

# Our Lady of Victories Church

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

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SUNDAY, June 4, 2017 A.D.

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## SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

**First Friday:** 7:00pm, 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 6:30pm

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

## 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



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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, William Biasi, James Brady, Joey Bulger, Kathy Freeburn, Marylou Goreb, Thomas Haring, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Joseph LoVecchio, Anne Matthaei, Teresa Meierdierks, Kyle Murphy, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Odalis Recchia, Mary Rinner, Danny Rizzi, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, George Rush, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Jim Walsh, Catherine Wanner.

### **SPIRITUAL EXCERPT**

#### **Sport at the Service of the Spirit**

"Sport, properly directed, develops character, makes a man courageous, a generous loser, and a gracious victor; it refines the senses, gives intellectual penetration, and steels the will to endurance. It is not merely a physical development then. Sport, rightly understood, is an occupation of the whole man, and while perfecting the body as an instrument of the mind, it also makes the mind itself a more refined instrument for the search and communication of truth and helps man to achieve that end to which all others must be subservient, the service and praise of his Creator."

**Pope Pius XII, "Sport at the Service of the Spirit"**

### **PYX**

Attention parishioners please check to see if anyone has a pyx (the circular container used to bring hosts to the sick and homebound), Some Eucharistic Ministers and others have borrowed them to bring Holy Communion to the homebound and have forgotten to return them. Please bring them to the rectory or give to one of the priests or deacons. Thank you.

### **OLV K of C Baby Bottle Collection**

Just a reminder—if you took a baby bottle, please bring the bottle with your monetary donations to the church or drop it off at the rectory. You may deposit loose change, checks or cash. Your contributions will benefit mothers in need and their new-born babies.

### **Do You Have a First Grader?**

Time to register for CCD! Please email [olvhpccd@gmail.com](mailto:olvhpccd@gmail.com) or call 201-768-1400 for a registration form and info. Classes begin in September.

### **THINK ABOUT IT**

"You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by encouraging class hatred. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn. You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."

**William Boetcker German Clergyman 1873 - 1962**

### **Palm Collection**

**There is a basket in the atrium to collect old palm.**

"Why are you afraid? Don't be afraid.

Christ is with you. Christ is with you."

**Fr. Benedict Groshel's last words to Fr. Mariusz**

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Pentecost Sunday is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (20:16) and St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (16:8). It is the 50th day after Easter (if we count both Easter and Pentecost), and it supplants the Jewish feast of Pentecost, which took place 50 days after the Passover and which celebrated the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai. Christ had promised His Apostles that He would send His Holy Spirit, and, on Pentecost, they were granted the gifts of the Spirit. The Apostles began to preach the Gospel in all of the languages. Pentecost is often called "the birthday of the Church." On this day, with the descent of the Holy Spirit, Christ's mission is completed, and the New Covenant is inaugurated. Today we are at the fiftieth day of the Easter celebration: seven weeks of seven days, a week of weeks, now culminating in a festival fiftieth day. While the liturgical color of the Easter season is gold, on this last day we have red. For the first thousand years of the church, there were no firm rules for using colors. Only wealthy churches could afford a full array of colors, and most places used the best vestments, no matter the color, for the greatest feasts. The Church spelled out an exact plan for color, including red for Pentecost, only in 1570, but local differences held on until the 1800s. Color experts tell us that red is a hot color, best used for fast paced, upbeat, active experiences. It is hard to be neutral before red, as any matador will tell you. It invites commitment, draws you in. It is a stimulating color, engaging the eye, stirring hunger. It is the most fitting color for this day when we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit into our lives, a dynamic presence overturning neutrality in favor of passion and commitment.

### **Time for EASTER DUTY is Ending**

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, 2017. 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 4:00-4:30PM, every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 7:30AM, as well as every First Friday at 7:00PM, and a Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.**

### **Dominican College Information Session**

For Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees

Wednesday, June 7, 5:30-7:30PM—Prusmack Center

### **CEREAL COLLECTION**

For the month of June OLV will be having a breakfast cereal collection to benefit the St. Cecelia Food Pantry.

