

Our Lady of Victories Church

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

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TO ALL OUR FATHERS HAPPY FATHERS DAY!

***To Our Fathers Who Have Gone Before Us
Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, Oh Lord!***



A Father's Pledge

“The greatest gift I ever received,”
said a young successful attorney,
“was a gift I got one Christmas
when my Dad gave me a small box.

Inside was a note saying:
‘Son, this year I will give you 365 hours,
an hour every day after dinner.
It’s YOURS.

We’ll talk about what YOU want to talk about,
we’ll go where YOU want to go,
play what YOU want to play.
They will be YOUR hours.’ ”

“My Dad not only kept his promise of that gift,”
said the attorney, “but every year he renewed it,
and it’s the greatest gift I ever had in my life.

I AM the result of HIS TIME.”

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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**: Isabella Ruggiero, Maria Aleman, Elizabeth Clark, Josephine Davidson, Kathleen Dolan, Rebecca Fastiggi, Thomas Haring, Conner, Arnold Kemner, Ken Mosier, Kathleen Musante, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Cookie Rush, Mildred Speck, Therese Vaglio, Darien Wesler, Al Wiese and Roy Wurtz.

Spiritual Excerpt

The version found written on the wall in Mother Teresa's home for children in Calcutta:

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you.

Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight.

Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten.

Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them anyway.

FOR GROWING IN THE FAITH

On Sundays – Lectio Divina: Devote a half hour or so each Sunday to reading Sacred Scripture in a prayerful manner. You might begin with one of the Gospels, or perhaps take up next Sunday's Gospel.

On Mondays – Meditative Prayer: Set aside time to pray by yourself and in silence. You might repeat peacefully the Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

On Tuesdays – Fasting: Choose one day of the week each week – perhaps this day – to fast. Offer your mortification for specific intentions. Pray that your spiritual hunger will match your physical hunger.

On Wednesdays – Charitable Works of Mercy: Use this day to go out of your way to care for the poor, the needy, and the lonely. Reflect on all the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and commit to carrying out each of them during the season of Lent.

On Thursdays – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Make regular Eucharistic Adoration a priority of your Lenten observance. Bring all your prayer requests and the needs of your family and friends before the Lord's Eucharistic presence. Let him gaze at you in love.

On Fridays – Study of the Faith: Build into your Lenten Fridays choice time to study the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Start with those areas of doctrine which you need to understand better.

On Saturdays – Confession and Mortification for Sins: Let your Lent be marked by frequent confession. Resolve to give up certain pleasures and conveniences during Lent as a penance for sin.

Palm Collection

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

Fatherhood – Priesthood

We would be remiss if we failed to recognize our own parish Fathers – our priests and deacons and their anniversaries.

Fr. Bryan and Fr. Chris – 19 years a priest

Fr. John O'Conner – 52 years a priest

Fr. José Rivera – 43 years a priest

Fr. Anthony Mastroeni – 43 years a priest

Fr. Brian Muzas—12 years a priest

Fr. Duverney Bermudez – 5 years a priest

Deacon Al McLaughlin - 16 years a deacon

Deacon Tom Lagatol— 4 years a deacon

Priest of Jesus Christ

By Fr. Lacordaire

To live in the midst of the world, Without wishing its pleasures;

To be a member of each family, Yet belonging to none;

To share all sufferings, To penetrate all secrets;

To heal all wounds;

To go from men to God and offer Him their prayers;

To return from God to men, To bring pardon and hope!

To have a heart of fire for Charity

And a heart of bronze for Chastity;

To teach and pardon, To console and to bless.

My God! What a life! And it is thine,

O Priest of Jesus Christ.

APOLOGETICS

Defend your Catholic Faith but first learn more about it. Check out this site to learn more about Roman Catholicism: <http://www.biblechristiansociety.com>

OLV K of C Baby Bottle Collection

Baby Bottles are due back now. Please bring the bottles with your monetary donations to OLV rectory. Your contributions benefit mothers in need and their new-born babies.

GOING ON VACATION

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

HOW SHOULD WE DRESS??

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?

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

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

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.

SAVE USED EYEGLASSES

OLV K of C collects used and old eyeglasses for the less fortunate. Any old or "retired" glasses may be left in the basket in the back of Church.

