

# 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, December 30, 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



## SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Holy Day of Obligation

### Vigil Mass, December 31

4:00pm      English Mass  
5:00pm      English Mass

### New Years Day, January 1

8:00am      English Mass  
9:00am      Latin Mass  
10:00am      English Mass  
12:00Noon      English Mass  
1:00pm      Spanish Mass  
6:00pm      English Mass



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### **Fr. Wojciech's Corner**

## **Happy and Blessed New Year!!**

Remember the glass example ... you can see things in this New Year  
always

Half empty or half full,

A New Year as opportunity or complaint.

Gratefulness for the past year is a way to enter a New Year.

## **THANK YOU!**

To our Choir and the musicians who provided the beautiful Christmas hymns at Mass, to those who cleaned the church and arranged the flowers ... To all those who helped us decorate, prepare the manger, participants and those that I forget to mention...

## **VOCATIONS**

Mary and Joseph raised their child in a family of love and faith. They directed Jesus to follow God's will for His life. Each of us must assist and allow our children to follow God's will in their lives. This is true even if God calls your child to serve Him as a Priest, or Religious Sister or Brother. For information see Fr. Wojciech or call the Vocations office at 973-497-4365.

## **NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED**

Stop in and visit Jesus in the Tabernacle. You can do it here at OLV Parish. Our Church is open from 7:00am-4:30pm (M-F).

## **ARE YOU NEW TO THE AREA?**

If you are, why not join our ever growing Parish family. Stop by the Rectory any weekday and meet Maria and register to become a member of the OLV Family. Census forms are also located in the Church vestibule.

## **QUESTION?**

**Just before the reading of the Gospel at Mass, the priest touches his head, his mouth, and his breast. Most of the people do it at the same time. What does this mean?** The priest and people are (or should be) making a small sign of the cross on their forehead, their lips, and breast. The action is a prayer that the Good News of the Lord, which they are about to hear, may be always in their minds, on their lips and in their hearts.

## **HIGHER POWER**

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, 'We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Biblical times. But, there is a Higher Power. Can anybody tell me what it is? One child blurted out, 'Aces!'

## **WORKERS NEEDED**

The Harvest is great, but the laborers are few. Pray to the Lord to send more laborers into the harvest. Become a Priest or Religious Brother or Sister or Permanent Deacon. For information see Fr. Wojciech or call the Vocations Office 973-497-4365.

**Fr. Anthony has a new website:  
[www.fathermastroeni.com](http://www.fathermastroeni.com)**

## **Upcoming OLV Parish Events**

Jan 2 - Wed - Bible Study Group—10:00AM

Jan 2 - Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM

Jan 3 - Thu - Holy Hour 7:00PM

Jan 4 - First Friday 7PM Mass / Sacred Heart Devotions

## **DID YOU KNOW???**

The Chair of Peter was once vacant for three years. From 1268 to 1271, after the death of Pope Clement IV, the cardinals met at Viterbo, but could not agree on a successor. Trying to resolve the deadlock, the civic officials resorted to confining the cardinals under lock and key until they elected a sovereign pontiff. (From this originated the "Conclave of Cardinals," the Latin CLAVIS meaning key.) This was not the only measure taken to compel the cardinals to act. Their daily food allowance was curtailed. St. Bonaventure, one of the prelates, being asked when the cardinals would give the Church a new Pope, facetiously responded, "As soon as the Holy Ghost can get into that assembly." With that, the town officials removed the roof of the episcopal palace where the cardinals were confined.

## **NEW VESTMENTS - Memorial Opportunity**

The parish has purchased several sets of new vestments, which are available to be memorialized in honor of a loved one, deceased or living. Included are new vestments for deacons. The cost of the vestments to be memorialized is \$300 each. Call Maria at the rectory if you would like to memorialize any of these items in the name of your family or a loved one.

## **BEEFSTEAK DINNER**

**January 26, 2019**

This is a major fundraiser for the Knights of Columbus to fund our charities. It is a fun evening, and last year it was a great success. Please support this dinner. Cost: Adults \$35 - Children \$15.

## **Holy Name Society**

OLV Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday each month. The men attend 9:30am Mass as a group, 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. Last month's discussion topic was "Guadalupe spans cultures, ages". Our next meeting is Sunday, January 13. New members are welcome.

