

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.

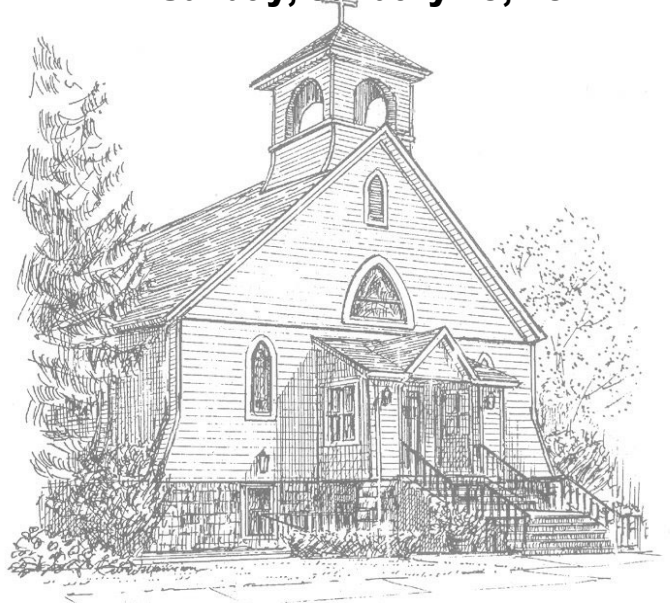
THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/LAST RITES:

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 29, 2017 A.D.



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**: Fr. Apostoli, Br. Pius, a boy named Finn, Maureen Barbour, Nicholas Biancola, William Biasi, John Bolger, Joey Bulger, Kamal Faris, Kathy Freeburn, Thomas Haring, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Joseph LoVecchio, Anne Matthaehi, Teresa Meierdierks, Kathleen Musante, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, and Jim Walsh.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"Bl. Luigi Novarese often spoke to those who suffer, telling them how much this world needed people who would take upon themselves, like Jesus, expiation, reparation, and penance. In fact, "you are the candidates, the chosen ones for this redemptive mission." Your life in suffering is not useless but very important and necessary. You can and must become a benefactor of mankind. Have courage! Abandon yourselves to Mary Most Holy, who with her "yes" put into motion the fulfillment of the plan of salvation for mankind. If you do this, you will become an instrument of a new life, a builder of a new world."

+Fr. Remigio, sodc

Apostolate of the Suffering

Mary is the perfect model of every Christian virtue. When we contemplate upon Her response of love to the Lord, we learn how to be His disciple. She not only teaches us how to live by faith, hope and love but, through the power of the Holy Spirit, shares Her love of God with us. The Immaculate Heart of Mary shines before the eyes of all Christians as the model of perfect love toward God and our fellow human beings.

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 call Greg at 201-784-5752.

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

Stop in and visit Jesus in the Tabernacle. You can do it here at OLV Parish. Our Church is open from 7AM -4:30PM (M-F).

HOMEBOUND

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.

HOLY HOUR AT OLV

Every Tuesday from 12:30-3:00PM. **Every Thursday** at 7:00PM 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.

WILL

An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Wal-Mart "Wal-Mart?" the preacher exclaimed. "Why Wal-Mart?" "Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week'.

Contribution Statements

2016 Contribution Statements are now available. To obtain a copy of your 2016 donations, please contact Maria at the rectory (768-1706).

Feeding the Homeless

As part of our parish commitment to the community and to serving those less fortunate, we will be preparing and serving a lunch meal on Saturday, February 4, at St. John's Church Soup Kitchen in Newark. This service is sponsored by our Knights of Columbus council. **All parish members (men, women and children) are welcome to participate, even if not a member of the Knights.** For more info, contact Sergio sminerini@starkcarpet.com or call Greg at 201-784-5752.

CATHOLIC CARE FOR THOSE 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 more information visit rosaryhillhome.org or call 914-769-0114.

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.

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.

THE WORLD IS MINE

Author Unknown

Today, upon a bus, I saw a very beautiful woman and wished I were as beautiful. When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle. She had one leg and used a crutch. But as she passed, she passed a smile. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two legs; the world is mine.

I stopped to buy some candy. The lad who sold it had such charm. I talked with him, he seemed so glad. If I were late, it'd do no harm. And as I left, he said to me, "I thank you, you've been so kind. It's nice to talk with folks like you. You see," he said, "I'm blind." Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two eyes; the world is mine.