Be quiet enough to hear God's whisper.

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

- Jun 23 -Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:15-3:15PM
- Jun 24—Wed—OLV Needlers
- Jun 25—Thu—Holy Hour 7:00PM
- Jun 26—Fri— Adoration of Blessed Sacrament—12-3PM
- Jun 27 - Sat - Confessions 11:00AM-Noon, 3:00PM-3:30PM

SUPREME COURT CASE

Will you pray a Rosary with us?

Whatever the Court decides this summer, the truth about marriage will never change. And because Catholics know and believe this truth, we can expect more hate-filled attacks, bigotry, censorship and worse.

Have you ever noticed that the lives of the saints seem to have a common thread? Whenever they struggled, doubted, or were tempted to despair, their eventual triumph nearly always involved surrendering to God's will with the help of our Blessed Mother. The saints remind us again and again: she never fails.

That's why we are asking every Catholic to pray for the Justices and the Court, especially Justice Kennedy whom many believe will cast the decisive swing vote. But we must also pray for ourselves and each other. Pray for Catholics and all people of good will that we may have the strength to persevere whatever the result. The Justices will then deliberate and begin formulating their opinions. They are expected to rule in June.

SISTERS OF LIFE

Days of Recollection for Young Women for the Year of Consecrated Life including talks given by Sisters of Life and time with Sisters, and Holy Hour with music. July 11th. Girls/women Ages 15 – 25

11:00AM-4:30PM Annunciation 38 Montebello Road Suffern NY

Questions call Sr. Miriam or Sr. Bethany 845-357-3547

Sistersoflife.org/oasis

PRAY for THOSE in the MILITARY

- Lieutenant Julia H. Cheringal, US Navy;
- Lieutenant Ben Clemente, US Army;
- Midshipman Jon Clemente, US Navy;
- Sergeant Nicholas Colletti, US Army;
- 1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo, U.S. Marine Corps;
- Captain Michael Franson, US Army;
- Sergeant First Class Charles Greene, US Army;
- Lieutenant Tara Harris, US Air Force;
- Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger, US Navy;
- Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger, US Navy;
- Captain Shawn Linn, US Army;
- Colonel John McLaughlin, US Army;
- Corporal Richard McKenna, USMC.

STEWARDSHIP

MY FAMILY – MY PARISH – MY RESPONSIBILITY

As your expenses increase, so do the Church's, but we rely on your generosity to meet our expenses. Please be generous.

EXERCISE

The only exercise some people get is always jumping to conclusions, sidestepping responsibility, dodging issues, passing the buck and pressing their luck!

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.

HAVE YOU NOTICED SOMETHING NEW?

As you may have noticed we recently installed on our property a donation bin for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark. All of the clothing, shoes and small household items that you generously donate will be sold and the proceeds will be used to support the many programs for the needy as provided by Catholic Charities. Tax receipts are available, either paper or to your smart phone. With the change in weather, this is an ideal time to clean out that closet. Catholic Charities will report periodically to us on the amount of money generated from our donation bin. If you have any questions please call Maria Biancheri of Catholic Charities at 973-596-3985. To schedule a larger pick up, please call toll free 877-343-3651

SATAN'S GARAGE SALE

Once upon a time, Satan was having a garage sale. There, standing in little groups were all of his bright, shiny trinkets. Here were tools that make it easy to tear others down for use as stepping stones. And over there were some lenses for magnifying ones own importance, which, if you looked through them the other way, you could also use to belittle others, or even one's self. Against the wall was the usual assortment of gardening implements guaranteed to help your pride grow by leaps and bounds: the rake of scorn, the shovel of jealousy for digging a pit for your neighbor, the tools of gossip and backbiting, of selfishness and apathy. All of these were pleasing to the eye and came complete with fabulous promises and guarantees of prosperity. Prices, of course, were steep; but not to worry! Free credit was extended to one and all. "Take it home, use it, and you won't have to pay until later!" old Satan cried, as he hawked his wares.

The visitor, as he browsed, noticed two well worn, non-descript tools standing in one corner. Not being nearly as tempting as the other items, he found it curious that these two tools had price tags higher than any other. When he asked why, Satan just laughed and said, "Well, that's because I use them so much. If they weren't so plain looking, people might see them for what they were." Satan pointed to the two tools, saying, "You see, that one's Doubt and that one's Discouragement — and those will work when nothing else will."

