

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, July 29, 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.

Latin Mass every Sunday 8:15AM

Spanish Mass every Sunday 1PM



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Fr. Wojciech's Corner

I was happy to meet so many of our parish college students the past few weekends, and at the same time sad that they will soon leave to go back to their studies. I would like to have a send-off pizza party for our college students. Students, please join us on Sunday, August 12, for Mass at 7:00PM, followed by pizza in the lower church. *Mothers, please supply tissues for parting tears.* Our Lady of Victories is your parish family. Don't be strangers!! Please contact Maria at the rectory if you plan to join us, so we can plan the pizzas!

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**: Kathy Freeburn, Marietta Flahive, Kyle Gauweiler, Tom Giuliano, Marylou Goreb, Stefani Gosselink, Thomas Haring, Glen Hall, Megan Kavanagh, Peter Kellar, George Loder, Lisa LoSchiavo, Anne Matthaei, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Michael Tobia, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Jim Walsh.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"God made the world for the delight of human beings-- if we could see His goodness everywhere, His concern for us, His awareness of our needs: the phone call we've waited for, the ride we are offered, the letter in the mail, just the little things He does for us throughout the day. As we remember and notice His love for us, we just begin to fall in love with Him because He is so busy with us -- you just can't resist Him. I believe there's no such thing as luck in life, it's God's love, it's His."

Mother Theresa of Calcutta

SAINTS OF TODAY AND YESTERDAY

SAINT JOHN THERISTUS

Abbot (1049-c. 1129)

John and his mother were held as prisoners in Moorish-occupied Palermo, Sicily, after John's father had been slain by the Moors. At the age of fourteen, John escaped to the Calabria region of Italy. After giving away all his possessions to the poor, he entered the Basilian monastery of Stilo, devoting himself to contemplation, spiritual reading, and fasting. John later became abbot of Stilo. One summer day, as he was traversing the countryside, several farmhands mowing a field taunted him with insults. The abbot responded by offering them the piece of bread and vessel of wine he had with him. The harvesters welcomed the free meal. To their amazement, no matter how much they ate and drank, the remaining amount of bread and wine never diminished. John left them and offered thanks to God for this prodigy. Then, a sudden storm sent the farmhands fleeing for shelter. When following the storm the workers returned to the field they had been harvesting, they were stunned to find that the crop had been totally harvested and gathered into sheaves. It was this miraculous incident that earned for John the title "Theristus" ("the Mower").

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.

"Our Lord needs from us neither great deeds nor profound thoughts. Neither intelligence nor talents. He cherishes simplicity."

St. Therese of Lisieux

PRAY for THOSE in the MILITARY

Lance Corporal Matthew Brady, U.S. Marine Corps;
Lieutenant Commander 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 lafrate, 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;
Lieutenant Gigi McElroy, U.S. Army;
Colonel John McLaughlin, US Army;
Lieutenant John G. Miele, US Army.

Prayer for the Safety of Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in You will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of Your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise You for Your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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.

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.

OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Did you know that every Monday after the 8:00AM Mass we have a novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. We also pray the Rosary DAILY after the completion of the 8:00AM weekday Mass.

OLV Prayer Power House

Become one of our prayer team members. There are no meetings, so this apostolate is wonderful for all, including those parishioners who are homebound. For information, please phone Maria at the rectory.

Rachel's Vineyard

Healing the Wounds of Abortion

Upcoming retreat weekend in the archdiocese:

September 14th-16th 2018

For confidential help / info' 973-497-4350 or rileyche@rcan.org.
www.Rachelsvineyard.org.

GOING ON VACATION

Visit www.masstimes.org for the locations of Catholic Churches and a Mass schedule, throughout the USA.

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

- Jul 31 - Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
- Aug 1 - Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM
- Aug 2 - Thu—Holy Hour 7:00PM
- Aug 3 - Fri - Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM
- Aug 3 - Fri - Mass followed by Sacred Heart Devotions 7:00PM
- Sep 23 - Sun - Parish Picnic

CCD Teachers Needed

We have all been called to proclaim the Kingdom of God. Sharing our faith with our children is a blessing and an awesome privilege! We are looking for **2 middle school teachers** for our Sunday morning CCD classes and **1** for our Monday afternoon program, as well as **1 elementary teacher** for our Sunday and **1** for our Monday classes. If you think you can help, please speak to or contact Deacon Al at deaconalatolvgmail.com.

