

Our Lady of Victories Church

(serving Harrington Park, River Vale and the Pascack/Northern Valley)
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WELCOME

SUNDAY, January 13, 2019 A.D.

To the Parish Family of
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES
(THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART)
COME WORSHIP WITH US

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SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

First Friday: 7:00pm, Mass of Sacred Heart & Devotions
First Saturday: 8:00am, Mass of Immaculate Heart of Mary
First Saturday: 12:00pm, Mass for Souls in Purgatory

Novenas prayed after 8:00 a.m. Mass:

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: Monday
St. Jude and St. Anthony: Wednesday
Infant of Prague: 25th of the month
St. Peregrine: First Friday of the Month

Rosary: Recited M - Sat after 8:00am & 12Noon Mass.
Tuesday-Novena Prayer and Adoration: 12:30pm-3:00pm
Thursday-Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction: 7:00pm
Friday-Exposition & Adoration: 12:30pm-3:00pm



THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/CONFESSION:

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 7:50am.
First Friday at 6:30pm
Saturday at 11:00a.m.-Noon; 3:00pm - 3:30pm

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

To register for Baptismal preparation and Baptism, call the rectory.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Call the Religious Ed Office for requirements/class schedule.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Please call the rectory for an appointment.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/LAST RITES:

Sick calls at any time in emergency.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS AND VOCATIONS:

Anyone contemplating a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life should contact the Vocations Office at 973.497.4365.



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Fr. Wojciech's Corner

Hopefully everybody had a great Christmas; slowly we return to the regular life, some college students already have gone back and the rest will soon leave as well. I would like to greet them... it was nice having you home, and before you leave please contact Maria at the parish office; we have a little something for you.

I can never thank you enough for your prayers and concern for my mom. I truly believe and have seen at OLV how prayers are so miraculous. We just recently received news of two persons who we prayed for that were CURED. Yes, so truly OLV is Victory place. They are young girls: Adeline Bennington and Angela... Let us not tire in our prayers for the sick.

This week as every year there will be in Washington a **MARCH FOR LIFE**. Last year's presence of the Vice-President, Mike Pence spoke volumes how important Life is and how important it is to defend it from conception to natural death. Those of us who cannot be at the March in Washington DC can still "march" on our knees, saying the rosary or "marching" in our rooms. There are many ways to "march" and offer our lives so that other lives could be defended.

As a way of getting together as OLV family I ask you to support the annual **BEEFSTEAK DINNER** organized by our Knights of Columbus. This is their 11th year and that is their major fundraiser. The money earned will help all KofC charity activities throughout the year. Hope to see you there.

EPIPHANY House Blessing with Chalk

Last Sunday for the Feast of the Epiphany I blessed the Church doors with chalk. You may bless the external doors of your own homes. Chalk which has been blessed is available at the church exits. For those interested, using the blessed chalk, write above your home's entryway, 20 + C + M + B + 19. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2019 is the year.

Fr. Wojciech

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"Let nothing disturb you; let nothing dismay you. All things pass, God never changes. Patience attains all it strives for. The one who has God finds they lack nothing. God alone suffices."

St. Teresa of Avila

BEEFSTEAK DINNER— January 26

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.

The rediscovery of the value of one's baptism is the basis of the missionary commitment of every Christian, because we see in the Gospel that he who lets himself be fascinated by Christ cannot do without witnessing the joy of following in his footsteps... we understand even more that, in virtue of baptism, we have an inherent missionary vocation.

- Pope Benedict XVI

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Jan 15 - Tue - Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
Jan 15 - Tue - Catholic Daughters of the Americas 7:00PM
Jan 16 - Wed - Bible Study Group 10:00AM
Jan 16 - Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM
Jan 17 - Thu - Rosary Society Mass & Meeting 12:00PM
Jan 17 - Thu - Holy Hour 7:00PM
Jan 26 - Sat - K of C Beefsteak Dinner

SAINT WHO mocked baptism

Genesius of Rome is a legendary Christian saint, once a comedian and actor who had performed in plays that mocked Christianity. According to legend, while performing in a play that made fun of baptism, he had an experience on stage that converted him. He proclaimed his new belief, and he steadfastly refused to renounce it, even when the emperor Diocletian ordered him to do so.

Genesius is considered the patron saint of actors, lawyers, barristers, clowns, comedians, converts, dancers, people with epilepsy, musicians, printers, stenographers, and victims of torture.

His feast day is August 25.

Did You Know?

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem used to take the newly baptized to Jesus' tomb, and point out that each of them were there when Jesus was buried.

