

Our Lady of Victories Church

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

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SUNDAY, June 26, 2016

Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

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.

WELCOME

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

COME WORSHIP WITH US

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00pm, 5:00pm

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

9:30am, 10:45am, 12:00pm,

1:00pm (Spanish)

6:00pm & 7:00pm

Weekdays: M-Sat 8:00a.m. & 12:00noon



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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**: Br. Pius, Joseph Accardi, Maria Aleman, William Biasi, Terry Boyle, Michael Conmy, Kamal Faris, Thomas Haring, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Ken Mosier, Kathleen Musante, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Danny Rizzi, Ginny Romeo, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Cookie and George Rush, Cynthia Simonelli, Mildred Speck, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Darien Wesler, Al Wiese, Roy Wurst, Marian Zanetti, Elaine Zito.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"Always be faithful to God in keeping the promises made to Him and do not bother about ridicule of the foolish. Know that the saints were always sneered at by the world and worldlings; and they trampled them under foot and triumphed over the world and its maxims."

Padre Pio

LYME DISEASE

The summer season is upon us, and now that we can start enjoying the outdoors, we should also be aware that it is also Lyme Disease season. Lyme Disease is an infectious disease that causes joint pain and inflammation, as well as heart and nerve complications. The disease was first recognized in 1975 in Lyme, Connecticut, when a cluster of patients developed a strange type of arthritis. The disease is spread by the bite of deer ticks, and is smaller than common dog ticks. They are found on deer, birds and rodents.

Early Lyme symptoms include fatigue, chills, fever, headache, swollen lymph nodes, muscle and joint pain and a characteristic skin rash. The rash is a red circular patch that appears three days to a month after the bite, and the center may become clear as it enlarges, resulting in a "bullseye" appearance. Lyme disease is often difficult to diagnose because the symptoms mimic other diseases. A new test called PCR (polymerase chain-reaction) can be done to detect the disease in its early stages.

If you spend a lot of time outdoors near woods, you may consider talking to your physician about a new vaccine called LYMERix. It can be given in early spring, and it consists of taking three doses over a one-year period.

Lyme Disease can be avoided by taking the following precautions:

- Wear long sleeved shirts, long pants tucked into socks, and closed shoes in tick infested areas.
- Shower soon after coming indoors (the ticks take several hours to attack).
- Use skin repellents containing DEET.
- If bitten, remove the tick immediately by grasping it as close to the skin as possible with tweezers and tugging gently.

APOLOGETICS

Defend your Catholic Faith but first learn more about it. Check out this site to learn more about Roman Catholicism:

<http://www.biblechristiansociety.com>

GOING ON VACATION

Visit www.masstimes.org for the locations of Catholic Churches and a Mass schedule, throughout the USA.

"I have never known a woman who, after her baby was born, was not overjoyed that I had not killed it."

Dr. Aleck Bourne – an abortionist

Advice to Graduates

Don't sweat the small stuff, and most stuff is small.
The most boring word in any language is "I".
Nobody is indispensable, especially you.
People are more important than things.
Persistence will get you almost anything, eventually.
Nobody can make you happy; most people are as happy as they make up their minds to be.
Live by what you trust, not by what you fear.
Character counts. Family matters.
If you wait to have kids until you can afford them, you probably never will.
Baby kittens don't begin to open their eyes until six weeks after birth.
People generally take 26 years.
Television ruins more minds than drugs.
Sometimes there is more to gain in being wrong than in being right.
Life is so much simpler when you tell the truth.
People who do the world's real work usually don't wear ties.
A good joke beats a pill for a lot of ailments.
There are not substitutes for fresh air, sunshine, and exercise.
A smile is the cheapest way to improve your looks.
May you live life so there is only standing room at your funeral.
Mothers know best, but sometimes fathers know too.
Forgive yourself, your friends, and your enemies.
If you don't do anything else in life, love someone and let someone love you.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Thank you to all who participated in our Father's Day raffle. The following parishioners won our recent raffle:
Third prize — Alice Palmieri \$884.00
Second Prize— Angus Kwee \$1,326.00
First Prize – Andy Hogh \$2,210.00

SUN/SUN TAN

During the summer we often go down the shore to "work" on our tans. We may spend an hour in the sun and get "burned" by the sun. Imagine how much good spending an hour before the Son of God will do us. Why don't you stop by the Church on Thursday evenings at 7PM.

