

Our Lady of Victories Church

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

150 Harriot Avenue, Harrington Park, New Jersey

www.olvhp.org

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SUNDAY, September 17, 2017 A.D.

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High School Ministry

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SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

First Friday: 7:00pm, Mass of Sacred Heart & Devotions

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

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

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

St Peregrine: First Friday 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

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/CONFESSION:

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 7:50am. First Friday at 6:30pm

Saturday at 11:00a.m.-Noon; 3:00pm - 3:30pm

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.

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



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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**: William Biasi, Joey Bulger, Rich Ferrara, Kathy Freeburn, Marylou Goreb, Thomas Haring, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Lisa LoSchiavo, Joseph LoVecchio, Anne Matthaehi, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, George Rush, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Jim Walsh, Mary Younghans.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

Our Lord told St. Margaret Mary Alacoque that individuals should go to confession **at a minimum once a month**. This sacrament is offered EVERY Saturday from 11:00AM to Noon and 3:00-3:30PM, every morning at 7:30AM, as well as every First Friday at 6:30PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

Divorced & Separated Catholics

OLV is pleased to offer a support group to all divorced and separated Catholics. The group will begin in October and meet one evening per week. To register or for info, call Maria at the rectory 201-768-1706.

CCD Registration

The CCD office is accepting registrations for the CCD program, which starts this weekend. If you would like to register or re-register your children, please contact the CCD office at 201-768-1400, or email olvhpccd@gmail.com, and we will send a registration form to you.

OLV Rosary Society

The Rosary Society will have its monthly meeting on Thursday, September 21st. Mass at 12:00Noon in the Church, recitation of the Rosary, followed by a short meeting and socialization. *For women who are not free to attend during the day, we will meet again that evening at 6:00PM and attend the 7:00PM Holy Hour.* All women of the parish are welcome to join us in honoring our Blessed Mother in this way. For info' contact Lorraine Petrone at 201-664-8813.

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

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

Norwood PreSchool

*Enrolling now for the 2017-18 School Year
Christina Guirland, Owner—201-767-9909*

155 Parkway, Harrington Park. Grow NJ Kids Participant, Spacious Indoor & Outdoor play areas, Yoga and Music Class included, Nutritious meals and organic milk provided, Before & After Care services available for Harrington Park Public School, After Care services available for Norwood Public School, Pro-rated summer tuition, Sibling Discount, **\$100 registration fee waived when you mention ad in church bulletin.**

FRIDAY OCT 13, 2017

On Friday October 13, 2017 @ 7:30PM to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the last apparition at Fatima, OLV will be having a Mass celebrated by **Fr. John Paul Superior General of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal**

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.

Moms, Tots & Pops

OLV has a playgroup for infants and children ages 1-5. Playgroup meets this **Wednesday, September 20, 9:30-11:30AM**. For more info, contact Renee Tringali at 201-768-0648.

PARISH PICNIC

Do you have your tickets? Next Sunday September 24, 1:30p.m. to 5:30p.m. on the parish grounds. In addition to great food, entertainment is planned for young and old: Colors the Clown, cotton candy, popcorn, sno-cones and a bounce house. Tickets for the picnic are \$10 per person / family cap \$25 (Mother, Father, and minor children). Tickets may be purchased at the rectory or outside Church after Mass. We hope that you will join the festivities.

HARVEST OF HOPE FOOD DRIVE

During the month of **September**, you can help a neighbor in need by bringing a bag of food to the HARVEST OF HOPE FOOD DRIVE for the Emergency Food and Nutrition Network of Catholic Charities (CCEFNN). In 2016 the CCEFNN provided emergency food to over 45,000 hungry men, women and children through a network of 50 church food pantries in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, and Union Counties. Your help can put food on the table and hope back into lives of our brothers and sisters facing difficult times.

ANOINTING MASS AT OLV

On Saturday, October 7, at 12noon OLV parish will have a Mass for the Sick which will include the Anointing of the Sick during Mass. Afterward there will be a light lunch in the lower church. All elderly and sick are invited — please contact the rectory at 201-768-1706 so we can properly plan for the event— our church is handicap accessible. **Fr. Bonaventure Rummell of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal** will celebrate the sacrament. Participants will be able to venerate a relic of St Peregrine patron saint of those suffering from cancer.

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 this weekend, September 17/18.

HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORES

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.

ALTAR SERVERS WANTED

WE are in desperate need of altar servers. Boys and Girls (in 4th grade and up) interested in serving Mass should contact the rectory ASAP.

