

# 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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## Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, Oh Lord.

### Those Born to Eternal Life November 2015 – Present

This is a list of parishioners who have gone to their eternal reward since last ALL SOULS DAY. Please pray for them and for those they have left behind.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Clark

Elizabeth Torre

Michael Edgar Keene

John T. O'Neill

Robert Pepe Jr.

Anna M. Grassi

Anna Bischoff

Margaret Siegel

Barbara Hartman

Lorraine Savery

Dorothea McDonough

James C. Plunkett

Kevin W. Hay

Kathleen Dolan-Giorgini

Cleveland A. Michaels

Charles Orlando

Anthony J. Mazzella

Connie Mary Corio

Marie Franco

Margaret D'Annunzio

Veronica Haskell

June Greene

Mario Gobetti

Helen Moderacki

William J. Adamcik

Rita D. Fanelli

Spiro Mifsud

Ida M. Boyhan

Terence Boyle

Alice Harloe

Richard Harrison

Alfred Wiese

Elizabeth Pfeiffer

Johanna C. Gastauer

Sara Romanelli

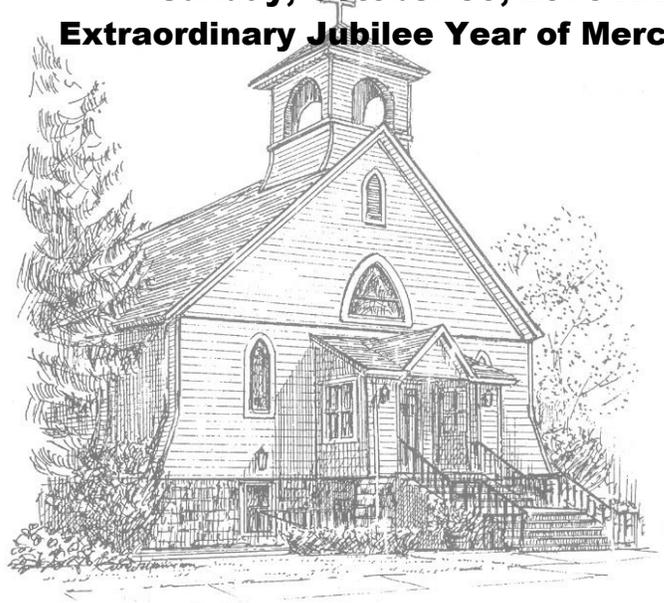
## NOVEMBER 2

## ALL SOULS DAY

Masses on WEDNESDAY at 8AM, 12Noon, 5:30PM (Latin) & 7PM.

Special ALL SOULS MASS for these individuals will be held on Wednesday, November 2, at 7:00PM.

Sunday, October 30, 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: 4:00pm, 5:00pm

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

9:30am, 10:45am, 12:00pm,

1:00pm (Spanish)

6:00pm & 7:00pm

Weekdays: M-Sat 8:00a.m. & 12:00noon



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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, John Bolger, Michael Conmy, Lizette Donnelly, Ellen Dunn, Catherine Fallon, Kamal Faris, Kathy Freeburn, Thomas Haring, Marianne Harkins, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Michael Lawten, Jamie & Kerrie Lein, Joseph LoVecchio, Anne Matthaehi, Teresa Meierdierks, Kathleen Musante, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Danny Rizzi, Ginny Romeo, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Cookie & George Rush, Cynthia Simonelli, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Jim Walsh, Darien Wesler, Marian Zanetti, Elaine Zito.

### **SPIRITUAL EXCERPT PURGATORY**

**G**od created me to go to Heaven. His mercy allows me to go to Purgatory. Purgatory is a place of love unfulfilled. You found out at judgment how much God loves you and how you failed to respond. Purgatory is not a place of despair and regret—at that point you're very sorry for all the opportunities that passed you by. You're also very grateful that God had such mercy on you. The inability to be with God is the greatest pain in Purgatory, because that's all you really want. The good news is, eventually, you'll get to Him; there is an end to Purgatory. I've always thought that life is full of enough tiny things and big things to purify us. I never did believe that everybody was ultimately destined for Purgatory. Many of the people in Purgatory have high degrees of union with God in Heaven once they're released. In other words, it doesn't mean that because you went to Purgatory your degree of holiness is less. Some of them are destined for great, high degrees of glory. There is true joy in Purgatory. I am justly punished and chastised there. I have seen God and I know that I am on my way. It may take me a while, but I know I'll see Him.