Sisters of Charity 50/50 Raffle

If you missed Sr. Elizabeth, Sisters of Charity 50/50 raffle tickets are available at OLV Rectory. Your purchase supports Maris Stella Retreat Center. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. Three prizes: 1st prize 25%, 2nd prize 15%, 3rd prize 10% of gross receipts. Drawing will be September 2, at Maris Stella. Winner need not be present. Please make checks payable to Sisters of Charity.

7th Annual Gladys Heyliger/Mary Carley Scholarship

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 1639 is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to an 8th grade student going into a Catholic High School in September. For an application, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Dr. Marie Woke, 20 Kensington Court, Norwood, NJ 07648.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Fr. Chris Ciccarino, our weekend assistant, and Fr. Jerry Hahn of St. Anthony's in Northvale, invite OLV parishioners, particularly those who may have wanted to be pilgrims this year but could not, to join our March 7–15, 2019 Holy Land visit. For more information, please call Father Jerry 201-768-1177.

LEARN TO KNIT/CROCHET

The OLV Catholic Daughters meets every Wednesday evening in the lower church and will teach you to knit or crochet. Contact Renee Tringali at 201-768-0648 for more info.

Relevant Radio—1430 AM

Tune in to Relevant Radio, the largest Catholic radio network in the nation. Its local station 1430AM, has fast become a growing Catholic radio presence here in the Archdiocese of Newark and the greater New York/Tri-State area, sharing news and insights into our Catholic Faith. Listen online at www.relevantradio.com and on the FREE mobile app.

CLOTHING BINS

July is often remembered for its excessive heat, picnics with relatives and friends and of course, time at the beach. We work very hard and deserve leisure time. Some people, due to the hardships of life, have difficulty enjoying recreation in any form. Catholic Charities reaches out to those who suffer. Please help us to continue our mission by contributing to the clothing bin.

“One of the best ways to persuade others is with your ears – by listening to them.” **Dean Rusk**

Speak, Lord, Your Servant Is Listening

“One must be docile to the Holy Spirit,” said Pope Francis, “and one must not resist Him.” Pope Francis warns against those who resist the Spirit with “so-called fidelity to the law,” and invites the faithful to pray for the grace of the docility to the Spirit. “In days past, the Church has shown us how there can be a drama of resisting the Spirit: closed, hard, foolish hearts resisting the Spirit. We’ve seen things, the healing of the lame man by Peter and John at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple; the words and the great things Stephen was doing ... but they were closed off to these signs of the Spirit and resisted the Spirit. They were seeking to justify this resistance with a so-called fidelity to the law, that is, to the letter of the law. “A beautiful prayer asking for this docility,” the Pope revealed, “we may find in the First Book of Samuel, the prayer which the priest Eli suggests to the young Samuel, who during the night heard a voice calling to him: ‘Speak Lord, your servant is listening.’ “This is a beautiful prayer that we can always pray: ‘Speak, Lord, because I am listening.’ The prayer asking for this docility to the Holy Spirit we should pray many times a day: when we have a doubt, when we do not know what to do, or when we want simply to pray. With this prayer we ask for the grace of docility to the Holy Spirit.”

JUST A REMINDER

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

The Meaning and Use of Holy Water

We bless ourselves with holy water for three reasons: as a sign of repentance of sin, for protection from evil and as a reminder of our Baptism. In making the sign of the cross with holy water, we are mindful that we are called to renew our Baptismal promises of rejecting Satan, his works and his empty promises, and to profess our Catholic faith.

REFRESH YOUR MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP

On a **Marriage Encounter** weekend married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones for 44 hours—and focus only on each other. If you’d like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you’ll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can make! For more information contact Janet and Mike Turco at 973-427-7016 or email mikeandjanetwwme@gmail.com or go to nnjwwme.org.