PLAN AHEAD

FLU SHOT CLINIC at OLV

Sunday, October 8, 2017 8:00am—12:00Noon

NATIONAL PROLIFE ALLIANCE

Join the National ProLife Alliance to get a copy of LifeLine and get information where one can write to end American's Holocaust. 5211 Port Royal Road, Suite 500 Springfield Virginia 22151 or call 703-321-9200 or www.prolifealliance.com.

Men's Day of Prayer & Healing from Abortion

On October 7, 2017 there will be a men's day of prayer and healing from Abortion. Men suffer from abortion too! If you or someone you know is carrying the pain and sorrow of losing a child to abortion, call 877-586-4621 or e-mail: lumina@postabortionhelp.org Facilitated by Lumina The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal Hosted by The Archdiocese Respect Life Office.

APOLOGETICS

Defend your Catholic Faith but first learn more about it. To learn more about Roman Catholicism, visit www.biblechristiansociety.com.

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Sep 19—Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
Sep 19—Tue—Catholic Daughters of the Americas 7:00PM
Sep 20—Wed—Moms, Pops & Tots 9:30-11:30AM
Sep 20 - Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM
Sep 21—Thu—Rosary Society 12:00PM Mass/Mtg—6:00PM Mtg/Holy Hour
Sep 23 - Sat - AA Meeting lower church 7:00PM
Sep 24—Sun—Parish Picnic 1:30-5:30PM
Oct 7—Sat—Mass with Anointing of the Sick 12:00Noon
Oct 7—Sat—OLV K of C Oktoberfest
Oct 21—Sun—Catholic Daughters Brunch at Madeline's Petit Paris

PRAY for THOSE in the MILITARY

Private First Class Matthew Brady, U.S. Marine Corps;
Lieutenant Julia H. Cheringal, US Navy;
Lieutenant Ben Clemente, US Army;
Ensign Jon Clemente, US Navy;
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo, U.S. Marine Corps;
Specialist Peter Dippolito, U.S. Army;
Major Michael Franson, US Army;
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene, US Army;
Lieutenant Tara Harris, US Air Force;
Private Thomas Iafate, U.S. Marine Corps;
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger, US Navy;
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger, US Navy;
Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn, US Air Force;
Captain Shawn Linn, US Army;
SN Daniel T. LoVecchio, U.S. Navy;
Colonel John McLaughlin, US Army;
Lieutenant John G. Miele, US Army.

HIGH SCHOOL COOP EXAM

Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic high school in Fall 2018! The High School Placement Test (HSPT®) administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Program for Catholic high schools will be given on Friday, November 10, 2017. Registration for this exam is online at www.njcoopexam.org beginning September 1st. For more information about the Cooperative Admissions Program go to www.catholicsschoolsnj.org.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON PRAYER GROUP

Every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00PM-3:00PM we have a group who are praying a **Marian Novena Rosary** in Church in front of the Blessed Sacrament. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

High School Open Houses

Sunday September 24 at Bergen Catholic from 1-3. Register on Bergen Catholic website. Contact Matt Rosa, at mrosa@bergencatholic.org.
Thursday, September 28, Don Bosco Prep, 6:30-8:30PM. Contact Christopher Donnelly cdonnelly@donboscoprep.org or 201-327-8003x102.
Sunday, October 1, at St. Joseph Regional HS, 11am- 2pm, for 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys and their families. For info contact [201-391-3300](tel:201-391-3300) or register at www.sjrnj.org.
Sunday, October 1, at Paramus Catholic HS, 1-4pm, for 6th, 7th, 8th grade students and parents. For info contact 201-445-4466 x 104.
Monday, October 18, at Paramus Catholic HS, 7-9pm, for 6th, 7th, 8th grade students and parents. For info contact 201-445-4466 x 104.
Sunday, October 29, Don Bosco Prep, 1-3PM. Contact Christopher Donnelly cdonnelly@donboscoprep.org or 201-327-8003 x102.

OLV MUSIC MINISTRY

OLV Adult Choir—9:30AM Mass (Rehearsal: Tues, 7:00-8:00PM)
OLV Children's Choir—10:45AM Family Mass (Rehearsal: Mon, 5:15-5:45PM)
OLV Youth Choir—2nd Saturdays at 5:00PM Mass (Rehearsal Sat at 4:00PM)
CONSIDER JOINING ONE OF OUR THREE CHOIRS

OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, October 7th 6:00pm-8:00pm

\$20/adult, \$5/child, \$50 family cap

Tickets are available after Mass or at the rectory.

