

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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WELCOME

SUNDAY, March 11, 2018 A.D.

To the Parish Family of
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES

(THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART)

COME WORSHIP WITH US

Rev. Bryan F.J. Adamcik SFO, KCHS

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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: 12:30pm-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.

Latin Mass every Sunday 8:15AM

Spanish Mass every Sunday 1PM



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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**: Kathy Freeburn, Marietta Flahive, Gloria Genovese, Tom Giuliano, Marylou Goreb, Thomas Haring, Peter Kellar, George Loder, Lisa LoSchiavo, Anne Matthaedi, Timothy O'Shea, Roseann Placey, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, and Jim Walsh.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

“PENANCE”

We all know that we need to be sorry for our sins, and yet we seem to know it much less than we used to. Personal penance, which in some way was painful or unpleasant, used to be part of the Christian life. For Catholics, it meant fasting, extra prayers, generosity to the poor, and just putting up with life without complaining. Somehow, in the last few decades, we moved away from any unpleasantness in fulfilling our Christian duties. We felt we had to have cushy, padded kneelers in church. We now have practically no Eucharistic fast, and our current Lenten fast would have brought laughter to the early Christians or even to those of the early twentieth century. Penance is supposed to be tough. As the three sacred days of Holy Week approach, those of us in the hospital have little opportunity to do traditional penances. Because of illness, we also feel that we are doing enough. Perhaps a lot of other people who are not in the hospital but who have severe problems, heavy crosses, or chronic difficulties with family all feel that they too are doing enough. But this is a time to do more, or to do better what we always do, and to do it with much love for Christ. Because of the film *The Passion of the Christ*, millions of people have a better awareness of what Christ suffered for us. Penance is the scriptural way of showing one's gratitude.

Fr. Benedict Groeschel CFR

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Last Will and Testament

Doug Pender lived all his life in the Florida Keys, and is on his deathbed, and knows the end is near. His nurse, his wife, his daughter and two sons, are with him. He asks for two witnesses to be present and a camcorder be in place to record his last wishes, and when all is ready he begins to speak: "My son, Bernie, I want you to take the Ocean Reef houses." "My daughter Sybil, you take the apartments between mile markers 100 and Tavernier.." "My son, Jamie, I want you to take the offices over in the Marathon Government Center."

"Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings on the bay side on Blackwater Sound." The nurse and witnesses are blown away as they did not realize his extensive holdings, and as Doug slips away, the nurse says, "Mrs. Pender, your husband must have been such a hard-working man to have accumulated all this property." The wife replies, "No, no he had a paper route"!!!

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

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

Food Collection

Every month OLV collects assorted non-perishable canned foods for St Cecilia's Food Bank. Please bring your donations to the Church or leave at the rectory garage. Thank you.

Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.

St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale

Catholic Daughters of the Americas will have a St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale next weekend, March 10 and 11 after each Mass. If you would like to donate baked goods, please contact Reneeetingali@gmail.com or 201-913-2580.

ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL WOMENS COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 15 * 9:00AM Rosary in Lower Church * 9:30AM Mass in Church * 11:00AM Brunch at '76 House, 110 Main St., Tappan, NY * Guest Speaker: Fr. Bonaventure Rummell, CFR * Tickets will be sold this weekend and next after Masses or call the OLV Rectory. \$30 each.

BREAKFAST CEREAL COLLECTION

Please remember the needy as you shop. OLV will be collecting breakfast cereal during the month of March for St. Cecilia's Food Pantry.

Toiletries Collection for the LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Annual Toiletries Collection will be the weekends of March 3/4, March 10/11 and March 17/18 Please see the shopping list below for suggested donations. Small and medium size toiletries are especially useful. REQUESTED ITEMS FOR THOSE IN NEED:

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| Toothpaste | Soap | Disposable razors |
| Toothbrushes | Lip Balm | Body Lotion (unscented) |
| Dental Floss | Shampoo | Shaving Cream |
| Deodorant | Talcum/Baby Powder | Combs/Brushes |
| Denture Adhesive/Cleanser | Individual Packets of Tissues | |

Please leave your donations in the Church vestibule.