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

FYI

Cousins in Norwood owned by the Risch family has been reopened after the January fire.

The Harrington Park Meat Market has been reopened by OLV's Fichera family.

Flavors of Cuba/Presto Restaurant in Harrington Park will make a donation to OLV when you patronize the restaurant and tell them you're from OLV.

AA meets in the basement at OLV on Saturday nights from 6:30-8:30PM.

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.

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Jun 27—Mon—Women of Grace 7:30PM
Jun 28 -Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:15-3:15PM
Jun 29—Wed—OLV Needlers
Jul 1—Fri– Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM
Jul 2 - Sat—Confessions 11:00-12:00 Noon 3:00-3:25PM
Jul 2—Sat—AA basement of Church 6:30-8:30PM
Jul 4—Mon—OLV Rectory office closed.

Sisters of Charity 50/50 Raffle

Sr. Elizabeth will be selling raffle tickets next weekend to support Maris Stella Retreat Center. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. Three prizes: 1st prize 25%, 2nd prize 15%, 3rd prize 10% of gross receipts. Drawing will be held on Labor Day, September 5, at Maris Stella. Winner need not be present. Please make checks payable to Sisters of Charity.

Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne

Young women who are discerning a religious vocation with the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne will have a weekend of sharing at the Motherhouse in Hawthorne NY July 29 –31, 2016

Questions call Sr. Alma Marie 845-745-1319
Hawthorne-Dominican.org

PRAY for THOSE in the MILITARY

Lieutenant Julia H. Cheringal, US Navy;
Lieutenant Ben Clemente, US Army;
Midshipman Jon Clemente, US Navy;
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;
Lieutenant John G. Miele, US Army.

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.

FRIDAY ADORATION

Just a reminder we have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays after Noon Mass – 3:00PM. So stop by and adore our Eucharistic Lord.

OBITUARY COLUMN

Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend, Finney. "Did you see the paper?" asked Gallagher. "They say I died!!" "Yes, I saw it!" replied Finney. "Where are ye callin' from?"

God loves us the way we are,
but too much to leave us that way.

2017 Mass Book OPEN

The OLV 2017 Mass book is now open. Please contact the rectory to reserve your Mass for 2017.

SAVE THE DATE- JULY 13-16

Attention Young Men in High School—there will be a Quo Vadis Retreat—"Where are you going" retreat. The retreat is an opportunity to examine where your life is going. This retreat is designed to help young men to understand their baptismal call to holiness by the priesthood, religious life or marriage. On this retreat, you will take the time out of your busy life to ask God where He desires to lead you. If interested see Fr Bryan or go to www.newpriestnj.com.

Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation FOOD DRIVE

During June and July—OLV will be having a food collection to help Catholic Charities feed the homeless during the summer months. Summertime means increased hardship for many needy families in the Archdiocese who rely on school breakfast and lunch programs to feed their children's nutritional needs. Food pantries are hard pressed to provide for these hungry people since many food collection drop off or stop for the summer months. Last summer over 50,000 people turned to the 50 faith based food pantries supported by Catholic Charities (over 40% of these were children).

Prayer

From the Treatise on Prayer by Tertullian, priest, 250AD.

Prayer is the offering in spirit that has done away with the sacrifices of old. *What good do I receive from the multiplicity of your sacrifices?* asks God. *I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams, and I do not want the fat of lambs and the blood of bulls and goats. Who has asked for these from your hands?*

What God has asked for we learn from the Gospel. *The hour will come, he says, when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. God is a spirit,* and so he looks for worshipers who are like himself.

We are true worshipers and true priests. We pray in spirit, and so offer in spirit the sacrifice of prayer. Prayer is an offering that belongs to God and is acceptable to him: it is the offering he has asked for, the offering he planned as his own.

