

Our Lady of Victories Church

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

150 Harriot Avenue, Harrington Park, New Jersey

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EASTER SUNDAY, April 16, 2017 A.D.

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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

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

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.



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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 little boy—Finn, Sean, William Biasi, John Bolger, James Brady, Joey Bulger, Kamal Faris, Kathy Freeburn, Marylou Goreb, Thomas Haring, Rosanne Kearney, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Joseph LoVecchio, Anne Matthaëi, Teresa Meierdierks, Kathleen Musante, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Odalis Recchia, Mary Rinner, Danny Rizzi, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, George Rush, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Jim Walsh, Orville and Yvette Walls, Catherine Wanner.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT WILLINGNESS TO CHANGE

"A woman was dragged by a friend to the monastery one afternoon. I met her and offered her a set of my mini books on the spiritual life. She declined. I said, "Why don't you want to take them with you?" She said, "Because I don't want to change." Boy, I thought, this woman is bad off. We must be constantly willing to change into what the Father wants us to be. What you want is unimportant. After all, what do you know?"

Mother Angelica, Little Book of Life Lessons page 41.

CROSSES

We complain about the cross we bear, but don't realize it is preparing us for the dip in the road that God can see and we cannot. Whatever your cross, whatever your pain, there will always be sunshine, after the rain... Perhaps you may stumble, perhaps even fall; But God's always ready, to answer your call.... He knows every heartache, sees every tear, a word from His lips, can calm every fear... Your sorrows may linger, throughout the night, But suddenly vanish, by dawn's early light... The Savior is waiting, somewhere above, to give you His grace, and send you His love. May God fill your day with blessings!! Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle!

Discernment Retreats for Catholic Men

Quo Vadis Retreat at Seton Hall University, June 17-30. Discernment retreat for Catholic young men in High School. Cost: \$100. Scholarships available. Register by June 9th. Information and registration at www.NewPriestNJ.com/quivadis.

Discernment Retreats for Catholic Women

Friday, April 21 at 7:00PM – Sunday, April 23 at 9:00AM. "Come if you love." **Veni Si Amas Discernment Retreat** with Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George. For women 17—30 years old. The weekend includes talks on discernment and religious life, time in prayer with our Lord, as well as many opportunities to meet, share and pray with our Sisters. Location: St. Francis Convent, Alton, IL. For more information or to register contact vocations@altonfranciscans.org (registration by April 17). \$15 suggested donation.

Friday, May 19—Sunday, May 21, optional day with the sisters Monday, May 22 departing Tuesday, May 23 after Mass. Franciscan Sisters of St. Elizabeth, for single women 18-35, at the Delegate House, Parsippany, NJ. For more information or to register www.franciscansisters.com. Look under "Becoming a Sister."

FRIDAY ADORATION

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

So stop by and adore Our Eucharistic Lord.

Divine Mercy Sunday April 23, 2017

On Divine Mercy Sunday 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 Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Fr. Innocent CFR.**

Threats to Religious Freedom

On Monday, April 24, at 7:30PM at OLV. If Religious Liberty is important to not only you, but also your children and grandchildren, please come to this presentation! Presenter: Former FBI Agent Joseph Kuhns.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

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

EASTER DUTY

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

DID YOU KNOW???

The word "Easter" is of uncertain origin. Some say it is the Anglo-Saxon name for an old Teutonic god of spring. Others say it is an old German word for "dawn." It is, by any account, the oldest and greatest Christian feast. Easter falls anywhere between March 22 and April 25; since the 8th century, the date for its celebration has been fixed for the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox, i.e. the first day of spring. Although the Church celebrates Easter every Sunday of the year, it sets aside fifty days – seven weeks of seven days (seven is considered a holy and perfect number) to ring out its Easter joy. In fact, the next eight days are considered by the Church to be one big Easter Day. That is why this week is known as Easter Sunday, Easter Monday, Easter Tuesday, etc.