## **DEFEND YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH**

Over the course of the last generation, Christianity and in particular our Catholic Faith has been under attack. Anti-Catholicism is the last acceptable prejudice. What can we do about it? Besides prayer, all Catholics should join The Catholic League at [www.catholicleague.org](http://www.catholicleague.org) or 450 Seventh Avenue, NY, NY 10123 and receive the journal, The Catalyst, which has articles detailing where Catholicism is under attack and by whom.

## **CLOTHING BINS**

Through the turbulence of your many demands, would you be willing to take a few minutes to gather your unwanted clothing and shoes to help the poor? Please drop them in the donation bins located on the Church grounds. Your donations help Catholic Charities and Mt. Carmel Guild.

## Pray for Those in the Military

### US Army

Captain Ben Clemente  
Specialist Peter Dippolito  
Major Michael Franson  
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene  
Captain Shawn Linn  
Lieutenant Gigi McElroy  
Colonel John McLaughlin  
Lieutenant John G. Miele

### US Air Force

Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn

### US Marine Corps.

Private First Class Shanna Bennett  
Lance Corporal Matthew Brady  
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo  
Lance Corporal Thomas lafrate

### US Navy

Lieutenant Commander Julia Cheringal  
Ensign Jon Clemente  
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger  
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger  
OS3 Daniel T. LoVecchio

## 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, Dan Filippone, Sebastian Filippone, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Mary Foley, Kathy Freeburn, Marietta Flahive, Bernardita Garcia, Kyle Gauweiler, Anne Giotta, Tom Giuliano, Marylou Goreb, Thomas Haring, Glen Hall, Megan Kavanagh, Austin Kellar, Peter Kellar, Andrew Kloepfel, Lisa LoSchiavo, Peter Mahler, Anne Matthaehi, David Mercur, Skylar Migliaccio, Len Moriarity, Kevin Mullane, John Murawski, John Pal, Sam Palmieri, Joyanna Peros, Andy Pfeiffer, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Linda Rivera, Wendy Ruggiero, Michael Tobia, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Angela, Brian, Carla, Chris, Dierdre, Edward, 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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"Mary was pleasing to God because of her docile humility. To the heavenly messenger, she replied, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1,38). It is with the same interior disposition that believers are called to accept the divine will in every circumstance." — *Pope St. John Paul II*

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 31—St. Sylvester I, Pope

8:00 Frank and Elsie May Reeves R/b the Anzalone Family  
12:00 William J. Sweeney R/b George and Gail Fabiano

### Vigil Mass—Solemnity of Mary

4:00  
5:00 Intentions of Vincent Galasso

### Tuesday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary

8:00 Ann Benish R/b the Poggi Family  
9:00 *Latin* Cindy Smith R/b Marita Morgan  
10:00 Intentions of David Hughes R/b Dan and Karen Brady  
12:00 Pasquale DeSarno R/b the Colarullo Family  
1:00 *Spanish* Intentions of Christine  
6:00 Eugene Koblenz R/b Sally, Sean and Family

### Wednesday, January 2—St. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

8:00 Jean Bentivegna R/b the Bentivegna Family  
12:00 Eugene Kelly R/b Cathy Ryan

### Thursday, January 3—The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 James P. Walsh R/b Jeanne Marie Walsh  
12:00 Denis Guzzo R/b Stefano Pappalardo

### First Friday, January 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton of the USA

8:00 Paul Healy R/b Mary Ryan Thorton  
12:00 Schwendel and Gaffney Families R/b Joan Gaffney

7:00 Richard Ferrara

### First Saturday, January 5—St. John Neumann, US Bishop

8:00 Mary Turnbull R/b Rita McNamara  
12:00 Souls in Purgatory

4:00 Peter J. Rossi R/b Marilyn Rossi  
5:00 Joseph LoVecchio R/b Marietta, Jim, Gerry, John

### Sunday, Jan. 6—St. Andre Bessette of Quebec-Religious Brother

7:30 Gina Ottomanelli Bender R/b the Ottomanelli Family  
8:15 Intentions of Remedios Consoli R/b Laura Villena and Flor Alto  
9:30 Edward Petillo R/b Leo and Eileen DeBartolo  
10:45 Antoinette Vitiello R/b Pat Halligan  
12:00 Marie Falotico R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico  
1:00 People of the Parish  
6:00 Richard Ferrara R/b the Napolitano Family  
7:00 Christina Migliaccio R/b Paul and Rosalie Hoelscher

## SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

**The Church Sanctuary Lamp** burns this week for the repose of the soul of **James M. Walsh**, r/b the Burruano family.

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

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

**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 those who are unemployed.

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

## Sanctuary Offerings

**The Bread and Wine, Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp, St. Joseph Votive Lamp, and 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.