We must escort it to the altar of God in a procession of good works to the sound of psalms and hymns. Then it will gain for us all that we ask of God.

Rooted

As Catholics, we are to be rooted within a parish community, where we are obligated to come and be fed on God's Word in Scripture and on Christ's Body and Blood in the Eucharist at least once a week. To join our Parish, stop by the Rectory any weekday and meet Maria, the parish secretary, and register to become a member of the OLV family.

The Cancer of Choice

The statistics were low. Back in the mid-1960's, not many groups were admitting the link between tobacco and lung cancer. Tobacco manufacturers denied any correlation to the disease; after all, there was a lot of money to be made. Thirty-five years later and 4 million deaths later, we know that tobacco causes cancer. Today the statistics linking abortion and breast cancer are falsely touted as inconclusive. Again, there is a lot of money to be made – this time in the abortion industry. Joel Brind, Ph.D., President of the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute, concluded a meta-analysis of 33 separate studies encompassing hundreds of thousands of women and found that 27 of those studies show those who terminate pregnancies by abortion run a 30% greater risk of breast cancer. The same studies reveal that American women who had abortions before age 18 or after age 30 were at a more than 100% increased risk.

Why be rebellious in God's house?

People generally have no real problem wearing proper clothing when entering places that demand such attire. Would you ever consider attending a formal dinner or a wedding dressed in a tee shirt and shorts, or a tank top and swimming trunks?

Please dress appropriately when coming to Mass.

How to read Bar Codes

ALWAYS READ THE LABELS ON THE FOODS YOU BUY--NO MATTER WHAT THE FRONT OF THE BOX OR PACKAGE SAYS, TURN IT OVER AND READ THE BACK--CAREFULLY! With all the food and pet products now coming from China, it is best to make sure you read labels at the grocery store and especially Walmart when buying food products.

Many products no longer show where they were made, only give where the distributor is located. It is important to read the bar code to track its origin GREAT WAY TO "BUY USA & CANADA" AND NOT FROM CHINA!! This may be useful to know when grocery shopping it's a concern to you. The whole world is afraid of China-made "black hearted goods". Can you differentiate which one is made in Taiwan or China? If the first 3 digits of the barcode are 690, 691 or 692, the product is MADE IN CHINA. 471 is Made in Taiwan.

This is our right to know, but the government and related departments never educate the public, therefore we have to RESCUE ourselves. Nowadays, Chinese businessmen know that consumers do not prefer products "MADE IN CHINA", so they don't show from which country it is made. However, you may now refer to the barcode - remember if the first 3 digits are:

690-692 then it is **MADE IN CHINA**
00 - 09 ... **USA & CANADA**
30 - 37 ... **FRANCE**
40 - 44 ... **GERMANY**
47 ... **Taiwan** 49 ... **JAPAN** 50 ... **UK**

BUY USA & CANADIAN MADE by watching for "0" at the beginning of the number. We need every boost we can get!

DID YOU KNOW?

The term "bleeding heart," often used in a derogatory sense when applied to image-conscious (read *hypocritical*) liberals, had a very Catholic and Incarnational origin. The term came into use not long after the revelations of our Lord to St. Margaret Mary concerning the wounds inflicted by sinful Catholics on His Sacred Heart. In the revelations given to the Visitation nun in 1675, our Lord opened His bosom and exposed before her eyes the very flesh of His human Heart wrapped in a ring of thorns and oozing droplets of His precious blood. "Behold," He said to the saint, "the Heart that has so loved men." Within Catholic Christendom of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, a "bleeding heart" was a heart consumed with true Christian charity for the poor and sick.

CLOTHING BINS

True Freedom is found in our Lord Jesus Christ who liberated us from sin through his death and resurrection. As we rejoice with our fellow-Americans for the independence we enjoy in the United States, let us never forget those who are restricted by the chains of poverty. Why not celebrate your freedom by an act of kindness? One way to do this is by donating your unwanted clothing and shoes to the Catholic Charities donation bin located on our property Thank you.

