

Our Lady of Victories Church

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

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SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

First Friday: 7:00pm, 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

St Peregrine: First Friday 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.

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

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT CHARISMATIC

The word charism means a gift for others. If you apply the word charismatic to yourself, you're having a dream session. Because you can't decide you're charismatic, other people have to do it. But you see, when the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit, they got something they didn't have before: joy and knowledge and all the gifts of the Holy Spirit. They had the same problems they had before: the Pharisees were still after them; they were still being persecuted. They didn't forget their problems; they went out to meet them. That is what a Christian is supposed to do. And that is one of our witnesses. You are now a free people, a holy people. You are unafraid of pain or sorrow. You feel it, but you're not afraid of it.

Mother Angelica, Little Book of Life Lessons

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.**

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 Evarella 201-784-5752.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL

With such a large number of people attending our parish church we need to be careful in the parking lots. On Sunday mornings children run to and from CCD, elderly people walk to and from the church, and some individuals unnecessarily speed in the parking lot. In the past we've had a number of fender benders. So please be careful in the parking lot.

BABIES IN THE WOMB FEEL PAIN

LifeNet is working to end abortion at 20 weeks as babies in the womb experience pain during their abortion. So far 17 states have passed laws protecting pain capable babies. In New Jersey LifeNet's project 20/20 is to protect at 20 weeks post fertilization by the year 2020. For more information on this project or how you can help contact LifeNet at 171 Clinton Avenue Newark or 973-497-4500 or www.lifeneteducation.org.

ADORATION

Just a reminder we have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays from 12:30—3:00PM, Thursday night from 7:00PM—8:00PM, and Fridays from 12:30—3:00PM. **So stop by and adore Our Eucharistic Lord.**

NATIONAL PROLIFE ALLIANCE

Join the National ProLife Alliance to get a copy of LifeLine and get information where one can write to end American's Holocaust. 5211 Port Royal Road, Suite 500 Springfield Virginia 22151 or www.prolifealliance.com.

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.

The Triduum of Death:

The Forgotten Season of Allhallowtide

For most people, Halloween is just a fun (or sinister) secular holiday that stands on its own. But it actually used to be an important part of a short liturgical season focused on death, Allhallowtide.

All Saints' Day has been celebrated on November 1st since the first millennium. It was sometimes called Hallowmas (Hallow = holy/saint; mas = short for Mass), or All Hallows. Its origins were practical: With all the great martyrs and saints of the early Church, there weren't enough days in the year to honor them all. All Hallows was a catch-all day.

The Vigil for this important feast was called All Hallows' Eve, which got contracted to Halloween. It was often a day of fasting and praying in preparation for the great feast on All Hallows, which began in the evening with a Vigil Mass. There was also the popular belief (not of the Church) that the "veil" between our world and the spiritual realm of the dead was "thinnest" on this day.

In the 13th century, St. Odilo of Cluny popularized a feast for remembering and praying for all the dead, All Souls Day. While we ask the saints in heaven for their prayers, we pray for the rest of the faithful departed, in case they are suffering in purgatory.

This completed the triduum of death: All Hallows Eve, All Hallows, and All Souls. These feasts were so important that, in the mid-15th century, Pope Sixtus IV expanded the triduum into a full octave, or 8 day observance. This expanded form of Allhallowtide lasted for centuries until 1955, when it was eliminated by Pope Pius XII as a part of a greater (pre-Vatican II) liturgical reform.

This is why Allhallowtide is not normally celebrated today even by traditionalist Catholics, since the Extraordinary Form of the Mass follows the 1962 Roman Missal. Pray for the dead!

THURSDAY HOLY HOUR

Every Thursday at 7PM OLV has a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers and quiet time. Stop by and join us and make a visit to our Eucharistic Lord.

MOMS POPS & TOTS

MOM, POPS and TOTS is a playgroup for infants and children ages 1-5. Grandma, Grandpa, Au Pair and babysitters are welcome. All caregivers must remain with their children. There is no cost to attend. The group meets every Wednesday 9:30-11:30AM in the lower church.