Since antiquity, it has been the custom to Baptize adults only at the Easter Vigil; in fact, the liturgical prayers and rituals of Easter are still centered around Baptism: the renewal of the Baptismal promises and sprinkling with newly consecrated Easter Holy water. It still is a venerable custom to bring home some Easter water to bless the home, the gardens, the family and the first major meal of Easter. Every Catholic home should have some Holy Water. It is a shame that many of our pious Catholic customs have fallen by the wayside; now more than ever, Catholics need to start or perhaps return to these prayerful rituals and customs at home.

Other Easter customs are also closely tied to Baptism. Many hymns, songs and decorations highlight the theme of new life, the end of winter and spring's reawakening of nature. The wearing of new colorful clothes to express our new life in Christ, and our being clothed in Christ at our Baptism; the Easter parade mirrored the heavenly procession in which Jesus led all those who died before His death and Resurrection through the newly opened gates of Heaven, dressed in their finest robes. Eggs, the hardened shell of which represents the rock tomb from which Christ emerged... the joyful ringing of bells; the warm exchange of peace, and the lighting of candles are also signs of Easter joy.

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Apr 18 -Tue—Moms, Pops and Tots 11:30AM-1:30PM
Apr 18-Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
Apr 18—Tue - Cardinal Tobin Mass/Reception 7:30PM St. Mary Church
Apr 19—Wed—Bible Study Group—10:00AM
Apr 19 - Wed—OLV Needlers 6:30PM
Apr 21 -Fri– Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM
Apr 22—Sat—AA meeting lower church 7:00PM
Apr 23—Sun—Divine Mercy Sunday
Apr 24—Mon—Presentation: Threats to Religious Freedom 7:30PM
May 9—Tue—Bereavement Group 6:30PM
May 21—Sun - Confirmation 2:00PM

PRAY for THOSE in the MILITARY

Private Matthew Brady, U.S. Marine Corps;
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;
1st Lieutenant Thomas Iafrate, U.S. Marine Corps;
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger, US Navy;
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger, US Navy;
Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn, US Air Force;
Captain Shawn Linn, US Army;
SN Daniel T. LoVecchio, U.S. Navy;
2nd Lieutenant Gigi McElroy, US Army;
Colonel John McLaughlin, US Army;
Lieutenant John G. Miele, US Army.

CLOTHING BINS

"In your Easter bonnet with all the frills upon it" are some of the lyrics to a very popular song which reflects the joys of the Easter season. Some people, however, have difficulty experiencing these joys due to their circumstances in life. Catholic Charities aims to help relieve the suffering of many in our society through its various programs. Please help Catholic Charities continue its mission by donating your unwanted clothing to the bin located on our property. May the spirit of the Risen Christ resound through your generosity. Thank you.

Memorials

OLV has four bronze outside statues which may be memorialized. Memorial donation is \$4,000 (includes inscribed plaque). There are just a few church pews left to memorialized. Memorial Pavers are available (4 x 8 inscribed bricks) to memorialize your family name or a loved one for a donation of \$125.

For more information contact the OLV Rectory 201-768-1706.

SAVE USED EYEGLASSES

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

Catholic Daughters Gladys Heyliger/Mary Carley Scholarship

CDA Court 1639 is offering a \$1000 scholarship to an 8th grade student entering a Catholic High School in September 2017. For an application, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Dr. Marie Woke, 20 Kensington Ct., Norwood, NJ 07648. Deadline for application is May 1st.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

In March of 2018, OLV is planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. If you signed up and did not attend the March 29 meeting or if you are interested in going please get in touch with Deacon Al ASAP.

MEET CARDINAL JOSEPH TOBIN

Cardinal Tobin, Archbishop of Newark, will visit our deanery this Tuesday, April 18, 2017. All parishioners are invited to attend Mass at 7:30PM at Church of St. Mary in Closter followed by a light reception. Let's have a good representation of OLV parish to welcome Cardinal Tobin.

BOX TOPS COLLECTION

The Archdiocese of Newark is helping the children of St. Joseph's Catholic school in Jersey City to collect Box Tops for Education. This is a program that was launched by General Mills to help support students and schools across the country. OLV is helping them in this endeavor. If you would like to donate any box tops to this cause, please drop off at the rectory.