Later while walking down the street, I saw a child I knew. He stood and watched the others play, but he did not know what to do. I stopped a moment and then I said, "Why don't you join them dear?" He looked ahead without a word. I forgot, he couldn't hear. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two ears; the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go. With eyes to see the sunset's glow. With ears to hear what I'd know. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine.

If this poem makes you feel thankful, just give it to your friends. After all, it's just a simple reminder that we have so much to be thankful for! Give the gift of love. It never comes back empty!

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.

**When a person is dying, hearing is the last sense to go.
The first sense lost is sight.**

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

- Jan 28/29—Sat/Sun—Rosary Society Baby Item Collection
- Jan 31 -Tue—Moms, Pops and Tots 11:30AM-1:30PM
- Jan 31-Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
- Feb 1—Wed—Bible Study Group—10:00AM
- Feb 1 - Wed—OLV Needlers 6:30PM
- Feb 3 - Fri– Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM
- Feb 4—Sat—First Confession—10:00AM
- Mar 25—Sat—Mass of Anointing 12:00PM
- Apr 2– Sun—Rosary Society Breakfast w/guest speaker
- 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.

PRAYER FOR OUR 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.

Why Go To Daily Mass

- It's kind of like Facebook with God, the angels, and the saints.
- Breaking in the day to pray tames the craziness better than your Blackberry.
- No lines.
- A miracle occurs every single time.
- God wants to hear about your romantic woes more than your Twitter audience.
- Actually, God wants to teach you something about Romance. Think of it as going on a spiritual date.
- Under the (affectionately offered) "if you would just shut up, you could hear God's voice" advice: lots of precious, rare, ear-opening silence.
- It's not for the perfect--that's actually part of the point.
- Did the sun rise this morning? Did you have a good breakfast? Did you get to dress warmly and well? Did you think about giving thanks for all that?
- Because Jesus is present to us in a particular way--the way he chose as the perfect way--in the sacrament of the altar. (Want to meet him?)
- Life is mysterious. But being present at this Mystery will make the mystery of your life much more clear.
- Because this act "identifies us with his Heart, sustains our strength along the pilgrimage of this life, makes us long for eternal life, and unites us even now to the Church in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints." (CCC #1419)

Canned Food Collection

For the next few weeks OLV will be collecting non-perishable canned goods to help the local food pantries.

Rosary Society Baby Item Collection

OLV Rosary Society will sponsor a Baby Item Collection this weekend, January 28-29. The items will benefit New Hope, a pro-life organization in Westwood that helps young mothers in need. Please leave your items in the lower atrium of the church. **New Items Only—Items Especially Needed:** Diapers Newborn size. Diaper Wipes. Girls and Boys Winter clothes sizes 2T, 3T, 4T. Girls Summer clothes sizes 2T, 3T. Boys Summer clothes size 2T. Boys size 0-3 months Winter shirts and pants, and boys sizes 9-12 months Winter pants. Burping cloths especially needed. Gift Cards to Shoprite in amounts of \$5-\$25.

WILLING PEOPLE

The church is full of willing people - 20% willing to work, and 80% willing to let them.

CLOTHING BINS

"Every end is a new beginning." These words are very hopeful and encouraging as we begin the New Year. For some who lack physical necessities and struggle with numerous problems on a daily basis, hope is a fleeting word. The many programs of Catholic Charities aim to restore hope and dignity. Please help us by contributing to the donation bin in the parish. We also need novels and children's books. God Bless.

Retrouvaille

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring—your relationship grown cold, distant—thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated / divorced but (both of you) wish to try again—then Retrouvaille program may help you. Retrouvaille (Rediscovery) sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen consists of a weekend experience for couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The next program is scheduled for the weekend of February 10-12, 2017. All inquiries are confidential. For more information, please call the Family Life Office at 732-243-4573 or Tom and Pat McTague 732-583-4468 (evenings).

A Parish Trip to the Holy Land

We are in the exploratory stage of organizing a trip sometime next Fall or Spring to the Holy Land. Our tour will include visits to the holy shrines as well other places where Jesus frequented and taught from. We will be using Father Chris' expertise and the local travel guides to direct us on what should be a faith-filled experience that will last a life time. If you have any interest in possibly taking this journey, please fill out the form below and email to Deacon Al (deaconalatolv@gmail.com) or drop it off at the rectory. It is our hope, depending on the interest of our parishioners, to explore such an itinerary, its length and cost.