### **Evangelist Symbols**

The man, the lion, the ox and the eagle are symbols of the four evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. These symbols adorn many works of art, building and objects used in worship. Each may identify one evangelist, or the four may represent the mystery of Christ's life. They recall in turn the birth, sacrifice, resurrection and ascension of Jesus.

The symbols derive from the opening of the Book of Ezekiel. There the prophet envisions four living creatures in the middle of a glowing fire from a stormy north wind. The faces of the creatures resemble a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle (1:10). Their mystery and their movement made such an impact on the prophet that Christian generations have seen in their appearance a foreshadowing of the Gospels of Jesus Christ. The figures appear again in Revelation 4:7.

The man sometimes represented as an angel signifies St. Matthew, who opens his Gospel account with the genealogy of Jesus. The lion, according to legend, sleeps with his eyes open, making it a symbol of the resurrection. It depicts St. Mark, whose Gospel begins with the leonine John the Baptist in the desert. St. Luke's Gospel account of the infancy of Jesus places the child in the Temple with Zechariah, a priest who offered sacrifice of animals including oxen. The horns of the ox represent the old and new covenant, each with its own sacrifice. St. John, the evangelist whose work intently gazes on the eternal Word who shattered the darkness with His light, recalls the eagle that flies face into the sun. In this way, tradition has assigned each evangelist a proper symbol.

### **AULD LANG SYNE**

The tune "Auld Lang Syne," is traditionally sung at the stroke of midnight in most English-speaking countries to ring in the New Year. Partially written by Robert Burns in the 1700's, it was first published in 1796 after his death. This old Scotch tune, "Auld Lang Syne" literally means "old long ago," or simply, "the good old days." May the Lord bless us all with a peaceful, healthy, and holy 2019! Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot and days of auld lang syne? For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne, we'll take a cup of kindness yet, for auld lang syne. Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot and days of auld lang syne? And here's a hand, my trusty friend, and gie's a hand o' thine. We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet for auld lang syne.

### **The Shrine of Holy Innocents**

There is a national shrine of the Holy Innocents located at the Church of the Holy Innocents in Manhattan. It is a memorial for all children who have died before birth through miscarriage, abortion, or who were stillborn. This Shrine offers an opportunity for families to honor and remember their children by entering a name into the Book of Life. If you would like to enter a child's name, please send a letter with the name of the child to Church of the Holy Innocents, 128 West 37<sup>th</sup> Street, NY, NY 10018, or call the Shrine at 212-279-5861 ex 224.

"We have been placed in the world for one purpose only, to do God's will." **St. John Eudes**

### **Watch what you wish for this new year!**

*This is a story from Greek Mythology.*

Once upon a time, there lived a king named Midas. He had one beautiful daughter, whom he loved very much. King Midas was very fond of gold. As a king, Midas was leading a luxurious life, but still he wanted to have more gold.

One day a holy man (saint) came to visit the King's castle. King Midas took great care of the saint. The saint was very pleased with the King's welcome. When saint was leaving the castle, he asked the King for a wish. The saint said "Dear King, I am very happy with your hospitality; tell me what is your wish, and I will fulfil it".

As the king always wanted to have lots of gold, he said "From tomorrow onward, whatever thing I touch should turn to gold." The saint looked at the King in surprise, but he was bound to his promise. So the saint granted the wish to the King.

Next day, Midas woke up eagerly to see if his wish was true. He hurried towards the door and extended his arm to touch it, and the wooden door turned to gold. Midas couldn't believe his eyes and then he touched his bed, table, chair, and almost everything in his room. All the things turned to gold immediately.

Midas was very excited; his long term wish had come true. He thought he was the luckiest person on this earth. Without wasting a single minute, King Midas ran here and there and touched everything in his castle. His entire castle turned into gold.

When everything had turned to gold, King Midas realized that he was hungry, so he went to have his breakfast. But as soon as the King touched the food, it became gold. He tried to drink some water, but the water became hard gold. Midas never thought about this before asking for the wish.

Frustrated and desperate, before he could think of something else, his daughter came running towards him. Midas was very happy to see his daughter; he ran to grab her in his arms. But his darling daughter turned into a golden statue.

The king realized that his wish had become a curse for him. He cried and prayed that the curse be taken back from him. King Midas searched for the saint everywhere. And then he asked the saint to take the curse back from him.

The saint asked the King to bathe himself in the holy river 'Pactolus'. The king went to wash himself in the river. As he washed, he saw the gold flowing down from his hand.