2018 LENTEN REGULATIONS

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

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 time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2018** to the **Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 27, 2018**.

*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

ADDITIONAL FRIDAY MASS

During LENT there will be an additional Friday evening Mass offered at 7:00PM followed by the **Stations of the Cross, the Franciscan Version** which will be led by one of the adult ministries of OLV parish.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross, followed by Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, on Thursday evenings at 7:00p.m. Each week the Thursday evening **Stations of the Cross by St. Alphonsus Liguori** will be led by OLV's Confirmation Class. Also, **The Scriptural Stations of the Cross** will be held after 8:00a.m. Mass on Saturday mornings during Lent.

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Mar 10/11—Sat/Sun - CDA St. Patricks Bake Sale
Mar 13 - Tue - Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
Mar 14- Wed - Bible Study Group 10AM
Mar 14 - Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM
Mar 15 - Thu - Holy Hour 7:00PM
Mar 16 - Fri -Mass/Stations led by CCD / Basketball
Mar 17 - Sat - Anointing Mass 12:00Noon

PRAY for THOSE in the MILITARY

Private First Class Matthew Brady, U.S. Marine Corps;
Lieutenant Julia H. Cheringal, US Navy;
Captain 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;
Captain John G. Miele, US Army.

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. Monday thru Friday at 7:30AM, as well as every First Friday at 6:30PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

PARKING SPOT

Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, "Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish Whiskey!" Miraculously, a parking place appeared. Paddy looked up again and said, "Never mind, I found one."

OLV K of C Council #14483

All men over the age of 18 are cordially invited to join the OLV Knights of Columbus Council. The Knights are the largest Catholic Fraternal Organization in the world. For info' contact Greg Evanella at 201-784-5752.

SAVE USED EYEGLASSES

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

Contribution Statements

2017 Contribution Statements are now available. To obtain a copy of your 2017 donations, please call Maria at the rectory 201-768-1706

**Blessing of Water, Salt and Oil
After the Novena on
Tuesday, March 27, 3:00PM**

ANOINTING MASS AT OLV

Next Saturday, March 17, 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. Innocent 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 and the relics of the 12 Apostles.

EASTER DUTY

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty), that is the obligation of receiving the Eucharist for Easter extends to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 11. No one conscious of committing a serious or mortal sin should receive Holy Communion until they have first gone to the Sacrament of Reconciliation a.k.a. Confession. Confessions are heard EVERY Saturday from 11:00AM to Noon and 3:00-3:30PM, every weekday morning at 7:30AM, and Fridays from 6:30-6:50PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

2018 Sharing God's Blessings Appeal

Your contribution to the 2018 Sharing God's Blessings Appeal makes a difference in the lives of so many in our community. Funds raised through the appeal help to educate children in our inner-city Catholic schools, serve the spiritual needs of people at parishes located in poor neighborhoods, and assist Catholic Charities in running its programs, which help the poor overcome the many obstacles in life. In addition, the appeal assists with seminarian and priest retirement costs. Please consider making a generous gift. **IF YOU MAKE A PLEDGE DIRECTLY TO THE ARCHDIOCESE, PLEASE INFORM THE RECTORY SO THAT WE CAN CHECK AND VERIFY THAT OLV GETS THE CREDIT.**

ADORATION

Just a reminder we have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays from 12:30PM - 3:00PM, Thursday night from 7:00PM–8:00PM, and Fridays from 12:30PM - 3:00PM.

So stop by and adore Our Eucharistic Lord.

MASS EXPECTATIONS

So it goes with meals AND WITH MASS. Many of us come to weekly Mass with certain expectations. We sit down and select (in our minds) from the pre-fix menu. We expect certain things to happen at certain times, and it usually goes off without a hitch. I have noticed over the years, and at different churches, that we get through the meal okay, but then we leave right before dessert.

