

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, October 21, 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

One of the phrases that the deacon uses at the end of the Mass which is called dismissal is "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." This Sunday the Church celebrates World Mission Sunday.

May this day be a special day to remember the many missionaries who have passed through our lives, so many missionaries out there in the vineyard of the Lord and we who are called to be missionaries "glorifying the Lord by our lives".

One of my priest friends once told me that in his home town in the Canary Islands many missionaries would come to the parishes. However, only one parish was very hospitable and grateful for all they did.

To this day, that parish has ALWAYS had vocations. Let us be grateful for all the priests who come here and maybe even thank them personally for taking their time and driving sometimes far to celebrate the Mass for us. And let us not forget to pray for the new men and women whom God has called to His vineyard that they respond yes to His call.

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.

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.**

Jesus asked one thing from us!!!

On His last night of earth (Holy Thursday) Jesus asked His disciples one thing – to stay awake with Him for one hour. Every Thursday evening we at OLV try to fulfill this request by having a Holy Hour from 7-8PM. Join us in carrying out Jesus' request.

FRIDAY ADORATION

Just a reminder we have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 12:30 – 3:00PM.

So stop by and adore Our Eucharistic Lord.

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.

Help THE SOULS in PURGATORY??

It is very possible that some of our own nearest and dearest ones are still suffering the excruciating pains of Purgatory and are calling to us for help and relief. There is no hunger, no thirst, no poverty, no need, no pain, no suffering to compare with what the souls in Purgatory endure. How YOU can help these souls: **1. Have Masses offered for them. 2. Make the Stations of the Cross. 3. Recite the Rosary. 4. Offer up all your pain and sufferings for the relief of Souls.**

ALL SOULS INTENTIONS

We are asking that your ALL SOULS INTENTION ENVELOPES be returned to the rectory as soon as possible in order that we may place the intentions and names on the altar on ALL SOULS DAY and for the following nine days for the ALL SOULS NOVENA. The envelope intentions will remain on the altar for the entire month of November, which is dedicated to the POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY.

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Oct 23 - Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM

Oct 24 - Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM

Oct 25 - Thu - Holy Hour 7:00PM

Oct 26 - Fri - Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00

Coat, Jacket, Sweater, Sweatshirt Collection

The next two weekends Oct 27/28 and Nov 3/4, you can help by bringing gently used coats, jackets, sweater, sweatshirts. The items will go to those in need at St John's in Newark.

Food Collection

During the month of October, OLV Social Concerns will be accepting donations of canned fruits and vegetables, pasta and breakfast cereals. Please bring your donations to the Church atrium.

Holy Name Society

OLV Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday each month. The men attend 9:30AM Mass, followed by recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and then a meeting and refreshments. At our meetings, we discuss topics of interest to men who want to enhance their Catholic faith.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

If you are a woman over the age of 18 and looking for a ministry at Our Lady of Victories that will fulfill your desire to become more active within the church community, CDA is for you. We meet the third Tuesday every month at 7PM in the lower church. We discuss some of the many worthwhile CDA projects in local communities and throughout the nation. For more information contact ReneeTringali@gmail.com or 913-2580.

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 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, November 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 more information, contact Bob Tringali 201-768-0648.

Clothing Bins

Mother Nature manifests a magnificent display of colors in the Fall. The breathtaking scenery of multi-colored leaves – the brilliant yellow, gold and orange, along with the green, brown and in some regions purple produces an unforgettable image. We hope you enjoy the Fall and as you do please think of contributing to the Catholic Charities donation bin. Any questions or comments, please contact Maria Biancheri – 973-596-3985 – Donation-Bins@ccannj.org. Thank you.

CCD Corner

Once again we began our classes by praying one decade of the Luminous Mysteries. **Parents are invited to stay for the first ten minutes of class and pray with us.** Today the children heard the Gospel story of James and John arguing about who Jesus liked best. He tells them what they needed to do to be first in the kingdom of heaven. It is difficult to learn the concept of helping others, of thinking of someone else before yourself, and of having a good time even if you don't exactly get your way. **Maybe at home this week** you can show your child a time and a way that you put another person first and still feel good about it. Maybe you can help your child find a way to serve someone else. Maybe you, as a family, can do a secret good deed together and enjoy watching someone else be surprised! **Parents are the first teachers of the faith to their children and we are glad to help you in this beautiful endeavor.** God bless.

QUESTION?

Why do Catholics believe in a place between Heaven and Hell called Purgatory? The main body of Christians have always believed in the existence of a place between Heaven and Hell where souls go to be punished for lesser sins and to repay the debt of temporal punishment for sins which have been forgiven. Even after Moses was forgiven by God, he was still punished for his sin. (2 Samuel 12:13-14). The primitive Church Fathers regarded the doctrine of Purgatory as one of the basic tenets of the Christian faith. St. Augustine, one of the greatest doctors of the Church, said the doctrine of Purgatory "has been received from the Fathers and is observed by the Universal Church."