Knockwurst, Frankfurters, and Bratwursts,
German Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Potato Pancakes, Red Cabbage
Dessert and Music

**Sponsored by OLV Knights of Columbus—
proceeds will go to a parish devastated by the hurricane in Texas.**

Knights of Columbus

All men over 18 are invited to join the OLV Knights of Columbus, the world's largest men's fraternal organization. For more information or to join, please contact Greg Evanela 201-784-5752.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

If you are a woman over the age of 18 and looking for a ministry at Our Lady of Victories that will fulfill your desire to become more active within the church community, CDA is for you. We invite you to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, September 19, at 7:00PM, in the lower church for coffee and cake. At this meeting we will talk about some of the many worthwhile CDA projects in local communities and throughout the nation, e.g. scholarships - Gr. 8 through college, guest speakers, fund raising, unwed mothers, homelessness, and morality in the media. If you would like to attend the meeting or become a member, contact ReneeTringali@gmail.com or 913-2580.

40 Days for Life

LIFENET is organizing a 40 Days for Life campaign of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion from Wednesday, 9/27 to Sunday, 11/5. We are asking people to come and pray for just 1 hour per week for 6 weeks anytime between the hours of 7AM and 7PM. Locations: **Hackensack** at The Women's Choice, 10 Zabriskie St., Monday – Sunday (all 7 days). For info contact Margaret 201-805-0937, scullyfam@yahoo.com OR **Montclair**, in front of the Social Security Bldg, 396 Bloomfield Ave.. For info call 973-497-4512 or email Mike Moore at mike@lifeneteducation.org.

Prayer saves lives. During the last campaign, 19 moms changed their minds and chose life for their babies."

BABIES IN THE WOMB FEEL PAIN

LifeNet is working to end abortion at 20 weeks as babies in the womb experience pain during their abortion. So far 17 states have passed laws protecting pain capable babies. In New Jersey LifeNet's project 20/20 is to protect at 20 weeks post fertilization by the year 2020. For more information on this project or how you can help contact LifeNet at 171 Clinton Avenue Newark or 973-497-4500 or www.lifeneteducation.org.

CCD Corner

It is hard to believe that today is the beginning of another CCD year. We ask that you keep our students and teachers in your prayers. Our classes will incorporate our four Pillars of Learning (prayer, scripture, academics and religious theme) across all the various grade levels. This year's theme will be the Mass, the Greatest Prayer we can offer to God. Our children will be taught the Mass responses and their meaning. They will learn that the Mass is an interactive prayer that is said by all who participate in it. We will be using this section of the bulletin to fill you in about our students and teachers' accomplishments throughout the year. It is with great joy and hope that we begin another year of learning and reflecting on the treasures of our faith!

Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

No one who witnessed Christ's Crucifixion, Death and Burial in AD 33 would recognize the site today! But according to pious legend, backed by historical records, the site was inadvertently preserved in the 1st Century when it was 'paved over' to discourage pilgrimages and other curiosity seekers! Soon after Christianity was 'legalized' by the Emperor Constantine in AD 326, tradition says his mother, Saint Helena, went on pilgrimage to 'walk where Christ once walked.' She ordered excavation of the hill called Golgotha; they happened upon a 300 year old burial site and purportedly found relics of the true Cross and articles documenting they were of Pilate's and Christ's time. While not an article of our Faith, the finding of these relics gave the Church a reason to honor what is truly essential: the Saving Death our Lord endured for us on His triumphant Cross! Here's the Preface that extols His victorious Cross: Preface for the victory of the glorious Cross It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For you placed the salvation of the human race on the wood of the Cross, so that, where death arose, life might again spring forth and the evil one, who conquered on a tree, might likewise on a tree be conquered, through Christ our Lord. Through him the Angels praise your majesty, Dominions adore and Powers tremble before you. Heaven and the Virtues of heaven and the blessed Seraphim worship together with exultation. May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in humble praise, as we acclaim:

The Cross = God's Plan to Save the World.

Soon after humanity fell from grace through Adam and Eve's Original Sin, God declared that 'Good' would eventually win and that 'Evil' would be conquered - by His saving action and His plan which He disclosed in these words: "Then the LORD God said to the snake: 'I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; They will strike at your head, while you strike at their heel.'" [Genesis 14a, 15] This Preface honors the Cross for the twofold way it fulfilled this ancient prophecy. First, since the wood of a tree had a role in our downfall, the wood of a tree would be central in our salvation. So just as Eve stretched out her hand to a tree in disobedience, Christ allowed His outstretched arms to be nailed to a tree in total acceptance of God's will. Thus the very same instrument through which death entered the world is now the source of Resurrection and eternal life. This 'curse to blessing' reversal was prefigured by Moses [today's First Reading] when he lifted up a bronze serpent [symbol of Satan and evil] so that all who were bitten by the desert seraphs might be cured. To this day the symbol for medical healing is the Caduceus or staff of Asclepius. Second, God willed to go back to the 'scene of the crime' to undo the Evil One's deed - which means Jesus willingly stooped to our level or humbled Himself [today's Second Reading] to save us! And through the Sacrament of Penance, He still embraces our sin-sick souls! According to pious legend, the wood of the Cross came from the once tall, strong dogwood tree. But in humble recognition of its awesome honor, its wood became soft and twisted so it could never be used for a crucifixion again. And each of its cruciform blossoms looks like it was wounded by a nail, and its central bud looks like the nail itself!