Name _____
 Email _____ Phone # _____
 I prefer the trip to be in _____ Fall of 2017 _____ Spring of 2018
 _____ I'm comfortable with either of these 2 times

The fruit of SILENCE is PRAYER.
The fruit of PRAYER is FAITH.
The fruit of FAITH is LOVE.
The fruit of LOVE is SERVICE.
The fruit of SERVICE is PEACE.
Mother Teresa

Poland Celebrates 300th Anniversary of Coronation of Our Lady of Czestochowa
By Hannah Brockhaus

WARSAW, Poland — Poland’s government has adopted multiple resolutions establishing 2017 as a jubilee year for the country, celebrating the 300th anniversary of the first canonical coronation of the image of Our Lady of Czestochowa. “Polish Sejm, convinced of the special importance of Marian devotion for our homeland — not only in the religious aspect, but also social, cultural and patriotic — establishes 2017 as the Year of the 300th anniversary of the coronation of the image of Our Lady of Czestochowa,” the resolution of the Lower House of Parliament stated.

More than 94% of Poland’s population being Catholic, the image of Our Lady of Czestochowa, also called the “Black Madonna,” has a significant meaning for Poles and is highly venerated throughout Europe. In a resolution adopted Dec. 15, 2016, the Polish Parliament called “the image of the Mother of God at Jasna Góra ... one of the most important religious and material national treasures.”

Although the image was crowned “Queen and Protector of Poland” by King John II Casimir in 1652, its first canonical coronation was by Clement XI on Sept. 8, 1717, which is the date of the anniversary. Additional coronations of the image were also issued by St. Pius X in 1910 and St. John Paul II in 2005. A canonical coronation is a pious institutional act, wherein the pope, through a bull, designates a crown or stellar halo be added to a Marian image under a specific devotional title in a particular area or diocese. The crowning of Our Lady of Czestochowa was the first such coronation to take place outside of Rome.

For the jubilee, the Polish bishops’ conference has created a free smartphone app that sends out a “Marian thought” every day just before 9pm, the hour of the “Jasna Góra Appeal,” a special prayer for the intercession of Our Lady prayed by Poles. The faithful are also encouraged to participate in the jubilee by offering “spiritual gifts” to Mary, such as a commitment to say certain prayers, to return to the sacrament of reconciliation, or to give up an addiction, such as to drugs or pornography.

To inaugurate the jubilee year, Archbishop Stanislaw Gadecki of Poznan said Mass Sept. 8, 2016, at the Jasna Góra Monastery, the shrine where the image is located. On a website dedicated to the anniversary, there is a countdown to the celebrations to take place Aug. 26, the feast day of the image. Father Marian Waligóra, prior of the monastery, said the resolution of the Senate and Sejm recognizes “the achievements of this place in the history of the whole of our land, the importance of Jasna Góra as a place in our history and religious center for the whole Church and all Catholics,” the Polish Catholic News Agency KAI reported.

The resolution adds a “luster” to the jubilee, Father Waligóra said, because it reminds them that the importance of Our Lady of Czestochowa goes beyond merely religious or spiritual importance to Poles, although that is the most important aspect, because the image of Our Lady is woven into the entire history of Poland.

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.

STEPHANIE CYSINSKI-O’BRIEN STUDENT 2017 SCHOLARSHIP

For the 10th consecutive year, student scholarships are being offered through the Stephanie Cywinski-O’Brien Trust. Applications are now being accepted from parish 7th and 8th grade students attending a Catholic grammar school, as well as Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors attending a Catholic high school and continuing their education at a Catholic school. Applications and eligibility requirements are available at the rectory. **Applications are due March 31 with decisions to be made by April 30.**