St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem (349 – 384 A.D.) had a unique privilege of presiding over the church in Jerusalem immediately after the completion of new buildings begun during Constantine's reign. Cyril preached magnificent sermons within feet of the actual places of Christ's death and resurrection. He said of Calvary, "Others only hear, but we both see and touch." Cyril wrote: "Here in this city of Jerusalem the Spirit was poured out on the church; here Christ was crucified; here you have before you many witnesses, the place itself of the Resurrection and towards the east on the Mount of Olives the place of the Ascension."

ADORATION

Just a reminder we have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays from 12:30PM—3:00PM, Thursday night from 7:00PM—8:00PM, and Fridays from 12:30PM—3:00PM.

So stop by and adore Our Eucharistic Lord.

CLOTHING BINS

Can you predict the events of 2019 with accuracy? Who would dare to make such a claim? Here we are at the beginning of a new year and no one knows what the future will bring...unprecedented joy or deep sorrow? Many families and individuals have the resources to cope with whatever comes along. Catholic Charities reaches out to those who have very limited resources. Help us to continue our mission by contributing to our clothing bin. Any questions, please call Maria Biancheri at 973-596-3985.

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

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, Richard Bolton, Irene Ciccarino, Eleanor Daily, Antoinette Dougherty, Dan Filippone, Sebastion 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 Matthaiei, David Mercur, Skylar Migliaccio, Len Moriarity, Kevin Mullane, John Murawski, John Pal, Sam Palmieri, Joyanna Peros, Andy Pfeiffer, Terry Pomett, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Wendy Ruggiero, Michael Tobia, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Brian, Carla, Chris, Dierdre, Edward, Jennifer, Lucas, Lynn, Lori, Michael, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, and Sean.

Secret of Trevor Lawrence

Clemson routed Alabama to win its second national title in three years.

Trevor Lawrence, a nineteen-year-old freshman, was named the Most Valuable Player. He is already being hailed as a **once-in-a-generation talent**. Now, after a performance for the ages, ESPN tells us this morning that **"the legend of Trevor Lawrence has only just begun."** The best part of the story isn't the part that's making headlines today. When Lawrence was named Clemson's starting quarterback last September, reporters asked how he stays so calm during games. "That's just always my personality," he explained. "Football's important to me, but it's not my life. It's not the biggest thing in my life. I would say my faith is."

He added: **"I put my identity in what Christ says, who He thinks I am and who I know that He says I am."**

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

We are constantly under attack and tempted by the forces of EVIL. Every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00-3:00PM members of OLV parish meet and pray the Marian Novena which focuses on this daily battle. All are welcome. Join us.

The soul is regenerated in the sacred waters of baptism and thus becomes God's child.

- St. Maximilian Kolbe

Mass Intentions**Monday, January 14– St. Sava-Bishop of Serbia**

8:00 Josephine Raymond R/b William Raymond
12:00 Ida Mae Walsh and John Zanetti R/b the Zanetti Family

Tuesday, January 15–St. Ida of Waterford, Ireland-Virgin

8:00 Bridget Quinn R/b the Barrett Family
12:00 Flo Chaleff R/b Rose Nicoletti

Wednesday, January 16–St. Berard & Companions-Martyrs of Spain

8:00 Intentions of Edwina Simonelli R/b Dan and Karen Brady
12:00 Nair Lawlor R/b Ray Lawlor

Thursday, January 17– St. Anthony, Abbot

8:00 Winfred Pavlu R/b the Kip Family
12:00 James M. Walsh R/b OLV Rosary Society

Friday, Jan. 18 St. Volusian-Bishop of Tours & St. Deicolus-Abbot

8:00 Theresa Timpanaro R/b Dianne and William Smith
12:00 William Sweeney R/b George and Gail Fabiano

Saturday, Jan. 19–St. Wulstan-Benedictine Monk-Bishop in England

8:00 Mother Clare R/b the Adamcik Family
12:00 James Gaffney R/b Joan Gaffney

4:00 Burke, Walsh and Melbourne Families R/b Bill and Peg Walsh

5:00 John E. Skarzenski R/b Tom and Anne Hackett

Sunday, January 20– St. Fabian-Pope & St. Sebastian-Martyr

7:30 Sr. Regina Suplick R/b Sr. Elizabeth

8:15 Richard Ferrara R/b the Evanelia Family

9:30 Msgr. James Sheehan R/b the Tringali Family

10:45 Benjamin Mattesich R/b the Izzo Family

12:00 Alex Amendola R/b Bob and Sue Muggeo

1:00 People of the Parish

6:00 Margaret Gallagher R/b Scappa and Purcell Families

7:00 Maria Scerbo R/b the Anzalone Family

Sanctuary Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week **with gratitude for a special intention answered**, r/b Cathy Ryan.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the **repose of the soul of Pat Dinnell**, r/b Liz Gulfo.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burn this week for **the Souls in Purgatory**.

