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

Sunday, April 15, 2018 A.D.



OUR LADY OF VICTORIES CHURCH DEDICATED APRIL 14, 1912 HAPPY 106TH BIRTHDAY OLV!

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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*: Bill Carpenter, Kathy Freeburn, Marietta Flahive, Tom Giuliano, Marylou Goreb, Thomas Haring, Peter Kellar, George Loder, Lisa LoSchiavo, Anne Matthaei, Timothy O'Shea, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Michael Tobia, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Jim Walsh, Bill Weissmeier.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT YOUR PERSONAL CROSS

We all have crosses, and some we make ourselves. But all of us have a personal cross from God Himself, designed specifically for us. That cross, whether it is physical, mental, spiritual whatever it is, that particular cross is the main reason why you will be holy and it indicates your glory in heaven. Your entire glory in heaven will be dependent on how you carried your cross. We waste a lot of time trying to determine whether our cross is from our neighbor or from the Lord, or from ourselves—what difference does it make? If you've got it, carry it. It's to make you holy. St. Paul says the Leader had to suffer everything in order to teach us. Isn't it strange that He didn't teach us about joy, or health, or happiness? What did He have to teach us? How to sufferand yet you have people today who run as far from suffering as they can, as if it were evil.

Mother Angelica, Little Book of Life Lessons page 41.

EASTER DUTY

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty), that is the **obligation of receiving the Eucharist for Easter extends to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 27**. No one conscious of committing a serious or mortal sin should receive Holy Communion until they have first gone to the Sacrament of Reconciliation a.k.a. Confession. Confessions are heard EVERY Saturday from 11:00AM to Noon and 3:00-3:25PM, every weekday morning at 7:30AM, and Fridays from 6:30-6:50PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

.CLOTHING BINS

"In your Easter bonnet with all the frills upon it" are some of the lyrics to a very popular song which reflects the joys of the Easter season. Some people, however, have difficulty experiencing these joys due to their circumstances in life. Catholic Charities aims to help relieve the suffering of many in our society through its various programs. Please help Catholic Charities continue its mission by donating your unwanted clothing to the bin located on our property. May the spirit of the Risen Christ resound through your generosity. Thank you.

FRIDAY ADORATION

Just a reminder we have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 12:00Noon – 3:00PM.

So stop by and adore Our Eucharistic Lord.

SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT US

It is through the generosity of our advertisers that we are able to place this bulletin into your hands, each week, without cost to the Parish. Why not get into the habit of looking through the ads and giving your neighbors/merchants a chance to serve your needs. Tell them you read about them in the OLV Parish Bulletin.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.

Mother / Child Collection April 21/22 and April 28/29

OLV Social Concerns & Rosary Society are having the annual Mother/ Child collection to benefit New Hope Pregnancy Center. The center helps first time single mothers financially, physically, emotionally, and educationally. Items they are in most need of are: Diaper bags for moms; Swimees; Sippy Cups; Diapers sizes 3, 5, 6; Pull-ups 3T-4T, 4T-5T; Onesies sizes 12, 18, 24 mos.; Girls summer clothes 18-24 mos., 2T, 3T; Boys summer clothes 9-12 mos., 18-24 mos, 2T, 3T; 5T; Girls winter clothes 18-24 mos., 5T; Boys winter clothes, 2T. New items only. Shop-Rite Gift Cards in amounts of \$10, \$15 & \$20 are needed.

SAVE USED EYEGLASSES

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

Who is a True Christian?

This is a true story told by one of the first missionaries to enter Russia: In Russia before the Berlin Wall came down and freedom to worship freely was against the law, many Christians were forced to get together in secret to worship the Lord. One group of Christians were gathered together in a simple house studying the Bible when suddenly the door was thrown open violently and three Russian soldiers burst in with rifles. One of the soldiers bellowed out that anyone who wasn't a Christian could leave immediately but anyone who had come to worship God should stay. After a moment of silence many of the people filed out of the house leaving a few people behind. One of the soldiers closed the door behind them and locked it, and then the soldiers all put down the rifles and explained to the remaining few that they also were Christians but they only wanted to worship with true believers. Could you pass such a test of your faith?