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 30—St. Bathildis of England, Queen, Widow, Nun
8:00 Charles and Catherine Denning R/b the Desmond Family
12:00 Marge Spataro R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico
7:00 (Convent) Sandra Corrigan R/b Sr. Elizabeth
Tuesday, January 31— Saint John Bosco, Priest
8:00 Kevin Lagatol R/b the Lagatol Family
12:00 Terence Boyle R/b the Zaccaro Family
Wednesday, February 1—St. Bridgid of Dundalk, Ireland, Nun
8:00 Anna Grassi R/b the Evanelia Family
12:00 John Tibbs R/b Pat Bland
Thursday, February 2 - Presentation of the Lord
8:00 Veronica Haskell R/b Anthony and Marylene D’Jamoos
12:00 Mary Healy R/b Joe and Johanna Healy
First Friday, February 3 - St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr
8:00 Amelia Fabiano R/b George and Gail Fabiano
12:00 Intentions of Julianna Herrera R/b the Giron Family
7:30 Ann O’Toole R/b Mary Spillane
First Saturday, February 4—St. Veronica of Jerusalem-Virgin
8:00 John Pantalón R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich
12:00 Souls in Purgatory
4:00 Edward and Winifred Pavlu R/b the Kip Family
5:00 Dorothy Fahey R/b Tom and Gloria Pfeiffer
Sunday, February 5 - St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
7:30 Sam Burruano R/b Chris and Cathy Plunkett
8:15 Intentions of Marita Morgan R/b Flor Alto
9:30 Living and deceased members of the Holy Name Society
10:45 Pietro Colarullo R/b loving family
12:00 Marie Zocco R/b Mike Zocco
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Alice Harloe R/b Barbara Harloe
7:00 Stanley Powell R/b Mike and Maria Hellrigel

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 for the **intentions of Gabriella Maria Arias—birthday blessings, r/b Maria Arias.**
The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burn this week for the **souls in Purgatory.**
The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp burns this week for the **unemployed.**
The Pope John Paul II Votive burns this week for **religious vocations.**

HARRINGTON PARK RESIDENTS-FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
February 11 & March 11 (weather permitting), 8:30-10:00AM at 15 Kline Street, Harrington Park (rear of building). no appointment necessary.

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.

DID YOU KNOW???

S.M.O.M. The actual smallest sovereign entity in the world is the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (S.M.O.M). It is located in the city of Rome, Italy, and has an area of two tennis courts. And, as of 2001, has a population of 80 -- 20 less people than the Vatican. It is a sovereign entity under international law, just as the Vatican City State is.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

- 1. Good News
- 2. The Christians in Rome
- 3. The Jewish people
- 4. Pagans and Foreigners
- 5. Intellectuals

February is dedicated to the Passion.

The History Of The Hail Mary Play In Football

By Ryan Scheel

It's one of the most well-known terms and iconic plays in sports. But how did a last second desperation play become known as a "Hail Mary"?

The Four Horsemen

Not surprisingly, the story starts at the confluence of Catholicism and Football; The University of Notre Dame. The Four Horsemen of Notre Dame. The expression goes back at least to the 1924 Notre Dame backfield; the famed Four Horsemen. The Four Horsemen were Quarterback Harry Stuhldreher, Halfbacks Don Miller, and Jim Crowley, and Fullback Elmer Layden. Riding the talent of the perhaps most fabled quartet in college football history, Notre Dame established itself as a football powerhouse, losing only 2 games in the 3 years they were together.

Jim Crowley often told the story of an October 28, 1922, game between Notre Dame and Georgia Tech in which the Fighting Irish players said Hail Mary prayers together before scoring each of the touchdowns, winning the game 13 to 3. According to Crowley, it was one of the team's linemen, Noble Kizer (a Presbyterian), who suggested praying before the first touchdown, which occurred on a fourth and goal play at the Tech 6-yard line during the second quarter. Quarterback Harry Stuhldreher, another of the Horsemen, threw a quick pass over the middle to Paul Castner for the score. The ritual was repeated before a third and goal play, again at Tech's six, in the fourth quarter. This time Stuhldreher ran for a touchdown, which sealed the win for Notre Dame. After the game, Kizer exclaimed to Crowley, "Say, that Hail Mary is the best play we've got." Crowley related this story many times in public speeches beginning in the 1930s.

On November 2, 1935, with 32 seconds left in the so-called "Game of the Century" between Ohio State and Notre Dame, Irish halfback Bill Shakespeare found receiver Wayne Millner for a 19-yard, game-winning touchdown. Notre Dame head coach Elmer Layden (who had played in the 1922 Georgia Tech game) afterwards called it a "Hail Mary" play. Originally meaning any sort of desperation play, a "Hail Mary" gradually came to denote a long, low-probability pass attempted at the end of a half when a team is too far from the end zone to execute a more conventional play, implying that it would take divine intervention for the play to succeed. For more than forty years use of the term was largely confined to Notre Dame and other Catholic universities.

