

# Our Lady of Victories Church

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

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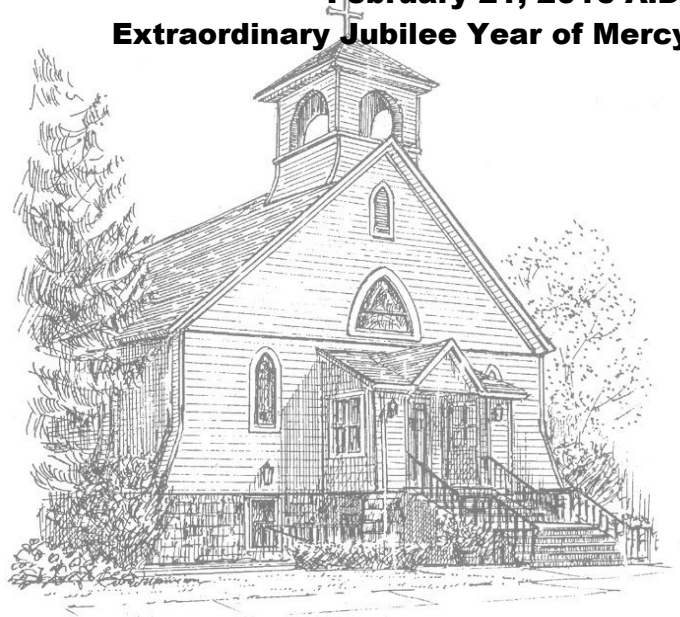
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**February 21, 2016 A.D.**

**Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy**



# WELCOME

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

## COME WORSHIP WITH US

### Mass Schedule

**Saturday: 4pm, 5pm, 6pm (Spanish)**

**Sunday: 7:30am, 8:15am (Latin)**

**9:30am, 10:45am, 12:00pm,  
6:00pm & 7:00pm**

**Weekdays: M-Sat 8:00am & 12:00noon**

#### SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

**First Friday:** 7:30pm, Mass of Sacred Heart & Devotions

**First Saturday:** 8:00am, Mass of Immaculate Heart of Mary

**First Saturday:** 12:00pm Mass for Souls in Purgatory

**Sundays:** at 3PM Group Rosary

**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

**Rosary:** Recited M - Sat after 8:00am & 12Noon Mass.

**Tuesday-Novena Prayer and Adoration:** 2:00-3:00pm

**Thursday-Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction:** 7:00pm

**Friday-Exposition & Adoration:** 12:30PM-3:00pm

**Nocturnal Adoration:** First Friday evening 8pm to Saturday 8am

**THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/CONFESSION:**

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 7:50am. First Friday at 7:00pm

Saturday at 11:00a.m.-Noon; 3:00pm - 3:25pm

**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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201-768-1705

## **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**: little Niamh Devlin, Br. Pius, Joseph Accardi, Isabella Ruggiero, Maria Aleman, William Biasi, Michael Conmy, Mario Gobetti, Thomas Haring, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Ken Mosier, Kathleen Musante, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Cookie and George Rush, Cynthia Simonelli, Mildred Speck, Therese Vaglio, Mike Weber, Darien Wesler, Al Wiese, Roy Wurst, Marian Zanetti, Elaine Zito.

## **SPIRITUAL EXCERPT**

### **WHERE YOUR MIND SHOULD BE**

"Don't allow your mind to be in the world. Your body is here, but your mind should be with the Lord, as if nothing else mattered."

*Mother Angelica, Little Book of Life Lessons page 58.*

## **ADDITIONAL FRIDAY MASS**

During LENT there will be an additional Friday evening Mass offered at 7:00PM followed by the Stations of the Cross which will be led by one of the adult ministries of OLV parish.

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross, followed by Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, on Thursday evenings at 7:00p.m. Each week the Thursday evening Stations will be led by OLV's Confirmation Class. Also, Stations of the Cross will be held after 8:00a.m. Mass on Saturday mornings during Lent.

## **HEAVEN & HELL**

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like." The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew, which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water. The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful. But because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. The Lord said, "You have seen Hell."

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoon. "It is simple", said the Lord. "It requires but one skill. You see they have learned to feed each other, while the greedy think only of themselves."

## **SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT US!!!**

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## **SAVE USED EYEGLASSES**

The OLV Knights of Columbus collects used and old eyeglasses for the less fortunate. Any old or "retired" glasses may be left at the rectory.

