

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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WELCOME

SUNDAY, January 28, 2018 A.D.

To the Parish Family of
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES

(THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART)

COME WORSHIP WITH US

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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: 12:30pm-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.



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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**: Joey Bulger, Kamal Faris, Rich Ferrara, Kathy Freeburn, Marietta Flahive, Gloria Genovese, Tom Giuliano, Marylou Goreb, Thomas Haring, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Lisa LoSchiavo, Anne Matthaehi, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, George Rush, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Jim Walsh, Mary Youngmans.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

HOLINESS COMES SLOWLY

You know what holiness is? Listening to all that as if you had never heard it before. Holiness is listening to that joke you've heard twenty-five times and laughing at the punch line for the twenty-sixth time, while keeping your mouth shut. Holiness is putting up with the gripes of others with tenderness. All of that is holiness. St. Paul, the same man who had a violent argument with Barnabas, said, "Love is patient, love is kind" (I Cor. 13:4). He got to that point, growing one step at a time. Sometimes in a family we don't give each other enough time to grow. You don't become a saint overnight. The growth is constant and often slow.

St Josemaria Escriva **EVERYDAY HOLINESS** pg45.

Make a DIFFERENCE

What happens when 1.6 million men believe they can make a difference - they actually do. Join the Knights of Columbus. Last year they volunteered over 58 million hours to help the needy and better their communities. They raised over \$125 million for charities and local churches. For more information call Greg at 201-784-5752.

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.

2018 Wedding Anniversary Masses

The Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in 2018. Couples deserving of such recognition are urged to participate. These liturgies will be celebrated at 3:00p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

Sunday, April 29, 2018— 5 & 25 years

Sunday, May 6, 2018—50 years

Please call the OLV Rectory to register at 201-768-1706.

COHABITATION

"Secular research is now validating the wisdom of the Church." That's how family life minister Steve Bernie sums up a Rutgers University publication titled "Should We Live together?: What Young Adults Need to Know about Cohabitation Before Marriage." The NJ Schools National Marriage Project released this comprehensive report in February. In a nutshell, the report said, "Cohabitation does not reduce the likelihood of eventual divorce; in fact, it may lead to a higher divorce rate." And "Virtually all research on the topic has determined that the chances of divorce ending a marriage preceded by cohabitation are significantly greater than for a marriage not preceded by cohabitation." This report is available from the National Marriage Project, Rutgers, The State University of NJ, 25 Bishop Place, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

SOUPer BOWL

Canned Food Collection

For the next two weeks OLV will be collection assorted non-perishable canned foods for St Cecelia's food Bank. Please bring your donation to the Church or leave at the rectory garages. Thank you.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week is being recognized nation-wide from January 28 through February 3, 2018. The Academy of St. Therese, located at 220 Jefferson Avenue in Cresskill, offers an outstanding academic curriculum in a Catholic setting for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. The week begins with an Open House on Sunday, January 28 from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM. There will also be a number of special events through Catholic Schools Week at the Academy of St. Therese to highlight the academics, culture and achievements of the school. At the Academy of St. Therese, where we draw students from over twenty towns across a number of parishes, our motto is: Students today; Leaders Tomorrow! Please contact the Academy at 201-568-4296 to arrange for a visit or gather further information

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, February 3, 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 information, call Bob Tringali 201-768-0648.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SEMINAR

Friday, February 16, 7pm, St. Joseph's Seminary (Yonkers). Presentation by James Monti, Author of "Praying in the Presence of Our Lord". More information and registration: nyliturgy.org/workshops. Contact: liturgy@archny.org or 914.968.6200, x8177.

CLOTHING BINS

Can you predict the events of 2018 with accuracy? Who would dare to make such a claim? Here we are at the beginning of a new year and no one knows what the future will bring...unprecedented joy or deep sorrow? Many families and individuals have the resources to cope with whatever comes along. Catholic Charities reaches out to those who have very limited resources. Help us to continue our mission by contributing to our clothing bin. Any questions or comments, please contact Maria Biancheri at 973-596-3985 or mbiancheri@ccannj.org.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEED EVERYONE'S HELP

Whether you are a parent or not, examine the following reasons for helping support Catholic Schools.