Christ Made Visible

Love is made visible by witnessing for Christ. To love Christ means that we must be in union with Him, a sign of contradiction in our society. To be a sign of contradiction signifies not to compromise with the spirit of evil — the devil, who has always been a rebel — or with the world with all its deceptions, making the path large and easy, but a path which does not lead to heaven. Christ died on the Cross for each of us, and in our adherence to Him, we continue His Passion for the salvation of our brothers and sisters. May the Heart of Jesus incite you to a more heroic witnessing which will inflame the hearts of all men. **Blessed Luigi Novarese**

MIRACLES

Some (religious) skeptics say, "Oh, the miracles. I can't accept miracles." One may drop a brown seed in the black soil and up comes a green shoot. You let it grow and, by and by, you pull up a root and you find it red. You cut the root and you find it has a white heart. Can any one tell how this comes about — how brown cast into black results in green and then in red and white? Yet you eat your radish without troubling your mind over miracles. Men are not distressed by miracles in the dining room; they reserve them all for religion! Every day is a miracle — a miracle of life that sustains our hope!

HOMEBOUND

If you or anyone you know is homebound, even for a short duration of time, please contact the parish office so I or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion can be scheduled to bring the Eucharist to the sick and homebound.

-3 - Give without remembering.

Take without forgetting.

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Apr 17 -Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM

Apr 18 - Wed-Bible Study Group-10:00AM

Apr 18 - Wed—OLV Needlers 6:30PM

Apr 19 - Thu - Rosary Society Mass & Meeting 12:00Noon

PRAY for THOSE in the MILITARY

Lance Corporal 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 Infrate, 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. Navv: Colonel John McLaughlin, US Army; Captain John G. Miele, US Army.

New Hope - Hands of Hope Gala

Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 6:30 - 10:30pm. Seasons, 664 Pascack Road, Washington Twp. 07676, \$90 per person. Cocktail hour, gourmet dinner, Silent Auction, Tricky Tray, raffle, huge 50/50 and dancing. Your generosity enables us to reach out to first-time single mothers and their babies so please celebrate with us! To make a reservation, contact: Kathy Turlick at (201) 573-8697.

VACATION

Shopping for vacation clothes, my husband and I passed a display of bathing suits. It had been at least ten years and twenty pounds since I had even considered buying a bathing suit, so I sought my husband's advice. 'What do you think?' I asked. 'Should I get a bikini or an all-in-one?' 'Better get a bikini,' he replied. 'You'd never get it all in one.' He's still in intensive care.

St. Martin of Tours

Martin was a young soldier in the Roman army. Elegantly dressed, he was mounted on his horse one day when he was accosted by a leper begging for alms. The sight and the stench of rotting flesh was so repulsive to the sensitivities of young Martin that his first instincts were to ride off on his horse. But something inside him made his walk up to the beggar. Since all he had was his military coat, he cut it in two and gave half to the leper while he wrapped himself with the other half. It was a very cold winter day. That night in his dream he saw Christ clothed in a half coat saying to the angels around his throne, "Martin has clothed me with his garment." This event was the turning point in the life of him who was to become St. Martin of Tours.

INTERESTING QUOTE

"We will conquer your Rome, break your crosses, and enslave your women. If we do not reach that time, then our children and grandchildren will reach it, and they will sell your sons as slaves at the slave market."

Sheikh Abu Muhammad al-Adnani,

<u>Chief Spokesman the Islamic State</u>, 2014 In James Wesley Rawles, Land of Promise (Counter-Caliphate Chronicles Series Book 1)

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, May 5, at St. John's Church Soup Kitchen in Newark. We will leave OLV parking lot between 8:00 and 8:15AM. This service is sponsored by our OLV Knights of Columbus council. All parish members (men, women and children) are welcome to participate, even if not a member of the Knights. For more information, contact Bob Tringali at 201-753-0512.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent weeks, we have looked at the evolution of how Roman Catholics initiate children into the life of the Church. How did customs evolve in the Eastern Church? At one time. Christians in both East and West preferred to celebrate baptism in a community setting, with large numbers of adults and children initiated at Easter. The two branches of Christianity began to split on the proper time to do this. In the East, water was blessed in abundance on the feast of the Epiphany, which marked, among other things, the baptism of the Lord. Once infant baptism was fixed on that day, local customs marking a birth began to evolve. One celebration was the giving of a name on the eighth day, another was the "purification" of the mother on the fortieth day after birth. In that blessing, re-enacting Mary and Joseph's journey to the temple, the priest took the baby in his arms and placed the child before the altar. Just as Simeon received the child Jesus, so the priest received the new Christian while chanting Simeon's prayer. Later, normally on Epiphany, the priest would baptize, chrismate (confirm), and give a few drops of the Precious Blood to the child in a joyous celebration of the whole community.