The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp burns this week for the **intentions of Fr. Wojciech - birthday blessings**.

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 additional information 201-768-1706.

SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT US!!!

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"The early Church described Baptism as *fortismos*, as the Sacrament of illumination, as a communication of light, and linked it inseparably with the resurrection of Christ."

--Pope Benedict XVI

Holding on to old or new?

BEGGAR'S RAGS

A beggar lived near the king's palace. One day he saw a proclamation posted outside the palace gate. The king was giving a great dinner. Anyone dressed in royal garments was invited to the party.

The beggar went on his way. He looked at the rags he was wearing and sighed. Surely only kings and their families wore royal robes, he thought. Slowly an idea crept into his mind. The audacity of it made him tremble. Would he dare?

He made his way back to the palace. He approached the guard at the gate. "Please, sire, I would like to speak to the king." "Wait here," the guard replied. In a few minutes, he was back. "His majesty will see you," he said, and led the beggar in.

"You wish to see me?" asked the king. "Yes, your majesty. I want so much to attend the banquet, but I have no royal robes to wear. Please, sir, if I may be so bold, may I have one of your old garments so that I, too, may come to the banquet?" The beggar shook so hard that he could not see the faint smile that was on the king's face. "You have been wise in coming to me," the king said. He called to his son, the young prince. "Take this man to your room and array him in some of your clothes." The prince did as he was told and soon the beggar was standing before a mirror, clothed in garments that he had never dared hope for. "You are now eligible to attend the king's banquet tomorrow night," said the prince. "But even more important, you will never need any other clothes. These garments will last forever."

The beggar dropped to his knees. "Oh, thank you," he cried. But as he started to leave, he looked back at his pile of dirty rags on the floor. He hesitated. What if the prince was wrong? What if he would need his old clothes again. Quickly he gathered them up.

The banquet was far greater than he had ever imagined, but he could not enjoy himself as he should. He had made a small bundle of his old rags and it kept falling off his lap. The food was passed quickly and the beggar missed some of the greatest delicacies.

Time proved that the prince was right. The clothes lasted forever. Still the poor beggar grew fonder and fonder of his old rags. As time passed people seemed to forget the royal robes he was wearing. They saw only the little bundle of filthy rags that he clung to wherever he went. They even spoke of him as the old man with the rags.

One day as he lay dying, the king visited him. The beggar saw the sad look on the king's face when he looked at the small bundle of rags by the bed. Suddenly the beggar remembered the prince's words, and he realized that his bundle of rags had cost him a lifetime of true royalty. He wept bitterly at his folly. And the king wept with him.

We have been invited into a royal family -- the family of God. To feast at God's dinner table, all we have to do is shed our old rags and put on the "new clothes" of faith which is provided by God's Son, Jesus Christ. We cannot hold onto our old rags. When we put our faith in Jesus, we must let go of the sin in our life, and our old ways of living.

Addendum -- 2 Corinthians 5:17 (GNB) "Anyone who is joined to Christ is a new being; the old is gone, the new has come."

Three Legged Race

How many of you have ever been in a three-legged race??? Why were you in a three-legged race??? Was it fun???

When you get tied together in a three-legged race you are saying that the two of you will go together until the end of the race. And when you are in a three-legged race, you have to hang onto each other. You can't act separately or you won't be able to move. If you hold onto each other it is easier.

Baptism is like a three legged race. God promises to be with us always - for our whole lives. God will be with us and help us to walk where we should go - and when we are not sure what to do - if we hold on tight to him - if we close our eyes - and we pray - we can feel him trying to lead us and we can do what we promise to do in baptism - which is to walk with him wherever he goes. At our baptism God promises to always be with us - he ties himself to us follow him.

Birth into a New Creation

"Baptized into Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection," (Rom 6, 3-5). Thus does St Paul clearly show us that our new birth through baptism is the symbol of our resurrection after death. This will be achieved in us through the power of the Spirit, as it is said: "It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body," (1 Cor 14,42f.). What this means is that, just as our body here below, so long as its soul is present, enjoys a visible life, so it will receive then, in the same way, an eternal and incorruptible life through the power of the Spirit.

The same thing applies to the birth given us in baptism, which is the symbol of our resurrection. Through it we receive grace by the same Spirit, but with moderation and in the form of a token. We will receive it in its fullness when we truly rise and incorruptibility is indeed given to us. That is why, when the apostle Paul speaks of the life to come, he tries to reassure his listeners with these words: "Not only creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for the redemption of our bodies," (Rom 8,23). For if we have received here and now the first fruits of grace, we expect to receive them in their fullness when the happiness of the resurrection is given to us.