- At Baptism we joined the family of God and were charged to become evangelizers. We do this chiefly by acting in a Christ-like manner. Catholic educators do this in a more formal manner by actively assisting in passing on the Faith to the next generation. Because we are charged to be evangelizers, we need to assist those who do this on a full-time basis. We need to support our Catholic Schools.
- Catholic schools are a great gift to the nation. Large numbers of Catholic schools provide top-quality education to very poor children. These children then become productive members of society.
- The vast majority of priests and Religious graduated from Catholic schools. In this time of diminished vocations to the priesthood and religious life, we greatly help the cause of vocations and Church leadership by supporting Catholic schools.

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Jan 30 -Tue - Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
Jan 31 - Wed - Moms, Pops & Tots 9:30-11:30AM
Jan 31 - Wed - Bible Study Group 10:00AM
Jan 31 - Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM
Feb 1 - Thu - Holy Hour 7:00PM
Feb 2 - Fri - Mass followed by Sacred Heart devotions 7:00PM

PRAY for THOSE in the MILITARY

Private First Class Matthew Brady, U.S. Marine Corps;
Lieutenant Julia H. Cheringal, US Navy;
Captain 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.

Graphic Photos

“So what is it that offends many people who are shown the pictorial truth about abortion? It is instructive to notice that people who become infuriated after seeing the gory graphics are not usually outraged at the barbarian who did this to the baby, but rather at the person who showed them the picture. Why is it that in this generation, showing pictures of emaciated, naked Jews, stacked like cordwood, engenders emotion against the Nazis, but a garbage pail full of baby parts produces no anger at the abortionist but at the messenger? The answer can be found by acknowledging that the present generation bears no responsibility for slaughtered Jews whereas the present generation is covered with the guilt of the innocent blood of aborted babies. When one is confronted with one's own guilt, it is easier to shoot the messenger than to deal with the guilt. That would take courage and sacrifice – two qualities that are in short supply in contemporary society.”

Morning of Healing: For Perinatal Loss

Saturday, February 17, 8:30am-12:30pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Bloomfield. The Offices of Family and Respect Life are offering a Morning of Healing to support families who have experienced the loss of a child due to miscarriage, stillbirth or neo-natal death. We invite all parents, siblings, grandparents and others who are affected by the loss of a baby, either recently or long ago. Agenda includes presentations on topics specific to perinatal loss, small group discussions, a memorial service, resources and fellowship. Lunch and refreshments provided. Free of charge and babysitting provided. Register at <http://Events.rcan.org/PerinatalLoss>.

CHRISTIANS STILL PERSECUTED

In this day and age the following countries are still known to be persecuting Christians: Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, China, Columbia, Cuba, Egypt, Ethiopia, Germany, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Laos, Latvia, Libya, Macedonia, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, N. Korea, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Turkey, Vietnam, Uzbekistan, and Yemen.

The story of Ann Russell Miller

Ann was a San Francisco socialite, fabulously wealthy, mother of ten children and nineteen grandchildren, in possession of a glorious mansion overlooking San Francisco bay, a denizen of the finest clubs, someone who liked to vacation on her yacht in the Mediterranean. But Ann was also a very devout Catholic, and she and her husband made a vow that whoever died first, the surviving partner would dedicate his or her life to God. So when Ann's husband died relatively young of cancer, Ann resolved to give her life to God in the most dramatic way.

She threw one more huge party for her friends—and then gave everything away and joined the cloistered Carmelite sisters in Des Plaines, IL. She now wears the simple brown habit of a Carmelite religious and lives a life of utter devotion, in poverty, chastity, and obedience. She sleeps on wooden planks covered by a thin mattress; she eats the simplest, meatless dishes served in the convent refectory. She is no longer Ann Russell Miller; she is Sr. Mary Joseph of the Trinity.