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Advent

St. Andrew's Parish in Westwood will be running Dr. Brant Pitre's DVD series entitled "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Advent" on Thursdays, Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and Friday, Dec. 15 at 1:00 PM in the Parish Center. Have you ever felt that when Christmas comes around that you're just not ready? Of all the liturgical seasons of the year, Advent is certainly the most stressful, and it may be the most confusing. Catholics seem to have a good grasp of Christmas, Lent, and Easter. But what is the deeper meaning of Advent? And how can understanding this season help us better prepare for Christmas? In this series, Dr. Brant Pitre shows how a deeper understanding of the ancient Jewish prophecies of the Messiah can help unlock the hidden meanings of the season of Advent. Register: 201-666-5697.

OLV Boys & Girls Needed

Our Lady of Victories has a basketball program for you. Practices begin soon, and the games begin in December. **All Boys and Girls from grades Kindergarten to 8th grade** who would like to play basketball or would like more info' please contact John or KerryAnn Flahive at 201-750-2214.

Well done is better than well said.

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

- Nov 7 -Tue—Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
- Nov 8 –Wed—Moms, Pops and Tots 9:30-11:30AM
- Nov 8—Wed—Bible Study Group—10:00AM
- Nov 8 - Wed—OLV Needlers 6:30PM
- Nov 10 -Fri— Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM
- Nov 11 - Sat—Confessions 11:00-12:00Noon & 3:00-3:25PM
- Nov 11 -Sat—AA - lower Church 6:30-8:30PM
- Nov 18/19-Sat/Sun— CDA Christmas Bazaar
- Nov 19—Sun – Frozen Turkey Collection

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;
- Specialist Peter Dippolito, U.S. Army;
- Major Michael Franson, US Army;
- Sergeant First Class Charles Greene, US Army;
- Lieutenant Tara Harris, US Air Force;
- Lance Corporal 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.

PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

O Prince of peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion, the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Be their rock, their shield, and their stronghold and let them draw their strength from You. For You are God, for ever and ever.

SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT US

It is through the generosity of our advertisers that we are able to place this bulletin into your hands, each week, without cost to the Parish. Why not get into the habit of looking through the ads and giving your neighbors/merchants a chance to serve your needs. Tell them you read about them in the OLV Parish Bulletin.

OLV BIBLE STUDY

The OLV Bible Study Group meets on Wednesdays at 10:00a.m. in the Lower Church conference room. All are welcome to join us.

CALLING ALL SENIOR CITIZENS

Please join us! Immaculate Heart Academy Annual Senior Citizen free Thanksgiving dinner - Monday, November 20, 5-7PM in the IHA cafeteria. RSVP to IHA 201-445-6800 or sshutrop@ihanj.com

FORMER CATHOLICS

Know of any former Catholics or Catholics who no longer come to Mass, have them check out this website- CatholicsComeHome.org

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).

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 www.catholicleague.org or 450 Seventh Avenue, NY, NY 10123 and receive the journal, The Catalyst, which has articles detailing where Catholicism is under attack and by whom. As Christmas approaches, we will see secularism creep in and try to wrestle and strip the season of its Christian elements.

High School Open Houses

Wednesday, November 8, Bergen Catholic, 6:30-8:30pm. Register on the Admissions page on the Bergen Catholic Website. For info' contact Matt Rosa at mrosa@bergencatholic.org or call 201-634-4141.

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 6:30PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

THANKSGIVING FOOD & TURKEY DRIVE

OLV will be having a month-long canned food/imperishable food drive to help area food banks and help the less fortunate. We will also be hosting a one day frozen Turkey Drive on Sunday, November 19. Frozen turkeys must be delivered here to OLV Church by 12:30PM on the 19th.

OLV Social Concerns

OLV Social Concerns meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00PM in the lower church. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 14th. **New members are welcome!!**

DO YOU KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT YOUR FAITH

IF NOT, visit our bookrack and check out the vast selection of books, booklets, and pamphlets. It is always is a great time to read and become closer to God. Learn more about your faith, the Saints, Mary, Jesus, or pick up one of the inspirational books in stock. Check out some of our new and interesting titles. Don't have time to read? Listen to a CD in the car since we also have a wide variety of them.

CCD Corner

As you know throughout the year our children will be studying about the Mass and the important role it plays in the lives of all Catholics. Today at the 10:45 Mass our 7th graders will be serving as Ministers of the Word and Hospitality. Seeing the youth of OLV take an active role in ministry and service strengthens our parish as a community of faith. This is just a reminder that at the 10:45 Masses throughout the year, before the readings and homily, the children will be called forth to go downstairs to the church hall and participate in their own Liturgy of the Word. Please keep our children in your daily prayers!

