

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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SUNDAY, November 19, 2017 A.D.

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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, Marietta Flahive, Gloria Genovese, Marylou Goreb, Thomas Haring, Tricia Keane, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Lisa LoSchiavo, Joseph LoVecchio, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, George Rush, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Jim Walsh, Mary Youngmans.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"Worldly men go out of their way to make souls lose God as soon as possible; and then, make them lose the world. They do not love this world of ours - they exploit it by trampling over others. I hope you too do not fall victim to this double swindle."

St. Josemaria Escriva - The Furrow #304

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.**

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.

ADORATION

Just a reminder we have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays from 12:30PM—3:00PM, Thursday night from 7:00PM—8:00PM, and Fridays from 12:30PM—3:00PM. **So stop by and adore Our Eucharistic Lord.**

BEEFSTEAK DINNER - 1/27/18

This is a major fundraiser for the Knights of Columbus to fund our seminarians - men studying for the priesthood and other charitable works. It is a fun evening, and last year it was a great success. Please support this dinner. If you would like to be a placemat advertiser send your business card and a check payable to the OLV K of C c/o The OLV K of C, PO Box 45, Harrington Park NJ 07640 or call Greg Evanella 201-784-5752.

ARE WE PROPERLY ORIENTED?

To be properly oriented literally means to face east, toward the Orient! In secular lingo that means looking toward the rising sun, the new day, a new beginning. Biblical prophecies direct us to look east, for just as the Wise Men saw the sign of His coming, the Star, rising in the East, we will see the sign of Christ return in the Eastern sky. That's why churches once had to be so constructed that during the Eucharistic Prayer, both Priest and People faced the East. (Contrary to the naysayers who saw it as the Priest turning his back on the People, both faced the same way, as do pilots and their passengers, as courageous generals lead their armies, and as shepherds walk before their flock.) In this Prayer over the Offerings we pledge to direct all we do to God's glory or to "orient" all our words and deeds towards God's glory. And the best way to do this is to make sure all we say and do advances God's plan, and activates God's call and fulfills God's will. If this is not the case, we may be spiritually disoriented.

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.

Huge Turnout Expected for

Beatification of Solanus Casey By Patty Knap

The beloved Fr. Solanus Casey will be beatified on Nov. 18 at Ford Field in Detroit. The beatification Mass, scheduled for 4 p.m., is expected to draw many thousands of Catholics. "The beatification is a remarkable moment in all of our lives and one to celebrate Father Solanus, whose compassion and attribution to miraculous cures have endeared him to those in Detroit and across the world," said Father Michael Sullivan, Provincial Minister of the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph. "We welcome as many as possible to be a part of it."

"Not unlike the Silverdome Mass celebrated by Saint John Paul, this, too, will be a history-making liturgy. The beatification of Father Solanus Casey is an incomparable grace for the Church in the Archdiocese of Detroit and for the whole community. He is an inspiration to Catholics—and to all—of the power of grace to transform one's life." The miracle attributed to Casey was received by a woman who prayed at his tomb in Detroit and was instantly cured her of her lifelong "incurable genetic skin disease," reported the Michigan Catholic.

Among the thousands of healings attributed to Fr. Solanus during and after his lifetime, Pope Francis recognized the authenticity of this miracle required for the friar to be elevated from "venerable" to "blessed" after extensive study by the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints, including panels of doctors and theologians. The woman was visiting friends in Detroit and stopped at Fr. Solanus' tomb to pray for the intentions of her family and friends. After her prayers, she felt a strong urge to ask for the friar's intercession for herself, too, and instantly received a permanent visible healing. She has not been named because she is wishing to remain anonymous.

Fr. Preuss, director of the Solanus Casey Center, "The miraculous nature of her cure was verified by doctors in her home country, in Detroit and in Rome, all of whom confirmed there was no scientific explanation. In a blessed coincidence — or perhaps not — Fr. Solanus himself died of a skin disease in 1957." "She knew the Capuchins and decided to come to Detroit — to the tomb," Fr. Preuss told The Michigan Catholic. "She came here because she had a whole list of people she wanted to pray for. So she prayed for them, and a voice in her head said, 'Pray for yourself.' And she was instantly cured," said Fr. Preuss. "There were five doctors to whom she explained her condition, and her former physician, and they all said they had no explanation why this should have gone away."