**Mother Angelica, *Little Book of Life Lessons* page 216**

### **ALL SAINTS**

In designating one day on our calendar for all Saints, the Church chooses a time to honor our heroes – the men and women whose example we admire and wish to imitate. Coming near the end of the Church year, the solemnity of All Saints invites us into the mystery of death and the promise of eternal salvation. An early tradition placed the feast on May 13. Pope Boniface IV (himself a saint) began the celebration in Rome. On that date in 609, he dedicated a very old building in Rome as a new church. The Pantheon had been built to honor all the pagan gods, but Pope Boniface rededicated the building as a Christian Church in the seventh century. He brought the relics of the martyrs from the catacombs to this famous public place of worship. The parade of martyrs' relics changed the Pantheon from a place for worship of all the pagan gods to a place which honored Mary and all the Christian Saints and in turn the one Christian God. Eventually, the idea of a feast of All Saints was transferred to November 1, near the end of the Church year. The Church honors many Saints with a day of their own on the general liturgical calendar, but there are more Saints than days in the year. Since Vatican II, the number of individuals canonized as Saints had multiplied considerably. Although we do not celebrate all their names on specified dates in all our church throughout the year, we do gather them as one on this day. Unfortunately, secular tradition has turned the eve of All Saints into a kind of anti-festival, a night when heroes of the underworld take command.

**Life has many choices.  
Eternity has two.  
What's yours?**

## **NOVEMBER 1**

### **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, is a Holy Day.

It is the Feast **ALL SAINTS**.

Masses are: MONDAY at 5:30 and 7:00PM.

TUESDAY 6:30AM, 8:00AM, 12:00Noon,  
3:30PM, 5:00PM and 7:00PM

### **Are YOU Doing YOUR Part to Help THE SOULS in PURGATORY??**

It is very possible that some of our own nearest and dearest ones are still suffering the excruciating pains of Purgatory and are calling to us for help and relief. There is no hunger, no thirst, no poverty, no need, no pain, no suffering to compare with what the souls in Purgatory endure. How YOU can help these souls: **1. Have Masses offered for them. 2. Make the Stations of the Cross. 3. Recite the Rosary. 4. Offer up all your pain and sufferings for the relief of Souls.**

### **ALL SOULS INTENTIONS**

We are asking that your ALL SOULS INTENTION ENVELOPES be returned to the rectory as soon as possible in order that we may place the intentions and names on the altar on ALL SOULS DAY and for the following nine days for the ALL SOULS NOVENA. The envelope intentions will remain on the altar for the entire month of November, which is dedicated to the POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY.

### **DID YOU KNOW????**

Graffiti made by early Christians in the catacombs of Rome, asked that Christians, who passed by, pray for their deceased relatives. But there is no point in praying for those in Heaven who are already in the presence of the Almighty, nor is there any point in praying for those consigned to all eternity in Hell, from which there is no return. These early Christians believed that the souls of the departed were in an intermediate place awaiting entrance into Heaven – Purgatory.

### **QUESTION?**

**Why do Catholics believe in a place between Heaven and Hell called Purgatory?** The main body of Christians have always believed in the existence of a place between Heaven and Hell where souls go to be punished for lesser sins and to repay the debt of temporal punishment for sins which have been forgiven. Even after Moses was forgiven by God, he was still punished for his sin. (2 Samuel 12:13-14). The primitive Church Fathers regarded the doctrine of Purgatory as one of the basic tenets of the Christian faith. St. Augustine, one of the greatest doctors of the Church, said the doctrine of Purgatory "has been received from the Fathers and is observed by the Universal Church."

### **SPECIAL ADORATION**

This Friday is First Friday. Besides the regular Masses and Devotions, there will be ALL NIGHT ADORATION from Friday Nov 4 into the morning of Saturday Nov 5. This adoration will be for the intentions that our country will elect a pro-life President as well as pro-life senators and representatives.

