

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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SUNDAY, September 3, 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

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 - 3:30pm

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

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

GOD USES DODOS

"God is looking for dodos. There are a lot of people who know it can't be done, so they don't do it, But a dodo doesn't know it can't be done. God uses dodos. And I'm a dodo." **Mother Angelica**

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

Our Lord told St. Margaret Mary Alacoque that individuals should go to confession **at a minimum once a month**. This sacrament is offered EVERY Saturday from 11:00AM to Noon and 3:00-3:30PM, every morning at 7:30AM, as well as every First Friday at 7:00PM. 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 pray the **Mary - Mother of All Nations Novena** to help win this war – come join us in this crucial battle. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

NEED BAPTISM, FIRST COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION

If you want to become a Roman Catholic or complete your Initiation into the Church, the RCIA is for you! For more information, phone the rectory. *Adult Catholics* who have not yet celebrated *Confirmation*, should also contact the rectory for preparation class information.

Divorced & Separated Catholics

OLV is pleased to offer a support group to all divorced and separated Catholics. The group will begin in October and meet one evening per week. To register or for info, call Maria at the rectory 201-768-1706.

CCD Registration

The CCD office is accepting registrations for the CCD program starting in September. If you would like to register or re-register your children, please contact the CCD office at 201-768-1400, or email olvhpccd@gmail.com, and we will send a registration form to you.

MARRIED COUPLES

Married couples who attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend go home more in love with each other than ever! To receive information and a registration brochure, call Mike and Janet Turco at 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880 or email njwwme@peoplepc.com or check us out on FACEBOOK.

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

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

Norwood PreSchool

Enrolling now for the 2017-18 School Year
Christina Guirland, Owner—201-767-9909

155 Parkway, Harrington Park. Grow NJ Kids Participant, Spacious Indoor & Outdoor play areas, Yoga and Music Class included, Nutritious meals and organic milk provided, Before & After Care services available for Harrington Park Public School, After Care services available for Norwood Public School, Pro-rated summer tuition, Sibling Discount, **\$100 registration fee waived when you mention ad in church bulletin.**

Mass in Remembrance of 9/11

Monday, September 11, 7:00PM at OLV

PARISH PICNIC

Plans are under way for our parish picnic, which will be held on Sunday, September 24, 1:30p.m. to 5:30p.m. on the parish grounds. In addition to great food, entertainment is planned for young and old: Colors the Clown, cotton candy, popcorn, sno-cones and a bounce house. Tickets for the picnic are \$10.00 per person / family cap \$25.00 (Mother, Father, and minor children). Tickets may be purchased at the rectory or outside Church after Mass starting next weekend. We hope that you will join the festivities.

HARVEST OF HOPE FOOD DRIVE

During the month of September, you can help a neighbor in need by bringing a bag of food to the HARVEST OF HOPE FOOD DRIVE for the Emergency Food and Nutrition Network of Catholic Charities (CCEFNN). In 2016 the CCEFNN provided emergency food to over 45,000 hungry men, women and children through a network of 50 church food pantries in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, and Union Counties. Your help can put food on the table and hope back into lives of our brothers and sisters facing difficult times.

ANOINTING MASS AT OLV

On Saturday, October 7, at 12noon OLV parish will have a Mass for the Sick which will include the Anointing of the Sick during Mass. Afterward there will be a light lunch in the lower church. All elderly and sick are invited – please contact the rectory at 201-768-1706 so we can properly plan for the event— our church is handicap accessible. **Fr. Bonaventure Rummel of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal** will celebrate the sacrament. Participants will be able to venerate a relic of St Peregrine patron saint of those suffering from cancer.

OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, October 7th

6:00pm-8:00pm

\$20/adult, \$5/child, \$50 family cap

Tickets are available after Mass or at the rectory.