## **Baby Item Collection**

OLV Rosary Society will sponsor a Baby Item Collection this weekend and next - February 20/21 and 27/28. The items will benefit Birthright and New Hope, two pro-life organizations in our area, that help young mothers in need. Please leave your items in the lower atrium of the church. Items needed/New Items Only: Diapers of all sizes but especially sizes 4-5-6, baby shampoo, diaper ointment, diaper wipes, receiving blankets, onesies, baby towels, boys and girls clothing sizes Newborn to 3 Toddler but especially sizes 18 months to 3 Toddler. Gift cards to Shoprite, Target, Babies R Us and Toys R Us.

## **2016 LENTEN REGULATIONS**

- The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wed. and Good Friday. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.
- On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.
- On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.
- The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
- The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
- The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 14, 2016 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 22, 2016.

## **CDA St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale**

Catholic Daughters of the Americas will have a St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale March 12 and 13 after each Mass. If you are interested in donating baked goods, please contact [Reneeringali@gmail.com](mailto:Reneeringali@gmail.com), 201-913-2580.

## **FRIDAY ADORATION**

Just a reminder we have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 12noon - 3PM. **So stop by and adore Our Eucharistic Lord.**

## **AN UNCOMMON ERROR**

Along with the frontal assault on public Christmas displays, there is a concerted effort to remove any quotidian mention of Christ's birth or life. According to these revisionists, Jesus' existence must be expunged from the historical record. One means to their end is changing the standard nomenclature of BC and AD to BCE and ACE, that is from Before Christ and Anno Domino (Year of the Lord) to the utterly ambiguous Before the Common Era and After the Common Era.

## **"WE ARE LIVING STONES"**

The two receptions with representatives from the Archdiocese to answer any question will be **this Monday February 22 at 9:00AM and 7:30PM.**

## **40 Days for Life**

*February 10 - March 20.* This Lent, pray and fast as Jesus did. Join your brothers and sisters in Christ in peaceful vigil across from the Women's Choice clinic, 10 Zabriskie Street, Hackensack. Your presence will bring hope to the good people who live on Zabriskie Street that God has not abandoned them to shoulder alone the burden that abortions are regular business on their street. For more info, call Margaret at 201-805-0937.

# Cars aren't the only things recalled by their maker.

## Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Feb 20/21-27/28 Sat/Sun—Baby Item Collection  
 Feb 22—Mon—Women of Grace 7:30  
 Feb 23—Tue—Moms, Pops & Tots 9:30 - 11:30AM  
 Feb 23 -Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:15-3:15PM  
 Feb 24—Wed—Bible Study 10:00AM  
 Feb 24—Wed—Lenten Faith Study Group 7:00PM  
 Feb 24—Wed—OLV Needlers  
 Feb 26—Fri— Adoration from 12:30PM-4:00PM  
 Feb 27 - Sat—Confessions 11:00-12:00noon 3:00-3:25PM  
 Mar 12/13—Sat/Sun—CDA St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale  
 Apr 16—Sat—Mass of Anointing 12:00  
 Apr 24—Sun—Rosary Society Ladies Breakfast  
 May 14—Sat- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
 May 22—Sun—Confirmation 2PM  
 May 30—Mon—Fr. Innocent CFR First Mass & Reception at OLV-2PM

## PRAY for THOSE in the MILITARY

Lieutenant Julia H. Cheringal, US Navy;  
 Lieutenant Ben Clemente, US Army;  
 Midshipman Jon Clemente, US Navy;  
 Sergeant Nicholas Colletti, US Army;  
 1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo, U.S. Marine Corps;  
 Captain Michael Franson, US Army;  
 Sergeant First Class Charles Greene, US Army;  
 Lieutenant Tara Harris, US Air Force;  
 Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger, US Navy;  
 Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger, US Navy;  
 Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn, US Air Force;  
 Captain Shawn Linn, US Army;  
 Colonel John McLaughlin, US Army;  
 Corporal Richard McKenna, USMC.

## OLV K of C Council #14483

All men over the age of 18 are cordially invited to join the OLV Knights of Columbus Council. The Knights are the largest Catholic Fraternal Organization in the world. For info' contact Rich at [pockets5197@aol.com](mailto:pockets5197@aol.com).