An early appearance of the term was in an Associated Press story about the upcoming 1941 Orange Bowl between the Mississippi State Bulldogs and the Jesuit run Georgetown Hoyas. The piece appeared in several newspapers including the December 31, 1940 Daytona Beach Morning Journal under the headline, "Orange Bowl: [Georgetown] Hoyas Put Faith in 'Hail Mary' Pass"). As the article explained, "A 'hail Mary' pass, in the talk of the Washington eleven, is one that is thrown with a prayer because the odds against completion are big."

Staubach To Pearson: The Hail Mary

The play that really cemented the term in the popular culture however occurred December 28, 1975 in the Dallas Cowboy's 17-14 playoff win over the Minnesota Vikings. With the Cowboys trailing with 0:32 to go and the ball at the 50-yard line, legendary Hall of Fame Quarterback Roger Staubach connected with Preston Pearson for game winning touchdown. After the game, in the locker room, a reporter asked Staubach, a devout Catholic, what he was thinking during the play, and he replied, "I just closed my eyes and said a Hail Mary." The next day, headlines read, "Hail Mary Pass Wins Game." The national press ran with it, and the term has been part of popular sports culture ever since.

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.

THE ORTHODOX CRUCIFIX

As a Catholic, I often wondered about the design of the Orthodox Cross. In most Christian traditions, the symbol of the Cross is fashioned from an upright and one crosspiece. However, in the Russian Orthodox tradition, it is shaped somewhat differently. In addition to the usual upright and one crosspiece, there are two smaller crosspieces. One is positioned slightly above the central one and the other down toward the foot of the upright. The small one above represents the sign hung over the crucified Lord's head, bearing the inscription, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." The Apostle John tells us that these words appeared in three languages — Latin, Hebrew and Greek, — so that everyone would be sure to get the message: Here hangs the king — some king! The little crosspiece below depicts the wooden block placed under Jesus' feet for support, in order to prevent Him from dying too quickly. This crosspiece is set on the upright at a slant to indicate how Jesus must have pushed down hard with one foot when the pain became most severe.

A PRIEST

There is an old saying that affirms: without the priest there is no Eucharist, and without the Eucharist there is no priest. What is a priest? A man who holds the place of God — a man who is invested with all the powers of God... When the priest remits sins, he does not say, "God pardons you," he says, "I absolve you." If we had not the Sacrament of Holy Orders, we should not have Our Lord. Who placed him there in that tabernacle? It was the priest. Who was it that received your soul on its entrance into life? The priest. Who nourishes it, to give it strength to make its pilgrimage? The priest. Who will prepare it to appear before God by washing that soul, for the last time, in the blood of Jesus Christ? The priest — always the priest. And if that soul comes to the point of death who will raise it up, who will restore it to calmness and peace? Again the priest. You cannot recall one single blessing from God without finding, side by side with this recollection, the image of the priest. Go to confession to the Blessed Virgin, or to an angel; will they absolve you? No. Will they give you the Body and Blood of Our Lord? No. The Holy Virgin cannot make her Divine Son descend into the Host. You might have two hundred angels there, but they could not absolve you. A priest, however simple he may be, can do it; he can say to you, "Go in peace; I pardon you." — based upon an Our Sunday Visitor pamphlet.

RESPECT LIFE

Abortion and "assisted suicide" are morally wrong. Be convinced and convincing! We need to seize the opportunity to point out that "choice" is NOT whether to have a baby. The choice is whether to have a live baby or a dead baby and what physical and emotional complications to expect if one does not Choose Life. For more info and help call 201-262-1953.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

Am I doing my share to financially support MY parish?
In this day and age is MY parish offering a realistic one?

KIDZ KORNER

1. What does the word Gospel mean?
2. For whom did St. Mark write his Gospel?
3. For whom did St. Matthew write his Gospel?
4. For whom did St. Luke write his Gospel?
5. For whom did St. John write his Gospel?

Answers on page four

"Am I convinced of Christ's love for me and mine for Him?
This conviction is the rock on which sanctity is built."

Mother Teresa