### **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.

### **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.

**"I own nothing but my sins."**

**St. Francis of Assisi**

**Upcoming OLV Parish Events**

- Jun 6 - Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
- Jun 7 - Wed - Bible Study Group -10:00AM
- Jun 7 - Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM
- Jun 8 -Thu - Holy Hour 7:00PM
- Jun 9 - Fri - Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM
- Jun 10 - Sat - AA meeting lower church 7:00PM

**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.**

**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 11AM to Noon and 4-4:30PM; every weekday morning at 7:30AM, as well as every First Friday at 7PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

**Government Man**

**A** Department of Water official stopped and told an old farmer, "I must inspect your farm for your water allotment." The farmer said "OK, but don't go in the field over there". The official advised that he could go anywhere he wanted, and he showed the farmer an official card to prove it. The farmer nodded politely and went about his chores. Later, hearing screams, the farmer saw the Water Rep. running for the fence with the farmer's long horned bull close behind. The Rep. was terrified. The farmer ran toward the fence shouting, "Show him your card! Show him your card!"

**How to Become a Saint**

It was Saint Peter who, after reflecting on this prophecy: "May another take his office." (Psalm 109:8b), directed the approximately 120 brothers to nominate someone to take Judas' place after he hanged himself after betraying Jesus. The only criterion was that the candidate had to have been with them throughout our Lord's earthly ministry. They proposed two men: Joseph, called Barsabbas, also known as Justus, and Matthias; after praying they drew lots which they took as the sign God has chosen Matthias. (The white smoke came centuries later; besides, this was not a papal election for Peter's replacement) Before the 1960's liturgical reforms of Vatican II, the Feast of Saint Matthias was February 24. It was moved to May 14. Why? The Acts of the Apostles (1:15-26) records how, after Christ's Ascension, the Apostles and others gathered with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the Upper Room where they had eaten the Last Supper. This was the Church's first novena, nine days of intense prayers, from the Ascension to the Coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. The Feast of St. Matthias now often falls during the time he was actually added to the college of Apostles!

**CLOTHING BINS**

We congratulate and rejoice with all our graduates. The celebrations for the graduates are well-deserved. For some families, however, a full meal on any evening is a cause for "celebration" as often times, their tables are bare or sparse with food, Please help us to continue to distribute much-needed food throughout the Archdiocese. Your contributions to the Catholic Charities clothing bins help to provide the funding for the continuation of our many programs. Thank you.

**PENTECOST**

The apostles and Mary were locked away in the Upper Room, fearing for their lives, afraid to venture forth, unsure of what God wanted them to do, unable to proclaim the Good News to all the world. They needed help, and they needed it badly. The Son sent the Spirit from the Father! The Father and the Son sent an Advocate, a defense lawyer, who would plead their cause. (The Greek term for Advocate is Parakletos from which we get the term Paraclete.) This Advocate would confirm, guide, lead, remain, and strengthen. Without the Spirit, there could be no Church, since the Spirit binds, enlivens, and infuses the Church with what it needs to live. Once they received the Holy Spirit, they left the Upper Room, and began to preach the faith of the Church: Jesus Christ is Lord.

**DEFEND YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH**

Over the course of the last generation, Christianity and in particular our Catholic Faith has been under attack. Anti-Catholicism is the last acceptable prejudice. What can we do about it; besides prayer, all Catholics should join The Catholic League at 450 7th Ave, NY, NY 10123 or [www.catholicleague.org](http://www.catholicleague.org) and receive the journal The Catalyst, which has articles detailing where Catholicism is under attack and by whom.

**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.

**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 July 31.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- January is dedicated to the Holy Name.
- February is dedicated to the Passion.
- March is dedicated to St. Joseph.
- April is dedicated to the Holy Eucharist.
- May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart.
- July is dedicated to the Precious Blood.
- August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart.
- September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows.
- October is dedicated to The Holy Rosary.
- November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory.
- December is dedicated to the Divine Infancy.
- Sundays are dedicated to the Holy Trinity.
- Mondays are dedicated to the Holy Angels.
- Tuesdays are dedicated to the Apostles.
- Wednesdays are dedicated to St Joseph.
- Thursdays are dedicated to the Holy Eucharist.
- Fridays are dedicated to the Passion.
- Saturdays are dedicated to Our Lady.

