

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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MOTHERS

The most important person on earth is a mother.

She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not.

She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral ... a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body.

Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature. God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation.

What on God's good earth is more glorious than this:

to be a mother!

Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty

**TO ALL OUR MOTHERS,
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY.**



**To our Mothers who have gone before us,
eternal rest grant unto them, oh Lord!**



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PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please **PRAY** in the name of **JESUS**, the Healer, that the **SICK** of **OLV PARISH** may be restored to health and all those who **ASSIST** and **CARE** for the sick will be given the **STRENGTH** to continue **GOD'S GOOD WILL**: Kathy Freeburn, Marietta Flahive, Tom Giuliano, Marylou Goreb, Thomas Haring, Peter Kellar, George Loder, Lisa LoSchiavo, Anne Matthaehi, Timothy O'Shea, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Michael Tobia, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Jim Walsh.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"When it comes to explaining the Blessed Virgin Mary, having a lot of love is more important than having a lot of answers. When we come up lacking, she'll make greater goods out of our deficiencies, as only a mother can do. Whenever we're humiliated and shown our weakness, we should get ready for something better than we could ever plan and prepare to accomplish. Evangelize with joy, then, and with confidence. Know from the start that you don't have all the answers-but your Savior does, and He loves His mother. He will give you everything you need, even if sometimes you need to fail." - Scott Hahn

OLV K of C Baby Bottle Collection

This weekend the OLV Knights of Columbus is distributing baby bottles after Mass - please take a baby bottle home. You may deposit loose change, checks or cash. Please bring the bottle with your monetary donations to OLV in two weeks or drop it off at the Rectory. Your contributions will benefit mothers in need and their new-born babies.

Congratulations!

To parishioner Jude Rossmann, who achieved Second Honors for the 3rd Quarter of his sophomore year at Paramus Catholic High School.

The Morning Offering

Kneel down and using your own words or a formula, briefly offer up all the day ahead for God's glory. As Saint Josemaria Escriva explained it: "Conquer yourself each day from the very first moment, giving yourself and the entire day to God." If, with the help of God, you conquer yourself in the moment, you have accomplished a great deal for the rest of the day.

PASTA COLLECTION

For the month of MAY OLV will be having a pasta collection to benefit the St. Cecilia Food Pantry.

EWTN

Did you know that there is a truly Catholic Television Station carried on cable TV? **Channel 67 is EWTN** – Eternal Word Television Network. It was started by a convent of Cloistered Nuns over twenty-five years ago. So if you are tired of the nonsense on regular TV, try channel 67 for a welcome change.

STEWARDSHIP

MY FAMILY – MY PARISH – MY RESPONSIBILITY

As your expenses increase, so do the Church's, but we rely on your generosity to meet our expenses. Please be generous.

Bumper sticker of the year:

**"If you can read this, thank a teacher—
and, since it's in English, thank a soldier."**

"The greatest teacher I ever had was my mother."
George Washington

EASTER DUTY

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty), that is the **obligation of receiving the Eucharist for Easter extends to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 27**. No one conscious of committing a serious or mortal sin should receive Holy Communion until they have first gone to the Sacrament of Reconciliation a.k.a. Confession. Confessions are heard EVERY Saturday from 11:00AM to Noon and 3:00-3:25PM, every weekday morning at 7:30AM, and First Fridays from 6:30-6:50PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

REGISTER FOR OLV PARISH

All Roman Catholics living within the boundaries of Our Lady of Victories Church should officially register; If you did NOT receive an Easter mailing you are probably NOT registered! Obtain a registration form from the priest after Mass or phone Maria at the Rectory. We strongly encourage you to register, even if you do not plan to use envelopes, so we can include you on or mailing list. Only registered members of the parish, who fulfill all other canonical [Church Law] requirements can obtain a Sponsor [Godparent] Certificate, letter of recommendation or other documentation.

PRAYER FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

O Prince of peace, we humbly ask your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion, the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Be their rock, their shield, and their stronghold and let them draw their strength from you. For you are God, for ever and ever.