Knockwurst, Frankfurters, and Bratwursts,
German Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Potato Pancakes, Red Cabbage
Dessert and Music

**Sponsored by OLV Knights of Columbus—
proceeds go to help feed the homeless in Newark.**

FRIDAY OCT 13, 2017

On Friday October 13, 2017 at 7:30PM to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the last apparition at Fatima, OLV will be having a Mass celebrated by **Fr. John Paul Superior General of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

To be **Reader**...Will you speak God's Words to us at Mass? To be a **Eucharistic Minister**...Will you help in offering us God's Body and Blood? To be an **Usher**...Will you collect the offerings of the people to be presented to God? To be an **Altar Server**...Will you serve at the altar of Christ? **Choir Member**...Will you share your musical talents and gifts with us? How can anyone say no? Please consider joining one of Parish Ministry Teams. Although you will only have to serve once a month, your service to our parish and our liturgies will leave an everlasting mark on all you minister to! Please contact Deacon Al or Father Bryan or call Maria at the rectory.

**The task ahead of us is never as great as the
Power behind us.**

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Sep 5—Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
Sep 6 - Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM
Sep 9 - Sat - AA Meeting lower church 7:00PM
Sep 11—Mon—Mass – In Remembrance of 9/11 7:00PM
Sep 19—Tue—Catholic Daughters of the Americas 7:00PM
Sep 20—Wed—Moms, Pops & Tots 9:30-11:30AM
Sep 21—Thu—Rosary Society 12:00PM Mass & Mtg or 6:00PM Mtg
Sep 24—Sun—Parish Picnic 1:30-5:30PM
Oct 7—Sat—Mass with Anointing of the Sick 12:00Noon
Oct 7—Sat—K of C OKTOBERFEST 6:00-8:00PM

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 lafrate, 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.

HIGH SCHOOL COOP EXAM

Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic high school in Fall 2018! The High School Placement Test (HSPT®) administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Program for Catholic high schools will be given on Friday, November 10, 2017. Registration for this exam is online at www.njcoopexam.org beginning September 1st. For more information about the Cooperative Admissions Program go to www.catholicschools.nj.org.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON PRAYER GROUP

Every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00PM-3:00PM we have a group who are praying a **Marian Novena Rosary** in Church in front of the Blessed Sacrament. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

CANCER

Because cancer is one of the leading causes of death today, here are some common signs and symptoms that may be caused by undetected cancer in its early stages. Although all of these warning signs can have other causes, you should see your physician immediately if you notice any of them. The doctor can examine you and give you the best chance for a cure.

- A scab, sore, or ulcer that does not heal within 3 weeks.
- A skin blemish or mole that enlarges, bleeds, or itches.
- A lump or swelling beneath the skin.
- Recurrent indigestion or difficulty swallowing.
- Hoarseness that lasts for more than a week.
- A persistent cough or coughing up blood.
- Any change in bowel or bladder habits.
- Blood in the stool or urine.

SUMMER ENVELOPES

We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail or deliver their weekly envelopes to the parish office while you are out of town on vacation this summer. As many of you understand, our parish expenses and obligations do not take a vacation when you do, so it is very helpful to be able to rely on your continued support even when you cannot personally attend Mass here at OLV.

Do You Have a First Grader?

Time to register for CCD! Please call the CCD Office at 201-768-1400 or email olvhpccd@gmail.com for a registration form and information. Classes begin on September 17/18.

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.

High School Open House

Bergen Catholic—Sunday September 24 from 1-3. Registration can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. Any questions email Matt Rosa, Director of Admissions, at mrosa@bergencatholic.org.

Knights of Columbus

All men over 18 are invited to join the OLV Knights of Columbus, the world's largest men's fraternal organization. For more information or to join, please contact Greg Evanella 201-784-5752.