Sr. Mary fulfilled the vow she made to her husband by taking new vows as a religious. The new vows she now appreciates, not as burdens, but as a means to freedom. For now, in the most radical sense, she is free to give her life utterly to God. Now I realize that her path is a radical one, and that not everyone is called to this sort of total surrender. But everyone is indeed called to the spirit of the evangelical counsels, for we must all become detached from wealth, pleasure, power, and honor. They don't matter at the end of the day. Only God matters.

HEAVEN & HELL

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, “Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like.” The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew, which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water. The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful. But because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. The Lord said, “You have seen Hell.”

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoon. “It is simple”, said the Lord. “It requires but one skill. You see they have learned to feed each other, while the greedy think only of themselves.”

Contribution Statements

2017 Contribution Statements are now available. To obtain a copy of your 2017 donations, please contact Maria at the rectory 201-768-1706.

CCD Corner

OLV CCD Students celebrate Grandparents! Our first **Grandparent Liturgical Celebration** will be next Sunday, February 4th. Grandparents and special persons are invited to visit the CCD classes beginning at 10:00am in the school. They are invited to attend Mass with their grandchildren at 10:45. Following the Mass there will be a reception in the gym for all grandparents and special persons. We look forward to seeing you there!

Men's Cornerstone 2018

A 26 hour retreat. Friday, Feb 2 at 7PM through Saturday, Feb 3 at 9PM, Church of St. Mary in Closter. What you can expect: friendship, prayer, good food, reconciliation, laughs, reflection. \$35 contribution will cover cost of retreat, including meals and materials. Financial assistance available if needed. For more information contact Brian Milli 201-256-5122.

CATHOLIC CARE FOR THOSE ILL WITH CANCER

Rosary Hill Home, owned and operated by the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne, NY, since 1901, is committed to providing loving, one-on-one palliative care to those suffering from terminal cancer. Free to all who meet the Admission requirements; there is no discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex or handicap. The Sisters depend solely upon the "providence of God and the hourly mercy of the charitable public;" no payment is accepted from patients, their families, private insurance or from the government. For info' call 914-769-0114 or visit www.rosaryhillhome.org.

FAILURE LIST

- Albert Einstein was 4 years old before he could speak.
- Isaac Newton did poorly in grade school and was considered unpromising.
- Beethoven's music teacher once said of him, "As a composer, he is hopeless."
- When Thomas Edison was a youngster, his teacher told him he was too stupid to learn anything. He was counseled to go into a field where he might succeed by virtue of his pleasant personality.
- F. W. Woolworth got a job in a dry goods store when he was 21, but his employer would not permit him to wait on customers because he "didn't have enough sense to close a sale."
- Michael Jordan was cut from his high school basketball team. Boston Celtics Hall of Famer Bob Cousy suffered the same fate.
- Walt Disney was fired from a newspaper because he "lacked imagination and had no good ideas."
- Winston Churchill failed the sixth grade.
- Babe Ruth struck out 1,300 times - a major league record.

A person may make mistakes, but he isn't a failure until he starts to blame someone else. We must believe in ourselves, and somewhere along the road of life, we must meet someone who sees greatness in us, expects it from us, and lets us know it.

DID YOU KNOW?

The image on the Jagermeister bottle is a Christian symbol. In many American cities, it is a common sight to see large billboard ads for this imported German liqueur: "Jagermeister ...so smooth." What catches our attention is the symbol on the bottle, a stag with a cross between his antlers. This symbol originates in the story of St. Hubert's conversion. Hubert, nobleman of Aquitaine, was a very worldly youth who was inordinately attached to the sport of hunting. One day, while Hubert was on the hunt in pursuit of an elusive stag, his target suddenly turned around and revealed, between its antlers, a brilliant shining cross. The incident led to the conversion of the yet unbaptized Hubert, who became a catechumen and disciple of the bishop St. Lambert, whom Hubert ended up succeeding as bishop. Appropriately, St. Hubert is the patron of Christian hunters.