High School Open Houses

Tuesday, April 25, Don Bosco Prep (Ramsey, NJ) 6:30-8:30PM, for prospective freshmen and transfer students. For information, contact admissions@donboscoprep.org and 201-327-8003. Register online at www.donboscoprep.org.

Wednesday, May 3, Immaculate Heart Academy (Washington Township) 6:30-8:30p.m. Pre-register online at www.ihanj.com. Please note, bussing is now available for Rockland and Orange County, NY students. For info' call 201-445-6800.

HELP EVANGELIZE

Why not face it? Most Catholics shy away from publicly engaging in evangelization. Those who know their faith will hesitate to discuss it with strangers, and those who don't know their faith as well as they should, usually find themselves running for cover when they think they may be asked to engage in evangelization. A simple way to help bring former Roman Catholics back to the practice of their faith might be as simple as, taking an extra bulletin home with you and giving it to a neighbor who hasn't been to Mass since last Christmas or Easter. Invite them back to Mass; let them know what is going on at our/(YOUR) parish.

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard EVERY Saturday from 11:00AM to Noon and 3:00-3:30PM, every weekday morning at 7:30AM, as well as every First Friday at 7:00PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

REVERENT CLOTHING

In our much less formal culture, gone are the days of "Sunday best", but have we gone too far with beachwear, gym attire, workout rags and the like at Mass? We are a Church of outward signs; what does your clothing say about your understanding of what happens at Mass? While the Lord loves everyone and accepts us as we are, and there are emergencies, are we giving witness to the sacred nature of the Mass if we just "come as we are"?

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and find us on Facebook:
Our Lady of Victories Parish**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 23

Led by the

THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL

Sunday, April 23, is the feast of DIVINE MERCY. Beginning at 3:00PM OLV will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Devotions associated with the Day. Confessions will be heard during the hour to fulfill OUR LORD'S request. Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of His Mercy, now called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Catholic Church. Jesus promised that "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." He went on to say "I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy." (Diary 1109)

There will be an additional Mass at the end of the Holy Hour approx at 4:15PM on Sunday, April 23. This Mass will be offered by Fr. Innocent CFR.

NEW HOPE - HELPING HANDS GALA

Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 6:30-10:30pm. Seasons, 664 Pascack Rd, Washington Twp. 07676, \$85 per person. Cocktail hour, gourmet dinner, silent auction, Tricky Tray, raffle, huge 50/50 and dancing. Your generosity enables us to reach out to first-time single mothers and their babies so please celebrate with us! For reservations contact Kathy: (201) 573-8697 or kturlick@gmail.com.

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

An Acceptance of Suffering: Jesus promised us that suffering would be a normal part of a disciple's life (see Lk. 9:23-24). So, when we mark our bodies with the Sign, we are embracing whatever pain comes as a consequence of our faith in Christ. Making the Sign is our taking up the cross and following Him (Lk.9:25). At the same time, however, it comforts us with the realization that Jesus, who endured the Crucifixion for us, now joins us in our suffering and supports us. Signing ourselves also announces another significant truth: with St. Paul, we are celebrating that our afflictions as members of the Body of Christ contribute to the Lord's saving work of perfecting the Church in holiness.

STEWARDSHIP

MY FAMILY – MY PARISH – MY RESPONSIBILITY

Did you ever notice that the price of a movie is now over \$10, milk is almost \$3 a gallon, and there is no longer such a thing as penny candy? The price of everything around us has increased. **But has your weekly donation to the Church ever increased?** That one-dollar donation doesn't buy as much as it once did. As your expenses increase, so do those of the Church, but we rely on your generosity to meet our expenses. Please be generous.

DADS CHECK THIS WEBSITE

FathersforGood.org

"I used to approach Jesus frequently saying, 'What do you wish from me?' He would reply, 'that you die to yourself, that you rise above your worldly interests; die to everything, even to those affections that seem to be holy, live at a level where life's contradictions don't disturb you, where attentions don't flatter you. Seek only God and His interests.'"