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 Dipolito, U.S. Army;
Major Michael Franson, US Army;
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene, US Army;
Lieutenant Tara Harris, US Air Force;
Lance Corporal Thomas Iafrate, U.S. Marine Corps;
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger, US Navy;
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger, US Navy;
Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn, US Air Force;
Captain Shawn Linn, US Army;
SN Daniel T. LoVecchio, U.S. Navy;
Colonel John McLaughlin, US Army;
Captain John G. Miele, US Army.

WORK for the LORD

Become a Priest or Religious Brother or Sister. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low, **BUT** the retirement benefits are out of this world. For information see Fr. Bryan or call the Vocations Office 973-497-4365.

OLV Scripture STUDY

The OLV Bible Study Group meets every Wednesday, at 10:00a.m. in the Rectory. All are welcome to join us.

"All that I am and all I hoped to be, I owe to my mother."
Abraham Lincoln

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

May 15 - Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
May 16- Wed - Bible Study Group—10:00AM
May 16 - Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM
May 17 -Thu - Rosary Society Mass and Meeting 12:00Noon
May 18 - Fri - Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM

Do You Have a First Grader?

Time to register for CCD! Please call 201-768-1400 or email olvhpccd@gmail.com - or visit olvhp.org (Faith Formation tab) - for a registration form and info. Classes begin in September.

7th Annual Gladys Heyliger/Mary Carley Scholarship

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 1639 is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to an 8th grade student going into a Catholic High School in September 2018. For an application, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Dr. Marie Woke, 20 Kensington Court, Norwood, NJ 07648.

FRIDAY ADORATION

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

So stop by and adore Our Eucharistic Lord.

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

Our Lord told St. Margaret Mary Alacoque that individuals should go to confession at a minimum once a month. This sacrament is offered EVERY Saturday from 11AM to Noon and 4-4:30PM; every weekday morning at 7:30AM, as well as every First Friday at 6:30PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

OLV Knights of Columbus

All men over 18 are invited to join the OLV parish Knights of Columbus, the world's largest men's fraternal organization. Upcoming events include a fishing trip, paintball expedition, skeet-shooting and golf outing. For more info or to join, call Greg Evanelle at 201-768-5752.

SINGLE PARENT SUCCESS

The Archdiocese of Newark Family Life Office is sponsoring a special event to honor single parents on Wednesday, May 16, 6:45-8:30pm at Notre Dame RC Church in N. Caldwell, NJ. If single parenting leaves you feeling overwhelmed some days, join Loyla Louvis from Mothers in Training, LLC. for an insightful look at 5 strategies every single parent should know. Loyla Louvis is a parenting coach, a mentor, and a mother and wife. Free of charge! Must RSVP by email Lauren.Egan@rcan.org.

LONG DISTANCE CALL

While on vacation in Rome, I noticed a marble column in St. Peter's with a golden telephone on it. As a young priest passed by, I asked what the telephone was for. The priest told me it was a direct line to heaven, and if I'd like to call, it would be a thousand dollars. I was amazed, but declined the offer. Throughout Italy, I kept seeing the same golden telephones on marble columns. At each, I asked about it and the answer was always the same: It was a direct line to Heaven and I could call for a thousand dollars. Then - I continued my tour and arrived in Ireland. I decided to attend Mass at a local village church. As I walked in the door I noticed the same golden telephone. Underneath it there was a sign stating: "DIRECT LINE TO HEAVEN: 25 cents." "Father," I said, "I have just been all over Italy and in all the cathedrals I visited, I've seen telephones exactly like this one. But the price is always a thousand dollars. Why is it that this telephone is only 25 cents?" "It's only twenty-five cents because it's a local call from here."

