

Our Lady of Victories Church

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

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

MASSES FOR THE HOLY DAY

Monday evening 5PM and 7PM Tuesday 6:30AM, 8AM, 12Noon (6PM Latin) and 7PM



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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, Joey Bulger, Rich Ferrara, Kathy Freeburn, Marylou Goreb, Thomas Haring, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Lisa LoSchiavo, Joseph LoVecchio, Anne Matthaei, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, George Rush, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Jim Walsh, Mary Younghans.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"You want to know on what our faithfulness is founded? I would say, in broad outline, that it is based on loving God, which makes us overcome all kinds of obstacles: selfishness, pride, tiredness, impatience ... A man in love tramples on his own self. He is aware that even when he is loving with all his soul, he isn't yet loving enough."

St. Jose Maria Escriva **THE FORGE** pg 203

CCD ANNOUNCEMENT

If you haven't done so already, please register your children for this upcoming CCD year as soon as possible. We are putting together the class rosters and finalizing the teachers' assignments. All first graders must be enrolled in the program this year if they are to receive their First Communion next year. You can register online at olvhp.org or call the CCD Office 201-768-1400.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL COOP TEST

In order to apply to the 32 Catholic high schools in the four counties within the Archdiocese of Newark, students in the 8th grade must take the 2018 COOP Exam. The exam will be given on Friday, November 10, 2017. For additional information, please call 1-888-921-2667 or visit www.coopexam.org.

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

This sacrament is offered EVERY Saturday from 11:00AM to Noon and 3:00-3:30PM. Every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 7:30AM as well as every First Friday at 6:30PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

WE ARE AT WAR

Dear Parents, not only are we at war in the Middle East; we are in a spiritual battle for the souls of our children each and every day. On Tuesday afternoons from 2:00PM-3:00PM we have a group who are praying the **Mary - Mother of All Nations Novena** to help win this war – come join us in this crucial battle. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

STEWARDSHIP

MY FAMILY – MY PARISH – MY RESPONSIBILITY

If you are away for the weekend or are on vacation, please mail Your Weekly Offering to the Rectory. **Our expenses continue even in your absence.**

APOLOGETICS

Defend your Catholic Faith but first learn more about it. Visit www.biblechristiansociety.com to learn more about Roman Catholicism.

ATTEND THE HOLY HOUR

Why don't you stop by the Church on Thursday evenings at 7PM and **bask in the brilliant rays of our Eucharistic Lord.**

"Mary, Queen of light, light the souls of sinners. Sunday is the property of our good God; it is his own day, the Lord's day."

Saint John Vianney

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A COURAGEOUS CHOICE

2000 years ago, an angel announced the pregnancy of a young unmarried girl. The courageous choice made by that young woman to give birth in difficult circumstances, supported by a man named Joseph, still stands as a model of God's way to handle unplanned pregnancy.

SUNDAY ATTIRE

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

DALMATION DUTIES

A nursery school teacher was delivering a station wagon full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one youngster. "No," said another, "he's just for good luck" A third child brought the argument to a close..."They use the dogs", she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrant."

FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORES

IN HIGH SCHOOL

If you are in high school and have not made your Confirmation and would like to — you must be registered ASAP. See or call Deacon Al.

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.

Relevant Radio—1430 AM

Tune in to Relevant Radio, the largest Catholic radio network in the nation. Its local station 1430AM, has fast become a growing Catholic radio presence here in the Archdiocese of Newark and the greater New York/Tri-State area, sharing news and insights into our Catholic Faith. Listen online at www.relevantradio.com and on the FREE mobile app.

CLOTHING BINS

Summertime is a time to relax. During this leisure time, would you be willing to go through your closets to get rid of all those unwanted heavy winter clothes and shoes which served you so well during the winter season? Please donate them to the Catholic Charities bin located on the Church grounds. Thank you for helping Catholic Charities continue its mission.

GOING ON VACATION

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

"Besides the Holy Mass there is nothing more powerful or important we can do, for ourselves or those around us, than praying the Holy Rosary while meditating on Christ's life, death, and glory."