Fr. Solanus was a key founder of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, which was started during the Great Depression. Unemployed workers would come to the soup kitchen begging for food, where Fr. Solanus would give them large sandwiches and cups of coffee. Today, the soup kitchen serves 60,000 meals a month, one-third of them to children. It also distributes about 250,000 pounds of food a month and, every Christmas season, gives 20,000 toys to children.

Fr. Solanus will be only the second American-born male to be called "Blessed," after Pope Francis recognized the martyrdom and approved the beatification of Fr. Stanley Rother, in Dec. 2016. If Fr. Solanus is eventually canonized, he would become the first American-born male Saint. Fr. Preuss said that "in a day of secularization, it's extremely important we see signs of God's presence in our midst. It's a continuation of the gospel message." The Fr. Solanus Guild continues to receive reports of favors received, including miraculous healings, through the intercession of the Capuchin priest.

The beatification Mass is set for 4 p.m. on Nov. 18 (tickets are no longer available) and will be broadcast on EWTN (along with a documentary on the life of Father Casey Nov. 17).

MOMS POPS & TOTS

Moms, Pops & Tots will recess until
January 10, 2018

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Nov 18/19-Sat/Sun– Catholic Daughters Christmas Bazaar
Nov 19—Sun – Frozen Turkey Collection—please bring by 12:30!
Nov 21 -Tue—Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
Nov 22—Wed—Bible Study Group—10:00AM
Nov 23 -Fri– Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM
Nov 25 - Sat—Confessions 11:00-12:00Noon & 3:00-3:25PM
Nov 25 -Sat—AA - lower Church 6:30-8:30PM

**No OLV Needlers meeting Wednesday, November 22nd.
No Moms Pops and Tots until January 10, 2018.**

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;
Lance Corporal Thomas Iafrate, 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.

OLV Scripture STUDY

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

CALLING ALL SENIOR CITIZENS

Please join us! Immaculate Heart Academy Annual Senior Citizen free Thanksgiving dinner - Monday, November 20, 5:00-7:00PM in the IHA cafeteria. RSVP to IHA 201-445-6800 or sshutrop@ihanj.com

FORMER CATHOLICS

Know of any former Catholics or Catholics who no longer come to Mass, have them check out this website- **CatholicsComeHome.org**

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).

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.

DO YOU KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT YOUR FAITH

IF NOT, visit our bookrack and check out the vast selection of books, booklets, and pamphlets. It is always is a great time to read and become closer to God. Learn more about your faith, the Saints, Mary, Jesus, or pick up one of the inspirational books in stock. Check out some of our new and interesting titles. Don't have time to read? Listen to a CD in the car since we also have a wide variety of them.

Bereavement Group

OLV will be hosting a six week bereavement group on Wednesday evenings—limited to the first seven individuals who register at the rectory. Call Maria ASAP 768-1706.

THANKSGIVING

FOOD & TURKEY DRIVE

OLV will be having a month-long canned food/imperishable food drive to help area food banks and help the less fortunate. We will also be hosting a one day frozen Turkey Drive this Sunday, November 19. Frozen turkeys must be delivered here to OLV Church by 12:30PM on the 19th.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service Organization and is the largest Fraternal Organization in the world with a total membership of 1.8 million members and over 64,000 members in New Jersey. From the moment of their founding in 1882, charity has been the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. All men over 18 are invited to join the OLV parish Knights of Columbus, the world's largest men's fraternal organization. Upcoming events include paintball expedition, skeet-shooting and golf outing. For info, call Greg Evanella 201-784-5752.

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 www.prolifealliance.com.

Dominican College Immediate Decision Day

Saturday, December 3, 10:00am-12:30pm in Lawrence Room, Rosary Hall. Tour campus, meet students, discuss financial aid, scholarships and student life. 470 Western Hwy., Orangeburg, NY. 845-359-7800.

St. Francis Gift Shop —Tenafly

St. Francis Christmas Shop (Sr. Trinity's shop) in Tenafly will be open December 1, 2 & 3 and December 7, 8, 9, 10 from 10am-3pm. 30-50% off items in Christmas room. Bring your children to view the Bethlehem Room!!