OLV CCD REGISTRATION

OLV is starting up registration of children for the Fall 2018 CCD program. If the family has not yet registered and <u>would like to sign up before the deadline of May 15, 2018 the fees are as follows:</u>

Kindergarten - \$50 per child.

Primary grades 1 child in the program \$100.

2 children in program \$175.

3 or more children in the program \$250.

The First Holy Communion fee is \$100.

The Confirmation fee is \$150.

There is also a fee of \$50 for non-participating in the program.

New students must provide a baptismal certificate and all families must be registered parishioners of Our Lady of Victories parish.

If the family signs up after the deadline of May 15, 2018 the fees are as follows:

Kindergarten - \$75 per child.

Primary grades 1 child in the program \$125.

2 children in program \$200.

3 children in the program \$275.

The First Holy Communion fee is \$125.

The Confirmation fee is \$175.

There is also a fee of \$75 for non-participating in the program. Call Sue or Deacon Al in the CCD office 201-768-1400 for a registration form or info.

They Walk Among Us!

I couldn't find my luggage at the airport baggage area and went to the lost luggage office and reported the loss. The woman there smiled and told me not to worry because she was a trained professional and said I was in good hands. "Now," she asked me, "Has your plane arrived yet?"

QUESTION?

Why is someone who is feeling great 'on cloud nine'? Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well

-4- Third Sunday of Easter

2nd Sunday after Easter

High School Open Houses

Wednesday, April 25, Bergen Catholic HS (Oradell, NJ) 6:30-8:30. Register on Admissions page on website www.bergencatholic.org . For more info contact Matt Rosa at mrosa@bergencatholic.org or 201-634-4141.

Thursday, April 26, Don Bosco Prep (Ramsey, NJ) 6:30-8:30PM, 7th & 8th graders & parents. Register at www.donboscoprep.org.

Wednesday, May 2, Saint Joseph Regional HS (Montvale, NJ) 6:30PM Register online at www.sirni.org/openhouse.

Sr. Roberta Scholarship Dinner

May 2, 2018, at the Fiesta, Wood-Ridge at 6:30PM. Our 3 Honorees are: Mary Higgins Clark, celebrated novelist; Mayor Richard Turner, Mayor of Weehawken, NJ; Lynn Gully, friend and volunteer of St. Augustine School and John Giannuzzi, donor. Tickets are \$125. Send check ATT. Sr. Johanna, St. Augustine School, 3920 New York Ave., Union City, NJ 07087. 201-865-0072

HP Swim Club Needs Members!

Harrington Park Swim Club is at risk of closing its doors permanently. Members are needed. For more information please visit hpswimclub.net.

SFIC Annual Gala

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) Annual Gala will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at The Venetian in Garfield. Proceeds from the dinner will provide partial-tuition scholarships to low income students, in grades K-12, attending Catholic Schools in Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union Counties. For more information about the SFIC Gala, to order tickets or place a journal ad, please visit www.sficnj.org or call SFIC at 973-497-4278.

Jim McGahren Memorial Scholarship

Knights of Columbus Queen of Peace Council #3679 will award two \$1000 Jim McGahren Memorial Scholarships for the 2018/2019 school year to 1) a student entering/attending an accredited college/university in the United States of America; 2) a student entering/attending a Catholic High School in the Archdiocese of Newark. Student and their family must be active members of one of the following parishes: OLV (Harrington Park), St. Joseph (Demarest), St. Mary (Closter), Sacred Heart (Haworth), St. Pius X (Old Tappan), St. Anthony (Northvale), Immaculate Conception (Norwood). The scholarship will be awarded based on Church activities, Community involvement, Scholarship, Financial need. The application must be completed by the student and must be submitted no later than Monday, May 7th. Applications available at the rectory. If you have any questions, please email scholarship committee KofC3679@verizon.net.

Healing of Hearts Retreat

An excellent retreat for all ages, especially young adults. **May 5** at Church of the Annunciation, Paramus and **May 12** at Assumption Church, Emerson - 8:30am to 6:30pm. This retreat addresses the wounded hearts in the body of Christ, the Church. All have encountered heartaches in life and some have departed from the ways of God which further damages the heart. **The Healing of Hearts Retreat** faces their problems, gives them hope, direction and encourages people to attain the promises of Almighty God. Some positive outcomes from this retreat have been deep emotional healing, physical healing, conversion (spiritual healing) greater depth in spirituality, peace, love and joy. There will be Holy Mass, Adoration, Confession, Healing Services, Consecration to the Twin Hearts.- Cost \$25/pp or \$35/couples.- For more info and registration visit www.Johnleaps.com or call 201-539-0345.