## SPIRITUAL WARFARE

We are constantly under attack and tempted by the forces of EVIL. Every Tuesday afternoon from 2:15-3:15PM members of OLV parish meet and pray the Mary Mother of All Nations Novena which focuses on this daily battle. All are welcome. Join us.

## A reason not to mess with children

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was 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."

## Bereavement Support Group

A Bereavement Support Group will be starting in the spring on Tuesday evenings in the OLV rectory. If you would be interested in participating, or if you know someone who would find this program helpful, please call Phyllis Rooney at 201-262-8665 or 201-803-3791. Refreshments will be served.

## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

NFP classes ([www.rcan.org/famlife/marriagefamily.htm#natural](http://www.rcan.org/famlife/marriagefamily.htm#natural)) are held at Holy Name Hospital email [NFP@RCAN.ORG](mailto:NFP@RCAN.ORG).

## SPANISH MASS

OLV now has a Mass in Spanish on Saturdays at 6PM.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY at OLV

On Sunday April 3, 2016 from 3-4pm, there will be a Holy Hour conducted by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. At 4:15pm there will be Holy Mass offered by Fr. Bonaventure CFR assisted by Brother Deacon Innocent CFR of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.

## OLV Faith Study Group—Lent 2016

We are assembling an adult group with a purpose of faith study. Learn how to find Catholic answers. We will meet in the church basement at 7PM on Wednesdays. Consider spending an hour each week this Lent enriching your faith.

## 2016 Wedding Anniversary Masses

The Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in 2016. Couples deserving of such recognition are urged to participate. These liturgies will be celebrated at 3:00p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

Sunday, April 24, 2016— 5 & 25 years;

Sunday, May 1, 2016—50 years.

Please call the OLV Rectory to register at 201-768-1706.

## MAKE A GIFT THROUGH—IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

The IRA Charitable Rollover has been extended through 2015 and was passed permanently into law. This law will allow individuals 70½ or older to move up to \$100,000 from their IRAs directly to qualified charities such as Our Lady of Victories parish, without having to pay income taxes on the donated money. For info about how you can benefit from an IRA charitable rollover, call Theresa at (973) 497-4042.

## 3:00PM ROSARY

On Sundays at 3:00PM parishioners have organized and will be reciting the rosary. All are welcome.

## LENTEN Reading

We just received a huge new order of interesting books and booklets so visit our bookrack and check out the vast selection of books, booklets, and pamphlets. LENT is a great time to read and become closer to God. Learn more about your faith, the Saints, Mary, Jesus, or pick up one of the inspirational books in stock. Check out some of our new and interesting titles. Don't have time to read? Listen to a CD in the car since we also have a wide variety of Catholic CDs.

## CCD Corner

As I mentioned last week, I would like to tell you some more of the projects and practices our CCD students are doing during Lent. Mrs. Leyden's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Monday class will decorate tissue boxes with purple and Lenten symbols. The boxes will be taken home so that they can place their "spare change" of coins. After Easter the children will bring the boxes in and the money collected will be sent to a charity selected by the students. Mr. Koch's 4th grade Monday class will make a Lenten poster that includes a paper plate for fasting, a tracing of their hand with a penny in it for giving and a cross made from brown tape for praying. In the center will be an age appropriate Lenten calendar entitled "Walk the Path". For each day in Lent, they will (hopefully) fill in the appropriate block with something they did corresponding to fasting, giving or praying. Mr. Heaney's 6<sup>th</sup> grade Monday night class will limit the use of their electronic items for only school work. In this season of penance, fasting and almsgiving, what are you doing for Lent?