QUESTION?

Does watching the Mass on TV fulfill my Sunday obligation? Watching Mass on TV ONLY fulfills your Sunday obligation if you are sick, infirm, homebound, bedridden or some medical situation makes it impossible to leave your home. Also, if weather conditions, i.e. blizzard or hurricane make it impossible to attend Church. If you can go to the mall, beauty parlor, barber, play golf, or BINGO – watching Mass on TV DOES NOT fulfill your Sunday obligation.

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

CCD Corner

Today and tomorrow are the last class days before we celebrate Thanksgiving. Our students will take the time to learn that this holiday was created to give thanks to God for all the blessings He has bestowed on us. In the excitement of the day we can easily lose track of what Thanksgiving is about. May we suggest, before you start eating, turn off the games or parade and offer this little prayer: *We thank you Lord for all you give, the food we eat, the lives we live. And to our loved ones far away, please send your blessings, this we pray. And help us all to live our days, with thankful hearts and loving ways. Amen.* On behalf of the teachers and staff, we would like to wish you and your family a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

The Mysterious Origin of the Prayer to St. Michael

There is a real spiritual battle going on all around us. Our faith teaches us that humans aren't the only intelligent creatures God made, that God also made angels and that some of those angels fell away in rebellion. The two sides continue to fight for human souls today.

A popular prayer that references this battle very explicitly is the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel. Composed by Pope Leo XIII in the 19th century, there is a short version that many Catholics have memorized, and then a longer version used for exorcisms. What makes this prayer particularly interesting, though, is its supposed origin story.

One day after celebrating Mass, Pope Leo XIII was found staring blankly. A moment later, he suddenly snapped back to the present and quickly shut himself into his private office. A half an hour later, with his attendants knocking to see if everything was okay, he emerged having composed the Prayer to St. Michael. From that day forward, he was known to regularly recite the prayer.

What did he see that inspired the prayer? In one account, he had a vision of demonic forces circling Rome. In another account, Leo actually heard a conversation between God and Satan, in which God allowed Satan to choose one century in which to do his worst work. And what century did the evil one choose? The 20th century.

Since the 1930s, various articles in Catholic publications have recited stories like this. Unfortunately, it's not clear if there's any truth to them, since the earliest account don't appear until about 45 years after Leo XIII composed the prayer. At least one article published in the 1950s credits Leo's personal secretary as a source, but it's unclear how accurate it is, since no sources from the 1880s refer to the story.

Either way, the lesson is the same: don't be naive, spiritual warfare is all around, and keep praying!

Here's the Prayer to St. Michael:

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,

and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly hosts,

by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan,

and all the evil spirits,

who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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-7:50AM.

THURSDAY HOLY HOUR

Every Thursday at 7PM OLV has a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers and quiet time. Stop by and join us and make a visit to our Eucharistic Lord.

OLV Boys & Girls Needed

Our Lady of Victories has a basketball program for you. Practices begin soon, 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.

New York City

The term 'The Big Apple' was coined by touring jazz musicians of the 1930s who used the slang expression 'apple' for any town or city. Therefore, to play New York City is to play the big time - The Big Apple. There are more Irish in New York City than in Dublin, Ireland; more Italians in New York City than in Rome, Italy; And more Jews in New York City than in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 20 – St. Bernward, Bishop of Hildesheim

8:00 Intentions of Matthew Brady R/b Dan and Karen Brady

12:00 Peter Licastro R/b Bev and Pat Borzone

Tuesday, November 21- Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Rev. Zachary H. Monet, O.Carm. R/b Pat Consoli

12:00 Intentions of Ginny and Brian Amaral R/b Peggy O'Brien

Wednesday, November 22– St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 Intentions of Matthew Brady R/b Dan and Karen Brady

