

# Our Lady of Victories Church

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

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## 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 3:00pm 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

## 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:

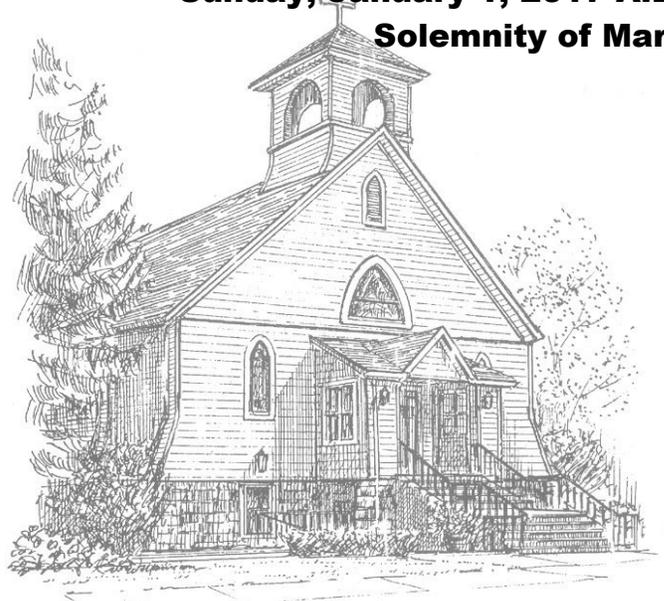
Sick calls at any time in emergency.

## 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.

Sunday, January 1, 2017 A.D.

Solemnity of Mary



# 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, William Biasi, John Bolger, Ellen Dunn, Catherine Fallon, Kamal Faris, Kathy Freeburn, Thomas Haring, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Joseph LoVecchio, Anne Matthaai, Teresa Meierdierks, Kathleen Musante, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Cookie & George Rush, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, and Jim Walsh.

### **SPIRITUAL EXCERPT**

#### **AVOIDING GOD'S WILL**

"What is it in your life that makes you run once you begin to feel that God is after you? I'll tell you why you run, because you're afraid He's going to take everything away from you that's dear. There's a beautiful line in a poem by Frances Thompson, and it says, "What I took from thee, I took not for thy harm, but only that you would seek it in My arms." Remember that! Don't ever be afraid to follow Jesus, to be a real Christian on fire with what you believe."

**Mother Angelica, Little Book of Life Lessons page 65.**

### **AULD LANG SYNE**

**T**he tune "Auld Lang Syne" is traditionally sung at the stroke of midnight in most English-speaking countries to ring in the New Year. Partially written by Robert Burns in the 1700's, it was first published in 1796 after his death. This old Scottish tune, "Auld Lang Syne" literally means "old long ago," or simply, "the good old days." May the Lord bless us all with a peaceful, healthy, and holy 2014! Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot and days of auld lang syne? For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne, we'll take a cup of kindness yet, for auld lang syne. Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot and days of auld lang syne? And here's a hand, my trusty friend, And gie's a hand o' thine, We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne.

### **VOCATIONS**

Mary and Joseph raised their child in a family of love and faith. They directed Jesus to follow God's will for His life. Each of us must assist and allow our children to follow God's will in their lives. This is true even if God calls your child to serve Him as a Priest, or Religious Sister or Brother. For info see Fr. Bryan or call the Vocations office at 973-497-4365.

### **UNTIMELY ANSWERED PRAYER**

During the minister's prayer one Sunday, there was a loud whistle from one of the back pews. Tommy's mother was horrified. She pinched him into silence and, after church, asked, "Tommy, whatever made you do such a thing?" Tommy answered soberly, "I asked God to teach me to whistle, and He did!"

### **SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

We are constantly under attack and tempted by the forces of EVIL. Every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00-3:15PM members of OLV parish meet and pray the Marian Novena which focuses on this daily battle. All are welcome. Join us.

### **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.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

How can a candy treat be a birth announcement? Many years ago a candy maker had an idea. He wanted to show, through the candy he made, that Jesus Christ was born among us, lived and died to save us all. So, through the use of color and shape, he created a piece of candy that told the story of Jesus from Christmas to Easter. He created the candy cane. The white stripes on the candy cane stand for the fact that Jesus was sinless and pure. The small red stripes stand for the scourging Jesus endured before He died. The large red stripes stand for Jesus' blood, shed on the cross. The candy cane is shaped like a shepherd's staff, reminding us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Turn it upside down, and it is a letter "J", the first letter of Jesus' name. We can learn a lot from the candy cane – both to look at it and see Jesus, and, like the candy maker, to share the story of Jesus in whatever we do.