PADRE PIO

The saintly stigmatized Padre Pio was always a merciless enemy of feminine vanity: he never tolerated low-necked dresses, short and or tight fitting skirts, and forbade his spiritual children to wear transparent stockings. In the last few years of his life, his severity increased enormously, as fashions became more and more immodest. He unrelentingly dismissed from his confessional before they could step inside, all women judged to be incorrectly dressed. By 1967, on some mornings, he turned them away one after another, until he ended up confessing very few. His brethren noticed this with a certain unease; then, they decided to post on the door of the church a warning: "By Padre Pio's explicit wish, women must enter the confessional wearing skirts AT LEAST 8 INCHES BELOW KNEE. It is forbidden to borrow longer dresses in church and to wear them in the confession." The beginning of the struggle with no concessions whatsoever coincided more or less with the advent of the mini-skirt, launched by the English girl Mary Quant. It had not yet reached Italy as Padre Pio was thundering against short skirts. As fashion houses announced: "Eight inches above the knee", Padre Pio warned: "Eight inches below the knee".

When summer comes, a pastor of souls worries a little more than usual about the salvation of the flock that Our Lord has confided to him. He knows that, in the summer season, souls are more exposed to occasions of offending God, "of attacking God with His own gifts", especially through sinful fashions of dress. Our Lady said to Sister Lucy at Fatima: "There will be fashions which will greatly offend My Divine Son". Today's fashions prove Our Lady's words true, for these fashions are occasions of sin, occasions, alas, of serious sin by reason of the sinful thoughts and desires which they provoke. In the Gospel, Our Lord warned us about such evil desires: "But I say to you that whosoever shall look on a woman to lust after her, hath already committed adultery with her in his heart". (Mt 5:28).

In the life of Saint Frances of Rome, we read of a vision of Hell which was granted her, and which lasted for four hours. God willed to show her in the fires of Hell, certain ladies whom she had known in Roman society. For what sins had these souls been damned? They had been damned: - for guilty desires, even though these had not been put into act. - for indecent styles of dress, which were the fashion of the day, and which had been a cause of seduction and of sin, for dances, considered inoffensive by the world. This vision of Hell so marked Saint Frances of Rome, that she had it painted on the murals of her chapel, as a constant reminder of the judgments of God. God then gave her the mission of drawing the Roman ladies out of their luxury and their vanity.

Sanctuary Offerings

Mass intentions for the living and the deceased are available for 2017 at Our Lady of Victories Church and Convent. The Altar Flowers, Bread and Wine and the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church and in the Convent can be dedicated on a weekly basis. The offering for ALL MASSES throughout the Archdiocese is \$10.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Challenge of Consumption

Pope Benedict XVI, in the homily given at his Mass on inauguration as Pope, raised the spectre of the deserts that are growing on the planet, deserts that are both spiritual and material. The Pope said that it cannot be a matter of unconcern that so many of our contemporaries are living in the desert. "There is the desert of poverty, the desert of hunger and thirst, the desert of abandonment. These external deserts are growing," he asserted, "because the internal deserts have become so vast. Therefore the earth's treasures no longer serve to build God's garden for all to live in, but they have been made to serve the powers of exploitation and destruction."

PAPAL BLESSING REQUESTS

Papal Blessings can be obtained from the Vatican Office in Rome or from the Apostolic Nunciature in Washington, DC. Individuals named in the blessing must be practicing Catholics. In general, a Papal blessing is customarily sought on the following occasions: Priests' First Mass, parish Religious events, e.g., anniversaries, Religious Profession or Entrance into Consecrated Life, Anniversaries of Priestly Ordination, Religious Profession; Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Wedding Anniversary, Birthday or a General Blessing. If interested, please contact the Parish Office.

Moms, Pops & Tots

OLV has a playgroup for infants and children ages 1-5. Join us Wednesday, September 20 at 9:30am. For info: Renee 201-768-0648.

LEARN TO KNIT/CROCHET

The OLV Catholic Daughters meets every Wednesday evening in the rectory and will teach you to knit or crochet. For more info, contact Renee Tringali at 201-768-0648.