Military families, are you getting ready to deploy? Is your family trying to reconnect after deployment? Marriage Encounter offers tools of communication that have kept many military marriages strong and happy throughout the ups and downs of military service. Contact your local chaplain or Janet and Mike Turco 973-427-7016 or mikeandjanetwwme@gmail.com or visit nnjwwme.org.

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 weekday morning at 7:30AM, as well as every First Friday at 6:30PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

WHAT THE CATECHISM SAYS

"In order that the full and living Gospel might always be preserved in the Church, the Apostles left Bishops as their successors. They gave them "their own position of teaching authority." Indeed, "the apostolic preaching, which is expressed in a special way in the inspired books, was to be preserved in a continuous line of succession until the end of time."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church #77

Christ's Grace is Indispensible

Blessed Luigi Novarese' charismatic gift was to realize a person's recovery does not come from the body alone, but within a person's soul. If there is not the presence of Jesus in the person's ego, his heart will not recover. The gift of Christ's grace is the first indispensable and essential medicine for those who suffer. It is not always possible to recover from physical pain, but it is possible for life without good health to be happy and fruitful, by making our sufferings positive, giving them to God for the redemption of the world.

Not Objects of Charity, to be Pitied

In the Apostolate of the Suffering a sick person, the bearer of a handicap, one who is physically or mentally challenged or a suffering individual is not considered an object of charity, someone to be pitied, but rather an active, responsible participant in the work of evangelization and salvation. It is recognized that their suffering has a salvific (saving) value, which gives meaning and value to their lives. It is for these special people our Apostolate of the Suffering was founded.

Jesus Sees Our Suffering Differently

Suffering is an inevitable part of life, but it doesn't have to be meaningless. Like so many things in life that we have little or no control over, how we respond to suffering makes all the difference. Jesus counsels us: I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is in labor, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. (John 16:20-22) This passage alone is proof enough that Jesus sees suffering in a completely different light than the world does, and that his conception of suffering is radically different from how I would view it if I were left to my own devices. Fortunately for us all, Jesus doesn't leave us to our own devices.

-- Excerpt from Chapter 15 of Matthew Kelly's *Rediscover Jesus*.

Politics Must Be at the Service of the Person

Pope Francis on 9/24/15, to U.S. Congress

If politics must truly be at the service of the human person, it follows that it cannot be a slave to the economy and finance. Politics is, instead, an expression of our compelling need to live as one, in order to build as one the greatest common good: that of a community which sacrifices particular interests in order to share, in justice and peace, its goods, its interests, its social life. I do not underestimate the difficulty that this involves, but I encourage you in this effort. "All political activity must serve and promote the good of the human person and be based on respect for his or her dignity. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" (Declaration of Independence, 4 July 1776). If politics must truly be at the service of the human person, it follows that it cannot be a slave to the economy and finance. Politics is, instead, an expression of our compelling need to live as one, in order to build as one the greatest common good: that of a community which sacrifices particular interests in order to share, in justice and peace, its goods, its interests, its social life. I do not underestimate the difficulty that this involves, but I encourage you in this effort."

IT'S IN THE BIBLE

The phrase "The way of all flesh", is another way of saying that all people meet their earthly end, comes to us from 1Kings 2: 1-2.

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 30 – St. Peter Chrysologus – bishop, doctor

8:00 Barbara Strome R/b David Musante

12:00 Louis Cerillo R/b Barry and Ginger Maher

Tuesday, July 31– St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest

8:00 Hazel Obutelewicz R/b Regina Bond

12:00 Elsie M. Ballas R/b the Zwerle family

Wednesday, August 1–St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop-doctor