Signs You're a Zombie Catholic:

1) **Your seating choice at Mass is decided by how best to make a subtle, late entrance and a discreet, speedy exit** You park in one of the last pews, a mere side-step and you're swimming in the baptismal font. Back here, you keep a Jackie O-like-low profile. And if you nod off during a long homily, no big whoop. No one's making eye contact this far back. You actually scoff at the poor saps who sit up front. Why do you need to see anything? You've only been through the Mass 5 million-ga-jillion times! Nothing. New. Here.

2) **The last time you willingly sang a church hymn with abandon, you were three.** It's probably been many years since you even cracked the music issue. If you do sing with gusto, per chance, it's only because your Catholic auto pilot kicks in from time to time. "Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on Earth..." You have to admit it's a catchy tune. I used to cringe when people around me sang too loudly, probably because they were jarring me out of my self-involved day dream. "How dare she shake me from my own thoughts with her exuberant, joyful singing!"

3) **You approach the Holy Eucharist in the same way you would waiting in line for a prescription at the pharmacy.** No awe or reverence before the real presence. Just disengaged resignation. You've been told you need this, but you're not exactly sure why. You appear spaced-out as you shuffle along in line. Your posture belies boredom, and impatience. In your mind, this signifies the end of Mass, so let's get this show on the road, already. I want my medicine so I can high-tail it outta here.

4) **Your idea of fellowship after Mass is grudgingly giving the old lady in the parking lot the right of way as she totters through the cross walk.** She nods and you nod back. Then you accelerate and get on with your Sunday plans. You've officially checked the duty box for the day. If any of this sounds familiar, don't lose heart. There's hope for fighting off the march of the Zombies. Here are some tips that helped me battle my way out of it. **The Cure for Zombie Catholicism:**

1) Make a trip to confession even before you attend Mass again.

Do some serious soul searching to uncover the sin that may be creating a barrier to your intimacy with God. There's nothing that will intensify your desire for the Eucharist and the Mass than an encounter with the loving embrace of God's mercy. It wasn't until I finally got serious about confession that I started to dial into God's voice during the Mass.

2) **Take a quiet moment in your car even before entering church to say a quick prayer asking Christ to engage your mind and heart for Mass.** Ask Him to quiet the noise in your brain so you may hear Him. Ask the Lord to speak to you.

3) **Turn off all media while at Mass.** Don't just silence them! Truly unplug for the hour you're there. If your phone starts buzzing, it's an invitation for your mind to wander. So-called smart phones can numb our brains, leading us quickly into the zombie trance.

4) **Sit closer to the action.** For those of you who've never done this, it can be daunting at first, but there's no Q&A where you'll be quizzed on the words to the Nicene Creed, so take a seat up front and follow along. It's amazing how much more you notice. This even works with my kids. You might even sing a little. Challenge yourself to truly pay attention especially during the consecration. You don't need to understand it all, but get engaged in what's going on. God will lead you. In Scott Hahn's book, "The Lamb's Supper," which I highly recommend, he describes the supernatural drama that surrounds us during the Holy sacrifice of the Mass. He explains that Pope St. John Paul II described the Mass as "Heaven on Earth." Consider getting a book about the Mass. Knowledge is a powerful weapon in defeating the Zombie Catholic.

5) **Consider offering up your Eucharist for the needs of a friend or loved one who is suffering.** When you lose focus, consider that person's trials. As you approach the Blessed Sacrament, remember you are offering up the graces received in Christ's body, blood, soul and divinity for your friend or loved one. This can heighten the magnitude of Christ's gift in

the Eucharist and be a tangible reminder of the solemnity of the occasion. And above all, keep at it! A Zombie Catholic has stopped trying and is just going through the motions. Once you exert a small bit of effort God will reciprocate in a big way. You'll soon banish that morbid, pasty-faced Zombie—and in its place a new creation in Christ. Praise God! Because it happened to this former Zombie Catholic. **By Mary Jo Gerd**

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 6 – St. Bertille of France - Religious

8:00 James Gleeson R/b the Barrett Family
12:00 All Souls

Tuesday, November 7–St. Carina and companions, Martyrs

8:00 Christina Conlin R/b Richard and Maureen Ferrara
12:00 Intentions of Rose Spincken