The king ran back to the castle to see his daughter. His daughter was waiting outside the castle for him; the king hugged his daughter in delight.

From that day onward, King Midas became a better person. He understood that the real gold is your goodness. We should not chase riches. From that time on King Midas was more generous, and helpful to the people.

### **KIDZ KORNER ANSWER**

**"Nothing"**

**NOW that we travel into a new year.**

Kelsey Zwick boarded a flight from Orlando to Philadelphia with Lucy, one of her eleven-month-old twin daughters. Lucy suffers from severe chronic lung disease and still needs oxygen at night and when flying. Carrying Lucy's oxygen machine, the two were settled into their seat when a flight attendant told them a passenger in first class wanted to switch places. Kelsey later expressed her gratitude to "the man in 2D" in a Facebook post that quickly went viral: "Thank you. Not just for the seat itself but for noticing. For seeing us and realizing that maybe things are not always easy. For deciding you wanted to show a random act of kindness to US. It reminded me how much good there is in this world. I can't wait to tell Lucy someday."

We change the world one person at a time.

**Two Wolves - A Cherokee Parable**

*An old Cherokee chief was teaching his grandson about life...*

*"A fight is going on inside me,"  
he said to the boy.*

*"It is a terrible fight  
and it is between two wolves.*

*"One is evil - he is anger, envy, sorrow,  
regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt,  
resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride,  
superiority, self-doubt, and ego.*

*"The other is good - he is joy, peace, love,  
hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevo-  
lence, empathy, generosity, truth,  
compassion, and faith.*

*"This same fight is going on inside you -  
and inside every other person, too."*

*The grandson thought about it for a  
minute and then asked his grandfather,  
"Which wolf will win?"*

*The old chief simply replied,  
"The one you feed."*

"Be not proud of your works; for the judgments of God are different from the judgments of men; and often times that which displeases Him is what pleases men..."

**Thomas Kempis, THE IMITATION OF CHRIST – Book 1**

**Are Screens Affecting Our Children's Brains?  
(something to consider for the new year ...)**

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has been studying the effect of screen time for children. The preliminary results are in and they're not good. The NIH report shows that nine- and ten-year-old children who spend more than two hours in front of a screen each day score lower on thinking and language tests. This is troubling since the average "tweenager" spends up to six hours a day on their tablet or phone. Another study related smartphone use by children to sleep deprivation and problems associated with poor attention spans. This is alarming since two-thirds of children take their smartphones to bed with them. One study found that the more time four-year-olds spent interacting with media, the shorter their sleep. A study published by Harvard Medical School has shown that blue-tinged light emitted by devices such as smartphones and tablets suppresses the production of melatonin, a sleep-inducing hormone vital to good sleep.

Counselors warn that digital addiction is a growing problem. The compulsion to continue playing video games or using technology is escalating. Among American children between the ages of eight and eighteen, around 8 percent could already be classified as addicted. A 2010 study found that children in this age group spend more than seven hours a day consuming media. Experts warn that victims of digital addiction can experience "destructive dependence, extreme change of personality, isolation, and physical signs during withdrawal."

In *The Tech-Wise Family: Everyday Steps for Putting Technology in Its Proper Place*, the following is suggested for families to manage technology: 1) Turn off technology one hour a day, one day a week, and one week a year. 2) Use screens for a purpose and together rather than aimlessly and alone. 3) Dedicate car time to conversation with no technology. 4) Be sure spouses have each other's passwords and parents have complete access to their children's devices.

Community is vital to our souls. We were made to do life together. Every image of the church in the New Testament is collective – a vine with many branches, a body with many parts. By contrast, technology isolates us. For every family that plays a video game together, there are multitudes of children (and parents) who play them alone. The *Wall Street Journal* reports that loneliness undermines health and is linked to early mortality. It is worse for longevity than being obese or physically inactive. While technology can foster a sense of community through social media, it's no substitute for in-depth personal relationships. Nothing replaces spending time with those we love.

The family is God's invention and design for us (Genesis 1:28). But the devil hates all that God loves. If he can use technology to isolate children from their parents and infect them with pornography, violence, and digital addiction, he will. Paul said of Satan, "We are familiar with his evil schemes" (2 Corinthians 2:11 NLT). Can you say the same?

**KIDZ KORNER**

What is greater than God,  
More evil than Satan,  
The poor have it,  
The rich need it,  
And if you eat it, you'll die?

**ANSWER ON PAGE FOUR**