St. Louis De Montfort

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Aug 15—Tue—Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Aug 15 -Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
Aug 16 - Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM
Aug 17 - Thu - Holy Hour 7:00PM
Aug 18 -Fri– Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM
Aug 19 - Sat—Confessions 11:00-12:00Noon 3:00-3:25PM
Aug 19 -Sat—AA basement of Church 6:30-8:30PM

THE ASSUMPTION

August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption. It is the oldest exclusively Marian feast, and her most important day. It is Mary's "Easter". In the Western (Latin) Church it is the only Marian Feast with a vigil Mass; in the Eastern Churches, it is preceded by a two-week Lent-style fast. Although the Church believed in Mary's Assumption since the 5th century, it was not until 1950 that it was universally declared a dogma of the Church. We may never know which came first, the chicken or the egg; perhaps it is not even that important. However, on certain Marian Feasts, like Mary's Assumption into Heaven, we can easily stray into heresy if we do not know who came first; Mary the Mother or Jesus Christ the Son. The Feast of the Assumption commemorates Mary's entrance, body and soul, into heaven. An awesome event which was made possible because Jesus Christ rose from the dead and ascended into heaven! Mary's assumption into heaven is the result or fruit of her Son's Death, Resurrection and Ascension. As the Preface on Christ's Ascension says, "Where Christ has gone, we hope to follow." So why should we doubt that Mary, who was born without Original Sin, now enjoys this hope, and is already in heaven? To the Eastern Churches, this feast is called the "Dormition" or "Falling Asleep" of Mary. Since Mary was free from original sin, she did not have to suffer the worst consequence of Original Sin – Death. According to Eastern Tradition, at the end of Mary's earthly journey, Mary "fell asleep" and was taken body and soul into heaven. An ancient legend about St. Thomas the Apostle, a.k.a. Doubting Thomas, concerns this feast. According to Scripture, St. Thomas did not believe in the Resurrection until he saw the Risen Lord and probed his hand in Jesus' nail prints in his hands, feet and side. According to legend, Thomas would not believe that Mary was assumed into heaven until Mary dropped her belt from heaven to prove that she was "up there". Legends aside, why should WE doubt that Mary is in heaven. This is exactly what Jesus promised to all who follow His Way, and trust in God, and place their lives in His Father's Hands. Mary's Assumption is important and comforting to us because it shows what Jesus promised, what Jesus has done for His Mother, and what He will do for each of US – His faithful people.

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 atrium of the Church.

OLV CDA "NEEDLERS"

Learn how to knit, crochet, quilt, embroider, cross-stitch and needle point. Bring the needle craft project that you are working on. Complete the sweater that has been in the back of your closet for years or make a new family heirloom. We meet every Wednesday evening in the OLV Rectory from 6:30-8:30PM. Call Renee Tringali 201-768-0648.

ROSARY

THE SOURCE: (Telegraph.co.uk).

In May 2009 a much-loved priest, Monsignor William Kerr, collapsed with a stroke while delivering a sermon in Tallahassee. Monsignor Kerr had been speaking about his very first hospital assignment, ministering to a young burn victim dying from his injuries. Later, he was called on to perform an even more ghastly duty. He was called to a sorority house at FSU where the young female victims of serial killer Ted Bundy were lying dead or dying. Monsignor got the call from police in the middle of the night. When he arrived, he was told all but one girl was dead, murdered by a serial killer later identified as Ted Bundy. After giving Last Rites, the then Father Kerr was asked by the police to speak to the one girl who survived unscathed. They wanted to know how it was she survived the brutal attacks, because Bundy had stopped right inside her dorm room, dropped his weapon and left without touching her. But the girl would speak to no one but a priest. When Father was able to speak with the near catatonic girl, she told him that her mother had made her promise before leaving home for college that each night before going to bed she would pray the Rosary for protection. She had done exactly that the night when Bundy came into her room with murder on his mind. Though fast asleep, the beads were still clutched in her hands. Later, Bundy would tell Monsignor that when he entered the girl's room, he just couldn't go on; he dropped his weapon and fled. Hopefully this encourages all of us to continue or start praying our daily Rosary.

GOAT FOR DINNER

The young couple invited their elderly pastor for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the pastor asked their son what they were having. "Goat," the little boy replied. "Goat?" replied the startled man of the cloth, "Are you sure about that?" "Yep," said the youngster. "I heard Dad say to Mom, 'Today is just as good as any to have the old goat for dinner.'"

PRAY for THOSE in the MILITARY

Private First Class 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;
Private 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;
Colonel John McLaughlin, US Army;
Lieutenant John G. Miele, US Army.

FRIDAY ADORATION

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

Why do I have to swear on the Bible in court when the Ten Commandments cannot be displayed outside?

PRAYER FOR OVERWHELMED

All loving, gentle God, I sometimes feel overwhelmed with daily life and all that it may bring. I believe that you are always there for me. Help me to trust more in Your Presence. Give me the strength and courage I need to face my life with confidence in Your Presence and love. Through Your grace, may I open my hands, release the cares I feel, and the troubles I face, and let them go to You. My loving God, I believe You will take my cares and troubles to Yourself. Help me free myself from all of life's anxiety and fear. I love You, my God. Let me feel the comfort of Your love, the warmth of Your embrace and the healing power of Your gentle touch. My Lord and my God, I place my life completely in Your hands. Amen.