Venerable Julia Navarrete Guerrero

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 17 – St. Stephen Harding of England

8:00 Philip Vespucci R/b the Poggi Family

12:00 Brian Farley R/b Dennis and Janet Smith

Tuesday, April 18– St. Apollonius, Martyr

8:00 Thomas F. Lagatol II R/b the Lagatol Family

12:00 Michael and Helen Dorney R/b Bill and Cathy Ryan

Wednesday, April 19–St. Elphege of England-Bishop & Martyr

8:00 Veronica Haskell—1st Anniversary R/b Sr.Elizabeth

12:00 Lizette Donnelly R/b William and Carole DeBrino

Thursday, April 20–St. Marcellinus of Africa-Bishop in France

8:00 Felipa Ballesteos Moreno R/b the Camali Family

12:00 Deceased and Living members of the Rosary Society

Friday, April 21- St. Anselm - Archbishop of Canterbury

8:00 Ida Boyhan R/b John and Anna Heaney

12:00 Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Villavecchia Sr. R/b Al and Lenore Villavecchia

Saturday, April 22 – Ss. Epipodius & Alexander - Martyrs

8:00 Filipa Fizulich R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich

12:00 John O'Neill R/b Peggy O'Brien

4:00 Peter and Lena Gobbetti R/b Lorraine Gobbetti

5:00 Arthur and Madeline McLaughlin R/b Al and MaryClare McLaughlin

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 23–St. George - Martyr

7:30 Samuel Burruano R/b Al and Lenore Villavecchia

8:15 Intentions of John Deignan R/b Joe and Johanna Healy

9:30 William Tristano R/b Josephine Tristano

10:45 Ellen Saporito R/b OLV CCD

12:00 Anthony Walsh R/b the Zanetti Family

1:00 People of the Parish

4:15 Gina Ottomanelli Bender R/b the Ottomanelli Family

6:00 Alice Ruiz R/b the LoSchiavo Family

7:00 Terry Boyle R/b Joe and Ann Marie McCarthy

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in honor of **Mr. and Mrs.**

John McKeon—60th Wedding Anniversary, r/b Al & Lenore Villavecchia.

The Convent Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the **unemployed**.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the **repose of the soul of Lloyd Kennedy**, r/b Fausto and Josephine Galeazza, .

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week for a **special intention**.

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

The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp burns this week for the **those who serve in defense of our country**.

The Hosts and Wine used at Mass this week have been donated in memory of **Ellen Keohane**, r/b Bob Skok..

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.

DEAR PARENTS

It is a genuine cause for alarm that so many of children who attend our Parish's Religious Education Classes (CCD) **DO NOT** go to Mass on the weekends. **ALL the MONEY, TIME and COMMITMENT** to our Catholic Religious Education is **WASTED** if **PARENTS** fail to impress upon their children the importance of worshipping on Sunday. **There is no substitute for fulfilling your Sunday Mass obligation.**

If you are depressed you are living in the past.

If you are anxious you are living in the future.

If you are at peace, you are living in the present.

April is dedicated to the Holy Eucharist

The Catholic Origins Of 5 Alcoholic Beverages By Ryan Scheel

Among all of the world's religions, and among all Christian traditions, we Catholics have traditionally had the healthiest relationship with alcohol. We are never overly Puritanical in shunning drink, and neither are we a mystery cult looking for transcendence in drunkenness. We are to give thanks to God for his gifts and treat them as such. In the nascent Church, when St. Peter refutes claims that he is drunk (Acts 2:13-15) by declaring that it is only 9:00 in the morning (because the Apostles clearly had the good sense to wait until at least after lunch), you can begin to get a glimpse of the Catholic relationship with the liquid spirits. St. Paul tells St. Timothy to "stop drinking only water, but take a little wine" (1 Tim. 5:23) to help him with his frequent stomach troubles. Even Our Blessed Lord Himself states declares that even "The Son of Man came eating and drinking". (Luke 7:34)

Later, St. Arnulf of Metz, a seventh century Bishop shows the development of the Catholic relationship with drink with a quote that sums up a right Catholic approach: "From man's sweat and God's love, beer came into the world."

