

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, February 10, 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

This weekend there are several occasions for celebration. At all the Masses we will be praying for all sacramentally **MARRIED COUPLES** because of **World Marriage Day** today. To those who are having their "round" anniversaries I encourage to you to be blessed by our local ordinary.

The other occasion for celebration honors the people who are now in the autumn of their lives and who are sharing with us the wisdom of their experience of life and of God. These are the people who have survived many "turbulences" in life. I am always amazed how so many of them, in spite of physical pain and loneliness, remain sweet, just as the psalm says "*in their old age still full of sap still green.*"(cf.Ps92:14). I would like to especially thank all the **ELDERLY** who faithfully come to Church no matter what weather, or how they feel, or how far it is to get here, or what it takes to get here and at the same time being so generous in your contributions. YOU ARE SUCH ROLE MODELS to us. May God reward you and keep giving you the youth of spirit.

As a way of celebrating and thanking our **GRANDPARENTS** we invite everyone to the 10:45AM Mass, and after Mass to the OLV Gym for a special celebration of our grandparents. For some of them it might be the last chance to hear THANK you from us, or for us a last time to say it.

February 11th is the feast day of **Our Lady of Lourdes** and a special day on which we pray for the sick. I would like to thank all our sick, homebound, those who are in our different nursing or assisted facilities. You are such a vibrant part of our parish family. Your prayers, your pain, your sacrifice contribute so much to the well-being of our parish. It is a hidden work which brings fruits, and one day we will all be able to enjoy seeing it together in heaven. Let us make sure we will all be there. May our Lady of Lourdes help you in your suffering.

Volunteers Needed - OLV PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE

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Children in the womb have never been in greater danger. With the passage of the NY Reproductive Health Act, other states are lining up to pass their own version of this legislation which allows abortion right up to the time of birth. Governor Northam of Virginia even spoke of killing children who survive an abortion. Many Catholics have been shocked by the escalation of the war against unborn children and the cheering of the crowds who celebrate these laws. If you have felt a desire to do something about this, consider joining the OLV Pro-Life Committee to organize parish activities to support life and end abortion. Because there are many ways to help, no experience is necessary and whatever time you have available can be put to good use. Know that whatever you can offer is greatly needed. Three to four thousand children in the womb are aborted every day in the United States. There are those who want even more to be killed. We want these children to live, so that when we meet them in heaven, they will have a lifetime of memories to share with us. If you would like to help or are just curious, call Richard Mayer MD at 646-206-4491.

"There can be no compromise or prevarication; it is inconceivable for a society to fight crime effectively when it itself legalizes crime in the field of nascent life."

Benedict XVI

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Feb 12 -Tue - Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
Feb 13 - Wed - Bible Study Group 10:00AM
Feb 13 - Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM
Feb 14 - Thu - Holy Hour 7:00PM
Feb 17/18 - Sun/Mon - NO CCD
Feb 18 - Mon - Parish Office Closed—President's Day

Mother / Child Collection

February 16/17 & 23/24

OLV Social Concerns & Rosary Society are having the annual Mother/Child collection to benefit New Hope Pregnancy Center. The Center helps first time single mothers financially, physically, emotionally, and educationally. Items they are in most need of are **Shop-Rite gift cards in amount of \$25; Size 6 Diapers; Pull-ups sizes 2T-3T & 3T-4T; Boys clothes 3T, 4T; Girls clothes 3T, 4T; Summer Clothes 3T, 4T; Avent baby bottles; baby lotions, shampoo, wipes. New items only.**

Protect Viable Babies Postcard Campaign

Many people don't realize that the second and third trimester abortions are legal in New Jersey and routinely being carried out. The NJ Conference of Catholic Bishops has approved a postcard campaign designed to ask our NJ State Senators and Assembly Members to support legislation that would ban abortions after 20 weeks (5 months). The United States is one of only 7 countries in the world including China, North Korea, and Vietnam that allow elective abortion past 20 weeks. The weekend of Feb 23/24 OLV will be holding a postcard campaign. We need volunteers to help. If you'd like to help with this campaign, please contact the rectory.

Rachels' Vineyard Retreat

Healing from the Pain of Abortion

Therapy for the Soul: Rachel's Vineyard weekends are a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. The next retreat will be held at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center in Kearny, NJ starting Friday, May 10 and ending Sunday, May 12, 2019. For more information contact Cheryl Riley at 973-497-4350 or email rileyche@rcan.org.

2019 Wedding Anniversary Masses

The Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples who will celebrate five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in 2019. Couples deserving of such recognition are urged to participate. These liturgies will be celebrated at 3PM in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark:

Sunday, April 28—5 & 25 years; Sunday, June 2—50 years
Please call the OLV Rectory to register at 201-768-1706.