The Purpose Driven Life

In the interview by Paul Bradshaw with Rick Warren, author of "Purpose Driven Life" Rick said: People ask me, What is the purpose of life? And I respond: In a nutshell, life is preparation for eternity. We were made to last forever, and God wants us to be with Him in Heaven. One day my heart is going to stop, and that will be the end of my body-- but not the end of me. I may live 60 to 100 years on earth, but I am going to spend trillions of years in eternity. This is the warm-up act - the dress rehearsal. God wants us to practice on earth what we will do forever in eternity. We were made by God and for God, and until you figure that out, life isn't going to make sense. Life is a series of problems: either you are in one now, you're just coming out of one, or you're getting ready to go into another one. The reason for this is that God is more interested in your character than your comfort. God is more interested in making your life holy than He is in making your life happy. We can be reasonably happy here on earth, but that's not the goal of life. The goal is to grow in character, in Christ likeness.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The most destructive habitWorry
- The greatest joyGiving
- The greatest lossLoss of self respect
- The most satisfying workHelping others
- The ugliest personality trait.....Selfishness
- The most endangered speciesDedicated leaders
- Our greatest resourceOur youth
- The greatest "shot in the arm"Encouragement
- The greatest problem to overcomeFear
- The most effective sleeping pill.....Peace of Mind
- The most crippling failure diseaseExcuses
- The most powerful force in lifeLove
- The most dangerous pariahGossiper
- The world's most incredible computer...The brain
- The worst thing to be without.....Hope
- The deadliest weaponThe tongue
- The two most power-filled words "I can"
- The greatest asset.Faith
- The most worthless emotionSelf-pity
- The most beautiful attireSMILE!
- The most prized possession.Integrity
- The most powerful channel of communication ...Prayer
- The most contagious spiritEnthusiasm

CCD Corner

We'd like to thank everyone who was involved in last week's sacramental celebrations, especially our choirs. And our sincere apology to Michael Poggi, who received the sacrament of Confirmation this past Sunday, but was not included in the printed list.

We are in **need of CCD Teachers** to share our faith with our children for our Monday afternoon program beginning this September. Classes are one hour long per week. If you would like more information or if you would like to join our team, please see Deacon Al or you can email deaconalatl@olvhp.org.

Did you know you can register for CCD and make a payment online? Visit website.olvhp.org and click on the Faith Formation tab.

**"God has a plan of holiness for everyone."
Pope John Paul II**

CLOTHING BINS

We traditionally honor Mary during the month of May. This is most appropriate for the Mother of God who gave birth to the Savior of the world. Mary's heart is filled with the love of Christ and also with the love of every one of God's children. Would you be so kind as to imitate that love of humanity by donating to the Catholic Charities bin? We need used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, and children's books. God Bless.

Thank you from New Hope

Our outreach to first-time single moms who have chosen life for their babies wants to thank your parishioners for donating items under the direction of your St. Vincent de Paul Social Concerns and Rosary Societies. This baby collection has stocked our shelves and will help support New Hope as we pass these items on to our moms and babies. We cannot express the joy you have spread with your love and giving spirit! Please access our website – newhopeprc.org - to learn more about our all-volunteer program and our Pregnancy Resource Center located in Westwood. Read about some of our many moms who rely on your generosity. Feel free to visit our Center. If you have a passion for pro-life, you will be amazed at the miracles, small and large, that our mentors and staff are working - with God's help. If you would like to volunteer please call 201-722-4705.

The 8th C. Benedictine Monk

Who Accidentally Invented Do-Re-Mi by ChurchPOP Editor

So many cool things have come from Catholics! This is just another example. You've probably heard the song from the musical *The Sound of Music* called "Do-Re-Mi" ("Do a deer, a female deer," etc). That song is based on something called **solfège**, in which each note in a musical scale is given a word, namely **do, re, mi, fa, so, la, ti**, and then back to **do**.

Where did this system come from? Well it turns out, at least to the standard theory, it ultimately came from an 8th century Catholic hymn written by a Benedictine monk!

Here's the story: In the 8th century, an Italian Benedictine monk named **Paul the Deacon** composed the Latin hymn "Ut queant laxis" in honor of St. John the Baptist. A few hundred years later in 11th century Italy, music theorist Guido of Arezzo created an early version of the solfège system for musical notation based on the lyrics of **Paul the Deacon's hymn**. This was because as the melody moved about the scale, certain key words or syllables fell on successive notes going up.