The end of Mass is really important. Not only do we get a great hymn from our great choir, but more important we get to hear the announcements which tell us just what is important, even if you think you are too full. If you stay and partake, you just might get your glass refilled with the sweetest drink.

Sure our Mass is like a big meal so stay for all the courses...not only is everything included, but the best part about the Mass the check has already been paid in full for each and every one of us by Jesus Christ.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

Am I doing my share to financially support MY parish?
In this day and age is MY parish offering a realistic one?

New Hope - Hands of Hope

SAVE THE DATE! Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 6:30 - 10:30pm. Seasons, 664 Pascack Road, Washington Twp. 07676, \$90 per person. Cocktail hour, gourmet dinner, Silent Auction, Tricky Tray, raffle, huge 50/50 and dancing. Your generosity enables us to reach out to first-time single mothers and their babies so please celebrate with us! To make a reservation, contact: Kathy Turlick at (201) 573-8697

JACKPOT

In our lottery and sweepstakes-obsessed culture, it is common to ask ourselves or others what they would do if they won. In the Old Testament, Solomon certainly hit the jackpot. What prize could be greater than having God Almighty agree to give you whatever you ask for? Out of all the things he could have asked for, Solomon chose to ask for understanding, and was rewarded with it. We would do well to wonder what we would ask for if God made us the same offer. Actually God does make us the same offer each and every day, by granting us another day of life, a bit of the earth's goods, some gift or ability, some call to goodness, some portion of the divine will. Each of these is a "prize." We should stop and examine what we are going to do with our prize: keep it or use it selfishly, or put it at the service of the spread of the gospel?

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. Holy Scripture, Church Fathers and saints, and Catholic teaching offer perspectives on the Sign of the Cross that reveal why making it opens us to life transforming graces. Once we grasp them, we can make the gesture with more faith and experience its great blessings.

LENT – SACRIFICE – CLOTHING BINS

Lent is a time of sacrifice in order to bring us closer to Christ. As we do so, we become more charitable. Would you be willing to sacrifice your time and efforts to go through your closet and donate any used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, and children's books to the Catholic Charities clothing bin? If you do, you have made the connection and you have moved closer to Christ. Thank you .

COMMUNION DRESSES/SUITS NEEDED

The First Communion Day of our child is a very special occasion - a day to be celebrated and always remembered! Please help to make another child's First Communion Day one that will be cherished by donating any communion dresses, suits, shirts, headpieces and shoes. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Please bring all articles, clean and on hangers, to St. John the Baptist Church Parish Ctr. by March 28th or call Kathy 201-666-4185.

OLV Easter Flower Memorial-\$15 each

In memory of _____ (deceased)

For someone special _____ (living)

Name: _____

Phone: _____ \$ Encl. _____

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 12 - St. Theophanes of Greece, Abbot

8:00 Gina Ottomanelli Bender R/b the Ottomanelli Family
12:00 George Voetsch R/b Nick and Marie D'Amico

Tuesday, March 13 - St. Rodriguez, Priest/Martyr

8:00 Kathleen Musante R/b Pat Duggan
12:00 John Devaney R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico

Wednesday, March 14 - St. Mathilda, Queen of Germany

8:00 James P. Spillane R/b Sr. Elizabeth
12:00 James Kenneth Laughlin R/b Al and Lenore Villavecchia

Thursday, March 15 - St. Louise De Marillac -Widow, Nun

8:00 Dan Lynch R/b the Barrett Family
12:00 Living and deceased members of Rosary Society

Friday, March 16 - St. Herbert of Worms, Germany-Bishop

8:00 Boniface Santoro R/b Frederick and Therese Laurenzo
12:00 John M. Ballas R/b the Zwerle Family
7:00 Clifford P. Keenan Jr. R/b Josephine Tristano