CLOTHING BINS

September is one of the busiest months of the year as students return to school and most adults resume a normal working schedule after summer vacation. Through the turbulence of your many demands, would you be willing to take some time to gather your unwanted clothing and shoes to help Catholic Charities? Drop them in the Catholic Charities bins located on the Church grounds. In addition to all forms of used clothing we also welcome small appliances, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals and books (no reference books).

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 18—St. Joseph of Cupertino, Priest

8:00 Intentions of Mary Spillane

R/b Legion of Mary Our Lady of Guadalupe Presidium

12:00 Barbara Stonitsch

R/b Peter and Carole Stonitsch

Tuesday, September 19 – St. Januarius, Bishop, Martyr

8:00 Thomas F. Lagatol II

R/b the Lagatol Family

12:00 Karl Gansleben

R/b Monika Senicar

Wednesday, September 20 – St. Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions

8:00 Joseph Quinn

R/b the Barrett Family

12:00 Frank Cangialosi

R/b Ruth Cangialosi

Thursday, September 21 – St. Matthew, Apostle

8:00 Ivan Busanic

R/b the Busanic Family

12:00 Living and deceased members of OLV Rosary Society

Friday, September 22—St. Thomas of Villanova, Spain-bishop

8:00 David O'Neill

R/b the Barrett Family

12:00 Karl Heinrich and Regina Senicar

R/b Monika Senicar

Saturday, September 23 – St. Pio of Pietrelcina-priest

8:00 Mark Joseph Fizulich

R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich

12:00 In Thanksgiving to St. Pio

R/b the Zaccaro Family

4:00 Gabrielle Arcangeli

R/b the Meehan Family

5:00 Joseph Quaglietta

R/b Gloria Quaglietta

Sunday, September 24—St. Pacific of San Severino of Italy-priest

7:30 Augustine Clawson

R/b Richard and Maureen Ferrara

8:15 Charles Morgan

R/b Marita Morgan

9:30 Jean Bentivegna

R/b the Bentivegna Family

10:45 James and Joan Filippone

R/b Ronald and Adele Filippone

12:00 Terence Boyle

R/b Ed and Mary Gormley

1:00 People of the Parish

6:00 Thomas Tibbs

R/b the Oates Family

7:00 Stanley Powell

R/b Scott and Barbara Anzalone

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the repose of the souls of Richard Harrison and John J. Harrison, r/b Bill and Kay Gilligan..

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

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns for the repose of the soul of

Donald L. McCabe—1st Anniversary, r/b John & Megan Dipolito.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week for a special intention, r/b the Werner Family.

The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp burns this week for the unemployed.

The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp burns this week for those who serve in defense of our country.

Thank You!

... OLV parish for your support of the Sisters of Charity 50/50 Raffle.

OLV parish had the biggest sale—\$8000!!

First Prize: \$7487.40

Second Prize: \$4492.50

Third Prize: \$2995.00.

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

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

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. St. Paul.
2. Golgotha.
3. Barabbas.
4. Two thieves.
5. Jesus spent 40 days in the desert fasting right after his baptism and before his public ministry.

The Decline of Thinking

By Bradley R. Gitz, Arkansas Democrat – Gazette, April 3, 2017

A recent Martin Center essay by Rob Jenkins, "Why College Graduates Still Can't Think," addresses a contradiction - the claim by colleges that they go to great lengths to instill "critical thinking" in their students and a growing number of research studies and employer surveys suggesting that the diplomas they award no longer certify the acquisition of that ability. Either colleges are trying to cultivate critical thinking in their charges and failing, or they aren't trying and then fibbing about it. Jenkins believes the latter.

Those of us who have taught in various institutions of higher education for some time often complain that the quality of student writing has declined precipitously. Less frequently noted is the connection - that to write clearly one has to first think clearly. The spread of bad writing is thus a symptom of a perhaps larger "can't think straight" problem. In Jenkins' view, the decline in critical reasoning skills in college graduates largely stems from the rise of post-modernist "deconstruction" approaches in theory and teaching which elevate feelings over logic and facts and de-emphasize the search for truth traditionally at the heart of the liberal arts mission.