Here's the lyrics with the key parts bolded: "Ut queant laxis resonare fibris Mira gestorum famuli tuorum, Solve polluti labii reatum, Sancte Iohannēs." From this you get: **ut, re, mi, fa, so, la**.

In 17th century Italy, musicologist **Giovanni Battista Doni** changed "ut" to "**do**," both because it was easier to sing and because it was the first syllable of his last name. He also took the first letters of the last two words to make "**si**" to complete the scale.

Then in the 19th century, English music educator **Sarah Ann Glover** changed "si" to "ti" so that each word would begin with a different letter for better differentiation.

That brings us to the modern system: **do, re, mi, fa, so, la, ti, do!**

SAVE USED EYEGLASSES

The Knights of Columbus collects used and old eyeglasses for the less fortunate. Any old or "retired" glasses may be left in the basket in the back of Church.

FRIDAY ADORATION

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

So stop by and adore Our Eucharistic Lord.

The taxpayer: That's someone who works for the Federal government, but doesn't have to take the civil service examination." **Ronald Reagan**

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 14 – St. Matthias, Apostle

8:00 Kathleen Musante-1st Anniversary R/b John and Anna Heaney
12:00 Winifred Pavlu R/b the Kip Family

Tuesday, May 15 – St. Isidore the Farmer

8:00 Gina Ottomanelli Bender R/b Ottomanelli Family
12:00 Alberto Bellini R/b Carole Bellini

Wednesday, May 16–St. John Nepomucene of Bohemia–Priest

8:00 All mothers, living and deceased
12:00 Robert K. Raymond R/b William Raymond

Thursday, May 17–St. Paschal Baylon of Spain - Brother

8:00 Anna Mae Kaelber R/b Tony and Laura Scott
12:00 All mothers, living and deceased

Friday, May 18–St. John I of Italy – Pope and Martyr

8:00 Giuseppe Rienzi R/b Carole Bellini
12:00 All mothers, living and deceased

Saturday, May 19–St. Yves of France–Priest and Lawyer

8:00 All mothers, living and deceased
12:00 Danny Wakefield R/b Ortiz and McLarnon Family
4:00 Irene Louise Ricciardi R/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi
5:00 All mothers, living and deceased

Sunday, May 20–PENTECOST SUNDAY

St. Bernardine of Siena - Priest

7:30 Robert Ubriaco R/b Jim and Rose Youngmans
8:15 Angelo Fiori R/b Joan Rizzo
9:30 Peter Bentivegna R/b the Bentivegna Family
10:45 Domenica Scrivanich R/b the Busanic Family
12:00 Maureen Murphy R/b the McAuley Family
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 James Baldwin R/b Chris and Mary Oakes
7:00 Unborn and their families R/b the Maher Family

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of **Helen Smith**, r/b Leo and Eileen DeBartolo.

The Convent Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for all mothers.

The BV Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of **Emmanuela Isabella Apicella Lombardi**, r/b the Leyden Family .

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

The St. Peregrine Votive Lamp burns this week for the intentions of **Linda Rivera**, r/b Annette Davies and family.

The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp burns this week for the intentions of **Fr. Bryan**.

The Hosts and Wine used at Holy Mass this week have been donated in memory of **Sr. Mary Francis Madaio**, r/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi.

Sanctuary Offerings

The Altar Flowers, Bread and Wine, the BVM Votive Lamp, and St. Joseph Votive Lamp, the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church and in the Convent can be dedicated on a weekly basis.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. St. Elizabeth 2. St. Anne 3. Eve 4. St. Elizabeth Seton 5. St. Gerard

"Whoever finds Mary shall find Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

Fr. Peter John Cameron, OP

May is dedicated to Our Lady.

PRAY THIS PRAYER

Bishop Fulton Sheen wrote a prayer for the unborn that all Roman Catholics should pray. It goes as follows

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of being aborted."

WHALES

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal, its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah". The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?" The little girl replied, "Then you ask him."

How True!

