

Our Lady of Victories Church

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

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Sunday, August 14, 2016 A.D.

Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, August 15, 2016

MASSES FOR THE HOLY DAY

8AM, 10AM, 12Noon and 7PM



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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**: Br. Pius, Joseph Accardi, Maria Aleman, William Biasi, Terry Boyle, Michael Conmy, Edward Cornell, Kamal Faris, Thomas Haring, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Jamie & Kerrie Lein, Joseph LoVecchio, Teresa Meierdierks, Ken Mosier, Kathleen Musante, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Danny Rizzi, Ginny Romeo, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Cookie & George Rush, Cynthia Simonelli, Mildred Speck, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Jim Walsh, Darien Wesler, Al Wiese, Marian Zanetti, Elaine Zito.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

“You want to know on what our faithfulness is founded? I would say, in broad outline, that it is based on loving God, which makes us overcome all kinds of obstacles: selfishness, pride, tiredness, impatience ... A man in love tramples on his own self. He is aware that even when he is loving with all his soul, he isn't yet loving enough.”

St. Jose Maria Escriva **THE FORGE** pg 203

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL COOP TEST

In order to apply to the 32 Catholic high schools in the four counties within the Archdiocese of Newark, students in the 8th grade must take the 2017 COOP Exam. The exam will be given on Friday, November 11, 2016. For additional information, please call 1-888-921-2667 or visit www.coopexam.org.

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

This sacrament is offered EVERY Saturday from 11:00AM to Noon and 4:00-4:30PM. Every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 7:30AM as well as every First Friday at 7:00PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

WE ARE AT WAR

Dear Parents, not only are we at war in the Middle East; we are in a spiritual battle for the souls of our children each and every day. On Tuesday afternoons from 2:00PM-3:00PM we have a group who are praying the **Mary - Mother of All Nations Novena** to help win this war – come join us in this crucial battle. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

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. Every Thursday evening we at OLV try to fulfill this request by having a Holy Hour from 7-8PM. Join us in carrying out Jesus' request.

STEWARDSHIP

MY FAMILY – MY PARISH – MY RESPONSIBILITY

If you are away for the weekend or are on vacation, please mail Your Weekly Offering to the Rectory. **Our expenses continue even in your absence.**

APOLOGETICS

Defend your Catholic Faith but first learn more about it. Visit www.biblechristiansociety.com to learn more about Roman Catholicism.

ATTEND THE HOLY HOUR

Why don't you stop by the Church on Thursday evenings at 7PM and **bask in the brilliant rays of our Eucharistic Lord.**

“Mary, Queen of light, light the souls of sinners. Sunday is the property of our good God; it is his own day, the Lord's day.”

Saint John Vianney

AUGUST 15

THE ASSUMPTION

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, IS THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION.

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QUESTION?

What is Mortal Sin? Mortal sin is a grievous offense against the law of God. A willful thought, desire, word, action or omission, in serious violation of law, is a mortal sin. Examples of a mortal sin are blasphemy, willful murder, adultery, arson, robbery, etc. Each mortal sin we commit is a three-fold insult to Almighty God: it insults by rebellion or disobedience, by ingratitude, and by contempt.

What three things are necessary to make a sin mortal?

To make a sin mortal these three things are needed: first, the thought, desire, word, action, or omission must be seriously wrong or considered seriously wrong; second, the sinner must be mindful of the serious wrong; third, the sinner must fully consent

What is Venial Sin? Venial sin is a less serious offense against the law of God, which does not deprive the soul of sanctifying grace, and which can be pardoned even without sacramental confession.

A COURAGEOUS CHOICE

2000 years ago, an angel announced the pregnancy of a young unmarried girl. The courageous choice made by that young woman to give birth in difficult circumstances, supported by a man named Joseph, still stands as a model of God's way to handle unplanned pregnancy.

SUNDAY ATTIRE

People generally have no real problem wearing proper clothing when entering places that demand such attire. Would you ever consider attending a formal dinner or a wedding dressed in a tee shirt and shorts, or a tank top and swimming trunks? Why be rebellious in God's house?

Do You Have a First Grader?

Time to register for CCD! Please call the CCD Office at 201-768-1400 or email olvhpccd@gmail.com for a registration form and information. Classes begin in September.

FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORES

IN HIGH SCHOOL

If you are in high school and have not made your Confirmation and would like to — you must be registered ASAP. See or call Deacon Al.