JOIN OLV Power House PRAYER GROUP

This prayer group is one that each and every parishioner could and should join - even children can become members. A person who joins is given a couple of names of sick, dying or injured individuals who need prayers. Each and every day you then pray for the people. It is that easy and simple so become one of our prayer team members. There are no meetings, so this apostolate is wonderful for all, including those parishioners who are homebound. For information, phone Maria at the rectory.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

If you are a woman over the age of 18 and looking for a ministry at Our Lady of Victories that will fulfill your desire to become more active within the church community, CDA is for you. We invite you to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, September 19, at 7:00PM, in the lower church for coffee and cake. At this meeting we will talk about some of the many worthwhile CDA projects in local communities and throughout the nation, e.g. scholarships - Gr. 8 through college, guest speakers, fund raising, unwed mothers, homelessness, and morality in the media. If you would like to attend the meeting or become a member, contact ReneeTringali@gmail.com or 913-2580.

IT'S IN THE BIBLE

The phrase "Den of thieves", used to describe an area in which we would not want to be, comes to us from Jeremiah 7:11.

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 4-St. Rosalia of Palermo, Italy-Virgin

8:00 Irene Louise Ricciardi R/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi
Ann Latronica

NO 12:00 MASS TODAY.

Tuesday, September 5-St. Teresa of Calcutta

8:00 Cora Zaccaro R/b the Zaccaro Family
12:00 Thomas F. Lagatol II R/b the Lagatol Family

Wednesday, September 6-BI. Bertrand of Garrigues, France-Priest

8:00 Joseph Quinn R/b the Barrett Family
12:00 Rev. Henry Goodwin, O.Carm. R/b the Zwerle Family

Thursday, September 7-St. Regina of Alise, France-Virgin-Martyr

8:00 Ann McGuire R/b the Barrett Family
12:00 Wesly Kelly R/b Monika Senicar

Friday, September 8 - The Birth of Mary

8:00 Rev. Zachary H. Monet, O.Carm. R/b Pat Consoli
12:00 William Pizzute R/b Bill and Cathy Ryan

Saturday, September 9-St. Peter Claver of Catalonia, Spain-Priest

8:00 Catherine Fallon
12:00 Chris and Mary Schwindel R/b Joan Gaffney

4:00 Rita Fanelli R/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi
5:00 Elizabeth Pfeiffer R/b the Evanelle Family

Sunday, September 10 -St. Nicholas of Tolentine

7:30 Joseph Schmetter R/b Ed and Mary Gormley
8:15 Rev. John Laskoski-40th Anniversary R/b the Evanelle Family

9:30 William and Irene O'Neill R/b the Reeves Family
10:45 Richard Murphy R/b the McAuley Family

12:00 Dr. Joseph Pizzurro R/b Rae Rinaldi
1:00 Ezequiel Ramirez Geniz R/b the Ramirez-Geniz Family

6:00 Angela Maurcier R/b Bill and Anne Cote
7:00 Helen Lombardi R/b Bob and Roe Murphy

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Patricia Rube, r/b Ria and Tom Ragusa

The Convent Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the souls in Purgatory .
The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the intentions

of Lisa LoSchiavo, r/b OLV Knights of Columbus
The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week for a special intention, r/b the Werner 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 serve in defense of our country.

LEARN YOUR FAITH

Defend your Catholic Faith, but first learn more about it. Check out this site to learn more about Roman Catholicism - biblechristiansociety.com/

AIDS AWARENESS

If we ignore AIDS until one of our friends or family becomes infected, it will be too late. Prevent AIDS by spreading the facts, not the fear.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. Santa Susanna
2. Los Angeles with 5 million RCs
3. The Cathedral of San Fernando in San Antonio - 1738
4. St. Patrick's in NYC
5. Sixteen (16)
6. over 19,000

"It is not enough to be Christian in name; it behooves us to be such in fact." **St. Ignatius of Antioch**

Feed your faith and your fears will starve.

COMFORT

A nurse took the tired, anxious serviceman to the bedside. "Your son is here," she said to the old man. She had to repeat the words several times before the patient's eyes opened. Heavily sedated because of the pain of his heart attack, he dimly saw the young uniformed Marine standing outside the oxygen tent. He reached out his hand. The Marine wrapped his toughened fingers around the old man's limp ones, squeezing a message of love and encouragement. The nurse brought a chair so that the Marine could sit beside the bed. All through the night, the young Marine sat there in the poorly lighted ward, holding the old man's hand and offering him words of love and strength. Occasionally, the nurse suggested that the Marine move away and rest awhile.