ANNOYING HABIT

A couple of aunts of mine had the annoying habit of coming up to me at weddings, poking me in the ribs and cackling, "You're next!" They stopped after I started doing the same to them at funerals.

FYI

If you have children, pharmacists recommend that no medicine cabinet or home be complete without:

- 1) liquid Benadryl – for allergic reactions.
- 2) Ipecac* – to combat accidental poisoning – *only use after calling the poison control hotline 1-800-962-1253, and they inform you to administer it.

THOUGHTS OF SAINTS

"In times of aridity when I am incapable of praying, of practicing virtue, I seek little opportunities, mere trifles, to give pleasure to Jesus; for instance a smile, a pleasant word when inclined to be silent and to show weariness. If I find no opportunities, I at least tell Him again and again that I love Him; that is not difficult and it keeps alive the fire in my heart. Even though this fire of love might seem extinct, I would still throw little straws upon the embers, and I am certain it would rekindle."

Saint Therese Lisieux, "The Little Flower"

THINGS I LEARNED

On a positive note, I've learned that, no matter what happens, how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow. I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles four things: a rainy day, the elderly, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights. I've learned that, regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life. I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back. I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But if you focus on your family, your friends, the needs of others, your work and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you. I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision. I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. I've learned that every day, you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch -- holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. I've learned that I still have a lot to learn!

Jesus asked one thing from us!!!

On His last night of earth (Holy Thursday) Jesus asked His disciples one thing – to stay awake with Him for one hour. Every Thursday evening we at OLV try to fulfill this request by having a Holy Hour from 7-8PM. Join us in carrying out Jesus' request.

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 14–St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

8:00 William Ellis R/b Joann Ellis
 12:00 Helen Green R/b the Zwerle Family
 5:00 Rev. Thomas F. Kehoe R/b William and Carole DeBrino
 7:00 Special Intention

Tuesday, August 15– Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 Charles Burruano R/b Family
 8:00 Rev. Zachary H. Monet, O.Carm. R/b Pat Consoli
 12:00 Alice Ruiz R/b the LoSchiavo Family
 6:00 Latin Intentions of Mary Ann Moeser
 7:00 Marino, Rubino, Santora & Scott Families R/b Tony and Laura Scott

Wednesday, August 16 -St. Stephen – King of Hungary

8:00 Mary Thomassen R/b the Barrett Family
 12:00 Intentions of Carole Deignon R/b Joe and Johanna Healy

Thursday, August 17–St. Hyacinth of Silesia, Poland-Priest

8:00 Michael Giotta - 4th Anniversary R/b the Giotta Family
 12:00 James Fulgenzi R/b Family

Friday, August 18 – St. Helena, Widow

8:00 Kathy Kruimer R/b Peter and Eileen Kruimer
 12:00 Margarita Bernardo—2nd Anniversasry R/b the Mariano Family

Saturday, August 19– St. John Eudes of France-Priest

8:00 Kevin Lagatol R/b the Lagatol Family
 12:00 In Thanksgiving R/b George and Gail Fabiano

4:00 Michael Giotta R/b the Giotta Family

5:00 Joseph B. Quaglietta — 50th Anniversary R/b Gloria Quaglietta

Sunday, August 20-St. Bernard of Burgundy, France-Abbot

7:30 Clare Burruano R/b Mike and Maria Hellrigel
 8:15 Mary Healy

9:30 Elizabeth Barrett R/b Al and Mary Clare McLaughlin

10:45 Domenica Scrivanich R/b the Busanic Family

12:00 Terence Boyle R/b Joan Gaffney

1:00 People of the parish

6:00 Thomas F. Lagatol II R/b the Lagatol Family

7:00 Marie Sheehan R/b the Adamcik Family

Sanctuary Memorials

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

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Michael Giotta, r/b Anne Giotta.

The St. Joseph Votive Votive Lamp burns this week for repose of the soul of Michael Giotta, r/b Helga and Henry Vertullo.

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

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.

THE FAMILY

A hectic family life can be hazardous to a Christian family. Is life so rushed that you don't have time to be a Good Samaritan? We will be judged by our compassion, not by how much we accomplish each day.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. 30 years. 2. 33 years. 3. The Wedding in Cana. 4. Mary. 5. Yes.

Feed your faith and your fears will starve.

ASSUMPTION OF MARY

The Catholic Church teaches that Mary, "when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory." (CCC 966) We call it the Assumption. This dogma of the Church was pronounced definitively by Pope Pius XII in 1950. Where is the evidence for this? In the liturgy for the Assumption, we read from Revelation 12 where St. John talks about the woman "clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars" and how she "had a place prepared by God."