**Check out OLV's website [olvhp.org](http://olvhp.org)  
and find us on Facebook:  
Our Lady of Victories Parish**

## PENTECOST

### THE CHURCH'S BIRTHDAY

On Pentecost the Apostles left the Upper Room, the site of the Last Supper, where they had been barricaded for fifty days. (The Greek word, Pentecost, means 'Fiftieth day'.) For fifty days the Apostles prayed with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and other holy women and men; once they were infused with power from on high, they began what is also called the "Age of the Church". From Pentecost until the Parousia (The Greek title for the Second Coming of Christ in glory) the work Jesus began during His earthly life will continue through His Body on earth today: the Church. And so Pentecost is rightly called the Church's birthday.

**IF YOU** are a member of one of the 11 Orthodox Churches your Church seceded from the Roman Catholic Church in the year 1054.

**IF YOU** are a member of one of the 20 groups of The Lutheran Synod your sect was founded by Martin Luther in 1517.

**IF YOU** are a member of one of the 17 groups of The Mennonites your sect was founded by several reformers in 1523.

**IF YOU** are a member of the Episcopal-Anglican Communion your Church was founded by Thomas Crammer in 1534.

**IF YOU** are a member of one of the ten groups of The Presbyterians your sect was founded by John Knox in 1560.

**IF YOU** are a member of one of the 23 branches of The Baptists your sect was founded by John Smyth in 1600.

**IF YOU** are a member of one of the 19 groups of Methodists your sect was founded by John and Charles Wesley in 1739.

**IF YOU** are a member of The Disciples of Christ your group was founded by Thomas and Alexander Campbell in 1827.

**IF YOU** are a member of one of the 7 branches of The Church of Latter Day Saints your religion was founded by Joseph Smith in 1830.

**IF YOU** are a member of one of the 5 branches of The Seventh Day Adventists your sect was founded by William Miller in 1831.

**IF YOU** are a member of the Salvation Army your group was founded by William Booth in 1865.

**IF YOU** are a member of the Jehovah Witnesses your religion was founded by Charles Russell in 1872.

**IF YOU** are a member of the Church of Christian Scientist your group was founded by Mary Baker Eddy in 1879.

**IF YOU** are a member of nine groups of The Pentecostal Assemblies your sect was founded by revivalists in 1901,

**BUT IF YOU** are a member of the Roman Catholic Church, **only you** can trace your Church's foundation to the disciples and Jesus Christ on Pentecost. It was on this day that the Holy Spirit came down to the 12 disciples to enlighten and empower them to take charge and fulfill the commands of Jesus Christ. The Roman Catholic Church, unlike the 400 or more groups that have broken off from it, remains One in Faith, One in Fold, with One Shepherd.

### SIGN OF GLORY

Catholics often make the Sign of the Cross casually, just as a nice gesture for beginning and ending their prayers. But, when we learn to take this act seriously, signing ourselves frequently with faith and reverence, remarkable results can take place. We find ourselves doing measurably better in our Christian life: Praying with more Passion, Resisting our bad inclinations more effectively, and Relating to others more kindly. The Sign of the Cross, after all, is not merely a pious gesture. It is a powerful prayer, a sacramental of the Church.

### PARISH SECRETARY

**Fr. Bryan:** "Maria, I was just reading over this letter you did. Your typing is really improving. I see there are only seven mistakes here." **Maria:** "Thank you, Fr. Bryan." **Fr. Bryan:** "Now, let's take a look at the second line."

I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.

### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, June 5 – St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 John and Marie Clawson R/b Richard and Maureen Ferrara  
12:00 Lizette Donnelly R/b the Laviola Family

#### Tuesday, June 6 – St. Norbert of France, Bishop

8:00 Frank Adamcik R/b the Adamcik Family  
12:00 Rose Roccanova R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico

#### Wednesday, June 7 - St. Robert of England - Abbot

8:00 Blanche Olszewski  
12:00 Frieda Heimbuch R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico

#### Thursday, June 8 – St. William of England - Archbishop

8:00 John Naughton R/b the Barrett Family  
12:00 Joseph D'Annable R/b the Chimento Family

#### Friday, June 9 – St. Ephrem, Deacon, Doctor

8:00 Leslie Raskin R/b Mike and Maria Hellrigel  
12:00 Lee Parker R/b Rae Rinaldi

#### Saturday, June 10 – St. Landry of France - Bishop

8:00 Kevin Lagatol R/b the Lagatol Family  
12:00 Terence Boyle R/b Bill and Anne Cote

4:00 Kevin Hay R/b Marie DaSaro  
5:00 Stephen and Mary Fogarino

R/b Josephine J. Fogarino and Marie Michaels

#### Sunday, June 11 – St. Barnabas, Apostle

7:30 Deceased of the Fortunato Family R/b Tom and Phyllis Burderi  
8:15 Anna F. Smyth R/b Mike and Maria Hellrigel

9:30 William Tristano R/b Josephine Tristano  
10:45 Larry Longo R/b the Bentivegna Family

12:00 Marie Zocco R/b Mike Zocco  
1:00 People of the Parish

6:00 Michael A. Casenta R/b Colleen Connors-Casenta  
7:00 Charles DaSaro R/b Marie DaSaro

### SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

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

**The Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp** burns this week for an increase in religious vocations.

**The St. Joseph Votive Lamp** burns this week in thanksgiving, r/b the Brennan Family.

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

**The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp** burns this week for those who have given their lives in defense of our country.

### 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.

### Winning Choices

Choose action over worry. Choose will over won't.

Choose "I can't do it yet" over "I can't do it".

Choose a career over a job.

Choose optimism over pessimism.

Choose quality over quantity.

### F Y I

**We'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.

### KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. Tongues of Fire. 2. God-the 3<sup>rd</sup> Person of the Trinity. 3. Mary. 4. Speak and understand all languages. 5. Confirmation.

## Best Sermons

The best sermons are lived, not preached, and here are a few testimonies.

1. Today, I interviewed a grandmother for part of a research paper I'm working on for my Psychology class. When I asked her to define success in her own words, she said, "Success is when you look back at your life and the memories make you smile."
2. Today, I asked my mentor - a very successful business man in his 70s - what his top 3 tips are for success. He smiled and said, "Read something no one else is reading, think something no one else is thinking, and do something no one else is doing."
3. Today, after a 72 hour shift at the fire station, a woman ran up to me at the grocery store and gave me a hug. When I tensed up, she realized I didn't recognize her. She let go with tears of joy in her eyes and the most sincere smile and said, "On 9-11-2001, you carried me out of the World Trade Center."
4. Today, after I watched my dog get run over by a car, I sat on the side of the road holding him and crying. And just before he died, he licked the tears off my face.
5. Today at 7AM, I woke up feeling ill, but decided I needed the money, so I went into work. At 3PM I got laid off. On my drive home I got a flat tire. When I went into the trunk for the spare, it was flat too. A man in a BMW pulled over, gave me a ride, we chatted, and then he offered me a job. I start tomorrow.
6. Today, as my father, three brothers, and two sisters stood around my mother's hospital bed, my mother uttered her last coherent words before she died. She simply said, "I feel so loved right now. We should have gotten together like this more often." YES, WE SHOULD!
7. Today, I kissed my dad on the forehead as he passed away in a small hospital bed. About 5 seconds after he passed, I realized it was the first time I had given him a kiss since I was a little boy.
8. Today, in the cutest voice, my 8-year-old daughter asked me to start recycling. I chuckled and asked, "Why?" She replied, "So you can help me save the planet." I chuckled again and asked, "And why do you want to save the planet?" Because that's where I keep all my stuff," she said.
9. Today, when I witnessed a 27-year-old breast cancer patient laughing hysterically at her 2-year-old daughter's antics, I suddenly realized that I need to stop complaining about my life and start celebrating it again.
10. Today, a boy in a wheelchair saw me desperately struggling on crutches with my broken leg and offered to carry my backpack and books for me. He helped me all the way across campus to my class and as he was leaving he said, "I hope you feel better soon."
11. Once, I was traveling in Kenya and I met a refugee from Zimbabwe. He said he hadn't eaten anything in over 3 days and looked extremely skinny and unhealthy. Then my friend offered him the rest of the sandwich he was eating. The first thing the man said was, "We can share it."