8:00 Mizzi Pfister R/b the Poggi family

12:00 Mary Farrelley R/b Ed Farrelley

Thursday, August 2–St. Eusebius, bishop

8:00 John Pantalon R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich

12:00 Msgr. Caesar Orico R/b the Adamcik family

First Friday, August 3– St. Lydia – Patroness of Dyers

8:00 Pat McNamara R/b Rita McNamara

12:00 Intentions of Raph, Mike and Sandra Giron R/b the Giron Family

7:00 George and Richard Fabiano R/b George and Gail Fabiano

First Saturday, August 4 – St. John Mary Vianney, priest

8:00 Intentions of Anna Heaney R/b John Heaney

12:00 Souls in Purgatory

4:00 Deceased of the Fortunato Family R/b the Burderi family

5:00 Donald Ulisse Sr. R/b Don Ulisse

Sunday, August 5– Dedication of St. Mary Major

7:30 Gina Ottomanelli-Bender R/b the Ottomanelli family

8:15 Rose Anne Morgan R/b Marita Morgan

9:30 William Tristano R/b Josephine Tristano

10:45 Intentions of Brian J. McElroy Jr. R/b McElroy family

12:00 Giovanna and Corrado Iozzia R/b Mike Zocco

1:00 People of the Parish

6:00 Peter Bohan R/b Mary Oakes

7:00 Eileen Loftus O'Brien R/b the Bolton family

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Sanctuary Lamp, the Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp and the St. Joseph Votive Lamp burn this week for the intentions of Anna

Heaney, r/b John Heaney.

The Hosts and Wine used at Mass this week have been donated in honor of Anna Heaney, r/b John Heaney.

The Convent Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for an increase in religious vocations.

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

The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp burns this week the souls in Purgatory.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS NO LONGER PART OF OUR PARISH?

or

SOMEONE WHO NO LONGER ATTENDS MASS?

If so, begin to pray and think of ways you can invite that person to be a part of our parish. As we prepare for this celebration of the Eucharist each and every week, we want to reach out to as many people as possible. Think of young people who may not look to the Church to help them find meaning in their lives. Think of those who may be angry with the Church. Reach out to them, because we want everyone to be a part of this great parish. Think of those who left and went some where else – invite them back and tell them what is going on here at OLV. We want to reach out to everyone and move together as a human family toward greater unity and reconciliation.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

- 1. St. John the Baptist. 2. The Jordan River. 3. 30 years old. 4. He was a carpenter like St. Joseph. 5. Jesus was a Phariseetic Jew.

VICTIMS OR VICTORS

With every event in our lives, we have a choice. We can either choose to be victims or victors. Regardless of what life, or Satan, throws at us, no matter how horrific or life altering, we can rise from the ashes and sing praises, or cower and lick our wounds endlessly, wearing a badge of self-pity or shame. We can seek to be the center of our suffering or the guiding light to others who are also suffering. Often it seems that events in life come at us with such speed and velocity that we question how we can possibly endure and persevere through yet another disappointment, heartache, loss, or injury. We cling to our faith and believe what Scripture tells us. We hope. We pray. We strive to be faithful Christians, but what we fail to accept is that with salvation comes suffering. And suffering leads to growth. And growth leads to wisdom. And wisdom leads to faithful witness. Each one of us has a story. It doesn't matter your age, your race, your social status, your level of education, or even the magnitude or minuscule of your level of endurance or faith. You have a story. You are a witness, whose life experiences are significant and relevant beyond your wildest imagination. For through your pain, you become the healing balm for another wounded individual, seeking the love and compassion that Christ instructs us to show to one another.

— from Catholic Stand, "The Wounded Healer" article by Diane McKelva.

Consequences of Sin

Sin has two consequences, or punishments (CCC 1472). The first is eternal punishment, in which the soul loses heaven and is confined to an eternity in hell. This punishment is remitted through the forgiveness of sins. The second is temporal punishment, in which a person must expiate, or make reparation for, his sins. This temporal punishment remains even after sin is forgiven. Some examples include Adam and Eve getting thrown out of Paradise when they ate the forbidden fruit (Genesis), and the Israelites losing the privilege of seeing the Promised Land because they worshiped the golden bull (Exodus). Unlike eternal punishment, temporal punishment remains only for the period of time it takes for the expiation of one's sins. Temporal punishment is God's method of loving discipline: "Do not disdain the discipline of the Lord . . . for whom the Lord loves, He disciplines; He scourges every son He receives" (Heb. 12:5).