He refused. Whenever the nurse came into the ward, the Marine was oblivious of her and of the night noises of the hospital - the clanking of the oxygen tank, the laughter of the night staff members exchanging greetings, the cries and moans of the other patients. Now and then she heard him say a few gentle words. The dying man said nothing, only held tightly to his son all through the night. Along towards dawn, the old man died. The Marine released the now lifeless hand he had been holding and went to tell the nurse. While she did what she had to do, he waited.

Finally, she returned. She started to offer words of sympathy, but the Marine interrupted her. "Who was that man?" he asked. The nurse was startled, "He was your father," she answered. "No, he wasn't," the Marine replied. "I never saw him before in my life." "Then why didn't you say something when I took you to him?" "I knew right away there had been a mistake, but I also knew he needed his son, and his son just wasn't here. When I realized that he was too sick to tell whether or not I was his son, knowing how much he needed me, I stayed." The next time someone needs you ... just be there. Stay. WE ARE NOT HUMAN BEINGS GOING THROUGH A TEMPORARY SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE. WE ARE SPIRITUAL BEINGS GOING THROUGH A TEMPORARY HUMAN EXPERIENCE.

SECOND HAND SMOKE---HOW KIDS PAY

According to the University of Massachusetts Medical Center study, each year tobacco smoke (second hand smoke) is responsible for:
 Up to 40% of the incidences of Sudden Infant Syndrome (SIDS).
 Up to 20% of lower respiratory infections in children under 5, such as bronchitis and pneumonia.
 Up to 13% of the asthma cases in youths 14 and under, and about 500,000 doctors' visits by children with symptoms of asthma.
 Up to 13% of the cases of otitis media, which is associated with fluid buildup, inflammation, and possible chronic infection of the middle ear.

REMINISCE

A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

ROOTED

As Catholics, we are to be rooted within a parish community, where we are obligated to come to 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 as a member of Our Lady of Victories Family.

A parish is not like a bus on which you pay your fare, and then sit passively to be driven by someone else to your destination. A parish is like a rowboat; there is a seat for everybody, and by every seat there is an oar.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend there will be a special collection to help with the relief efforts for the victims of Hurricane Harvey.

CLOTHING BINS

September is one of the busiest months of the year as students return to school and most adults resume a normal working schedule after summer vacation. Through the turbulence of your many demands, would you be willing to take some time to gather your unwanted clothing and shoes to help Catholic Charities? Drop them in the Catholic Charities bins located on the Church grounds. In addition to all forms of used clothing we also welcome small appliances, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals and books (no reference books).

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.

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.**

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.

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

That when St. Joan of Arc was burned to death at the stake, her heart was not consumed by the fire. The British threw it into the River Seir. The local faithful hoped that, as the fire was unable to destroy it, neither would the water; it has never been found.

RESPECT LIFE

In a statement so aptly describing our culture, Pope John Paul II wrote, "So great is the confusion at time that for many people the difference between good and evil is determined by the opinion of the majority, and even the time-honored protectors of human life – the family, the law and medicine – are sometimes made to serve the culture of death."

TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR PARISH'S APPEARANCE

At the end of each weekend the Church looks as if a tornado has touched down. The missals are tossed all over the pews and the floor. Tissues and a diverse assortment of garbage is strewn about. After the Masses please put the kneeler in upright position, place the missals back in their racks, (closed and facing upward), and please kindly dispose of the assorted garbage.

KIDZ KORNER

1. What's the name of the Catholic Church in Rome for Americans?
2. What is the largest Archdiocese in the US?
3. Which is the oldest Catholic cathedral in the US?
4. Which is the largest Catholic cathedral in the US?
5. How many American Cardinals are there?
6. How many Catholic parishes are there in the US?

Believe in miracles.