CCD Corner

This weekend our parish is celebrating our annual **Grandparents Day**, where we take the time to say thank you to these wonderful people who have showered us with their love and support. These are the people who always have the door open when we need a hug and are always ready to listen to all of our stories. At the **10:45 Mass today**, we will honor and bless our grandparents and afterward our CCD students are inviting their grandmas and grandpas over to our school hall for some light refreshments. Next Sunday and Monday (February 17th & 18th) there will be NO CCD CLASSES due to the holiday weekend.

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
A1C Alexander Kolbe

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**: Gabby Irene, baby Sean Cresci, baby Cole McKeon, Richard Bolton, Irene Ciccarino, Eleanor Daily, Don Deignan, Antoinette Dougherty, Carl Falasca, Dan Filippone, Sebastion Filippone, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Mary Foley, Kathy Freeburn, Marietta Flahive, Bernardita Garcia, Kyle Gauweiler, Anne Giotta, Tom Giuliano, Thomas Haring, Glen Hall, Megan Kavanagh, Austin Kellar, Peter Kellar, Andrew Kloeppe, Lisa LoSchiavo, Peter Mahler, Anne Matthaei, David Mercur, Len Moriarity, Kevin Mullane, John Murawski, John Pal, Sam Palmieri, Joyanna Peros, Andy Pfeiffer, Terry Pommert, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Wendy Ruggiero, Michael Tobia, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Brian, Carla, Chris, Dierdre, Edward, Jennifer, Joann, Lisa, Lucas, Lynn, Michael, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, Sean.

2019 Sharing God's Blessings Appeal

Your contribution to the Sharing God's Blessings Appeal makes a difference in the lives of so many in our community. Funds raised through the appeal help to educate children in our inner-city Catholic schools, serve the spiritual needs of people at parishes located in poor neighborhoods, and assist Catholic Charities. In addition, the appeal assists with seminarian and priest retirement costs. Please consider making a generous gift. If you make your pledge directly to the Archdiocese, please inform the rectory so we can verify that OLV gets the credit .

BE A SWEETHEART!

In order for Catholic Charities to continue our missions, we need your donations of all forms of used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, and children's books. Please contribute to the donation bin located on the parish premises. Thank you.

Make a DIFFERENCE

What happens when 1.6 million men believe they can make a difference - they actually do. Join the Knights of Columbus. Last year they volunteered over 58 million hours to help the needy and better their communities. They raised over \$125 million for charities and local churches. For more information call Greg at 201-784-5752.

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 11—Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 Rev. Zachary H. Monet, O.Carm. R/b Pat Consoli
12:00 Oliver Muldoon R/b Family

Tuesday, February 12 - St. Saturninus & Companions, Martyrs

8:00 Filipa Fizulich R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich
12:00 Mary Sweeney R/b George and Gail Fabiano

Wednesday, February 13—St. Catherine De Ricci, Virgin-Italy

8:00 Intentions of Stephen and Robin Hartman - Wedding Anniv.
12:00 Diane Melchiorre R/b George and Claire Meyer

Thursday, February 14—St. Valentine, Priest and Martyr

8:00 Charles Harte R/b the Barrett Family
12:00 Robert C. Kaiser R/b Rob and Dianne Kaiser

Friday, February 15—St. Claude De La Colombiere, Priest

8:00 Dennis Delgado R/b the McLarnon Family
12:00 Violet Carlson R/b Peter and Linda Wayne

Saturday, February 16— St. Onesimus, Martyr

8:00 Gloria McNulty R/b Kathy Freeburn
12:00 Joseph Welsh R/b Joe Tobia
4:00 Joseph McPolin - 50th Anniv. R/b the McPolin Family
5:00 Aspasia Gatanas R/b Karen and Eric Fass

Sunday, February 17—The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites

7:30 Louis Intintola R/b Marlene Thornton
8:15 intentions of Aurora V. Zafra R/b Laura Villena and Flor Alto
9:30 John Wenston R/b Joe Tobia
10:45 Pietro Colarullo R/b the Colarullo Family
12:00 David Zocco R/b Mike Zocco
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Leroy Marada R/b Tony and Mary Yorio
7:00 Thomas Zimmermann R/b Joan Freeburn

Sanctuary Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for all grandparents.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp will burn this week for souls in Purgatory.

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

The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp will burn this week for the sick of the Parish.

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.

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.

St. Valentine's Day Gift

Give your spouse the gift of a special Valentine. Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend teaches a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives. Sign-up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend at www.wwme.org. For more info contact Mike & Janet Turco: 973-427-7016 or mikeandjanetwwme@gmail.com.

TELL ME THIS WON'T HAPPEN TO US!!!