Wednesday, November 8– St. Godfrey, Bishop of Amiens

8:00 Jack McGuire R/b the Barrett Family
12:00 William and Mary Sweeney R/b George and Gail Fabiano

Thursday, November 9–Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00 Graziano and Smith Families R/b Therese Smith
12:00 All Souls

Friday, November 10–St. Leo the Great, pope, doctor

8:00 All Souls
12:00 Paul Devine R/b Michael and Maureen Glennon

Saturday, November 11 – St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

8:00 All Souls
12:00 Marlene J. Stancati—1st Anniversary R/b Paul and Kelly Ziek
4:00 Warren Lawten R/b Rick and Debbie Quinn
5:00 Elizabeth Pfeiffer R/b Debbi Brawley

Sunday, November 12 – St. Josaphat, bishop and martyr

7:30 Anne Raven R/b James and Caroline Connolly
8:15 John O'Neill R/b Peggy O'Brien
9:30 Living and deceased members of Holy Name Society
10:45 Winnie Dunn R/b Ken and Barbara Funsch
12:00 Helen Bator R/b the Davies Family
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 In thanksgiving R/b Joe and Johanna Healy
7:00 Intentions of Matthew Brady R/b Dan and Karen Brady

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns for the souls in Purgatory.

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 Joseph Amato—85th birthday, r/b Domenic and Marcella Cafarella.

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 an increase in religious vocations.

The St. Peregrine Votive Lamp burns this week for the intentions of Carla, Clare, Debbie, Jim, Margoth, and Rich.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

- 1. Shem, Ham, Japeth. 2. Nimrod.
- 3. Seth. 4. Methuselah. 5. A rainbow

Great story - Worth every American's time.

Each year I am hired to go to Washington, DC, with the eighth grade class from Clinton, WI where I grew up, to videotape their trip. I greatly enjoy visiting our nation's capital, and each year I take some special memories back with me. This fall's trip was especially memorable.

On the last night of our trip, we stopped at the Iwo Jima memorial. This memorial is the largest bronze statue in the world and depicts one of the most famous photographs in history -- that of the six brave soldiers raising the American Flag at the top of a rocky hill on the island of Iwo Jima, Japan, during WW II. Over one hundred students and chaperones piled off the buses and headed towards the memorial. I noticed a solitary figure at the base of the statue, and as I got closer he asked, 'Where are you guys from?' I told him that we were from Wisconsin. 'Hey, I'm a cheese head, too! Come gather around, Cheese heads, and I will tell you a story.' (It was James Bradley who just happened to be in Washington, DC, to speak at the memorial the following day. He was there that night to say good night to his dad, who had passed away. He was just about to leave when he saw the buses pull up. I videotaped him as he spoke to us, and received his permission to share what he said from my videotape. It is one thing to tour the incredible monuments filled with history in Washington, DC, but it is quite another to get the kind of insight we received that night.) When all had gathered around, he reverently began to speak. (Here are his words that night.)

'My name is James Bradley and I'm from Antigo, Wisconsin. My dad is on that statue, and I wrote a book called 'Flags of Our Fathers'. It is the story of the six boys you see behind me.

'Six boys raised the flag. The first guy putting the pole in the ground is Harlon Block. Harlon was an all-state football player. He enlisted in the Marine Corps with all the senior members of his football team. They were off to play another type of game. A game called 'War.' But it didn't turn out to be a game. Harlon, at the age of 21, died with his intestines in his hands. I don't say that to gross you out, I say that because there are people who stand in front of this statue and talk about the glory of war. You guys need to know that most of the boys in Iwo Jima were 17, 18, and 19 years old - and it was so hard that the ones who did make it home never even would talk to their families about it.

(He pointed to the statue) 'You see this next guy? That's Rene Gagnon from New Hampshire. If you took Rene's helmet off at the moment this photo was taken and looked in the webbing of that helmet, you would find a photograph...a photograph of his girlfriend Rene put that in there for protection because he was scared. He was 18 years old. It was just boys who won the battle of Iwo Jima. Boys. Not old men.

'The next guy here, the third guy in this tableau, was Sergeant Mike Strank ... (from Johnstown, PA). Mike is my hero. He was the hero of all these guys. They called him the 'old man' because he was so old. He was already 24. When Mike would motivate his boys in training camp, he didn't say, 'Let's go kill some Japanese' or 'Let's die for our country'. He knew he was talking to little boys. Instead he would say, 'You do what I say, and I'll get you home to your mothers.'