Sanctuary Offerings

Mass intentions for the living and the deceased are available for 2017 at Our Lady of Victories Church and Convent. The Altar Flowers, Bread and Wine and the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church and in the Convent can be dedicated on a weekly basis. **The offering for ALL MASSES throughout the Archdiocese is \$10.**

F Y I

**Catholics go to Mass each and every Sunday.
To miss Mass is a MORTAL SIN.**

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Aug 15—Mon—Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Aug 16 -Tue—Moms, Pops and Tots 9:30-11:30
Aug 16 -Tue—Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
Aug 17 - Wed—OLV Needlers 6:30PM
Aug 19 -Fri— Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM
Aug 20 - Sat—Confessions 11:00-12:00Noon 3:00-3:25PM
Aug 20 -Sat—AA basement of Church 6:30-8:30PM

PRAY for THOSE in the MILITARY

Lieutenant Julia H. Cheringal, US Navy;
Lieutenant Ben Clemente, US Army;
Ensign 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;
Lieutenant John G. Miele, US Army.

THE ASSUMPTION

August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption. It is the oldest exclusively Marian feast, and her most important day. It is Mary's "Easter". In the Western (Latin) Church it is the only Marian Feast with a vigil Mass; in the Eastern Churches, it is preceded by a two-week Lent-style fast. Although the Church believed in Mary's Assumption since the 5th century, it was not until 1950 that it was universally declared a dogma of the Church. We may never know which came first, the chicken or the egg; perhaps it is not even that important. However, on certain Marian Feasts, like Mary's Assumption into Heaven, we can easily stray into heresy if we do not know who came first; Mary the Mother or Jesus Christ the Son. The Feast of the Assumption commemorates Mary's entrance, body and soul, into heaven. An awesome event which was made possible because Jesus Christ rose from the dead and ascended into heaven! Mary's assumption into heaven is the result or fruit of her Son's Death, Resurrection and Ascension. As the Preface on Christ's Ascension says, "Where Christ has gone, we hope to follow." So why should we doubt that Mary, who was born without Original Sin, now enjoys this hope, and is already in heaven? To the Eastern Churches, this feast is called the "Dormition" or "Falling Asleep" of Mary. Since Mary was free from original sin, she did not have to suffer the worst consequence of Original Sin – Death. According to Eastern Tradition, at the end of Mary's earthly journey, Mary "fell asleep" and was taken body and soul into heaven. An ancient legend about St. Thomas the Apostle, a.k.a. Doubting Thomas, concerns this feast. According to Scripture, St. Thomas did not believe in the Resurrection until he saw the Risen Lord and probed his hand in Jesus' nail prints in his hands, feet and side. According to legend, Thomas would not believe that Mary was assumed into heaven until Mary dropped her belt from heaven to prove that she was "up there". Legends aside, why should WE doubt that Mary is in heaven. This is exactly what Jesus promised to all who follow His Way, and trust in God, and place their lives in His Father's Hands. Mary's Assumption is important and comforting to us because it shows what Jesus promised, what Jesus has done for His Mother, and what He will do for each of us – His faithful people.

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.

There is no distinctly Native American criminal class . . .
save government. **Mark Twain**

*****PUT THIS DATE ASIDE*****

Sunday SEPTEMBER, 25, OLV will be having our Parish Picnic. More info' to Come.

GOING ON VACATION

Visit www.masstimes.org for the locations of Catholic Churches and a Mass schedule, throughout the USA.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE AREA?

If you are, why not join our ever-growing Parish family. Stop by the Rectory any weekday and meet Maria and register to become a member of the OLV Family. Census forms are also located in the Church vestibule.

CCD TEACHERS NEEDED!

With summer nearly half over, we are in the process of finalizing our CCD Teacher assignments. For our Sunday classes we need one 4th Grade and one 8th Grade teacher. For our Monday afternoon classes we need one 2nd Grade, 7th Grade and 8th Grade teacher. Please consider sharing your faith with our children. If you can help us, please call Deacon Al at the rectory or email him at deaconalatlolv@gmail.com. Thank you!

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

"Healing the Pain of Abortion" ... September 9-11, 2016 at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, Kearny, NJ. Cost: \$150 (Incl. all materials and meals). For information call Cheryl Riley 973-497-4350 or email rileyche@rcan.org. All calls/emails confidential.

Relevant Radio—1430 AM

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

CLOTHING BINS

Summertime is a time to relax. During this leisure time, would you be willing to go through your closets to get rid of all those unwanted heavy winter clothes and shoes which served you so well during the winter season? Please donate them to the Catholic Charities bin located on the Church grounds. Thank you for helping Catholic Charities continue its mission.

LEARN TO KNIT/CROCHET

The OLV Catholic Daughters meets every Wednesday evening in the rectory and will teach you to knit or crochet. For more information, contact Renee Tringali at 201-768-0648.

FRIDAY ADORATION

Just a reminder we have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays after Noon Mass until 3:00PM. So stop by and adore our Eucharistic Lord.

RELIGIOUS ED (CCD) REGISTRATION

Registration forms for Religious Ed were sent out. It is important that you return your registration forms ASAP so we can order supplies for the Fall.