Mass Intentions

Monday, Apr. 16-St. Benedict Joseph Labre of France-Mendicant

8:00 William Sweeney R/b George & Gail Fabiano 12:00 Edward Pavlu R/b the Kip Family

Tuesday, April 17 - St. Stephen Harding of England

8:00 Richard Fabiano R/b George & Gail Fabiano
12:00 Michael Noone R/b Deacon Al & Mary Clare McLaughlin

Wednesday, April 18- St. Apollonius, Martyr

8:00 Mary Marlborough R/b the Barrett Family 12:00 Michael Noone R/b Artie & Noreen Vogel

Thursday, April 19-St. Elphege of England-Bishop & Martyr

8:00 Veronica Haskell R/b Jeanne Marie Walsh 12:00 Lydia Mohsenin R/b OLV Rosary Society

Friday, April 20-St. Marcellinus of Africa-Bishop in France

8:00 Mary Ann Buckley R/b Bob and Mary Connolly 12:00 Domenica Scrivanich R/b the Busanic Family

Saturday, April 21- St. Anselm - Archbishop of Canterbury

8:00 Phil Brady R/b Rita McNamara
12:00 Ivan Busanic R/b the Busanic Family
4:00 M/M Alfred Villavecchia Sr. R/b Al & Lenore Villavecchia
5:00 Robert Ubriaco R/b the Ubriaco Family

Sunday, April 22 - Ss. Epipodius & Alexander - Martyrs

7:30 Filipa Fizulich R/b Michael & Barbara Fizulich

8:15 Intentions of Margarete Rajner

9:30 John O'Neill

10:45 Martino & Antonia Busanic

12:00 Frank & Mary Muggeo

1:00 People of the Parish

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6:00 Agnes & Gottfried Baier R/b Margarete Rajner 7:00 Grace E. Tennent R/b the Mulligan Family

<u>The Church Sanctuary Lamp</u> burns this week for the repose of the soul of Antoinette Vitiello, r/b Marian Meore.

The Convent Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the unemployed.
.The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Lydia Mohsenin, r/b Family.

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

The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp burns for the souls in Purgatory.

The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Lloyd Kennedy, r/b Josephine & Fausto Galeazza.

GOD'S LOYE

The story of a little incident that took place in Mainz in 1456 when Gutenberg was printing the first Bible can help us with the answer to the nature of God. The printer had a little daughter, Alice, who came into the printing press and picked up a discarded sheet with only one line of print. That line of print read: "God loved the world so much that he gave..." Now, those were times when popular religion was a matter of living in fear and trembling before the awesome wrath of God. So Alice put the paper in her pocket and kept on thinking on the fact of God being so loving, and her face radiated with joy. Her mother noticed her changed behavior and asked Alice what was making her so happy and Alice showed her mother the sheet of paper with the printed line. Her mother looked at it for some time and said, "So, what did God give?" "I don't know," said Alice, "but if God loved us well enough to give us something, then we need not be so afraid of Him."

Kidz Korner Answers

1. Unknown 2. Adam 3. Adam & Eve 4. Four 5. Cain

God Calling: Your Great Reward

You pray for Faith, and you are told to do so. But I make provision in the House of My Abiding for those who turn toward Me and yet have weak knees and hearts that faint. Be not afraid. I am your God, Your Great Reward. Yours to look up and say, "All is well."

I am your Guide. Do not want to see the road ahead. Go just one step at a time. I very rarely grant the long vista to My disciples, especially in personal affairs, for one step at a time is the best way to cultivate Faith.

You are in uncharted waters. But the Lord of all Seas is with you, the Controller of all Storms is with you. Sing with joy. You follow the Lord of Limitations, as well as the God in whose service is perfect freedom.

He, the God of the Universe, confined Himself within the narrow limits of a Baby-form and, in growing Boyhood and young Manhood, submitted to your human limitations, and you have to learn that your vision and power, boundless as far as spiritual things are concerned, must in temporal affairs submit to limitations too.

But I am with you. It was when the disciples gave up effort after a night of fruitless fishing that I came and the nets broke with the overabundance of supply.

The Bible remains open in my home because the Word of God is Spirit. Each day, I place my hands on the Bible and pray: "Lord, I place my hands upon Your Word. I ask You to imprint Your Word upon my heart and give me wisdom to understand it and the grace to live it. Take my life Lord, this day and everyday of my life, lead me in the path of Light and righteousness so that I may be Yours now and forever.