Three sisters, ages 92, 94 and 96, live in a house together. One night the 96-year-old draws a bath. She puts her foot in and pauses. She yells to her sisters, 'Was I getting in or out of the bath?'

The 94-year-old yells back, 'I don't know. I'll come up and see.' She starts up the stairs and pauses, 'Was I going up the stairs or down?'

The 92-year-old is sitting at the kitchen table having tea listening to her sisters. She shakes her head and says, 'I sure hope I never get that forgetful, knock on wood.' She then yells, 'I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door.'

The WOODEN BOWL

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year-old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth.

The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. "We must do something about father," said the son. "I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor." So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl! When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food. The four-year-old watched it all in silence.

One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, "What are you making?" Just as sweetly, the boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up." The four-year-old smiled and went back to work.

The words so struck the parents so that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done.

That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his day, he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS.

1. The Dove.
2. Exodus
3. Genesis
4. Leviticus
5. The Ascension.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

On February 11, 1858, occurred the first of many apparitions of Our Lady to St. Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes France. It was here where Mary identified herself as the Immaculate Conception, the title under which Mary is the patroness of our nation. After the apparition, a flowing spring of natural Lourdes water sprang up which became the means of effecting miraculous cures via Mary's patronage. The sick, infirm or crippled whose prayers for health seemed answered were carefully examined by local medics for their authenticity. As many as 6 million pilgrims visit Lourdes each year. February 11, besides being the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, was also declared by Pope John Paul II, World Day of the Sick. It has had this designation since 1993 when The Holy Father called, "For a special time of prayer and sharing of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of a reminder to us to see, in our sick brothers and sisters, the face of Christ, who, by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of mankind." This quote from the Holy Father gives insight into his valiant struggle to offer himself as a witness to the redemptive value of sickness, old age and suffering. May God grant to all who suffer in any way, the grace they need to bear their cross with patience and hope.

DID YOU KNOW?

- As the lives of **BABIES** are threatened...
- As the lives of the **ELDERLY** are threatened...
- As the life of **MARRIAGE** is threatened...

In the **Book of Tobit** there is a story of an old man Tobit and a young lady Sarah. Two different people marked by different sufferings.

Tobit lost his sight and Sarah lost seven husbands. Every time she got married with a new husband, he would die on the very wedding day before she ever even had a chance to become a married woman by consummating marriage.

In their respective places - **Sarah and Tobit both turned to God in their suffering (not to their own hands)** and prayed at the same time, and God heard both of their prayers.

Sarah had reached such a state of misery and suffering that she could not endure the insults and abuse that the deaths of her husbands caused her. She felt like she couldn't take another day of it and wanted God to even take her life. **She would not take her life in her own hands.** She would pray for God to take it. Knowing that **LIFE BELONGS TO GOD and HE DECIDES whether to take it and when to take it, however painful it might be.**

Life seemed pretty hopeless at that particular moment in time. Instead of blaming God for her misfortune and suffering though, Sarah praised Him. Sarah just praised God. She left her sorrow in His hands and praised Him in her prayers. Is it any wonder that God heard her prayers and instead of taking her life, He actually restored it and provided an **ARCHANGEL Raphael** to cure her situation and provide.

For the rest of the story please read the Book of Tobit. Great book for couples, great book for depressed, great book for childless parents, great book for elderly, great book for parents with son/daughter deployed.

Let your old age be childlike,
and your childhood like old age;
that is,
so that neither may your wisdom be with pride,
nor your humility without wisdom.
— Saint Augustine

Stephanie Cywinski-O'Brien Scholarship

For the 12th consecutive year, student scholarships are being offered through the Stephanie Cywinski-O'Brien Trust. Applications are now being accepted from parish 7th and 8th grade students attending a Catholic grammar school (primary consideration), as well as Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors attending a Catholic high school (secondary consideration) and continuing their education at a Catholic school. Applications and eligibility requirements are available at the rectory. Applications due March 31; decisions to be made by April 21.

Women's Commission Day of Reflection

Saturday, March 9, Seton Hall University. This year's theme is "Alive in Christ...Finding Our True Identity". Keynote speakers are Mary Rice Hasson and Gloria Purvis. Mary Rice Hasson directs the Catholic Women's Forum, and is an expert on topics related to women, faith, culture, family, sexual morality and gender ideology. Gloria Purvis is creator of *Authentically Free at Last* show on EWTN, host of Morning Glory EWTN radio show and Editor of African American Catholic Youth Bible. Day begins at 8AM with registration and ends at 4PM with Mass. Registration is \$25 for adults. Includes Continental breakfast and lunch. For info visit www.rcan.org/womcom.

Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, March 16, Seton Hall University. This year's theme is "for a time such as this, Holiness and Hope!". Speaker Fr. Larry Richards, is founder of The Reason for Our Hope Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to "spreading the Good News" through CDs, DVDs and books. Master of Ceremonies Gregory Floyd is the Exec. Vice-President of Mission at Eva's Village, a faith-based non-profit in Paterson that feeds the hungry, shelters the homeless, treats the addicted and offers medical and dental care to the poor. Day begins at 8AM with breakfast and ends at 4:30PM. Adults \$25. Includes continental breakfast and lunch. www.rcanmenscommission.org.

Women's Retreat

The Catholic Women of Zion Ministry (CWOZ) will host a Women's Retreat on Saturday, March 16, at St. Andrew's Parish in Westwood. The Retreat will start at 9AM with Mass in Church, continue in the Parish Center and conclude by 1PM. The Theme of the Retreat is "Trusting God in the Eye of the Storm" (Mark 4:35-41). Main speaker Mary Ann Collett, Co-Founder of CWOZ, is an inspiring and dynamic Catholic Lay Evangelist. \$20 per person (payable at door) – includes lunch. Please call 201-666-5697 no later than Tuesday, March 12. Please leave your phone number and spelling of last name.

KIDZ KORNER

1. What bird symbolizes the Holy Spirit?
2. What Book in the Bible is about the Jews living in Egypt?
3. What Book in the Bible means "the Beginnings"?
4. What Book in the Bible is a collection of Jewish laws?
5. Is Jesus' return to heaven called the Ascension or the Resurrection? **Answers on page 4.**

"Tribulation is a gift from God – one that he especially gives His special friends."
-St. Thomas More

Lady Rose

The first day of school our professor introduced himself and challenged us to get to know someone we didn't already know. I stood up to look around when a gentle hand touched my shoulder. I turned around to find a wrinkled, little old lady beaming up at me with a smile that lit up her entire being. She said, 'Hi handsome. My name is Rose. I'm eighty-seven years old.'

'Can I give you a hug?' I laughed and enthusiastically responded, 'Of course you may!' and she gave me a giant squeeze.. 'Why are you in college at such a young, innocent age?' I asked. She jokingly replied, 'I'm here to meet a rich husband, get married, and have a couple of kids.' 'No seriously,' I asked. I was curious what may have motivated her to be taking on this challenge at her age. 'I always dreamed of having a college education, and now I'm getting one!' she told me.

After class we walked to the student union building and shared a chocolate milkshake. We became instant friends. Every day for the next three months we would leave class together and talk nonstop. I was always mesmerized listening to this 'time machine' as she shared her wisdom and experience with me. Over the course of the year, Rose became a campus icon and she easily made friends wherever she went. She loved to dress up and she reveled in the attention bestowed upon her from the other students. She was living it up. At the end of the semester we invited Rose to speak at our football banquet. I'll never forget what she taught us. She was introduced and stepped up to the podium. As she began to deliver her prepared speech, she dropped her three-by-five cards on the floor. Frustrated and a little embarrassed, she leaned into the microphone and simply said, 'I'm sorry I'm so jittery. I gave up beer for Lent and this whiskey is killing me! I'll never get my speech back in order, so let me just tell you what I know.'

As we laughed she cleared her throat and began, 'We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing. There are only four secrets to staying young, being happy, and achieving success. You have to laugh and find humor every day. You've got to have a dream. When you lose your dreams, you die. We have so many people walking around who are dead and don't even know it! There is a huge difference between growing older and growing up. If you are nineteen years old and lie in bed for one full year and don't do one productive thing, you will turn twenty years old. If I am eighty-seven years old and stay in bed for a year and never do anything I will turn eighty-eight. Anybody! Can grow older. That doesn't take any talent or ability. The idea is to grow up by always finding opportunity in change. Have no regrets. The elderly usually don't have regrets for what we did, but rather for things we did not do. The only people who fear death are those with regrets.' She concluded her speech by courageously singing 'The Rose.' She challenged each of us to study the lyrics and live them out in our daily lives. At the year's end Rose finished the college degree she had begun all those months ago.

One week after graduation Rose died peacefully in her sleep. Over two thousand college students attended her funeral in tribute to the wonderful woman who taught by example that it's never too late to be all you can possibly be. When you finish reading this, please send this peaceful word of advice to your friends and family, they'll really enjoy it! These words have been passed along in loving memory of ROSE. REMEMBER, GROWING OLDER IS MANDATORY. GROWING UP IS OPTIONAL. We make a Living by what we get. We make a Life by what we give. "Who matters, who never did, who won't anymore, and who always will... so don't worry about people from your past, there's a reason why they didn't make it to your future". Have a wonderful day!!