### **CHRISTMAS COLORS**

The liturgical color for Christmas is white, often trimmed in silver and gold, but the "secular" colors for Christmas are red, white and green. Some say that this is because of how the red and green poinsettia plant and holly of wintertime—contrast with the white snow. (Is St. Valentine's Day red, and St. Patrick's Day green, so stores can get rid of all their green and red stuff?) Red symbolizes love (the heart) and reflects our warmth (fire) and love for each other. It is also the color that is considered the greatest excitement. As a religious symbol, it stands for fire, blood, and charity. Red vestments are worn twice during the octave of Christmas: 12/26, the feast of the first martyr, St. Stephen and 12/28, the Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs. Green symbolizes hope, the eternal longing for spring, and all the promises of the future. Green is the symbol for nature, youth, and the hope of eternal life. Since Christmas is a feast of hope, with a newborn child as its central symbol, green plants like holly, pine trees, ivy, and mistletoe are all closely associated with Christmas. White stands for purity, and is represented by the crystalline form of water and the snowflake. White is the religious symbol which stands for light, purity, joy and glory. White is seen in the robes of Christmas angels and the clergy, in Santa's beard, in Christmas snow and snow flakes.

### **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 11:00AM to Noon and 3-3:25PM. Monday through Friday at 7:30AM, as well as every First Friday at 7:00PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

### **PEWS TO BE MEMORIALIZED**

The parish has a few pew benches that were never memorialized. The cost of a 1/2 pew to be memorialized is \$1750 a pew - call Maria or Deacon Al at the rectory if you would like to donate in the name of your family or a loved one.

### **HOLY HOUR AT OLV**

**Every Tuesday** from 12:30-3:00PM. **Every Thursday** at 7PM OLV has a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayers and quiet time. **Every Friday** OLV has Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 12Noon to 3PM. Stop by and make a visit to our Eucharistic Lord.

### **Upcoming OLV Parish Events**

- Jan 3 -Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
- Jan 4–Wed—Bible Study Group—10:00AM
- Jan 4 - Wed—OLV Needlers 6:30PM
- Jan 6-Fri– Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM
- Jan 28—Sat—K of C Beefsteak Dinner
- Jan 28/29—Sat/Sun—Rosary Society Baby Item Collection
- Feb 4—Sat—10AM—First Confession
- Apr 2– Sun—Rosary Breakfast
- May 21—Sun- 2:00PM -Confirmation

### **PRAY for THOSE in the MILITARY**

- Lieutenant Julia H. Cheringal, US Navy;
- Lieutenant Ben Clemente, US Army;
- Ensign Jon Clemente, US Navy;
- 1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo, U.S. Marine Corps;
- Major 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;
- 2nd Lieutenant Gigi McElroy, US Army;
- Colonel John McLaughlin, US Army;
- Lieutenant John G. Miele, US Army.

### **BEEFSTEAK DINNER - 1/28/17**

This is a major fundraiser for the Knights of Columbus to fund our seminarians - men studying for the priesthood and other charitable works. Please support this event. It is a fun evening, and last year it was a great success. If you would like to be a placemat advertiser send your business card and a check payable to the OLV K of C c/o The OLV K of C, PO Box 145, Harrington Park NJ 07640 or call Greg Evanello 201-784-5752.

### **Office of Concern Food Pantry at St. Cecilia**

We are always in need and if you wish to contribute specific holiday foods such as cranberry sauce and other fixings, that is fine, but there are also **three areas of year-round foods that are especially valuable: canned fruits and vegetables, pasta (spaghetti, rigatoni, etc) and breakfast cereals.**

### **SUPPLEMENTING RETIREMENT WITH A PLANNED GIFT**

Are you nearing retirement or are already retired and are looking to make a year-end gift? If so, a Charitable Gift Annuity can be a way to supplement your retirement income and help your parish at the same time. Also, if you are 70 1/2 or older, don't forget about the IRA Charitable Rollover. Let the Archdiocese of Newark help you set up a Charitable Gift Annuity. Contact Theresa Lynch in the Planned Giving Office—973-497-4042 or [lynchthe@rcan.org](mailto:lynchthe@rcan.org).