MOMS, TOTS & POPS

OLV has a playgroup for infants and children ages 1-5. The group meets Tuesday mornings from 9:30AM to 11:30AM in the lower church

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 27 – St. Cyril of Alexandria

8:00 Rev. Zachary H. Monet, O.Carm. R/b Pat Consoli
12:00 Elsie M. Ballas R/b the Zwerle Family

Tuesday, June 28–St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 Rev. Zachary H. Monet, O.Carm. R/b Pat Consoli
12:00 Jo Ann Taylor R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico

Wednesday, June 29– Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles

8:00 James P. Walsh R/b Jeanne Marie Walsh
12:00 Anita Portelli R/b the Bland Family

Thursday, June 30 – First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

8:00 Frank D'Addone R/b Richard and Maureen Ferrara
12:00 Eleanora Zanetti R/b the Zanetti Family

First Friday, July 1 – Bl. Junipero Serra - Priest

8:00 Kenny Verlin R/b the Barrett Family
12:00 Intentions of Raph, Mike and Sandra Giron R/b the Giron Family
7:30 Catherine Molloy R/b the Gleason Family

First Saturday, July 2 – St. Bernardino Realino of Italy-Priest

8:00 Paul Schwartz R/b Family
12:00 Souls in Purgatory
4:00 Joan Hill R/b Bill and Kay Gilligan
5:00 Richard and Helen Bator R/b Davies/Bator Families

Sunday, July 3 – St. Thomas the Apostle

7:30 Samuel Burruano R/b John McDonough
8:15 Diane Rainey R/b the Evanella Family
9:30 George Smith R/b Helen Smith
10:45 Francisco Capone R/b Domenic and Marcella Cafarella
12:00 Gino Zocco R/b Mike Zocco
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Mary Sarbello R/b the Oakes Family
7:00 Anthony Carnevale R/b Ed Farrelly

Sanctuary Memorials

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the Intentions of George Fabiano.

The Convent Sanctuary Lamp burns for the souls in Purgatory.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Elias Pascual, r/b Esty Parlanti.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Lola Montaniel, r/b Stacye Page.

The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp burns for the intentions of the men and women who serve in defense of our country.

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.

SUMMER READING

Visit our bookrack and check out the vast selection of books, booklets, and pamphlets. The summer 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.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. Moses
2. Manna and Quail
3. 40 Years
4. John 11:35 – Jesus wept.
5. A tent maker

Archbishop Fulton Sheen's Cause Moves Forward

by Joseph Pronechen 06/14/2016

This morning the cause for the beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen has been granted a reprieve from the stalemate it has experienced. The Diocese of Peoria announced "with great joy" that the family of Archbishop Fulton Sheen petitioned the Supreme Court of New York state to allow all his remains to be transferred to Peoria, Ill.

Up to this point both the Peoria diocese and the Archdiocese of New York, where Sheen is entombed in St. Patrick's Cathedral, both laid claim to his remains. The cause for his beatification could not move along until this point was settled. Now it seems decided and settled, thanks to Sheen's living relatives. Mrs. Joan Sheen Cunningham, his oldest living relative, supported by other living relatives of the beloved Archbishop Sheen, filed the necessary paperwork to carry out the transfer. The transfer can be carried out as soon as the court grants approval.

Bishop Daniel Jenky of Peoria is immensely grateful for the collaboration of Mrs. Sheen Cunningham and the family. When Bishop Sheen's body is transferred, Bishop Jenky can resume the cause for his beatification, which he surely will do post haste.

The thought is that Sheen's beatification could happen shortly after his remains reach Peoria with, of course, the approval of Pope Francis. Peoria also reports that the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints at the Vatican "has no objection to the transfer and looks forward to the resumption of the Cause. The Congregation has repeatedly expressed their appreciation for the efforts of the Diocese of Peoria over the last 14 years for promoting this Cause."

Msgr. James Kruse, the vicar general of the Peoria diocese, said he's "confident that the Archdiocese of New York will cooperate fully with the request of the family of Archbishop Sheen. On several occasions the archdiocese has declared its desire to cooperate with the wishes of the family. I cannot imagine that the archdiocese will oppose the family's petition presented to the Court. It is our hope that the archdiocese will offer their consent to this petition in order to expedite matters."

