood and young Manhood, submitted to your human limitations, and you have to learn that your vision and power, boundless as far as spiritual things are concerned, must in temporal affairs submit to limitations too.

But I am with you. It was when the disciples gave up effort after a night of fruitless fishing that I came and the nets broke with the overabundance of supply.

The Bible remains open in my home because the Word of God is Spirit. Each day, I place my hands on the Bible and pray: "Lord, I place my hands upon Your Word. I ask You to imprint Your Word upon my heart and give me wisdom to understand it and the grace to live it. Take my life Lord, this day and everyday of my life, lead me in the path of Light and righteousness so that I may be Yours now and forever."

VACATION

Shopping for vacation clothes, my husband and I passed a display of bathing suits. It had been at least ten years and twenty pounds since I had even considered buying a bathing suit, so I sought my husband's advice. "What do you think?" I asked. 'Should I get a bikini or an all-in-one?' 'Better get a bikini,' he replied. 'You'd never get it all in one.' He's still in intensive care.

Marriage Encounter

Think of how tired, discouraged and frustrated the apostles must have been in the Gospel reading today. Then Jesus shows up and tells them to try one more time. Because they were willing and obedient, Jesus blessed them abundantly. It works the same way in our own lives today; if we trust in Jesus and do what He tells us to do we will receive His abundant blessings! Allow the grace of God to strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage relationship! For more information contact Mike and Janet Turco at 973 427-7016 or 609 335- 6880 or email njwwme@peoplepc.com **Military families**, are you getting ready to deploy? Is your family trying to reconnect after deployment? Marriage Encounter offers tools of communication that have kept many military marriages strong and happy through out the ups and downs of military service. Contact your local chaplain or call 973 427-7016or 609 335- 6880 for more information.

Christians Genocide

An Iraqi Priest—Whose Church Was Bombed—Begs U.S. to Call Slaughter of Christians Genocide by **Lauretta Brown, CNS News, March 12, 2016**

Chaldean Catholic priest Father Douglas Bazi spoke at the National Press Club Thursday calling on the U.S. State Department to recognize the genocide of Christians in the Middle East at the hands of ISIS.

"I'm begging here—begging people of America to recognize it as a genocide," he said.

Bazi, a parish priest in Erbil, Iraq, who was also born and raised in Iraq, described the persecution he and his parishioners have faced there. "Genocide' is a polite word. Can we think of another word to fit what happened to my people?" he told those gathered. "We are not talking about persecution just like stories." He says he is often asked by Americans how life is in Iraq. "There is no life in Iraq for my people," he said. "They call my church the church of martyrs or the church of blood."

"My church in Baghdad been blowed up, blowed up in front of me," Bazi said. "I survived twice. They bombed my car. I got shot in my leg by an AK-47. "I was kidnapped for nine days. They used the hammer to broke my teeth, my nose, and my back," Bazi said, adding that he still keeps the shirt he was kidnapped in, holding it up for reporters to see faded blood stains.

"I look to my blood every day, and I remember and this is what happen to my people every day," Bazi said. "I'm lucky. I still look to my blood and remember, but what about my people? They don't have any chance more to talk about our stories. "I'm here to tell you that my people, they feel that we are forgotten and we are alone," Bazi said. "My people need a future," he said. "I'm begging here—begging people of America to recognize it as a genocide." A comprehensive report documenting eyewitness accounts of Christians who have been killed, kidnapped, raped, or sold into slavery at the hands of ISIS was presented to the State Department on Wednesday. Knights of Columbus CEO Carl Anderson announced its release at the National Press Club event Thursday.

PRAY for THOSE in the MILITARY

- Lieutenant Julia H. Cheringal, US Navy;
- Lieutenant Ben Clemente, US Army;
- Midshipman Jon Clemente, US Navy;
- 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;
- Lieutenant John G. Miele, US Army.

CLOTHING BINS

Through the turbulence of your many demands, would you be willing to take a few minutes to gather your unwanted clothing and shoes to help Catholic Charities? Please drop them in the Catholic Charities donation bin located on the Church grounds. Your donations help Catholic Charities and Mt. Carmel Guild. Thank you.

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