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

The search is underway for Longest Married Couple in the U.S. Do you think you know who they are? Maybe it's your parents... grandparents... That nice couple who live down the street... Nominating a couple is easy! Just send their names, wedding date and where they live and your contact information to: [wwmelmc2017@gmail.com](mailto:wwmelmc2017@gmail.com) Nominations accepted until January 8, 2017. Winners will be announced February 2017 to celebrate World Marriage Day. Nominate a couple you know today!

### **OLV Scripture STUDY**

The OLV Bible Study Group meets on Wednesdays at 10:00a.m. in the lower church. All are welcome to join us.

## **PLEASE OBEY PARKING LAWS**

- One cannot park in a crosswalk or block a driveway.**
- One needs to park 25 feet from a crosswalk or corner.**
- One needs to park 50 feet from a stop sign.**
- Parking is prohibited on Harriot Ave. between Elliot and Lynn.**

### **Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

CDA is a national organization dedicated to prayer, good works, and the helping of others less fortunate. You will make new and dear friends and have fun while enriching your life and others. Regular meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the lower church at 7:00PM. For info, contact [ReneeTringali@gmail.com](mailto:ReneeTringali@gmail.com)/201-913-2580.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

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

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

**January** is named for the Roman god Janus.

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

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

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

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

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

**July** – is named after Julius Caesar.

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

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

## **CLOTHING BINS**

Through the turbulence of your many demands, would you be willing to take a few minutes to gather your unwanted clothing and shoes to help the poor? Please drop them in the donation bins located on the Church grounds. Your donations help Catholic Charities and Mt. Carmel Guild.

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

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**JUST A REMINDER**

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.

**CATHOLIC CARE FOR THOSE TERMINALLY ILL WITH CANCER**

Rosary Hill Home, owned and operated by the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne, NY, since 1901, is committed to providing loving, one-on-one palliative care to those suffering from terminal cancer. Free to all who meet the Admission requirements. The Sisters depend solely upon the "providence of God and the hourly mercy of the charitable public;" no payment is accepted from patients, their families, private insurance or from the government. For information call 914-769-0114 or visit [www.rosaryhillhome.org](http://www.rosaryhillhome.org).

**MARY'S DREAM**

I had a dream, Joseph. I don't understand it, not really, but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our Son. I think that is what it was all about. The people had been preparing for it about six weeks. They had decorated the house and bought new clothes. They'd gone shopping many times and bought elaborate gifts. It was peculiar, though, because the presents weren't for our Son. They wrapped them in beautiful paper and tied them with lovely bows and stacked them under a tree. Yes, a tree, Joseph, right in their house. They decorated the tree also. The branches were full of glowing balls and sparkling ornaments. There was a figure on the top of the tree. It looked like an angel might look. Oh, it was beautiful. Everyone was laughing and happy. They were all excited about the gifts. They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph, not to our Son. I don't think they even knew Him. They never mentioned His name. Doesn't it seem odd for people to go to all that trouble to celebrate someone's birthday if they don't know Him. I had the strangest feeling that if our Son had gone to this celebration He would have been intruding. Everything was so beautiful, but it made me want to cry. How sad for Jesus – not to be wanted at His own birthday party. I'm glad it was only a dream. How terrible, Joseph, if it had been real. Author Unknown

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The wonderful diversity of life and worship among Roman Catholics of East and West is an example of God writing straight with crooked lines. The steady hand of the villainous Emperor Diocletian drew a line across Europe and Africa that split the empire in two, and for the most part determined how Christians would worship two thousand years later. Italy's heel and the far northern city of Trieste fell on the Eastern side, and have had a form of Eastern liturgy ever since. Constantinople, which soon became the seat of the Roman Empire, became a base for Christianizing the East up to Russia and Poland. Poland was on the Eastern side, but a series of wars and medieval mayhem pushed the religious boundary back to the Ukraine, and Poland remains an outpost of the Latin Church to this day. An old rule of thumb declared that whatever religion was observed by the local prince, the people had to follow. This gave rise to persecution and migration as people sought toleration for their expressions of faith. In the United States, we are accustomed to peaceful collaboration among Christians of East and West, a situation that challenges churches that still feel the pinch of age-old division.

**God knew our Greatest Need**

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator. If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist. If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist. If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer. But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Savior.