DID YOU KNOW???

Emperor Charles V (1500-1558) of the Holy Roman Empire, (the father of the great King Philip II of Spain) left nearly his entire fortune to the work of the Catholic Church. With one provision: the priests of the realm would offer thirty-thousand Masses for the repose of his soul.

When Your Hut's On Fire

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him. Every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect himself from the elements and to store his few possessions. One day after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames with smoke rolling up to the sky. He felt the worst had happened and everything was lost. He was stunned with disbelief, grief and anger. He cried out, "God! How could you do this to me?" Early the next day, he was awakened by the sound of a ship approaching the island! It had come to rescue him! "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied. The Moral of This Story: It's easy to get discouraged when things are going bad, but we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of our pain and suffering. Remember that the next time your little hut seems to be burning to the ground - it just may be a smoke signal that summons the Grace of God.

"IS MY TIME UP?"

A 65 year old woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she had a near death experience. Seeing God, she asked "Is my time up?" God said, "No, you have another 33 years, 2 months and 8 days to live." Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction, breast implants and a tummy tuck. She even had someone come in and change her hair color and brighten her teeth! Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it. After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, she was killed by an ambulance. Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 33 years? Why didn't you pull me from out of the path of the ambulance?" God replied: "I didn't recognize you!!"

"Before, by yourself, you couldn't. Now, you've turned to our Lady, and with her, how easy!"

--St. Josemaria Escriva

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Healing the pain of abortion ... Are you suffering from an abortion experience? Do you have feelings of guilt and anxiety? Do you suffer from depression? There is Hope! Rachel's Vineyard Retreats: rachelsvineyard.org. For more information contact the Respect Life Office 973-497-4350.

Catholic HS Co-op Test

Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic high school in Fall 2019! The High School Placement Test (HSPT®) for Catholic high schools will be given on **Friday, November 9**. Register online at www.njcoopexam.org.

High School Open House

Sun, October 28, Don Bosco Prep (Ramsey), 1pm-3pm. Preceded by 12PM Mass. Register at www.donboscoprep.org.

Thu, November 1, St. Joseph Regional HS (Montvale), 6:30-9PM, for 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys. Tour starts 6:45pm. For info' call 201-391-3300 or register at www.sjrnj.org.

Thu, November 1, Bergen Catholic HS (Oradell), 7pm-9pm. Mass for All Saints Day in the BC Chapel prior to the formal presentations. Register at www.bergencatholic.org/admissions. For more info' email Matt Rosa, Director of Admissions, at mrosa@bergencatholic.org.

Surviving Divorce: a 3-Day Retreat

3-day retreat for the separated and divorced. Itinerary includes video presentations, small group discussions and personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their families who witness to the healing power of Christ in their lives. Sessions run Saturday mornings on Oct 27, Nov 17 and Dec 1 between 9AM and 1PM. Location: Our Lady of the Bl. Sacrament, Roseland, NJ. Cost is \$20 (incl. study guide and food). Babysitting provided. Register at <https://www.smores.com/4b0g3>. Questions? Contact Lauren Egan 973-497-4327 or email Lauren.Egan@rcan.org.

CALLING ALL SENIOR CITIZENS

Please join us! Immaculate Heart Academy Annual Senior Citizen free Thanksgiving dinner - Monday, November 18, 5-7PM in the IHA cafeteria. RSVP to Sarah Shutrop 201-445-6800 or sshutrop@ihanj.com. You do not need to receive confirmation to sign up! Just RSVP.

**SAVE THE DATE
January 26, 2019**

Our Lady of Victories Knights of Columbus Council 14483
ELEVENTH ANNUAL "Hap Nightingale" BEEFSTEAK

IT'S IN THE BIBLE

The phrase "A bottomless pit," referring to a hole so deep and dark it seems to go on and on, comes to us from Revelations 9: 1.

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;
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;
OS3 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.

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**: baby Sean Cresci, baby Cole McKeon, Addie Bennington, Richard Bolton, Irene Ciccarino, Mary Corcoran, Eleanor Daily, Pat Dinnell, Antoinette Dougherty, Deb Dovale, Dan Filippone, Sebastian Filippone, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Kathy Freeburn, Marietta Flahive, Bernardita Garcia, Kyle Gauweiler, Tom Giuliano, Marylou Goreb, Stefani Gosselink, Thomas Haring, Glen Hall, Megan Kavanagh, Peter Kellar, Andrew Klooppel, Lisa LoSchiavo, Peter Mahler, Anne Matthaai, David Mercur, Skylar Migliaccio, Len Moriarity, Kevin Mullane, John Murawski, John Pal, Joyanna Peros, Andy Pfeiffer, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Linda Rivera, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, John Shaposki, Michael Tobia, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Jim Walsh, Brian, Carla, Chris, Dierdre, Jennifer, Lucas, Lynn, Lori, Michael, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, and Sean.