Lumen Gentium

The dogmatic Constitution of the Catholic Church

14. This Sacred Council wishes to turn its attention firstly to the Catholic faithful. Basing itself upon Sacred Scripture and Tradition, it teaches that the Church, now sojourning on earth as an exile, is necessary for salvation. Christ, present to us in His Body, which is the Church, is the one Mediator and the unique way of salvation. In explicit terms He Himself affirmed the necessity of faith and baptism(124) and thereby affirmed also the necessity of the Church, for through baptism, as through a door, men enter the Church.

PARENTS

YOU are responsible for educating your children in the faith. "Parents have been appointed by God himself as the first and principal educators of their children," writes John Paul II (40). Using a term recovered by the Second Vatican Council, he then calls the family a "domestic church," which "like the greater Church, needs to be constantly and intensely evangelized" (51). Finally, he adds that "the future of evangelization depends in great part on the Church of the home" (52). These beautiful words of John Paul II are a daily challenge to us. They remind us that we are called to become missionaries by instilling a love for the Gospel in our own homes.

PRAY

No one can get to Heaven unless he prays. If you do not eat, you will starve to death. If you do not drink, you will die of thirst. If you do not breathe, you will die for lack of air. But prayer is more necessary for you than food and drink and air. If you do not pray, you shall never see God in Heaven.

INTELLIGENCE

A little boy went up to his mother and asked: "Mom, where did my intelligence come from?" The mother replied. "Well, son, you must have got it from your father, cause I still have mine."

Saint Gemma Galani

Saint Gemma was a layperson, born March 12, 1878, whose life was marked throughout by divine favors and extraordinary graces, and also great trials and sufferings. Though she was an extraordinary mystic and stigmatic, bearing in her body the marks of the Lord Jesus, her spiritual life was quite hidden from the world. She was never the object of public curiosity or veneration. She was especially chosen by God to be a victim soul, that is, she was especially called to sacrifice and suffer for the conversion of sinners.

In 1899, Gemma had an interior warning that some unusual grace was to be granted to her. She was visited by the Blessed Virgin and Jesus appeared with His open wounds, but instead of blood, flames issued from them. His flames touched her hands, feet and heart. Blood flowed from her wounds. Each Thursday evening, Gemma would fall into rapture and the wounds would appear. The stigmata remained until Friday afternoon or Saturday morning when the bleeding would stop, and the wounds closed, only white marks would remain in place of the deep gashes.

She had many ecstasies and her words spoken during these raptures, were recorded by her confessor. At the end of her ecstasies, she returned to normal and went quietly and serenely about family life. Gemma's stigmata would continue to appear until the last three years of her life, when her confessor forbade her to accept them. Through her prayers, this phenomenon ceased, but the whitish marks remained on her skin until her death.

Gemma often saw her guardian angel, with whom she was on familiar terms. She often sent her guardian angel on errands, usually to deliver a letter or oral message to her confessor in Rome. In January of 1903, Gemma was diagnosed as having tuberculosis. She died quietly in the company of the parish priest, on April 11 at age twenty-five. He said, "She died with a smile which remained upon her lips, so that I could not convince myself that she was really dead." She was beatified in 1933 and canonized on May 2, 1940, only thirty-seven years after her death.

The Pain of Life is Pure Salt

The old Master instructed the unhappy young lady to put a handful of salt in a glass of water and then to drink it. "How does it taste?" the Master asked. "Very bad," said the lady. The Master then asked the young lady to take another handful of salt and put it in the lake. The two walked in silence to the nearby lake and when the apprentice swirled her handful of salt into the lake, the old man said, "Now drink from the lake." As the water dripped down the young lady's chin, the Master asked, "How does it taste?" "Good!" remarked the apprentice. "Do you taste the salt?" asked the Master. "No," said the young lady. The Master said, "The pain of life is pure salt; no more, no less. The amount of pain in life remains the same, exactly the same. But the amount we taste of the 'pain' depends on the container we put it into. So when you are in pain, the only thing you can do is to enlarge your sense of things... "Stop being a glass. Become a lake!"

KIDZ KORNER

- 1. In the Garden of Eden, what fruit was the "forbidden" one?
- 2. Who was created first, Adam or Eve?
- 3. Who named all the animals?
- 4. How many rivers were in the Garden of Eden?
- 5. What was the name of Adam's first son?

Answers on page four

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.