**Opportunity may knock once,
but temptation bangs on your front door forever.**

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 29 – St. Gildas the Wise of England, Abbot
 8:00 Robert Grzelaczyk R/b the Bloomer Family
 12:00 William J. DiMinno R/b Bill and Cathy Ryan
 7:00 (Convent) Sr. Ann Regina IHM R/b Family

Tuesday, January 30–St. Bathildis of England, Queen, Widow, Nun
 8:00 Kathleen Musante R/b John and Anna Heaney
 12:00 Evo and Margaret Razzetti R/b Vivian Cafarella

Wednesday, January 31– Saint John Bosco, Priest
 8:00 James Spillane R/b Tom and Jeanne Hennessey
 12:00 Ellen Keohane R/b Deirdre Keane

Thursday, February 1–St. Bridgid of Dundalk, Ireland, Nun
 8:00 John Tibbs R/b Pat Bland
 12:00 John Scrivanich R/b Nick and Maria Busanic

First Friday, February 2 - Presentation of the Lord
 8:00 Intentions of Gabriela Arias R/b Maria Arias
 12:00 Intentions of Julianna Herrera R/b the Giron Family
 7:00 Kathleen Donnelly R/b the Bloomer Family

First Saturday, February 3 - St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr
 8:00 Amelia Fabiano R/b George and Gail Fabiano
 12:00 Souls in Purgatory

4:00 Deceased of the Fortunato Family R/b Tom and Phyllis Burderi
 5:00 Donald Fannon R/b Ed and Mary Gormley

Sunday, February 4–St. Veronica of Jerusalem-Virgin
 7:30 John Pantaloni R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich
 8:15 Luis Melida R/b Marita Morgan
 9:30 Martino Scrivanich R/b the Busanic Family
 10:45 Pietro Colarullo R/b Family
 12:00 Edward and Winifred Pavlu R/b the Kip Family
 1:00 People of the Parish
 6:00 Michael Murtaugh R/b the Evanella Family
 7:00 Kathleen Belloise

Sanctuary Memorials

The Church Sanctuary Lamp and the Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burn this week for the **repose of the soul of Vera Finan**, r/b Finan Family.
The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week for a **special intention**.
The Convent Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the **men and women who serve in defense of our country**.
The Rectory Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in **loving memory of Emma**, r/b her children and grandchildren.
The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp burns this week for the **unemployed**.
The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp burns this week for the **souls in Purgatory**.
The St. Peregrine Votive Lamp burns this week for the **intentions of Carla, Clare, Debbie, Jim, Margoth, and Rich**.

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 **First Friday** at 6:30PM, **Saturday** at 11AM until Noon, and from 3:00PM – 3:30PM. **Monday thru Friday** at 7:25AM – 7:50AM.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. Ash Wednesday
2. February 14
3. From the burnt palms from the year before.
4. Holy Thursday
5. April 1

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM

A cowboy named Bud was overseeing his herd in a remote mountain-pasture in Montana when suddenly a brand-new 2016 7 Series BMW advanced toward him out of a cloud of dust. The driver, a young man in a Brioni suit, Gucci shoes, RayBan sunglasses and YSL tie, leaned out the window and asked the cowboy, "If I tell you exactly how many cows and calves you have in your herd, will you give me a calf?" Bud looks at the man, who obviously is a yuppie, then looks at his peacefully grazing herd and calmly answers, "Sure, why not?"

The yuppie parks his car, whips out his Dell notebook computer, connects it to his Apple i phone, and surfs to a NASA page on the Internet, where he calls up a GPS satellite to get an exact fix on his location which he then feeds to another NASA satellite that scans the area in an ultra-high-resolution photo.

The young man then opens the digital photo in Adobe Photoshop® and exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany ... Within seconds, he receives an email on his Apple iPad that the image has been processed and the data stored. He then accesses an MS-SQL database through an ODBC connected Excel spreadsheet with email on his Galaxy S5 and, after a few minutes, receives a response.

Finally, he prints out a full-color, 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized HP LaserJet printer, turns to the cowboy and says, "You have exactly 1,586 cows and calves."

"That's right. Well, I guess you can take one of my calves," says Bud. He watches the young man select one of the animals and looks on with amusement as the young man stuffs it into the trunk of his car.