**TIME**

We humans organize things into blocks of time which is not an exact science! 2016 is a leap year since the Earth takes about 365-1/4 days to revolve around the Sun. Even the Church's liturgical seasons are tweaked to 'fit' each year, for although there are 52 weeks in a year, there are 53 Sundays if the year begins on a Sunday! Although we say Advent, the Church's first season, is a 4-week period before Christmas, Advent can be as short as 22 days, as it was in 2007 when Christmas fell on a Monday, or as long as 28 days when Christmas is on a Sunday. So we only hear some weekday Advent readings and prayers once every seven years! The Christmas Season runs from the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which is only 15 days when Christmas falls on a Sunday or Monday - and up to 20 days as it does this year! So we rarely hear some weekday Christmas readings and prayers. This also means that this year Catholics should sing Christmas carols and keep decorations up until January 20! [If the secular world keeps decorating and playing carols earlier and earlier, perhaps one day they'll start so early that we'll be back to the Christmas season again! We speak of the 40 days of Lent, but it is not 40 24-hour days long! The Bible often uses '40' to designate a significant amount of time, not an exact number of days: it rained for 40 days and nights before the Great Flood; the Jews wandered in the desert for 40 years; Jesus fasted for 40 days. [However, 40 lashes were exactly 40 less one - if they had mercy on you!] Lent leads into the shortest liturgical season, the Easter Triduum or Three Days: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. Some say Sundays do not count in Lent - but if that were true, why do we omit the Alleluia on Lenten Sundays? Why do we wear purple if it's not Lent? [I've heard some of these people even say they can indulge in whatever they gave up for Lent on Sundays - but that's CHEATING!] Besides, if we knock out the 6 Sundays in Lent, we are left with just 37 days of Lent. The most accurate way to count 40 days in Lent is to omit Ash Wednesday and the next 3 days; the next Sunday is the First Sunday of Lent, followed by Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the First Week of Lent. This makes 39 days of Lent - close enough, considering it's just an expression! And if you count Holy Thursday morning - BINGO - 40 days! [Maybe I need a life after all!] The Easter Season is much more exact: we celebrate Christ's glorious Resurrection for a doubly perfect time: 7 weeks of 7 days; thus Easter ends on Pentecost, Greek for 50th Day: The Bible uses 7 to symbolize wholeness, completion and godliness. However, setting the date for Easter is quite complex! While many say it's the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox or Spring, that's not exactly true! Using the best means available back in his time - the 1580's - Pope Gregory XIII set the Vernal Equinox or first day of Spring on March 21; thus Easter can never occur before March 22 or later than April 25 - even if it is technically NOT the first Sunday after the first full moon in Spring! Some ask 'who cares'- but it is a thorny issue separating the Eastern Rite and Western or Latin Churches. [In the 250 year span from 1875 - 2125, only one other time - in 1913 - did Easter fall on March 23rd - and in that time span, it is never earlier than March 23!] The rest of the year is called 'Ordinary' Time from the Latin 'ordinal' or 'counted' time. While there are 34 Sundays in Ordinary Time, there are not 34 Sundays left after Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter Sundays. The first Sunday after the Christmas season is always the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; the last Sunday before Advent is always the 34th Sunday or Christ the King. To make this work, we omit some Ordinary Time Sundays during the 'break' for Lent/Easter; this year, there are only 3 Ordinary Time Sundays between Christmas and Lent - and after Easter 26 Sundays in Ordinary Time!

**Mass Intentions****Monday, February 22 – Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**

8:00 Healing Intention R/b Mary Warner  
12:00 Susan Castellano R/b OLV K of C #14483

**Tuesday, Feb. 23 – St. Polycarp-Disciple of St. John-Bishop, Martyr**

8:00 Carole Curcio-Mertz R/b Don and Liz Ulisse  
12:00 Filomena Zaccaro R/b the Zaccaro Family

**Wednesday, February 24 – St. Ethelbert-King of Kent, England**

8:00 John Breheny R/b Kathleen Schaefer  
12:00 Intentions of Fr. John Radwan R/b Lisa Meyer

**Thursday, February 25 – St. Tarasius - Patriarch of Constantinople**

8:00 Kyle Kirst R/b Bill and Felicia Klingenberg  
12:00 Anna Lucia Arias R/b Maria Arias

**Friday, February 26 – St. Victor, Hermit**

8:00 Mary Turnbull R/b Rita McNamara  
12:00 Ciro Scarano R/b OLV K of C #14483  
7:00 Charles Morgan R/b Mary Spillane

**Saturday, February 27 – St. Leander of Seville, Bishop**

8:00 Joseph Caldera R/b Jeanne Marie Walsh  
12:00 Stephanie Morgan R/b Sr. Elizabeth  
4:00 Florence Callanan R/b the Corcoran Family  
5:00 Sr. Jane Halligan R/b Tom and Tara Oakley  
6:00 Josephine Conlon R/b the Conlon Family