Amen! With heaven's help, we can have an officially proclaimed Blessed Fulton Sheen, one of the greatest communications of the Faith and evangelists in the Church in the 20th century, in very short order.

New Research Shows Effectiveness of Natural Family Planning

German scientists are now confirming what many Catholic couples have known for some time - the natural family planning method known as STM works. Scientists have been taken aback by a new study which found STM to be as effective, if not more so, than the contraceptive pill in family planning.

For years married Catholics have used the natural family planning method known as the symptom-thermal method (STM) as a morally licit means to maintain the sexual part of their conjugal relationship while at the same time decreasing the chances of having additional children due to "physical, economic, psychological, or social conditions."

The Catholic Church teaches that natural family methods can be used in a moral manner if the couple remains open to the blessing of children - something which the Church sees as essential to the vocation of marriage.

KIDZ KORNER

1. Who led the Jews as they wandered the desert?
2. What food did God give to the Jews in the desert?
3. How many years did the Jews wander in the desert?
4. What is the shortest verse in Scriptures?
5. What was St. Paul's occupation?

Answers on page four

Charitable Records Set

For the 17th year, Knights' charitable giving and volunteer hours grow . The Knights of Columbus set a new all-time record last year for charitable donations and service hours with \$175,079,192 in donations and more than 73.5 million hours of service. The numbers were announced at the closing session of the annual Organizational Meeting of State Deputies in New Haven.

"We are very proud of these Fraternal Survey numbers," Supreme Knight Anderson said. "These are a clear indication that we are keeping faith with Father McGivney's principle of charity and also of unity, not only among ourselves, but with those in need. This is what we call a charity that evangelizes. This is what makes Knights of Columbus different."

Supreme Knight Anderson went on to say that these records of giving perfectly illustrate the point made by Father Tomasz Kraj, Poland Associate State Chaplain and Theologian in Residence at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, in his homily during the Mass that preceded the closing session. Father Kraj said that the world needs more men who pay witness through their actions to what it means to be a Catholic.

"We are answering Pope Francis' call to go to the peripheries," the supreme knight said. "We can reach half way around the globe to help those in need and we can reach to our neighbor next door. And we do that every day. That makes us witnesses to the faith."

The number of service hours rose by more than a million over the previous year's total, according to the Knights of Columbus Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for the year ending Dec. 31, 2015. Donations grew by more than \$1.5 million since 2014, achieving an increase in giving for the 17th consecutive year.

TRUE DANGER

Christ didn't land on the Cross by playing it safe with the high priests of His day. In view of the corrupt system outlined above, when people ask about the sex abuse crisis, "How could this have happened?" the only answer is, "How could it not have happened?" when whistle-blowers were punished and abusers honored or at least coddled. The only response is "Thank God it happened!" Not thank God children were abused, but thank God the corrupt system that allowed it to continue was blown sky high. It is only the beginning, but it may well be the deliverance for which so many of us have been praying.

Recalling the famous vision of Pope Leo XIII where he saw God grant Satan's request of 100 years to destroy the Church, and chose the 20th century, was it an accident that this particular stronghold collapsed two years into the 21st century? Judgment begins with the House of God (1 Peter 4:17). Thank God. What does this all have to do with contraception? Contraception was the epicenter of the "sexual revolution." Contraception was also the epicenter of the movement for dissent against Church teaching, Humanae Vitae in particular, and the center of most of the fiercest battles in the Church today. Contraception, abortion and homosexuality are the three legs of the stool upon which the Culture of Death sits.

PARENTS & TIME

If your son or daughter were to be asked, "What was most important in your mother or father's life", how would your children answer this question? What does your child perceive as most important in their parent's lives? Would the response of the most important be jobs or career, the pursuit of money and material wealth, or themselves over the correct answer of family? Parents, think about it, because your actions speak louder than words.

"The church is a miniature Heaven. Whosoever takes no delight in entering this little heaven on earth will not be admitted into the great Heaven above." **St. Ambrose**