SAVE USED EYEGLASSES

The Knights of Columbus collects used and old eyeglasses for the less fortunate. Any old or "retired" glasses may be left in the atrium of the Church.

PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE

The following is the philosophy of Charles Schultz, the creator of the 'Peanuts' comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just read straight through, and you'll get the point.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners. How did you do?

The point is, none of us remembers the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners .

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with. Easier? The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones who care.

JOIN OLV Power House PRAYER GROUP

This prayer group is one that each and every parishioner could and should join - even children can become members. A person who joins is given a couple of names of sick, dying or injured individuals who need prayers. Each and every day you then pray for the people. It is that easy and simple so 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 information, phone Maria at the rectory.

PRAYER FOR OVERWHELMED

All loving, gentle God, I sometimes feel overwhelmed with daily life and all that it may bring. I believe that you are always there for me. Help me to trust more in Your Presence. Give me the strength and courage I need to face my life with confidence in Your Presence and love. Through Your grace, may I open my hands, release the cares I feel, and the troubles I face, and let them go to You. My loving God, I believe You will take my cares and troubles to Yourself. Help me free myself from all of life's anxiety and fear. I love You, my God. Let me feel the comfort of Your love, the warmth of Your embrace and the healing power of Your gentle touch. My Lord and my God, I place my life completely in Your hands. Amen.

ANNOYING HABIT

A couple of aunts of mine had the annoying habit of coming up to me at weddings, poking me in the ribs and cackling, "You're next!" They stopped after I started doing the same to them at funerals.

F Y I

If you have children, pharmacists recommend that no medicine cabinet or home be complete without:
1) liquid Benadryl – for allergic reactions.
2) Ipecac* – to combat accidental poisoning – *only use after calling the poison control hotline 1-800-962-1253, and they inform you to administer it.

Mass Intentions

- Monday, August 15– Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 8:00 Intentions of Mary Ann Moeser R/b Bolton Family
 10:00 Robert G. Thomson R/b Anne Thomson
 12:00 Rev. Zachary H. Monet, O.Carm. R/b Pat Consoli
 7:00 Kevin Lagatol R/b the Lagatol Family
- Tuesday, August 16 -St. Stephen – King of Hungary**
 8:00 Intentions of Mike Hellrigel R/b Joan Crowley
 12:00 Paul Meierdierks R/b Teresa Meierdierks
- Wednesday, August 17–St. Hyacinth of Silesia, Poland-Priest**
 8:00 Dick Van Antwerp R/b Joe Tobia
 12:00 Michael Giotta—3rd Anniversary R/b the Giotta Family
- Thursday, August 18 – St. Helena, Widow**
 8:00 Kathy Kruimer R/b Peter and Eileen Kruimer
 12:00 Manuel Llaguno Sr. R/b Minene Pacia
- Friday, August 19– St. John Eudes of France-Priest**
 8:00 Sandy Rogozinski R/b Tony and Laura Scott
 12:00 In thanksgiving R/b George and Gail Fabiano
- Saturday, August 20-St. Bernard of Burgundy, France-Abbot**
 8:00 Intentions of Melissa Parlanti Klein R/b Esty Parlanti
 12:00 Theresa Corcoran
 4:00 Jennie Bertoglio R/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi
 5:00 Sam and Clare Burrmano R/b Mark and Carol Kiernan
- Sunday, August 21 – St. Pius X, Pope**
 7:30 Sam Burrmano R/b the Zanetti Family
 8:15 Lilia Rosa Viego
 9:30 George Smith R/b Helen Smith
 10:45 Maria Mattesich R/b the Izzo Family
 12:00 Thomas Zanetti R/b the Zanetti Family
 1:00 Jack Rush R/b Andrew and Janine Risch
 6:00 James McConnell R/b Peter and Eileen Kruimer
 7:00 People of the Parish

Sanctuary Memorials

- The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the **repose of the soul of Marie Dolan**, r/b the Juliano Family.
- The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the **repose of the soul of Margarita Bernardo**, r/b Lenore Mariano.
- The St. Joseph Votive Votive Lamp burns this week for the **unemployed.**
- The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp burns for the **intentions of the men and women who serve in defense of our country.**

JUST A REMINDER

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.

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THE FAMILY

A hectic family life can be hazardous to a Christian family. Is life so rushed that you don't have time to be a Good Samaritan? We will be judged by our compassion, not by how much we accomplish each day.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. 30 years. 2. 33 years. 3. The Wedding in Cana. 4. Mary. 5. Yes.
Feed your faith and your fears will starve.

ASSUMPTION OF MARY

The Catholic Church teaches that Mary, "when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory." (CCC 966) We call it the Assumption. This dogma of the Church was pronounced definitively by Pope Pius XII in 1950. Where is the evidence for this? In the liturgy for the Assumption, we read from Revelation 12 where St. John talks about the woman "clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars" and how she "had a place prepared by God."