So it is no wonder that through the Catholic ages to the present day, the Church has had a healthy, close working relationship with the grape, the fat of the grain, and alcoholic drinks. Particularly out of the Catholic monastic tradition, the world has been treated with some sublime drinks that are truly works of art.

1. Chartreuse

Chartreuse is a French liqueur made by the Carthusian Monks since 1737 according to the instructions set out in the secret manuscript given to them by a marshal of artillery to French king Henry IV, François Hannibal d'Estrées in 1605. It is composed of distilled alcohol aged with 130 herbs, plants and flowers. The monks intended their liqueur to be used as medicine. The recipe was further enhanced in 1737 by Brother Gérome Maubec. The liqueur is named after the Monks' Grande Chartreuse monastery, located in the Chartreuse Mountains in the general region of Grenoble in France. The liqueur is produced in their distillery in the nearby town of Voiron. Chartreuse gives its name to the color chartreuse. It is one of the handful of liquors that continues to age and improve in the bottle. Chartreuse has a very strong characteristic taste. It is very sweet, but becomes both spicy and pungent. It is comparable to other herbal liqueurs such as Galliano, Liqueure Strega or Kräutertlikör, though it is distinctively more vegetal. Like other liqueurs, its flavor is sensitive to serving temperature. If straight it can be served very cold but is often served at room temperature. It also features in some cocktails. Some mixed drink recipes call for only a few drops of Chartreuse due to the assertive flavor. It is popular in French ski resorts where it is mixed with hot chocolate and called Green Chaud.

2. Trappist Beers

Trappist Beer are renown among beer aficionados as some of the most finely crafted beers in the world. They are brewed by Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance ("Trappists") and typically fall under the categories of Dubbel, Tripel, and Quadrupel. The Trappist order originated in the Cistercian monastery of La Trappe, France. Various Cistercian congregations existed for many years, and by 1664 the Abbot of La Trappe felt that the Cistercians were becoming too relaxed. He introduced strict new rules in the abbey and the Strict Observance was born. A fundamental tenet of the new rules was that monasteries should be self-supporting, and is still maintained to this day. Monastery brewhouses, from different religious orders, have existed across Europe since the Middle Ages. From the very beginning, beer was brewed in French Cistercian monasteries following the Strict Observance. For example, the monastery of La Trappe in Soligny already had its own brewery in 1685. Breweries were later introduced in monasteries of other countries as the Trappist order spread from France into the rest of Europe. The Trappists, like many other religious people, originally brewed beer to feed the community, in a perspective of self-sufficiency. Nowadays, Trappist breweries also brew beer to fund their works and for good causes. Many of the Trappist monasteries and breweries were destroyed during the French Revolution and the World Wars. Among the monastic breweries, the Trappists were certainly the most active brewers. There are three conditions that must be met to use the name Trappist on a bottle of beer; first, the beer must be brewed within a Trappist Abbey, second, the beer must be brewed under the supervision and responsibility of the monks, and third, the majority of the revenue produced must be dedicated to charitable work. Eight beers are bear the "Authentic Trappist Product" logo, granted by the International Trappist Association. They include Achel, Chimay, Orval, Rochefort, Westmalle, and Westvleteren, most located in Belgium, with La Trappe located in the Netherlands, and Spencer in the USA. In the USA La Trappe uses the name Koningshoeven.

3. Bénédictine

Bénédictine is an herbal liqueur beverage made of herbs, roots and sugar with a Cognac base. Benedictine is a bright yellow/gold color with a sweet aromatic taste