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, January 2-Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**  
 8:00 Dorothea McDonough-1st Anniversary R/b Mary Warner  
 12:00 Ruben Bernardo R/b Flor Alto

**Tuesday, January 3 –The Most Holy Name of Jesus**  
 8:00 James P. Walsh R/b Jeanne Marie Walsh  
 12:00 Domenica Scrivanich R/b Nick and Maria Busanic

**Wednesday, January 4–St. Elizabeth Ann Seton of the USA**  
 8:00 Martino Scrivanich R/b the Busanic Family  
 12:00 Schwendel and Gaffney Families R/b Joan Gaffney

**Thursday, January 5–St. John Neumann, US Bishop**  
 8:00 Mary Turnbull R/b Rita McNamara  
 12:00 Amado Orbeta R/b Marita Morgan

**First Friday, Jan. 6–Bl. Andre Bessette of Quebec-Religious Brother**  
 8:00 Giron Family R/b Raphael and Margoth Giron  
 12:00 Marie Falotico R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico  
 7:30 Intentions of Mary Sheehan  
 R/b Legion of Mary Our Lady of Guadalupe Presidium

**First Saturday, January 7 – St. Raymond of Peñafort**  
 8:00 Deceased priests of OLV  
 12:00 Souls in Purgatory  
 4:00 Sr. Matthew Cola R/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi  
 5:00 Louise M. Gorman R/b Tom and Anne Hackett

**Sunday, January 8 – St. Apollinaris, Bishop**  
 7:30 Veronica Haskell R/b Mike and Maria Hellrigel  
 8:15 People of the Parish  
 9:30 John Shanley R/b Peter and Linda Wayne  
 10:45 William Lee Thompson R/b Jon and Jen Fischer  
 12:00 Jane McNamara R/b Bob and Rosemarie Murphy  
 1:00 Alex Vivas R/b Rita McNamara  
 6:00 David Oakes R/b Andrew and Marcia Oakes  
 7:00 Nicholas DiNunzio R/b Jim and Angela Perri

**Sanctuary Memorials**

**The Sanctuary Votive Lamp** burns this week for the men and women who serve in defense of our country.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp** burns this week in memory of the Quinn and Lawten Families, r/b Rick and Debbie Quinn

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

**The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp** burns for the unemployed.

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**ARE YOU NEW TO THE AREA?**

If you are, why not join our ever-growing Parish family. Stop by the Rectory any weekday and meet Maria and register to become a member of the OLV Family. Census forms are also located in the Church vestibule

**SICK OR "HOMEBOUND"**

If you are sick or "homebound" (or know someone who is), and would like to have Communion, please contact the Rectory at 201-768-1706.

**KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS**

1. Raphael, Michael, Gabriel
2. Jesus, Mary and Joseph
3. Egypt
4. King Herod.
5. The Shepherds.

## Seasonal Liturgical Concerns

**E**very cold and flu season, pastors and bishops are asked to alter or even forbid some liturgical actions to lessen the chance of spreading disease. People ask to suppress the handshake at the Sign of Peace or to stop offering the Precious Blood at Mass. Some even want the Church to suppress the weekly obligation to participate in Mass! Before responding to these often-made requests, a few words about who can - and who cannot - change the Church's Sacred Liturgy.

The sacred Rites of the Church - as a whole - do not "belong" to any deacon, priest or even bishop, except the Bishop of Rome, a.k.a. the Pope who, as Supreme Pastor of the Church, can mandate any change he wishes. The Church is very clear when something is optional, like the Rite of Sprinkling instead of the Penitential Rite or which Eucharistic Prayer is prayed. Church guidelines and norms for choosing options remind bishops, priests and deacons: they may not choose options solely according to their own preferences; as shepherds of the flock, the community's desires must be taken into account. No one can change anything that is not specified as optional unless given permission by a competent authority: the Pope, or a bishop with Rome's approval, or a priest/deacon with a bishop's approval if the issue falls within his jurisdiction. Sadly, some misguided clerics actually think they are the Pope - and act accordingly! **First, those who are truly sick are excused from Mass.** They are asked to watch Mass on TV, listen to it on the radio or at least read that day's Scriptures and spend some time in prayer. This is also true during dangerous travel conditions and for those caring for an infant or a sick person. Thanks to all who mail in or "make up" their offerings when they miss Mass due to snow, travel or sickness; your dedication to your parish is most appreciated! **Second, those who are sickly - but well enough to attend Mass** - MUST use common sense and take action so as to reduce the risk of contagion. This includes, but is not limited to: NOT shaking hands at the Sign of Peace - a nod or smile will do; NOT drinking the Precious Blood from any chalice; NOT receiving the Body of Christ on the tongue - the sick should receive in the hand so the finger of the minister offering Holy Communion does not come in contact with a sick communicant's tongue, lips or saliva. **Third, others who should not receive the Precious Blood are those who: have a fever sore or cold sore in or near the mouth;** those who wear heavy lipstick or lip balm - which often remains on the chalice even after it is wiped by the minister; those whose hands tremble or are so weak or arthritic that the cup containing Christ's Precious Blood may be dropped or slosh about and be spilt. **Finally, if you or anyone you know is homebound** - even for a short duration of time - please contact the parish office so I or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion can be scheduled to bring the Eucharist to the sick and homebound. **Also I've been asked to remind people to refrain from using cologne and perfume before coming to Mass** as some people are allergic and have to leave Mass because of their condition.