The Catechism says that "The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians." (CCC 966) In other words, Mary, as the first Christian, is rightly the first to participate in the resurrection of the body that we believe we will all participate in. This is not something that Mary did on her own. She did not ascend into Heaven. She couldn't. Rather, our loving God saw fit to reward the Mother of God "so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." (CCC 966)

Catholics believe that the Blessed Virgin Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven. The Catechism of the Catholic Church in paragraph 966 says that the Assumption is "a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians." But where do we find evidence of this belief?

Interestingly, perhaps the most convincing evidence for the Assumption is actually a lack of physical evidence. What do I mean by that? In short, the bones of Mary are nowhere to be found. Why is this important?

In ancient times, the bones of saints and martyrs were closely guarded and highly prized. With many, there are great churches and shrines built over the final resting places of these holy people. If this is the case, then how much more venerated would be the bones of the Mother of God? Yet no church claims to have them. Why? Because they are nowhere to be found on earth. Mary is now in heaven "exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things." (CCC 966)

WHO IS RIGHT?????

Jehovah's Witness' have been known to say that God's name is Jehovah. Is this true? The Hebrew name for God, as given in the Book of Exodus, is Yahweh. Ancient Hebrew did not have written vowels; therefore, the name looked like this: YHWH. The four letters of the sacred Name are known as the tetragrammaton. In German, Y can be replaced by J and W by V, so that it would come out thus: JHVH. When certain vowels are inserted, "Jehovah" emerges. However, the substitutions are shaky, and the best proof that the whole process is faulty is that Jews today know the Lord's Name as Yahweh, not Jehovah.

WORK FOR THE LORD

Become a Priest or Religious Brother or Sister. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low, **BUT** the retirement benefits are out of this world. For information see Fr. Bryan or call the Vocations Office at 973-497-4365.

IT'S IN THE BIBLE

The phrase "A *bottomless pit*," referring to a hole so deep and dark it seems to go on and on, comes to us from Revelations 9:1.

"One of the best ways to persuade others is with your ears – by listening to them." **Dean Rusk**

Volunteers Needed—Life Source Hospice

Life Source Hospice is seeking volunteers to be part of our elderly patients' end-of-life care. Volunteers provide patients throughout Bergen County with companionship by sitting, listening and praying with them. Volunteers determine their own schedules and can visit on evenings and weekends. Most volunteers donate 2 hours a week of their time for a minimum of one year. Volunteers receive ongoing hospice training and support by experienced hospice professionals. For more information, contact Life Source Hospice 201-967-4313 or kiplifsourcehospice@yahoo.com.

THINK ABOUT IT

- Money will buy a bed, but not sleep.
- Money will buy books, but not brains.
- Money will buy food, but not an appetite.
- Money will buy finery, but not beauty.
- Money will buy a house, but not a home.
- Money will buy medicine, but not health.
- Money will buy luxuries, but not culture.
- Money will buy amusement, but not happiness.
- Money will buy one a religion, but not salvation.

Two Beggars

Two beggars were sitting side-by-side on a street in Rome. One has a cross in front of him; the other one, the Star of David. Many people go by and look at both beggars, but put money only in the hat of the beggar sitting behind the cross. The Pope comes by, stops and watches throngs of people giving money to the beggar behind the cross, but giving none to the beggar sitting behind the Star of David.

Finally, the Pope goes over to the beggar behind the Star of David and says, "My poor fellow, don't you understand? This is a Catholic country; this city is the seat of Catholicism. People aren't going to give money if you sit there with a Star of David in front of you, especially when you're sitting beside a beggar who has a cross in front of him. In fact, they would probably give money to him just out of spite." The beggar behind the Star of David listened to the Pope, turned to the other beggar with the cross and said, "Moishe, look who's trying to teach the Goldstein brothers about marketing."

GOING TO HEAVEN

Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and asks the first man he meets, "Do you want to go to heaven?" The man said, "I do, Father." The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall." Then the priest asked the second man, "Do you want to go to heaven?" "Certainly, Father," the man replied. "Then stand over there against the wall," said the priest. Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and asked, "Do you want to go to heaven?" O'Toole said, "No, I don't Father." The priest said, "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?" O'Toole said, "Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now."

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

Am I doing my share to financially support MY parish?
In this day and age is MY parish offering a realistic one?

KIDZ KORNER

1. How old was Jesus when He started His ministry in Israel?
2. How old was Jesus when He was imprisoned and crucified?
3. Where did Jesus perform His first miracle?
4. Who was taken up to Heaven on the Assumption?
5. According to Tradition, was Mary an only child?

Answers on page four.

Believe in miracles.