### **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.**

# Well done is better than well said.

## Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Oct 30-Sun-Jr. Youth Group 6:00PM-7:30PM—OLV Gym  
 Nov 1 -Tue—Moms, Pops and Tots 11:30AM-1:30PM \* *New Time!*  
 Nov 1-Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM  
 Nov 2—Wed—Bible Study Group—10:00AM  
 Nov 2 - Wed—OLV Needlers 6:30PM  
 Nov 4 -Fri– Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM  
 Nov 4 - Fri- Confessions 7:00-7:25PM  
 Nov 4 - Fri- Mass 7:30PM followed by Sacred Heart Devotions  
 Nov 4—Fri—All night adoration for the intentions of our country  
 Nov 5 - Sat—Confessions 11:00-12:00Noon & 3:00-3:25PM  
 Nov 5 -Sat—AA - lower Church 6:30-8:30PM  
 Nov 12—Sat—Sr. Youth Group  
 Nov 13-Sun-Jr. Youth Group 6:00PM-7:30PM  
 Nov 19/20—Sat/Sun—Catholic Daughters Christmas Gift Sale  
 Feb 4—Sat—10AM—First Confession  
 Apr 2– Sun—Rosary Breakfast  
 May 21—Sun- 2:00PM -Confirmation

## 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;  
 Major 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;  
 2nd Lieutenant Gigi McElroy, US Army;  
 Colonel John McLaughlin, US Army;  
 Lieutenant John G. Miele, US Army.

## CATHOLIC HS CO-OP TEST

In order to apply to the 32 Catholic high schools in the four counties within the Archdiocese of Newark, students in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade must take the 2017 COOP Exam. The exam will be given on Friday, November 11, 2016. For more info, visit [www.coopexam.org](http://www.coopexam.org).

## DID YOU KNOW???

Emperor Charles V (1500-1558) of the Holy Roman Empire, (the father of the great King Philip II of Spain) left nearly his entire fortune to the work of the Catholic Church. With one provision: the priests of the realm would offer thirty thousand Masses for the repose of his soul.

## QUESTION?

"Is it ever licit for a Catholic to vote for a pro-abortion candidate. Is it ever valid?" **"No. You can never vote for someone who favors absolutely the right of a woman to destroy a human life in her womb. Where you don't have any candidate who is proposing to eliminate all abortion [voters may] choose the candidate who will most limit this grave evil in our country. But you could never justify voting for a candidate who not only does not want to limit abortion but believes that it should be available to everyone."**

**Cardinal Raymond Burke**  
 Prefect of the Apostolic Signatura

## VOTE

BEFORE YOU VOTE CHECK OUT THESE SITES

[www.catholicvote.com](http://www.catholicvote.com)  
[www.catholicnight.com](http://www.catholicnight.com)

# PLEASE OBEY PARKING LAWS

**One cannot park in a crosswalk or block a driveway.**  
**One needs to park 25 feet from a crosswalk or corner.**  
**One needs to park 50 feet from a stop sign.**  
**Parking is prohibited on Harriot Ave between Elliot and Lynn.**

## FOOD DRIVE

During the months of **October and November** we have been asked to help restock the area food banks. So please bring your donation to the church vestibule or leave them at the rectory garage.

## 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.

## CONVALIDATION

Were you married civilly by a mayor or justice of the peace and would now like to be married in the Catholic Church? See Fr. Bryan for more details and to see if your marriage can be regularized with the Church.

## SICK OR "HOMEBOUND"

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

## 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.

## DID YOU KNOW???

**S.M.O.M.** The actual smallest sovereign entity in the world is the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (S.M.O.M). It is located in the city of Rome, Italy, and has an area of two tennis courts. And, as of 2001, has a population of 80 -- 20 less people than the Vatican. It is a sovereign entity under international law, just as the Vatican City State is.

## WE REMEMBER

To have the deceased members of your family remembered throughout November, please use the special envelope provided with your collection envelopes. These envelopes with the names of your loved ones will remain in the Sanctuary during the month of November as we pray for our faithful departed. **Extra envelopes** are available at the doors.