**Sunday, February 28 – St. Hilary, Pope**

7:30 Nair Lawlor R/b Mary Spillane  
8:15 Charles Morgan R/b Joe and Kathy Bisi  
9:30 Cathy Flagg R/b Joan Gaffney  
10:45 Gina Giuliano R/b the Colarullo Family  
12:00 John Scrivanich R/b the Busanic Family  
6:00 Samuel Napolitano R/b Don and Liz Ulisse  
7:00 Raymond Racioppo R/b Eileen Fallon

**Sanctuary Memorials**

**The Church Sanctuary Lamp** burns this week for the intentions of **George Fabiano**, r/b George and Gail Fabiano.

**The Convent Sanctuary Lamp** burns this week for the souls in Purgatory.

**The St. Joseph Votive Lamp** burns this week for the repose of the soul of **Sr. Cabrini Delaney CSJP**, r/b Patti and Guy Schweizer.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp** burns this week for the repose of the soul of **Michael Keene**, r/b the Collins Family.

**The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp** burns this week for the repose of the soul of **Richard Bator**, r/b the Bator and Davies families.

**The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp** burns this week for **Mrs. Alice Harloe** in celebration of her 100th Birthday.

**The Hosts and Wine** for this week are for the deceased members of the **Holy Name Society**.

**Sanctuary Offerings**

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

**KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS**

1. St. Paul. 2. Golgotha. 3. Barabas.  
4. Two thieves. 5. Jesus spent 40 days in the desert fasting right after his baptism and before his public ministry.

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God is at work in our Lives, even when we do not recognize it or understand it! Long ago, I remember the older people offering an explanation for the great disasters which had befallen Russia: "Men have forgotten God; that's why It happened" 'Today, if I were asked to formulate, as concisely as possible, the main cause of the ruinous revolution that swallowed up some sixty million people, I could not put it more accurately than to repeat, "MEN HAVE FORGOTTEN GOD!" This, too, is the principle trait of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. A defect of consciousness lacking all divine dimension! The demon of evil, like a whirlwind, triumphantly encircles all five continents of the earth. Transformations which favored economy, the State, and the military at the expense of the religious spirit and national life, have been imposed by Czars and governments. The French Revolution was just such a holocaust. Seething with hatred for the Church, the lesson that was learned is that "Revolution necessarily begins with Atheism." This is absolutely a truth! In Russia, despite the Communist steamroller, Christian tradition survived. Millions of believers persevered in the faith, in spite of the horrible persecution and infinite number of martyrs. Christianity will not be vanquished! The West has yet to experience a Communist invasion, but it is coming. The West gives overwhelming evidence of the death of consciousness, the divine dimension of a nation. Atheist leaders in the West are bringing up the younger generation in a spirit of hatred for their own society. Christianity itself has become fragmented. It seems more and more apparent that even with the most brilliant political maneuvers, the noose on the neck of mankind draws tighter and more hopeless with each passing decade. Are not the ideals of our Century false? And, what of the remedies offered to us through medicine, politics and material success? Our entire earthly existence is but a transitional stage to something higher. We must not stumble and fall, nor dare we linger foolishly on one rung of the ladder. We must remember God and be lifted up by the Divine Spirit in this dark and terrible hour.

The ROSARY is what sustains the little flame of Faith that has not yet been extinguished in many consciences. Even for those souls who pray without meditating, the very act of taking up the Rosary to pray is already a remembrance of God, of the Supernatural. A simple recollection of the Mystery of each DECADE is one more ray of light to sustain in souls the smoldering wick. This is why the devil has made such war against the Rosary. And, what is worse is that he has succeeded in deluding and deceiving souls who have great responsibility because of the positions they occupy ... **THEY ARE THE BLIND LEADING THE BLIND!** **Sister Lucia of Fatima, 9/16/1970**

Incredibly, and without our realizing it, an entire generation has lost its family values, traditions and roots. Never before in history has an era existed in which everything was questioned, changed or compromised. The family has become a democracy of individuals with no real direction other than the values society and culture dictate to it. How did a God-fearing nation turn away from Him so quickly and lose its spirit of righteousness? Fifty years ago, abortion, murder, corruption, pornography and the multitude of evils which plague our society today would never have been tolerated. Society would have revolted! It was well calculated, planned and cultivated over a period of time. TV was introduced, and we enjoyed the antics of 'I LOVE LUCY, Brady Bunch and the fine family entertainment of - Lawrence Welk'. TV introduced a whole world of new, exciting and fascinating entertainment. America took the bait, and we never saw the hook! We left our backyards, quit spending time with our families on our front porch and got busier and busier. Man became more reliant on himself and less reliant on God. When we quit praying, we became less holy. Because of our lack of virtue, we became more prone to sin. This lack of holiness was a breeding ground for the great sins of society. Padre Pio was disturbed and disgusted by television. He realized that, in time, it would destroy family life and told everyone not to allow this