As Jenkins' puts it, "... although faculty in the humanities and social scientists claim to be teaching critical thinking, often they're not. Instead, they're teaching students to 'deconstruct' - to privilege their own subjective emotions or experiences over empirical evidence in the false belief that objective truth is relative, or at least unknowable." Going further, Jenkins notes that what used to pass for "critical thinking" - an approach to learning which emphasizes being "dispassionate" and "having the mental discipline to distinguish between feelings and objective reason - then prioritizing the latter over the former" - has been confused in the minds of many faculty with the idea of social and political activism and the need for an adversarial posture toward oppressive systems and power structures.

Put differently, the truth doesn't matter if it can't be made to fit the preferred ideological narrative, and might even be an obstacle to indoctrination in the service of social activism. If one accepts Jenkins' portrayal of contemporary campus culture, then we also arrive at the most obvious consequence of those trends - the imposition of a suffocating political correctness that prevents debate and accordingly weakens the capacity of students to think and reason.

Within this context, the speech codes, the infantile "safe spaces," and the increasingly absurd obsessions over "cultural appropriation," "white privilege," and "micro-aggressions" are parts of a larger effort to construct an impregnable "social justice" orthodoxy on campuses. Lost in the course of that construction is the once widely accepted understanding that dogma and orthodoxy of any kind are the enemies of rationality and free thought; to the extent they prevail, they invariably dull the capacity to use logic and reason and properly interpret data and facts.

The more subjects we wall off from critical scrutiny and the more we suppress debate out of fear of giving offense to the perpetually offended, the more we lose our ability to understand the world around us and objectively evaluate claims regarding it. Education requires us to open rather than close our minds and to explore the widest possible range of beliefs, if only to test and thereby better fortify our own. There is, along those lines, perhaps nothing more contrary to the very concept of education and the role of the university within it than efforts to suppress objectionable ideas.

Rather than operate on the basis of feelings, learning depends upon the cultivation of logic and reason to overcome them. And in a genuine marketplace of ideas, which the university should be, there is never room for sacred cows, smelly orthodoxies and stale dogma. We therefore have a moral obligation not to shout down alternative viewpoints but to actively defend the right of heretics to express them. What is true or false cannot be determined by the suppression of some ideas in favor of others.

One is left with the conclusion that much of this is more purposeful than might appear at first glance; that the retarding of critical thinking skills in our undergraduates stems from more than simply confusion among faculty and administrators over what critical thinking means; rather, that it is intended to foster a form of group-think and submission to orthodoxy that deters uncomfortable questions and scrutiny. How ironic and sad that the same principle of free speech which made possible the success of the civil rights and women's rights movements is now being denounced as a "code phrase" for racism and

sexism at many of our colleges. Because a real education is, by definition, always a politically incorrect one. **Bradley R. Gitz lives and teaches in Batesville, Ark.**

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.

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.

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 info, contact Renee Tringali at 201-768-0648.

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 is strewn about. After the Masses please put the kneeler in upright position, place the missals back in their racks, (closed and facing upward), and please kindly dispose of the assorted garbage.

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. For information, phone Maria at the rectory.

PUT DATE ASIDE-HNS Men's Breakfast

OLV's Holy Name Society will be hosting our annual Men's Breakfast on Sunday November 5th at 10:30 AM in the OLV gym. This year, our breakfast speaker will be Fr. Luke Joseph C.F.R.

A prayer for Leroy

In a Jacksonville Church one Sunday morning, the preacher said, "Anyone with special needs who wants to be prayed over, please come forward to the front by the altar." With that, Leroy got in line, and when it was his turn, the preacher asked him, "Leroy, what do you want me to pray about for you?" Leroy replied, "Preacher, I need you to pray for my hearing"

The preacher put one finger of one hand on Leroy's ear, placed his other hand on top of Leroy's head, and then he prayed and prayed. He prayed a blue streak for Leroy, and the congregation joined in with great enthusiasm. After several minutes, the preacher removed his hands, then he stood back and said, "Leroy, how is your hearing now?" Leroy replied, "I don't know... it ain't 'til Thursday."

KIDZ KORNERS

1. Who witnessed the stoning of Stephen the Martyr?
2. What was the name of the hill on which Jesus was crucified?
3. Pontius Pilate set what prisoner free instead of Jesus?
4. Jesus was crucified between whom?
5. Where did we get the idea for the Lenten 40-day fast?

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter"

Martin Luther King Jr.