'The last guy on this side of the statue is Ira Hayes, a Pima Indian from Arizona. Ira Hayes was one of them who lived to walk off Iwo Jima. He went into the White House with my dad. President Truman told him, 'You're a hero' He told reporters, 'How can I feel like a hero when 250 of my buddies hit the island with me and only 27 of us walked off alive?'

So you take your class at school, 250 of you spending a year together having fun, doing everything together. Then all 250 of you hit the beach, but only 27 of your classmates walk off alive. That was Ira Hayes. He had images of horror in his mind. Ira Hayes carried the pain home with him and eventually died dead drunk, face down, drowned in a very shallow puddle, at the age of 32 (ten years after this picture was taken).

'The next guy, going around the statue, is Franklin Sousley from Hilltop, Kentucky. A fun-lovin' hillbilly boy. His best friend, who is now 70, told me,

'Yeah, you know, we took two cows up on the porch of the Hilltop General Store. Then we strung wire across the stairs so the cows couldn't get down. Then we fed them Epsom salts. Those cows crapped all night.' Yes, he was a fun-lovin' hillbilly boy. Franklin died on Iwo Jima at the age of 19. When the telegram came to tell his mother that he was dead, it went to the Hilltop General Store. A barefoot boy ran that telegram up to his mother's farm. The neighbors could hear her scream all night and into the morning. Those neighbors lived a quarter of a mile away.

'The next guy, as we continue to go around the statue, is my dad, John Bradley, from Antigo, Wisconsin, where I was raised. My dad lived until 1994, but he would never give interviews.

When Walter Cronkite's producers or the New York Times would call, we were trained as little kids to say 'No, I'm sorry, sir, my dad's not here. He is in Canada fishing. No, there is no phone there, sir. No, we don't know when he is coming back.' My dad never fished or even went to Canada. Usually, he was sitting there right at the table eating his Campbell's soup. But we had to tell the press that he was out fishing. He didn't want to talk to the press.

'You see, like Ira Hayes, my dad didn't see himself as a hero. Everyone thinks these guys are heroes, 'cause they are in a photo and on a monument. My dad knew better. He was a medic. John Bradley from Wisconsin was a combat caregiver. On Iwo Jima he probably held over 200 boys as they died. And when boys died on Iwo Jima, they writhed and screamed, without any medication or help with the pain.

'When I was a little boy, my third grade teacher told me that my dad was a hero. When I went home and told my dad that, he looked at me and said, 'I want you always to remember that the heroes of Iwo Jima are the guys who did not come back. Did NOT come back.'

'So that's the story about six nice young boys. Three died on Iwo Jima, and three came back as national heroes. Overall, 7,000 boys died on Iwo Jima in the worst battle in the history of the Marine Corps. My voice is giving out, so I will end here. Thank you for your time.'

Suddenly, the monument wasn't just a big old piece of metal with a flag sticking out of the top. It came to life before our eyes with the heartfelt words of a son who did indeed have a father who was a hero. Maybe not a hero for the reasons most people would believe, but a hero nonetheless.

One thing I learned while on tour with my 8th grade students in DC that is not mentioned here is, that if you look at the statue very closely and count the number of 'hands' raising the flag, there are 13. When the man who made the statue was asked why there were 13, he simply said the 13th hand was the hand of God.

Pornography affects kids behavior .

NEW YORK (January 13, 2010) Morality in Media has published a 10-page paper reporting evidence that exposure to hardcore adult pornography on the Internet can adversely affect children's sexual behavior and attitudes about sex. The evidence includes published observations of clinical psychologists, police and prosecutors, educators, rape crisis professionals, social workers and others, as well as social science research. The paper is the second MIM publication in recent months exposing the connection between adult pornography and harm to children. The paper is a complement to "How Adult Pornography Contributes to Sexual Exploitation of Children", a 215-page report published in September 2009.

KIDZ KORNER

1. Who were Noah's three sons?
2. What King started to build the Tower of Babel?
3. Who was the third son of Adam and Eve?
4. In the Old Testament who lived 969 years?
5. What was the sign of the covenant between God and Noah?

Answers on page four