## CCD CORNER

There will be **NO CCD CLASSES** tomorrow, October 31<sup>st</sup>. This Tuesday is the **Feast of All Saints Day** and it is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. A few years back we added a **3:30 Mass** to our holy day schedule so the children who are coming out of school can go directly to Mass. We are all called to sainthood, and although we may never have a special day set aside during the year in our honor, Our Lord sees all that we do and desires to place the crown of sainthood on each of our heads when we meet Him face to face. The next day, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, is **All Souls Day**. This is a wonderful time to sit down with our children and remind them about their deceased relatives and to offer up a family prayer for those faithful departed. A family that prays together stays together, not only here on earth but in heaven as well.

**If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?**

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

FIRST TIME—MATTHEW JAMES CLANCY SON OF MARTIN AND DONNA CLANCY OF WESTWOOD AND KELLY FRANCES CREVANI DAUGHTER OF STEPHAN AND KRISTINE CERVANI OF ROCKLEIGH. BOTH FAMILIES ARE PARISHIONERS OF OLV. ANYONE HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF ANY OBSTACLE TO THE PROPOSED MARRIAGE HAS AN OBLIGATION TO MAKE IT KNOWN TO THE PASTOR ASAP.

**HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES**

Wed., Nov. 2, St. Joseph Regional HS, Montvale, 6:30-9:00PM for 6th, 7th, 8th grade boys and their families. For info call 201-391-3300 or register at www.sjrnj.org.

Thu., Nov. 3, Immaculate Heart Academy, Township of Washington, 6:30PM. Call 201.445.6800.

**Feeding the Homeless**

As part of our parish commitment to the community and to serving those less fortunate, we will be preparing and serving a lunch meal on Saturday, November 5, at St. John's Church Soup Kitchen in Newark. This service is sponsored by our Knights of Columbus council. All parish members (men, women and children) are welcome to participate, even if not a current member of the Knights. For more information, contact Sergio sminervini@starkcarpet.com.

**OLV Boys & Girls Needed**

Our Lady of Victories has a basketball program for you. The sign-up for basketball is in October. Practices begin shortly thereafter, and the games begin in December. All Boys and Girls from grades Kindergarten to 8th grade who would like to play basketball or would like more info please contact John or KerryAnn Flahive at 201-750-2214.

**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-3:15PM 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.

**Moms, Tots & Pops**

OLV has a playgroup for infants and children ages 1-5. The group meets Tuesdays from 11:30AM to 1:30PM in the lower church.

**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.

**F Y I**

Catholics go to Mass each and every Sunday.

To miss Mass is a MORTAL SIN.

One MORTAL SIN prevents a soul from going to Heaven.

**OLV BIBLE STUDY**

The OLV Bible Study Group meets on Wednesdays at 10:00a.m. in the Lower Church conference room. All are welcome to join us.

**CLOTHING BINS**

The beauty of Fall with its cool temperatures and beautiful foliage displays energizes most people. Would you be willing to channel some of your energy to gather any unwanted clothing, shoes, small appliances, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, and books (no reference books) for the Catholic Charities clothing bin? Thank you.

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, October 31 – St. Wolfgang, Bishop of Ratisbon**

8:00 Janice McGurn R/b Judy Pommert  
12:00 Lavelle Keating R/b Rick and Debbie Quinn  
5:30 Marie Merola R/b Richard and Maureen Ferrara  
7:00 Maria Tarabocchia R/b Nick Tarabocchia

**Tuesday, November 1–ALL SAINTS DAY**

6:30 Modesto and Assunta Ferrara R/b Richard and Maureen Ferrara  
8:00 Betsy Clark R/b OLV Knights of Columbus #14483  
12:00 Michael Giotta R/b the Giotta Family  
3:30 Elizabeth Torre R/b Peggy O'Brien  
5:00 Ann McElvaney R/b Brendan and Colleen McLaughlin  
7:00 Deborah F. Spillane R/b Mary Spillane

**Wednesday, November 2–ALL SOULS DAY**

8:00AM, 12:00 noon, 7:00PM All Souls  
5:30PM(Latin) Deceased members of OLV K of C Council #14483