## TODAY

My life is a gift of God given, not in years but a day at a time. Today is the day the Lord has made for me, and He planned it to be the most important day of my life. Yesterday is gone, never to return. I must not worry about it, but leave it in the hands of God. Tomorrow and all that it holds is God's secret and its coming is not assured. Only today is mine. Each day, arranged by God with infinite wisdom and goodness is His gift. His act of love for me. In thanksgiving I will offer him every day the gift of myself - my prayers, works, joys and sufferings. Dear Lord, receive it graciously.

**Remember: freedom is never free!**

## Today's Good News

"Praise [the Lord] with timbrel and dance, praise him with strings and pipe". As a cradle Catholic who grew up steeped in the reverence of the liturgy, I vividly remember the first time I went to a praise and worship prayer rally. The singing, clapping, and outstretched arms led me to quietly excuse myself. After the initial shock wore off, I began to think about how I praised God. I realized I could give praise to God outside Mass—and even enjoy it. I learned about the Catholic Charismatic Renewal and began buying some contemporary Christian and Catholic music. The phrase "Praise God!" entered my speech. Whatever your preference for offering praise to God, it is good to do. After all, who more than God, the Creator of the universe and our Creator, is deserving of praise?

Rebecca Sande *livingwithchrist.us / Nov 2014*

## The Unbreakable Chain

It is told of a famous smith of medieval times that, having been taken prisoner and immured in a dungeon, he began to examine the chain that bound him with a view to discovering some flaw that might make it easier to break it. His hope was in vain, for he found from some marks upon it that it was his own workmanship, and it had been his boast that none could break a chain that he had forged. Thus it is with the sinner. His own hands have forged the chain that binds him, a chain that no human hand can break.

## THE MOWER

Pastor Sampson was making visitation rounds on his trusty bicycle, when he turned a corner and came upon a young boy trying to sell a lawn mower. "How much do you want for it?" Sampson asked. "I just need enough money to buy a bicycle," the boy explained. After a moment of thought, the preacher asked, "Will you take my bike in trade for it?" "Mister, you've got yourself a deal." The preacher took the mower and began to crank it. He pulled on the cord a few times with no reaction from the machine. The preacher called the boy over and said, "I can't get this mower to start." The little boy said, "My dad says you have to cuss at it to get it started." Pastor Sampson replied "I am a minister, and I cannot cuss. I have been saved for so long I don't even remember how to cuss." The little boy looked at him with a sparkle in his eye, "Just keep pulling on that cord, and it'll come back to you."

## THANK YOU!

To our Choir and the musicians who provided the beautiful Christmas hymns at Mass, to the ladies who cleaned the church and arranged the flowers: Phyllis Donohue, Kathleen Falotico, Marie Flahive, Anita Garzino, Peggy O'Brien, Mary Ann Torre, Jeanne Marie Walsh and Linda Wayne.

## THE LOVE OF GOD

No matter how long it has been, the Love of God knows no time. We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **First Friday** at 7PM, **Saturday** at 11:00 AM until Noon, and from 3- 3:25PM. **Monday thru Friday** at 7:25AM - 7:50AM.

## KIDZ KORNER

1. Name the three angels mentioned in scripture?
2. Who makes up the Holy Family?
3. Where did Jesus flee to as an infant?
4. What King wanted baby Jesus dead?
5. Who were the first visitors to see baby Jesus?

Answers on page 4