12:00 Madeline Dunn R/b the Dunn Family

Thursday, November 23–THANKSGIVING DAY-

St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr; St. Columban

9:00 Warren Lawten R/b Rick and Debbie Quinn

Deceased members of the Maher Family R/b Barry and Ginger Maher

Friday, November 24—St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

8:00 John Raven R/b James and Caroline Connolly

12:00 Robert Faunce R/b the Spillane Family

Saturday, Nov. 25—St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

8:00 Blaise Zaccaro R/b the Zaccaro Family

12:00 Anna Lucia Arias R/b Maria Arias

4:00 Jean McGuire R/b Bob McGuire

5:00 Jerry and Hilda Michaels

R/b Marie Michaels and Josephine J. Fogarino

Sunday, November 26—St. John Berchmans, Religious

7:30 Richard O'Neill R/b Peggy O'Brien

8:15 Catherine Fallon R/b Jim and Rose Younghans

9:30 Edward and Winifred Pavlu R/b the Kip Family

10:45 Sanctity of Marriage R/b the McElroy Family

12:00 Alice Harloe R/b Ralph and Pat Dinnell

1:00 People of the Parish

6:00 Lizette Donnelly R/b John and Anna Heaney

7:00 Intentions of the Keane Family R/b the Maher Family

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in **thanksgiving for our 60th wedding anniversary**, r/b Elaine and Dick Grogan.

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

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the **intentions of Michael and Barbara Fizulich—55th Wedding Anniversary**, r/b Attilio and Rose Viscovich..

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week in **thanksgiving**, r/b the Brennan Family.

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

The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp burns this week for an **increase in religious vocations.**

The St. Peregrine Votive Lamp burns this week for the **intentions of Carla, Clare, Debbie, Jim, Margoth, and Rich.**

YG Christmas Greens Sale

The Youth Group of Our Lady of Victories Parish will be conducting a wreath and grave blanket sale. All proceeds of this sale will support our Youth Ministry Program. We will be selling an assortment of sizes and styles. Payment should be included with your order in cash or by check payable to Our Lady of Victories. Thank you for your support.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1.1863. 2. 675 million lbs. 3. 86 lbs. 4. 1621. 5. Thursday.

3 Beautiful Celebrities Who Gave It All Up to Become Nuns or Close

What makes a person happy? What makes a life worth living? Is it money? Fame? Popularity? Career success? We all know the answer, even if we don't always live like we know it: not at all. All of these things come up short. There is only one thing – or one person, to be more exact – that can make us happy, and that's Our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the only way to understand what the three women described below decided to do. Even in the midst of worldly success, they gave it all up to pursue Christ in a more focused way in the religious life. Of course, one can follow after Jesus without joining a religious order. Some of us are called to go into business, to work in the entertainment industry, and have families, etc. But some are called to the radical religious life – and they remind us of what's really the most important.

1) Dolores Hart – “If you heard what I hear...”

Born with the name Dolores Hicks in 1938, Dolores took the stage name Dolores Hart when she started her acting career as a young woman. And that career took off pretty fast! At the age of 18 she landed a part playing Elvis Presley's love interest in the 1957 movie *Loving You*. Famously, she gave Elvis his first on-screen kiss in that role. She had important parts in 9 more films over the next 5 years, playing opposite Stephen Boyd, Montgomery Clift, George Hamilton and Robert Wagner. She got engaged to be married, and had her pick of roles.

Then, suddenly, at the age of 24, engaged to be married and a rising Hollywood star, she announced she was leaving it all to become a nun. She later explained that she had a turning point while filming Francis of Assisi, in which she played St. Clare of Assisi. She met Pope St. John XXIII in Italy during the filming, and when she introduced herself, “I am Dolores Hart, the actress playing Clare,” he responded, “No, you are St. Clare of Assisi!”

Her fans and friends were in shock, angry even, when they heard the news. “Even my best friend,” Hart recalled years later, “who was a priest, Fr. Doody, said, ‘You're crazy. This is absolutely insane to do this.’” One friend wrote her angry letters for years after she joined the convent, trying to talk her out of “throwing her life away.” Hart's response?

“If you heard what I hear,” she told her friend, “you would come, too.”

2) Olalla Oliveros – “The Lord is never wrong...”

Olalla Oliveros was a successful Spanish model, starring in movies and advertisements throughout the country and the world. Then she visited Fatima, Portugal, site of the famous Marian apparition to three children there in 1917, and had what she later described as an “earthquake experience.” She says she received in her mind the image of herself dressed as nun, something she said she initially found absurd.