Then Bud says to the young man, "Hey, if I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my calf?"

The young man thinks about it for a second and then says, "Okay, why not?" "You're a Congressman for the U.S. Government", says Bud.

"Wow! That's correct," says the yuppie, "but how did you guess that?" "No guessing required," answered the cowboy. "You showed up here even though nobody called you; you want to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked. You used millions of dollars worth of equipment trying to show me how much smarter than me you are; and you don't know crap about how working people make a living - or about cows, for that matter. This is a herd of sheep" Now give me back my dog." **AND THAT FOLKS IS WHAT THE PROBLEM IS.**

SCRIPTURE QUESTION:

Where in Scripture is the Divine origin and importance of Baptism found. The following Scripture passages establishes the Divine origin, and great importance, of the Sacrament of Baptism:

- 1) "Jesus answered: Amen, amen I say to you, unless a man is born again of water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." **John 3:5**
- 2) "Do penance, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of your sins." **Acts 2:38**
- 3) "And Jesus coming, spoke to them saying: All power is given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit." **Matthew 28:18-19**
- 4) "And He said to them: Go into the whole world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he who does not believe shall be condemned." **Mark 16:15-16**

TROUBLED MARRIAGE???

If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring, if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you're thinking of separation or divorce, BUT you want to try again – then try the Retrouvaille program, it can help you. For more information, contact Family Life Ministries, at 973-497-4327. You may call anonymously. Please be assured that all inquiries are kept in confidence.

What Our Lady Said About Hell on July 13, 1917

Written by Antonio A. Borelli

The Third Apparition Fatima, Portugal June 13, 1917

Mr. Marto, father of Jacinta and Francisco, says that when the third apparition began, a little grayish cloud hovered over the holm oak, the sunlight diminished, and a cool breeze blew over the mountain range, even though it was the height of summer. He also heard something that sounded like flies inside an empty jug. The seers saw the customary glare, and immediately afterward they saw Our Lady over the holm oak. *Lúcia*: What does Your Grace wish of me? Our Lady: I want you to come here on the thirteenth of next month and to continue to pray the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war, for she alone can be of any avail.

Lúcia: I would like to ask you to tell us who you are and to perform a miracle so everyone will believe that Your Grace appears to us.

Our Lady: Continue to come here every month. In October, I will tell you who I am and what I wish, and I will perform a miracle that everyone shall see so as to believe. *Lúcia* then made a number of requests for conversions, cures, and other graces. Our Lady recommended the constant recitation of the Rosary; thus they would obtain those graces during the year. Then she went on: "Sacrifice yourselves for sinners and say many times, especially when you make some sacrifice, 'O Jesus, this is for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.'" The three seers shortly after the vision of hell, July 13, 1917

The Vision of Hell

"As she said these last words," writes Sister *Lúcia*, "she once again opened her hands as she had done in the two previous months. The radiant light (which streamed from them) seemed to penetrate the earth, and we saw, as it were, a great sea of fire; submerged in that fire were demons and souls in human shapes who resembled red-hot, black and bronze-colored embers that floated about in the blaze, borne by the flames that issued from them with clouds of smoke, falling everywhere like the showering sparks of great blazes – with neither weight nor equilibrium – amidst shrieks and groans of sorrow and despair that horrified us and made us shudder with fear.

"The devils stood out like frightful and unknown animals with horrible and disgusting shapes, but transparent like black coals that have become red-hot." The vision lasted only a moment during which *Lúcia* let out a gasp. She remarks that if it were not for Our Lady's promise to take them to heaven, the seers would have died of fright and terror.

Frightened and as though pleading for help, the seers raised their eyes to Our Lady, who said with kindness and sadness:

"You saw hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace."

KIDZ KORNER

- 1. What day begins Lent?
- 2. What date does Lent begin this year?
- 3. Where do we get the ashes for Lent?
- 4. When does Lent end?
- 5. What is the date of Easter this year?

Answers on page 4.

Children who watch television night and day will go down in history – not to mention – mathematics, geography and grammar.