How does one expiate his sins? The Catholic Church has traditionally identified three major ways — prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Any good work or sacrifice expiates sin, as well as patiently bearing our sufferings and offering them up in satisfaction for our sins (CCC 1459-1460). We may also take it upon ourselves to do voluntary penance. Some saints have done austere penances in satisfaction for their sins, such as sleeping on bare boards, dressing scantily in cold weather, self-flagellation, and wearing a hair shirt or a necklace made of jagged items to irritate the skin. Although efficacious, most Christians should strive to follow the penitential spirit of the saints by performing penances suitable to them.

What happens if one has not fully expiated his sins before dying? Such a person, before going to heaven, would have to expiate his sins in purgatory (CCC 1030), where love for God is perfected through our sufferings there. Traditionally, the sufferings of purgatory have been compared to a "consuming fire" (1 Cor. 3:11-15). Because certain sins can be forgiven "in the age to come" (Matt. 12:32), Catholics have always prayed for the dead — for the relief of their souls, or their speedy deliverance — if they are in purgatory for "it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins" (2 Macc. 12:46). — James Hamel

The Miracle of the Scarlet Thread

With the destruction of the Second Temple in A.D. 70, the Jewish people lost the ability to perform sacrifices for the atonement of sins. Yet, according to Christianity, the efficacy of such sacrifices should already have ended at the time of the crucifixion about forty years earlier. For it was then that the Old Covenant, with its animal sacrifices for the atonement for sins, was replaced by the New Covenant, in which Jesus shed His blood once and for all for the atonement of sins.

Both the Talmud and the Zohar contain accounts of how, in the days of the Temple, the High Priest would once a year - on Yom Kippur, or the "Day of Atonement" - enter the Holy of Holies and offer sacrifice for the atonement of the sins of all Israel. Both mention the "miracle of the scarlet thread", in which a scarlet thread would miraculously turn white as the sign that God had accepted the sacrifice. From the account in the Zohar (Vayikra, Section 3, condensed):

All the sins are [taken] away on this day, the defilement of the soul and of the body... All that day ... God makes atonement for Israel and purifies them from all their sins and they are not accused before Him ... On this day the priest ... makes atonement for himself and his house and the priests and the sanctuary and all Israel ... They used to know by a certain thread of scarlet if the priest had been successful. ... (It was known by the thread changing its color to white, when there was rejoicing above and below. If it did not, however, all were distressed, knowing that their prayer had not been accepted).

The scarlet thread turning white would be the sign that God had accepted the sacrifice and had forgiven the Jewish people their sins ("though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow; though they be crimson red, they may become white as wool"-Isaiah 1:18). Yet the Talmud itself reports that forty years before the Temple was destroyed, this great miracle, which gave divine confirmation that the High Priest's sacrifice had been accepted taking away the sins of the Jewish people, ceased to occur. The passage from the Talmud reads (Rosh Hashanah 31b):

Originally they used to fasten the thread of scarlet on the door of the [Temple] court on the outside. If it turned white the people used to rejoice, and if it did not turn white they were sad ... For forty years before the destruction of the Temple the thread of scarlet never turned white, but it remained red.

The Temple was destroyed about A.D. 70; hence the miracle ceased to occur about A.D. 30, which is precisely when the crucifixion took place - the crucifixion that replaced the sacrifice of the Old Covenant with that of Jesus on the Cross. According to the New Testament at the very moment that Jesus died on the Cross the curtain of the Temple that separated off the Holy of Holies was rent in two, symbolizing the end of the efficacy of the sacrifices of the Old Covenant (cf. Matthew 27:51; Mark 15:38; Luke 23:45). It is the Talmud itself that unwittingly confirms this when it recounts that from that time on - forty years before the destruction of the Temple in A.D. 70 - the scarlet thread never again turned white.

KIDZ KORN

1. Who baptized Jesus?
2. In what river was Jesus baptized?
3. How old was Jesus when He was baptized?
4. Before Jesus started to preach what did He do for "a living"?
5. In what religion was Jesus raised?

Answers on page four.