But she couldn't shake the image. She eventually concluded that Jesus was calling her to give up her glamorous life and become a nun. “The Lord is never wrong,” she said. “He asked if I will follow him, and I could not refuse.” She is now a member of the semi-cloistered Order of Saint Michael.

3) Amada Rosa Pérez – “Now I live in peace...”

Amada Rosa Pérez was one of Colombia's most successful models before she disappeared from the public eye ten years ago. Then, five years ago, she re-emerged to explain her absence: she had had a religious conversion and was working with a Marian religious community (though she had not become a nun).

At the height of her career, she was diagnosed with a disease that made her lose part of her hearing. The diagnosis led her to question her lifestyle, saying, “I felt disappointed, unsatisfied, directionless, submerged in fleeting pleasures... I always sought answers and the world never gave them to me.” Now, she regularly goes to Mass, goes to Confession, prays the Rosary, and prays the Divine Mercy Chaplet. “Before I was always in a hurry, stressed out, and got upset easily,” she explained. “Now I live in peace, the world doesn't appeal to me, I enjoy every moment the Lord

gives me.” She also has re-evaluated what it really means to be a “model”: “Being a model means being a benchmark, someone whose beliefs are worthy of being imitated, and I grew tired of being a model of superficiality. I grew tired of a world of lies, appearances, falsity, hypocrisy and deception, a society full of anti-values that exalts violence, adultery, drugs, alcohol, fighting, and a world that exalts riches, pleasure, sexual immorality and fraud. “I want to be a model that promotes the true dignity of women and not their being used for commercial purposes.”

Busting 7 Common Myths About the Great St. Francis of Assisi

St. Francis of Assisi is one of the most famous and beloved saints in the Catholic Church, but he's also one of the most misunderstood. Catholic scholar Samuel Gregg took to Twitter for the feast of St. Francis of Assisi this year to dispel some common myths about the saint, citing the well regarded 2012 book *Francis of Assisi: A New Biography* by Augustine Thompson, a history professor at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California. Below are 7 of Gregg's points about the real St. Francis that contradict common misconceptions:

1) “Peace Prayer of Saint Francis can't be traced further back than a French magazine published in 1912”

The so-called “Prayer of Saint Francis” (“Make me an instrument of your peace...”) is a great prayer, it's just not from St. Francis!

2) “Believed that his followers should engage in manual labor to procure necessities. Begging always a secondary alternative”

Not quite how we always remember St. Francis.

3) “Articulated no legal or social reform program”

It's not that legal or social reforms can't be helpful or important; it's just that we mustn't think that's what St. Francis stood for.

4) “Believed one's most direct contact with God was in the Mass not in serving in the poor or in natural world”

As the Second Vatican Council said, the Eucharist is the “source and summit” of the Christian life!

5) “Believed the Mass required careful preparation, use of the finest sacred vessels, and proper vestments”

Since the Mass is the “source and summit” of the Christian life, we better do it right.

6) “Very orthodox on faith and morals: friars guilty of liturgical abuses or heresy should be remanded to higher church authorities”

St. Francis was not an anti-authoritarian “hippie.” Part of his radicalism was his radical commitment to the Church.

7) “Told Sultan al-Kamil he was there to explicate the truth of the Christian faith and save the sultan's soul. Not an interfaith dialoguer”

It's not that interfaith dialogue can't be helpful, but that St. Francis practiced direct evangelism, which is also necessary.

St. Francis of Assisi, please pray for us!

HOLY HOUR AT OLV

Every Tuesday from 12:30 to 3:15PM. Every Thursday at 7:00PM OLV has a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers and quiet time. Every Friday OLV has Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 12:30 to 3:00PM. Stop by and make a visit to our Eucharistic Lord

KIDZ KORNER

1. What year did Thanksgiving become a national holiday?
2. On Thanksgiving, how many pounds of turkey are eaten?
3. What was the weight of the largest turkey ever raised?
4. What year did the first Thanksgiving take place?
5. On what day of the week is Thanksgiving celebrated?

Answers on page four

Pitcairn Island : The smallest island with country status is Pitcairn in Polynesia, at just 1.75 sq. miles/4,53 sq. Km.