**Thursday, November 3–St. Martin de Porres, Religious**

8:00 Michael A. Casenta R/b Colleen Connors-Casenta  
12:00 James McGrath, Sr. R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico

**First Friday, November 4 – St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

8:00 Joanne Williams R/b Judy Pommert  
12:00 All Souls

7:30 All Souls

**First Saturday, November 5–St. Sylvia, Mother of St. Gregory the Great**

8:00 All Souls  
12:00 Souls in Purgatory  
4:00 William P. Hudson R/b the Gordon Family  
5:00 Anna Bischoff R/b the Wagner Family

**Sunday, November 6 – St. Bertille of France - Religious**

7:30 Frances Schmitt R/b Mark and Carol Kiernan  
8:15 Dennis Caufield R/b the Terwedow Family  
9:30 Caroline DeLucia R/b Sr. Elizabeth  
10:45 Robert Pavese, Sr. R/b Guy and Patti Schweizer  
12:00 Gino Zocco R/b Mike Zocco

1:00 People of the Parish

6:00 John Stankiewicz R/b Chris and Mary Oakes  
7:00 Veronica Finan R/b the Belfert and DeSantis Families

**Sanctuary Memorials**

Altar Flowers have been donated in memory of a little boy named

Vinny, r/b the Bresnak family.

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

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Rita Fanelli, r/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns for the intentions of John and Theresa Watson-50th Wedding Anniversary, r/b Bill and Cathy Ryan.

The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp burns for the unemployed.

**THE LOVE OF GOD**

No matter how long it has been, the Love of God knows no time. We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday at 11:00AM until 11:50AM and from 3:00PM–3:20PM. Monday-Saturday at 7:25AM–7:45AM.

**ALTAR SERVERS WANTED**

Boys and Girls (in 4th grade and up) interested in serving Mass should contact the rectory ASAP.

**KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS**

- 1. St. Thomas More.
- 2. St. Ann.
- 3. St. Monica.
- 4. Mary, as the Immaculate Conception.
- 5. St. Matthew.

## MARTYRS By Fr. George Rutler

Last Sunday, seven saints were canonized: two martyrs, four priests and a contemplative nun. The martyrs were Salomone Leclercq, who was killed during the French Revolution in 1792, and José Sánchez del Río, who was only 14 when he was tortured and shot in 1928 while resisting the anti-Catholic government of Mexico.

It is embarrassing to match these figures against various people in our own country who call themselves Catholics while trying to refashion the Church to their own liking. **Recently discovered WikiLeaks documents have revealed attempts by politicians to strip the Church of her Catholic principles so that she might be a pliant agent of a secular agenda. I have written about this recently with reference to saints who saw similar attempts in their own days. (See "Two Newmans and Two Catholic Springs.") One of the politicians wrote: "There needs to be a Catholic Spring in which Catholics themselves demand the end of a middle ages dictatorship and the beginning of a little democracy and respect for gender equality in the Catholic church."**

This mixture of arrogance and ignorance is contradicted by the fact that dictatorships are the typical construct of governments hostile to the Faith. The emperor Julian the Apostate set the tone in the fourth century. Then fast forward a millennium to Henry VIII shrinking the Church in England into the Church of England, and that manipulation grew with gusto when the French revolutionaries created a Gallican Church, the Nazis set up a Reichskirche, and the Chinese Communists imposed a Patriotic Church. The outward forms of those sects camouflaged their pliant obsequiousness to their respective tyrannies. They were enabled by morally ambiguous politicians who professed to be "personally opposed" to sin while giving free reign to its public promotion.

A Church refashioned to indulge the suburban conceits of lukewarm Christians would not be the Church of Christ Crucified. There were more mockers at the foot of the Cross than adorers. Archbishop Kurtz, head of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has responded: "There have been recent reports that some may have sought to interfere in the internal life of the Church for short-term political gain. If true, this is troubling both for the well-being of faith communities and the good of our country. As Catholics, we hold onto our beliefs because they come to us from Jesus, not a consensus forged by contemporary norms. We also expect public officials to respect the rights of people to live their faith without interference from the state."