### Giving back to your parents with a Charitable Gift Annuity

Are you looking for the perfect gift for your aging parents that would guarantee income for life? Consider opening up a charitable gift annuity with the Archdiocese of Newark. A charitable gift annuity can provide payments with direct deposit to your aging parents now and a gift to their parish later, all while providing you with both peace of mind and an income tax deduction. If you would like information on this unique gift, please contact Theresa Lynch, Planned Giving Manager, Archdiocese of Newark 973-497-4042 or email [lynchthe@rcan.org](mailto:lynchthe@rcan.org).

**A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight, live longer than the men who mention it.**

## The Knights of Columbus are There!

### By Cardinal Dolan of NYC

Last Sunday I had the privilege of welcoming to my home, and then to Mass, the state leadership of one of the most celebrated Catholic organizations around, the Knights of Columbus. You have certainly heard of them, and share in my high admiration for them.

Founded in 1882 by the Servant of God, Father Michael McGivney – one day, we hope, to be canonized – the Knights began as a fraternal organization for Catholic men, mostly immigrants or their sons, who longed for the support of their faith, camaraderie with fellow Catholics, a chance to serve the Church, and financial security through insurance.

Those initial goals are still there, but the Knights are now the largest Catholic voluntary organization in the nation, renowned as well for their vast service to causes such as assistance to those mentally and physically challenged, promotion of Catholic schools, encouragement of vocations to the priesthood, advocacy for Christians persecuted throughout the world, pro-life efforts, and defense of the nature of marriage and family as revealed by God.

As I commented to the leadership of the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, "Most people visit me to ask me to do something for them; you always show-up asking me how you can help! Most visit me to ask for money; you stop-by to give some! Thanks!"

Bishops, priests, deacons, sisters, brothers, and lay pastoral leaders will tell you: you need something done? Go to the Knights of Columbus. Jesus preached, "Not everyone who says 'Lord, Lord' will enter my kingdom, but only those who do the will of my Father." Actions speak louder than words! That describes the Knights.

I go to parishes – there they are;

I go to school fund-raisers – the Knights of Columbus are there;

Soup kitchens for the poor? There they are;

Abortion clinics? The Knights are there in protest;

Before the Eucharist in adoration? Again I see them;

The Special Olympics? The Knights are in charge.

For years, human rights advocates have tried to convince the American government to declare the persecution of Christians occurring, in epidemic proportions today, as genocide. No luck . . . until the Knights of Columbus took on the task. Now it's official. My first pastor used to refer to a person who quietly, reliably, and effectively lived out his faith as "salt of the earth," a term Jesus used. That's the Knights of Columbus! **Timothy Cardinal Dolan**

All men over 18 are invited to join the OLV parish Knights of Columbus, the world's largest men's fraternal organization. Upcoming events include a fishing trip, paintball expedition, skeet-shooting and golf outing. For more info or to join, call Greg Evanela at 768-5752.

## CHECK OUT THE BOOK RACKS

We have plenty of interesting books, booklets, and pamphlets as well as children's books and other items. The summer is a perfect time to learn more about your faith.

## KIDZ KORNER

1. The Holy Spirit appeared as what on Pentecost?
2. Who is the Holy Spirit?
3. What woman was in the Upper Room when the Holy Spirit arrived?
4. After the Holy Spirit left, the apostles were able to do what?
5. What Sacrament is closely associated with the Holy Spirit?

Answers on page four.

**America is a country which produces citizens who will cross the ocean to fight for democracy but won't cross the street to vote.**