devil in their homes, saying, "SIN: THE DEVIL IS IN IT!" Saint Cyprian said, theaters are a school of impurity and a place where modesty is prostituted. Saint John Chrysostom stated in 347: "All should fly from theaters as from a plague." Jesus Christ said, "whoever allows adultery into his heart, commits the sin". Doesn't the TV constantly put in front of its viewers innumerable accounts of infidelity and adultery, and are these not occasions of sin? A man is a fool to think he can sit in front of this mire of impurity and not be affected by it. American Saint, Elizabeth Seton, had a vision she could not drive from her mind. In the early 1800's, she saw in every American home a Black Box through which the devil would enter: Pope Pius XII made a prophetic statement about TV back in the days of Ozzie and Harriet: "Children can often avoid the transient attack of a disease outside their home," but cannot escape the disease when it resides in the home itself. It is wrong to introduce any occasion of sin "whatever" into the sanctity of the home. No human creature need ever be lonely, because no human creature is ever alone. The Father is always with you! He is inside every bit of you, supporting you in being. If He took away His support of you for an instant, you would not only die, you would return to the nothingness from which He drew you by His creation. You wouldn't be even a rain of dust or a trail of light smoke that drifts into the air and fades away. **TRY TO CULTIVATE AN AWARENESS OF HIS PRESENCE!** If He is to be your only source of happiness in the life to come, isn't it wise to get acquainted with Him here? Don't pass Him over as an impersonal thing, merely an answer to a question in a Catechism book. **THE FATHER IS A PERSON!** A Person Who loves you, Who has an undying interest in you! Talk to Him anytime, in a loud voice, in a soft voice, or with no voice at all, but the **SILENT** cry of your heart. He hears all. **HE UNDERSTANDS ALL!** Every beat of your heart, Every twitch of a nerve, Every least thought Every heartache, He feels with you! When you fall asleep from sheer fatigue, He doesn't sleep or go away. He stays awake, watching over you. You are carried upon His shoulder in your sleep, as a small child's body lies limp over its father's shoulder after a strenuous day. If you are lonely, it is because you do not know Him, or you have forgotten Him, or you do not understand that He is your first Lover, your only Eternal Lover! You should try to understand the warmth of His Love for you, the infinite loveableness of His own sweet personality and beauty. No man or woman has ever been loved by a Prince as He loves you. No other can give you the lasting happiness that He alone can give. The feelings of desolation He allows you to have are really **GIFTS!** He gives you these to wean you from false loves, from trivial loves that would waste your heart's energies when you could get a renewal of life and joy by turning to His embrace. It is a Mistake to give Your Heart to any Creature. You were made for **ONE Love Alone!** ... and, until you give the Whole of your heart to Him, you will be sad, unquiet, lost! He made you for Himself, and He is a jealous Lover. He put a craving for love in your heart and soul that will never be fully satisfied until you pass the brief test that is this mortal life and see Him face to face as He really is, in the Beatific Vision. You are making your eternity now, every minute, every moment, with every thought and every impulse of your heart. You have only one chance to make it as you will want to have made it when your soul stands before His judgment seat.

**MOMS, TOTS, & POPS**

Starting February 23, OLV will once again have a playgroup for infants and children ages 1-5. The group will meet Tuesday mornings from 9:30AM to 11:30AM in the lower church. If you have gently used toys and would like to donate them, please contact [samreville@hotmail.com](mailto:samreville@hotmail.com) 732-371-8130 or [Reneetringali@gmail.com](mailto:Reneetringali@gmail.com) 201-913-2580.

**KIDZ KORNER**

1. Who witnessed the stoning of Stephen the Martyr?
2. On what hill was Jesus crucified?
3. Pontius Pilate set what prisoner free instead of Jesus?
4. Jesus was crucified between whom?
5. Where did we get the idea for the Lenten 40-day fast? **ANSWERS ON PAGE 4**

**A calendar's days are numbered.**

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