Don't worry about what people think; they don't do it very often.
My idea of homework is to sweep the room with a glance.
It is easier to get forgiveness than permission.
If you look like your passport picture, you need a vacation.
Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.
A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.
Middle age is when broadness of mind and narrowness of waist change places.
Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.
By the time you can make ends meet, they move the ends.

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 Mary Mother of All Nations Novena which focuses on this daily battle.

FASTING

Are Catholics still required to fast prior to reception of Holy Communion? The General Rule is that Catholics **should fast for one hour** from solid food and beverages, with the exception of water, before going to Holy Communion. The period of fast is reduced for those who are sick, in the hospital, advanced in age and for those caring for them.

PRAY

No one can get to Heaven unless he prays. If you do not eat, you will starve to death. If you do not drink, you will die of thirst. If you do not breathe, you will die for lack of air. But prayer is more necessary for you than food and drink and air. If you do not pray, you shall never see God in Heaven.

OLV Prayer Power House

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

A truism worthy of note:

**Do not fear the enemy, for they can take only your life.
Fear the media, for they will destroy your honor.**

The Queen of this Land

Jaime Cardinal Sin, Primate of the Philippines, spoke at Stonehill College in North Easton, Massachusetts, to graduating seniors on May 18, 1986. His Eminence said of a scene he witnessed on February 23, 1986: "We knew that Marcos had sent out his troops, and that the only way to stop that dictator was to encourage the people to go to EDSA and pray to Our Lady."

Cardinal Sin said "Through all the available media sources, I, along with many other religious and media individuals, pleaded with the people to "Go to EDSA!" Shortly after the EDSA event, Rosalie was in the Philippines, and she spoke to Mr. Alex Reyes, the President of the local Blue Army, and a restaurant owner. At the time of the plea, he asked his family, "Who will go with me to die for God?" Several of his grandchildren joined him in his mission, fully expecting to be run over by the tanks...and die. And, they went!

Without any other weapons, several hundred people were praying the Rosary – everyone in deep and earnest prayer, with beads in their hands and candles flickering beside them.

On the front lines of EDSA stood Brother Joseph Rona with the statue of Our Lady that he had received from Rosalie, John, and the Blue Army, some two years before. Because the people had seen miracles with this statue, they asked Our Lady to intercede for them again, since their only alternatives now were Her help, or death. Facing them were hundreds of combat-ready marines whom this assembly of prayer had stopped; and, behind the soldiers (ready to climb up the little hill), the tanks, trucks, there stood two battalions about to launch an attack!

Then a very amazing thing happened. The troops stopped, the tanks were halted, not by any force of weapons, nor even by the force of bodies bound together in a human barricade. In the United Press International, Cardinal Sin reported that the government troops held their fire and did not attack the crowds blocking their way to Camp Crame, "because," as the soldiers told him, "a very beautiful Lady appeared," saying to them, "Dear soldiers, stop! Don't attack my people. I am the Queen of this land." The troops dispersed!

Cardinal Sin said, "I have not said this publicly before, and I hesitate to say it here, but I firmly believed, in my heart of hearts, that if the people prayed there, there would indeed be a miracle, and that our deliverance would come in peace from the Lord, through His Mother's hands.

"That is why I had to encourage them to go there. I felt that their confidence in Our Lady was necessary to save the day. Their lives were at stake, but we all trusted in God's power and Our Lady's love."

KIDZ KORNER

1. Who was St. John the Baptist's mom?
2. Who was the Virgin Mary's mom?
3. Who was the mother of Cain and Abel?
4. What famous American Saint was the mother of five children?
5. Who is the patron of expectant mothers?

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POST-ABORTION COUNSELING

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Antarctica: Antarctica is the only land on our planet that is not owned by any country. Ninety percent of the world's ice covers Antarctica. This ice also represents seventy percent of all the fresh water in the world. As strange as it sounds, however, Antarctica is essentially a desert; the average yearly total precipitation is about two inches. Although covered with ice (all but 0.4% of it, ice.), Antarctica is the driest place on the planet, with an absolute humidity lower than the Gobi desert.