**Theodore of Mopsuestia (?-428), Bishop and theologian
Commentary on St John's Gospel, Book 2**

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. A rainbow.
2. He changed water into wine.
3. Light.
4. Red Sea.
5. Jericho.

The Lord was Baptized, not to be cleansed Himself, but to cleanse the waters, so that those waters, cleansed by the flesh of Christ which knew no sin, might have the power of Baptism.

-St. Ambrose of Milan

RESPECT LIFE

As we give thanks for the gift of life, consider the words of Pope John Paul II: "Causing death can never be considered a form of medical treatment. Rather, it runs completely counter to the health-care profession, which is meant to be an impassioned and unflinching affirmation of life."
—*Gospel of Life*

The Fraternity of St. Genesius

Praying for those involved in cinema and theatre

The Fraternity of St. Genesius was founded on January 19, 2007 in Drogheda, Ireland, and was formally approved as a Catholic Private Association of The Faithful on August 27 of the same year. The Fraternity was founded in response to the calls of the then Servant of God, Pope John Paul II (now saint) and Pope Benedict XVI for the renewal of culture, and as a means of supporting the men and women of the theatrical and cinematic arts through spiritual accompaniment.

DID YOU KNOW?

Where do we get the names for the months of the year?

Our calendar takes the names of the months from the ancient Roman calendar, which was pagan in origin. The original Roman calendar had only ten months but in the year 700 B.C., January and February were added to make twelve. March was considered the first month of the year because it was the beginning of the planting season.

January is named for the Roman god Janus.

February is named for the purification festival Februa when Romans prepared for the new year.

March is named after the Roman god of war and agriculture - Mars.

April's name comes from the Latin *aperire*, which means open. It is in April when leaves and buds begin to open.

May is named after the Roman goddess of growth and living things - Maia, or it could also be derived from the Latin word *majores* - older men - because it was during this month that they were honored.

June is named after the Roman goddess of marriage - Juno, or it could also be derived from the Latin word *juniores* - younger men - because it was during this month that they were honored

July - is named after Julius Caesar.

August - is named after Caesar Augustus. August was originally *Sextillus*, the sixth month. At the time of renaming from *Sextillus*, to August, it had only 30 days. This did not sit well with the new ruler because July, named after his uncle had more days. He took a day from February and gave it to August.

September, October, November and December their names come from the Latin words meaning seventh (*septem*), eighth (*octo*), ninth (*novem*) and tenth (*decem*). These names are remnants of the original Roman calendar whose year only had ten months so these names make no sense in our modern day twelve-month calendar.

Baptism of Blood

St. Genesius is not the only saint who was baptized by blood: the Holy Innocents whose feast we celebrate on December 28th; St. Emerentiana, the foster-sister of St. Agnes, was martyred before baptism, as were St. Rogation of Nantes (France) and St. Victor of Braga (Portugal) among many other catechumens.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says of Baptism of blood:

The Church has always held the firm conviction that those who suffer death for the sake of the faith without having received Baptism are baptized by their death for and with Christ. This Baptism of blood, like the desire for Baptism, brings about the fruits of Baptism without being a sacrament. (CCC § 1258)

Numerous Fathers of the Church and theologians have confirmed the Church's teachings and have reflected on the nature of this baptism notably St. Cyprian, St. Gregory Nazianzen, St. John Chrysostom, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Bonaventure, Peter Lombard Hugh of St. Victor and St. Alphonsus Ligouri, the Church's great moral theologian.

A number of years ago a priest, Fr. Leonard Feeney, citing the doctrine "outside the Church there is no salvation", denied the possibility of Baptism by blood and maintained that all who died without baptism are lost, even those Saints and other catechumens who were martyred. The Church rejected his opinion in 1949, pointing out that since the beginning, and drawing on Sacred Scripture, those who died without baptism but with the desire for baptism were *baptized by desire* and those put to death for the faith were *baptized by blood*. The Church does indeed believe that outside the Church there is no salvation (cf Vatican II document *Lumen Gentium*, § 13) but this teaching is not contradicted by Baptism of desire or of blood and must be understood in terms of how the Church sees herself as being founded by Christ as the Sacrament of Salvation in the world, and that God, in his mercy, desires that all people should be saved. It must also be understood that in Catholic teaching those who are not baptized and not members of the Church are not necessarily lost or excluded from heaven: if they do not know or believe in Christ or his teaching through no fault of their own, but live good lives according to their understanding, God in his mercy will not exclude them.

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1. What did God place in Heaven as a symbol of His pledge to Noah?
2. What was Jesus' first miracle?
3. In creation, which appeared first: plants, animals or light?
4. Moses parted what sea so that the Israelites could escape Egypt?
5. What city's walls fell down when trumpets blared and the Israelites shouted?

ANSWERS ON PAGE FOUR