In 1922, Chesterton said, "America is a nation with the soul of a church." If compromised Catholics sell that soul in a Faustian bargain, our nation will be like a whitewashed sepulchre and will not produce willing martyrs, but will produce people who willingly martyrize the martyrs.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over time, the severe form of one-chance penance collapsed under lack of enthusiasm for its burdens and its public nature. As ordinary Christians prayed for the great sinners, it must have occurred to them that they were sinners no less, and they required a form of penance also. The Irish came to the rescue, never having had a public form of penance, but inventing a system called "tariff penance," which was completely private, available to everyone, and wildly popular. After a detailed confession, priest and penitent would lie on the floor before the altar and recite a number of psalms. The priest then pronounced a judgment, a tariff, giving a task or a prayer to complete before reconciliation. The surviving guidebooks for confessors make for hair-raising reading as the sins of which the Irish people were supposedly capable were catalogued and keyed to penances. Cattle or sheep rustling might require stripping down to sing psalms in an icy brook, for example, or adultery could be the occasion for rolling in a thicket of thorns. All of this might have stayed in Ireland had not the monks had a desire to travel, blazing across Europe with their theology and their rituals, and their sense that Christians needed strong medicine for sin and the assurance of God's forgiveness.

## WHY BLACK?

On the Feast of **All Souls** which is on Wednesday, November 2, we know that, although God's mercy is greater than our sinfulness, still we have the choice to reject His gifts. Most of us live and die struggling to accept fully the gracious gift of faith and mercy. We are not ready for Heaven, for seeing God "as He really is," because we have not seen or loved Him clearly enough in this life. **We need more scouring.** Part of how we receive this scouring or "purging" after death is by the prayers of the faithful still sojourning. We have a duty in this life, born of our unity in Christ, to pray for the dead, for the purifying fire of God's merciful love to purge them of the heaviness of sin. This duty is one of the spiritual works of mercy. So important is this duty, that the Church uses an entire day to remind us of it each year. Remember, then, that none of us can become saints without the hard work, not only of ourselves, but of many others also. One of the hardest forms of this sanctifying work is to learn to love and pray for all, especially for our enemies, **even after their death.** "For if you love those who love you, what reward shall you have? Even the tax-collectors do this. And if you greet your own family only, what more have you done? Even the heathens do this. Therefore, be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Mt 5:46-8). All of us would do well to continue to pray for the souls in purgatory. **We hope that many will pray for us as well when we die. Black is a traditional color of the Church's vestments that may be worn on All Souls Day. It can also be worn at Masses for the dead. As a liturgical color, black symbolizes mourning and penitence, sorrow and solemnity. (Death to the allurements of this world.) This is exactly the spirit we are trying to cultivate on the Feast of All Souls, when we pray for the salvation of the dead. It is appropriate, then, to use the external symbols suitable to help us cultivate the proper internal reality. Black vestments help us to remember to pray for all the dead, not just our own beloved dead. Black vestments help remind us of the inestimable worth of the divine gift of life, in this world and in the next.** Hopefully, this sign will remind us of our need to face death with all its pain and mourning, but also remind us of the resurrection.

## PRAYER for PEACE in IRAQ & the MIDDLE EAST

By the Chaldean Catholic Patriarch of Iraq

His Beatitude Louis Rafael Sako

Lord, the plight of our country is deep, and the suffering of Christians is severe and frightening. Therefore, we ask you Lord to spare our lives, to grant us patience, and the courage to continue our witness of Christian values with trust and hope. Lord, peace is the foundation of life; Grant us the peace and stability that will enable us to live with each other without fear and anxiety, and with dignity and joy. Glory be to you forever. Amen.

## JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

Boys and girls in 7th and 8th grades are invited to meet in the OLV Gym on Sunday, October 30, from 6:00-7:30PM for the first Junior Youth Group meeting of the year. PIZZA will be served. Gigi McElroy and Jerryl Pulis, our junior youth group leaders, can't wait to start the new year with you.

## KIDZ KORNER

1. Who is the patron saint of Lawyers?
2. Who is the patron Saint of Housewives?
3. Who is the patron Saint of Mothers?
4. Who is the patron Saint of the United States?
5. Who is the patron Saint of Accountants?

Answers on page four.

"Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible; suddenly you are doing the impossible."

St. Francis of Assisi