The Catechism says that "The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians." (CCC 966) In other words, Mary, as the first Christian, is rightly the first to participate in the resurrection of the body that we believe we will all participate in. This is not something that Mary did on her own. She did not ascend into Heaven. She couldn't. Rather, our loving God saw fit to reward the Mother of God "so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." (CCC 966)

Catholics believe that the Blessed Virgin Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven. The Catechism of the Catholic Church in paragraph 966 says that the Assumption is "a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians." But where do we find evidence of this belief?

Interestingly, perhaps the most convincing evidence for the Assumption is actually a lack of physical evidence. What do I mean by that? In short, the bones of Mary are nowhere to be found. Why is this important?

In ancient times, the bones of saints and martyrs were closely guarded and highly prized. With many, there are great churches and shrines built over the final resting places of these holy people. If this is the case, then how much more venerated would be the bones of the Mother of God? Yet no church claims to have them. Why? Because they are nowhere to be found on earth. Mary is now in heaven "exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things." (CCC 966)

WHO IS RIGHT?????

Jehovah's Witness' have been known to say that God's name is **Jehovah**. Is this true? The Hebrew name for God, as given in the Book of Exodus, is Yahweh. Ancient Hebrew did not have written vowels; therefore, the name looked like this: YHWH. The four letters of the sacred Name are known as the tetragrammaton. In German, Y can be replaced by J and W by V, so that it would come out thus: JHVH. When certain vowels are inserted, "Jehovah" emerges. However, the substitutions are shaky, and the best proof that the whole process is faulty is that Jews today know the Lord's Name as Yahweh, not Jehovah.

WORK FOR THE LORD

Become a Priest or Religious Brother or Sister. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low, **BUT** the retirement benefits are out of this world. For information see Fr. Bryan or call the Vocations Office at 973-497-4365.

IT'S IN THE BIBLE

The phrase "A bottomless pit," referring to a hole so deep and dark it seems to go on and on, comes to us from Revelations 9:1.

THINK ABOUT IT

- Money will buy a bed, but not sleep.
- Money will buy books, but not brains.
- Money will buy food, but not an appetite.
- Money will buy finery, but not beauty.
- Money will buy a house, but not a home.
- Money will buy medicine, but not health.
- Money will buy luxuries, but not culture.
- Money will buy amusement, but not happiness.
- Money will buy one a religion, but not salvation.

Two Beggars

Two beggars were sitting side-by-side on a street in Rome. One has a cross in front of him; the other one, the Star of David. Many people go by and look at both beggars, but put money only in the hat of the beggar sitting behind the cross. The Pope comes by, stops and watches throngs of people giving money to the beggar behind the cross, but giving none to the beggar sitting behind the Star of David.

Finally, the Pope goes over to the beggar behind the Star of David and says, "My poor fellow, don't you understand? This is a Catholic country; this city is the seat of Catholicism. People aren't going to give money if you sit there with a Star of David in front of you, especially when you're sitting beside a beggar who has a cross in front of him. In fact, they would probably give money to him just out of spite." The beggar behind the Star of David listened to the Pope, turned to the other beggar with the cross and said, "Moishe, look who's trying to teach the Goldstein brothers about marketing."

GOING TO HEAVEN

Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and asks the first man he meets, "Do you want to go to heaven?" The man said, "I do, Father." The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall." Then the priest asked the second man, "Do you want to go to heaven?" "Certainly, Father," the man replied. "Then stand over there against the wall," said the priest. Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and asked, "Do you want to go to heaven?" O'Toole said, "No, I don't Father." The priest said, "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?" O'Toole said, "Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now."

THE FAMILY IS A GIFT

The Major Archbishop of Syro-Malabar Catholics has written a pastoral letter to his flock informing them that it is the duty of Catholic couples to have children, and they should not consider children an unnecessary burden. Cardinal Varkey Vithayathil, Cardinal Archbishop of Ernakulam, India has said that the family is a very special gift, one that allows humanity to mimic and experience heavenly joys, "Family is the arena where heavenly mysteries are lived out. Family meals in our homes should become similar to the commemoration of the Last Supper of our Lord". The Cardinal also warned against the great temptation to spend extravagantly on marriage ceremonies.

KIDZ KORNER

1. How old was Jesus when He started His ministry in Israel?
2. How old was Jesus when He was imprisoned and crucified?
3. Where did Jesus perform His first miracle?
4. Who was taken up to Heaven on the Assumption?
5. According to Tradition, was Mary an only child?

Answers on page four.

Believe in miracles.