Saturday, March 17 - St. Patrick-Bishop of Armagh, Ireland

8:00 Mary Barrett R/b the Barrett Family
12:00 Meredith Rinaldi R/b Rae Rinaldi
4:00 Lavelle Keating R/b Rick and Debbie Quinn
5:00 Mary Ann Lyddon - 8th Anniv. R/b Stephen and Robin Hartman

Sunday, March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem-Bishop & Doctor

7:30 Patrick Barrett R/b the Barrett Family
8:15 Mildred Perricone R/b Lorraine Petrone
9:30 James DeBrino R/b William and Carole DeBrino
10:45 Salvatore Zullo R/b Tom and Selena Giuliano
12:00 Gino Zocco R/b Mike Zocco
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Jane Mulloy R/b Tony and Laura Scott
7:00 Unborn and their families R/b the Maher Family

Sanctuary Memorials

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Joan Ingalls r/b "Margarita Girls".

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for a special intention, r/b Julia Dalton

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week for a special intention, r/b the Werner Family.

The Rectory Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for our military.

The Convent Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the unemployed.

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

The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp burns this week for the souls in Purgatory.

Sanctuary Offerings

The Altar Flowers, Bread and Wine, the Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp, and St. Joseph Votive Lamp, the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church and in the Convent can be dedicated on a weekly basis.

THE LOVE OF GOD

No matter how long it has been, the Love of God knows no time. We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **First Friday** at 6:30PM, **Saturday** at 11AM until Noon, and from 3:00PM – 3:30PM. **Monday thru Friday** at 7:25AM – 7:50AM.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

- 1. Jonathan. 2. The Tree of Knowledge. 3. God. 4. Judah and Israel. 5. He recovered his eyesight.

"Am I convinced of Christ's love for me and mine for Him? This conviction is the rock on which sanctity is built." **Mother Teresa**

TROUBLED MARRIAGE???

If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring, if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you're thinking of separation or divorce, BUT you want to try again – then try the Retrouvaille program, it can help you. For more information, contact Family Life Ministries, at 973-497-4327. You may call anonymously. Please be assured that all inquiries are kept in confidence.

INTERESTING INSIGHT

The Most Reverend Chaput provides a straight forward and unqualified answer: "We're at a time for the Church in our country when some Catholics - too many - are discovering that they've gradually become non-Catholics who happen to go to Mass." And, as to who is responsible: "That's sad and difficult, and a judgment on a generation of Catholic leadership." "Sad and difficult" indeed and "a judgment on a generation of Catholic leadership," during which the Shepherds' failure to deal with negligence and abusive conditions and practices, has indeed spawned the loss or belief.

Life Issues That Confront Us

The fifth commandment, "You Shall Not Kill," has many implications for us in modern times. The foundation of the commandment is respect for human life. As such, many human evils are addressed by the precepts of a culture of life:

- Murder • Abortion • In Vitro Fertilization • Stem-Cells of Embryos
- Euthanasia and Physician-Assisted Suicide • The Death Penalty
- War • Terrorism • Rights of the Dying

These topics are discussed in an excellent book published by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, entitled United States Catholic Catechism for Adults. To purchase a copy, call USCCB at 202-541-3000.

SCRIPTURE QUESTION

Who copied and conserved the Bible during the interval between 400 AD & 1440 AD? The Catholic monks, in many cases, spent their entire lives to give the world personally-penned copies of the Scriptures, before the invention of the printing press. In spite of this, the Catholic Church is accused of having tried to destroy the Bible; had She desired to do so, She had 1500 years in which to do it, and as we can plainly see She has never done so.