NEED BAPTISM, FIRST COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION

If you want to become a Roman Catholic or complete your Initiation into the Church, the RCIA is for you! For more information, phone the rectory. *Adult Catholics* who have not yet celebrated *Confirmation*, should also contact the rectory for preparation class information.

CONVALIDATION

Were you married civilly by a mayor or justice of the peace and would now like to be married in the Catholic Church? See Fr. Wojciech for details and to see if your marriage can be regularized with the Church.

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Pray, Hope and Don't Worry.
St. Pio of Pietrelcino

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 22—St. John Paul II—Pope
8:00 Intentions of Maria Arias
12:00 Ann Rappa R/b the Rappa Family
Tuesday, October 23 – St. John of Capistrano, Italy-Priest
8:00 Ginny McCarthy R/b the Zwerle Family
12:00 Aurelia Marchiano R/b the Dunn Family
Wednesday, October 24 – St. Anthony Mary Claret of Spain
8:00 Mary Ann Lyddon R/b Stephen and Robin Hartman
12:00 Lydia Mohsenin R/b Matthew and Anne Thomas
Thursday, October 25—St. Gaudentius of Brescia, Italy-Bishop
8:00 Maria Mattesich R/b the Izzo Family
12:00 Anna Lucia Arias R/b Maria Arias
Friday, October 26—St. Demetrius of Dalmatia-Martyr
8:00 Lydia Mohsenin
12:00 Helen Smith R/b Mary Spillane
Saturday, October 27-BI. Emilina of France-Lay Cistercian Sister
8:00 Pasquale Merola R/b the Ferrara Family
12:00 Elaine Lamendola R/b Jinnie Moran
4:00 Michael Giotta R/b Ann Giotta
5:00 Danny Rizzi R/b Peggy O'Brien
Sunday, October 28 – Saints Simon and Jude - Apostles
7:30 Brennan Family R/b the Gill Family
8:15 Charles Morgan R/b Marita Morgan
9:30 Daniel Francis R/b Rita McNamara
10:45 Francesco DeSarno R/b the Colarullo Family
12:00 Lonnie and Alice Stafford R/b the Kerrigan Family
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Frances Duggan R/b Pat Duggan
7:00 Emerito Sr. and Lucia Garcia R/b Jimmy and Bernardita Garcia

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the souls in Purgatory.
The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week the repose of the soul of Theresa Colasuonno.
St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week for the Dalton Family, r/b Julia Dalton.
The Convent Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for those serving in defense of our country.
The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp burns this week for the Dalton Family, r/b Julia Dalton.
The Pope John Paul Votive Lamp burns this week for the sick of the parish.
The Altar Flowers have been donated for the parishioners of OLV.

Sanctuary Offerings

The Bread and Wine, the Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp, the St. Joseph Votive Lamp, and the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church can be dedicated on a weekly basis. **AND the Altar Flowers** are also available to be memorialized. Please contact the rectory for more information 201-768-1706.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

- 1. Capernaum
- 2. Abram
- 3. An Angel
- 4. Esau & Jacob
- 5. Coat of Many Colors

Hooray! Seven New Saints!!

Last Sunday seven new saints were canonized ...



St. Pope Paul VI,
St. Oscar Romero,
St. Francesco Spinelli,
St. Vincenzo Romano,
St. Maria Catherine
Kasper,
St. Nazaria Ignazia of
St. Teresa of Jesus,
and St. Nuncio Sulprizio.

NEWS SAINT FOR YOUTH—Nunzio Sulprizio

By announcing, on July 19, 2018, that he would canonize the young Italian layman Nunzio Sulprizio (1817-1836) on October 14, during the Synod of Bishops on Youth, Pope Francis gives a model to young people.

A young orphan, Nunzio was raised by his maternal grandmother until he was nine. At the death of the latter, he was gathered by an uncle, who exploited and mistreated him mercilessly. As often as he could, Nunzio took refuge in front of the Tabernacle to be in the company of Jesus.

Afflicted by gangrene in one leg, he was sent to the Hospital of the Incurables of Naples, where he offered his sufferings. "Jesus suffered a lot for me. Why should not I suffer for Him?" Nunzio said. And again: "I would like to die to convert a single sinner". At 15, he was introduced by a military uncle to Colonel Felice Wochinger, known as "the father of the poor", who took him under his paternal wing.

Nunzio's health conditions improved, but he walked the rest of his life with a cane. He devoted himself to the sick around him: "Always stay with the Lord, encourage them, because from Him comes all good".