Though it is likely that the recipe was actually concocted by one Alexandre Le Grand of FeCamp France, home of a Benedictine Monastery, it is claimed by the company that produces it that in 1510, the Benedictine monk Don Bernardo Vincelli, a Venetian monk knowledgeable in spices, and up-to-date on Dutch distillation methods transformed the traditional bitter medicines of the abbey into a delicious 'Elixir of Health' that has stood the test of time and come down to us as Benedictine. The recipe of Don Bernardo Vincelli was said to have restored listless brothers and countered illnesses of the stomach. It is made from 27 herbs and spices, among them thyme, cinnamon, coriander, nutmeg and other more exotic ingredients such as hyssop, angelica and cardamom. It is claimed that at the Benedictine Abbey of Fécamp in Normandy, monks produced the drink until the abbey's devastation during the French Revolution. Benedictine was officially extinct until the 1860's, when it was resurrected by Le Grande. On supposedly finding the recipe among a bundle of yellowing papers, he was inspired to build an extraordinary new distillery in the high Gothic style at FeCamp. Although no longer (or perhaps never) connected with the Monks, nevertheless, to recognize its past connection with the abbey every bottle is marked with 'D.O.M. – Deo Optimo Maximo' (Praise be to God, Most Good, Most Great).

4. Cistercian Wines of the Island of Saint Honorat

Abbaye de Lerins - One of the newer entries on this list are the wines produced by the Cistercian Monks of the Abbey of Lerins on the island of Saint Honorat off Cannes, France. The tiny 1.5 square mile island in the Mediterranean has been home to monks since Saint Honorat founded a monastery on it at some time around the year 410. It is said St. Patrick of Ireland studied at monastery in the 5th century. Because of its strategic location, the monastic life on the island was interrupted several times as the island switch hands between the Saracens, Genoese, Spanish, and French. The island was nationalized during the French revolution and the monastery sold to an actress who lived there for 20 years. The bishop of Fréjus bought the island in 1859 and 10 years later, Cistercian monks started a new community, using its ideal climate for growing vines to make wine. Today, the community is currently made up of 20 monks aged from 30 to 75. The monks of the Abbey of Lerins grow eight hectares of wines with the best grapes compounds on the island. The grapes are cared for and harvested each year by the monks. Brother Marie, supervises the production. All processes (pruning, removal of unwanted buds and grape harvesting) are carried out by hand. Machinery is used only for the maintenance of the soil quality and for treatments. To preserve this exceptional terroir, as well as the unique flora and fauna, the brothers use regulated photo-sanitary treatments. These great wines produced by the work of the monks have reputations that transcend borders. The wines from the abbey of Lerins are produced from a rigorous selection of the best grape varieties: Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Mourvèdre. The careful work of the monks allows the production of three great vintages named after saints: St. Salonus, St. Lambert, St.Césaire, which are recognized by famous chefs as some of the best and finest French wines.

5. Dom Pérignon Champagne

Dom Pérignon while not directly made by Catholic clergy like the other entries on this list, the very famous, high-end Dom Pérignon Champagne serves as an ode to its very Catholic namesake, Dom Pierre Pérignon, O.S.B., (c. 1638 – 1715). Dom Pérignon was a French Benedictine monk who made important contributions to the production and quality of Champagne wine in an era when the region's wines were predominantly still and red. Pierre Pérignon was born to a clerk of a local judge in the town of Saint-Menehould in the Champagne region of northern France. When he was 19 he entered the Benedictine Order, first doing his novitiate at the abbey of Saint-Vannes near the town of Verdun. In 1668, he transferred to the abbey of Hautvillers near the town of Épernay. He served as cellarer of the abbey until his death in 1715. Under his stewardship, the abbey flourished and doubled the size of its vineyard holding. As a sign of honor and respect, Dom Pierre was buried in a section of the abbey cemetery traditionally reserved only for abbots. Dom Pérignon pioneered a number of winemaking techniques: being the first to blend grapes in such a way as to improve the quality of wines, balance one element with another in order to make a better whole, and deal with a number of their imperfections, in 1670; perfecting the art of producing clear white wines from black grapes by clever manipulation of the presses; enhancing the tendency of Champagne wines to retain their natural sugar in order to naturally induce secondary fermentation in the Spring; and being a master at deciding when to bottle these wines in order to capture the bubble, or what we think of today as "Champagne" eponymously named after the region. He also introduced corks (instead of wood), which were fastened to bottles with hemp string soaked in oil in order to keep the wines fresh and sparkling, and used thicker glass in order to strengthen the bottles (which were prone to explode at that time).