FROM OUR TRADITION

If there is such a thing as a Catholic "trademark" it is the sign of the cross, first traced on the senses of catechumens as they begin the journey to baptism, or on the forehead of an infant who is brought to the doors of the church at baptism. As early as the third century, Christians were tracing the sign of the cross on their bodies. At first, the cross was traced on the forehead during times of prayer and daily occupations. We use a similar small cross today as we trace the cross over on the forehead, lips, and heart at the Gospel during Mass. Much later, the full-body sign traced from forehead to heart to shoulders took shape, perhaps copying the priest's gesture of blessing with the consecrated host during Mass. Today, this superb baptismal gift is a sign of belonging to Christ and the community, a way of focusing our attention, of asking for God's blessing, of tracing on our shoulders a willingness to find meaning in life's burdens. In the sign of the cross, we have an ever available means of expressing gratitude for our baptism.

CORRECT RESPONSES

At Communion time when the Priest or Lay Minister says "Body of Christ/Blood of Christ" the response is AMEN, not thank you/Body of Christ/Blood of Christ.

The Miracle of the Scarlet Thread

With the destruction of the Second Temple in A.D. 70, the Jewish people lost the ability to perform sacrifices for the atonement of sins. Yet, according to Christianity, the efficacy of such sacrifices should already have ended at the time of the crucifixion about forty years earlier. For it was then that the Old Covenant, with its animal sacrifices for the atonement for sins, was replaced by the New Covenant, in which Jesus shed His blood once and for all for the atonement of sins.

Both the Talmud and the Zohar contain accounts of how, in the days of the Temple, the High Priest would once a year - on Yom Kippur, or the "Day of Atonement" - enter the Holy of Holies and offer sacrifice for the atonement of the sins of all Israel. Both mention the "miracle of the scarlet thread", in which a scarlet thread would miraculously turn white as the sign that God had accepted the sacrifice. From the account in the Zohar (Vayikra, Section 3, condensed):

All the sins are [taken] away on this day, the defilement of the soul and of the body... All that day ... God makes atonement for Israel and purifies them from all their sins and they are not accused before Him On this day the priest ... makes atonement for himself and his house and the priests and the sanctuary and all Israel ... They used to know by a certain thread of scarlet if the priest had been successful. ... (It was known by the thread changing its color to white, when there was rejoicing above and below. If it did not, however, all were distressed, knowing that their prayer had not been accepted).

The scarlet thread turning white would be the sign that God had accepted the sacrifice and had forgiven the Jewish people their sins ("though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow; though they be crimson red, they may become white as wool"-Isaiah 1:18). Yet the Talmud itself reports that forty years before the Temple was destroyed, this great miracle, which gave divine confirmation that the High Priest's sacrifice had been accepted taking away the sins of the Jewish people, ceased to occur. The passage from the Talmud reads (Rosh Hashanah 31b):

Originally they used to fasten the thread of scarlet on the door of the [Temple] court on the outside. If it turned white the people used to rejoice, and if it did not turn white they were sad ... For forty years before the destruction of the Temple the thread of scarlet never turned white, but it remained red.

The Temple was destroyed about A.D. 70; hence the miracle ceased to occur about A.D. 30, which is precisely when the crucifixion took place - the crucifixion that replaced the sacrifice of the Old Covenant with that of Jesus on the Cross. According to the New Testament at the very moment that Jesus died on the Cross the curtain of the Temple that separated off the Holy of Holies was rent in two, symbolizing the end of the efficacy of the sacrifices of the Old Covenant (cf. Matthew 27:51; Mark 15:38; Luke 23:45). It is the Talmud itself that unwittingly confirms this when it recounts that from that time on - forty years before the destruction of the Temple in A.D. 70 - **the scarlet thread never again turned white.**

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

NFP classes (www.rcan.org/famlife/marriagefamily.htm#natural) are held at Holy Name Hospital email NFP@RCAN.ORG.

KIDZ KORNER

1. Who was King Saul's oldest son and David's closest friend?
2. Adam and Eve were forbidden to eat from which tree?
3. Who said, "I AM WHO I AM?"
4. What were the two ancient kingdoms that the Jews founded?
5. What happened when Jesus put mud on the blind man's eyes?

Answers on page four.

**If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water.
When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.**