Nunzio wanted to consecrate himself to God, but suffering from untold suffering, he learned in 1835 that he had bone cancer. On May 5, 1836, he was given a crucifix and asked to confess. "Rejoice, from heaven I will always assist you," he assured the priest who had come to give him the sacrament. He died the same day, at the age of 19. According to the witnesses, his body, deformed by the disease, became beautiful and fresh while a fragrance of roses emerged. He is buried in Naples, in the church of San Domenico Soriano, now a place of pilgrimage.

When he was beatified in 1963, at the opening of the Second Vatican Council, Paul VI – who was canonized on the same day – presented him as an example for young people: "Can a young person be a saint? Can a worker be a saint? He wondered. And to answer: "He was not only worthy of beatification as a young man and as a worker, but precisely because he was a young worker."

In his homily reported by Vatican News, Pope Paul VI said: "Nunzio Sulprizio will tell you, young people...that youth should not be considered the age of free passions, inevitable falls, invincible crises, decadent pessimisms and harmful selfishness; he will tell you rather that to be young is a grace, it is a chance."

Paul VI spoke of the "mysterious" aspects of the life of the young Italian: "His childhood, for example, orphan and poor, marked by many sadnesses, does not invite us to meditation ... on the mystery of suffering innocent? How is it that all this unfortunate and failed youth has blossomed from the first years into innocent, patient and smiling goodness?"

In the course of his meditation, he paid homage to Nunzio's grandmother, who raised him for a few years "and perhaps unknowingly revealed to this suffering and sensitive soul the first notes of the divine conversation".

Paul VI invited young people to "befriend" this blessed who died at age 19, emphasizing his goodness: "Humanly speaking, this goodness remains inexplicable; it warns us that we are before the secret ... that of holiness".

Mother refused to abort her child and he became a singing superstar

Once upon a time, a frightened young bride was told that she was pregnant with a blind child and that she should abort him. She refused, and the boy grew up to become a musical superstar. It may sound like a fairytale, but it's true. During an episode of Italy's Sunday talk show "Domenica in"...Edi Alighieri, mother of Andrea Bocelli, described the dramatic circumstances under which she found out she was pregnant. As Bocelli himself revealed in 2009, when Alighieri was a young newlywed, she went to the hospital with terrible stomach pains, thinking she might have appendicitis. There she was told that she was pregnant, but the baby she was carrying was already seriously disabled. He had congenital glaucoma that would render him blind, doctors told her, from birth. "They told me to abort; I refused," she was reported as saying on the program. During the show, Alighieri revealed that it was Bocelli's blindness that led him to music in the first place. When he was staying in a hospital in Torino, undergoing treatment for glaucoma, Bocelli met a Russian man who listened to symphonies all day. It was love at first listen. "He no longer remembered being in care, he was fascinated by music," his mother recalled. Bocelli, who was born in 1958, became completely blind at 12 after an accident playing soccer. Today, he is one of the world's most famous classical singers. He has recorded 15 solo albums of both popular and classical music, and topped the charts with his duet with Sarah Brightman, "Time to Say Goodbye." Released in 1995, the song sold more than 12 million copies, becoming one of the best-selling recordings in history. Bocelli himself is a firm advocate of unborn children's right to life.

—Dorothy Cummings McLean/LifeSiteNews

**St. Gaudentius of Brescia, Bishop
October 25**

Born at Brescia, Italy about the middle of the 4th century, St. Gaudentius was educated under St. Philastrius, Bishop of Brescia, whom he terms his "father". After earning a reputation for sanctity, he traveled to the East where he gained even more fame. In his absence, he was elected Bishop by the people on the deathbed of St. Philastrius; though he felt unworthy to receive such an honor, he was influenced to accept it by the Eastern Bishops, and in 387 he was consecrated by St. Ambrose.

He was a powerful preacher and ten of his twenty-one sermons have survived, offering ample testimony to this fact. He governed his See with prudence and humility, inspiring his flock to imitate the Divine Master constantly.

In 405 he was sent with two others by Pope Innocent I and the Emperor Honorius to the East to defend St. John Chrysostom before Arcadius. However, the party was prevented from reaching Arcadius and never formally interceded for John; the three men were shipped back home on a vessel so unseaworthy that it almost sank and had to be left at Lampsacus. Subsequently, St. John wrote St. Gaudentius a letter of thanks for his efforts even though they had not borne fruit. This saintly man died about 410 and was called by Rufinus: "the glory of the doctors of the age in which he lives."

KIDZ KORNER

1. In what city did Jesus base His ministry?
2. What was Abraham's name before it had been changed?
3. Who called Abraham and stopped him from sacrificing his son Isaac?
4. What were Isaac's two sons' names?
5. What present did Joseph get that caused his brothers to hate him?

Answers on page four.

"One day through the Rosary and the Scapular,
Our Lady will save the world."

Saint Dominic