MY BUILDING PERMIT

Some have asked what I've been doing in retirement. Well, I applied for a building permit for a new house. It was going to be 100 ft. tall and 400 ft. wide, with 12 gun turrets at various heights, and windows all over the place and a loud outside entertainment sound system. It would have parking for 200 cars, and I was going to paint it snot green with pink trim. The City Council told me; "Forget it...AIN'T GONNA HAPPEN!" So, I sent in the application again, but this time I called it a "Mosque." Work starts on Monday. And here is the best part, it's going to be tax exempt!

HAPPINESS

Happiness is like your shadow. Run after it and you will never catch it, but keep your face to the sun and it will follow you. The happiest people are those who discover that what they should be doing and what they are doing are the same things.

GROUP

A support group for caregivers of frail elders meets at St. Mary's Church in Closter on alternate Tuesdays from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. The group is professionally led by gerontologist Dr. Miriam Aronson and is offered at no cost. They meet every other Tuesday. For more information, call 201-768-7565.

"It has been said that politics is the second oldest profession. I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first."

Ronald Reagan

Beefsteak Dinner Extravaganza

Presented by K of C Msgr. Charles G. McCorristin Assembly #1289. Saturday June, 27, 7-10PM (doors open 6:45) at Ascension Parish Hall, New Milford, NJ. Catered by Hap Nightingale. Tickets: \$35 per person. For tickets/info' call Bob Wojcik 201-768-4043 or bobby_nj@verizon.net. Contributions support Color Corps.

DICTATORSHIP OF RELATIVISM

by Fr. George W. Rutler

A young city boy on his first camping trip awoke his father at dawn and said, as he gazed out of his tent, "Look, Dad, the sun is rising just like on TV." Our present generation, of which we are privileged to be a laggard part, does not find it easy to distinguish actuality from artifice. In the background is a reluctance to acknowledge that an impression of reality is not the same as reality itself. This is symptomatic of what Pope Benedict XVI called the "dictatorship of relativism."

By that he meant the notion absorbed by people bereft of logic, that what one wants something to be, comes to be simply by the wanting. This has immediate and desultory influence on moral conduct. So, like the little boy who thought that the real sun looked like the cartoon sun on television (or, like the nice woman who told me that the altar flowers were so lovely that she thought they were artificial), people may reject the concrete facts of nature and posture that their desires are legitimate just because they are desired. A lurid example of this is the redefinition of marriage to make that organic and divine institution nothing more than a fantasy of one's arrested emotional development, the product of a plebiscite, and the opinion of judges in solemn robes. Polls and parliaments are willing tyrants when the mob consents to be tyrannized by their opinions and decrees.

G.K. Chesterton gently slapped his readers back to reality from egoistic comas when he wrote in his A Short History of England: "To have the right to do a thing is not at all the same as to be right in doing it." So when someone says, "I am free to do what I want with my body," you may be impelled by charity and justice to reply that he is indeed so free, but if he defies the law of gravity, the pavement quickly will be of a different opinion, and if he says there is no difference between a man and a woman, two shades named Adam and Eve will rise up with mocking smiles.

Those who have long sipped the intoxicating nectar of false perception may hesitate to draw a line between desire and dogma, fabrication and fact. If reality is nothing more than the visible costume of an impression, impressive tyrants will orchestrate that fantasy from their balconies, with rhetoric to mold malleable minds. The long legacy of demagoguery attests that weak points persuade people if the points are shouted loudly enough to overwhelm reason. Opinion polls shout, and network "talking heads" shout, and Internet pundits shout, but then there is a "still small voice" that does not fade away: the long and logical echo of "Fiat Lux" uttered by the real Creator of the real universe.

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.

"In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress." John Adams

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 22–Ss. Thomas More and John Fisher-Martyrs
8:00 Edward Connolly R/b James and Caroline Connolly
12:00 All Fathers

Tuesday, June 23 – St. Ethelreda (Audry), Virgin
8:00 Frank Urgo R/b Clara Urgo
12:00 All Fathers

Wednesday, June 24 – Nativity of St. John the Baptist
8:00 Marino, Rubino, Santoro and Scott Families
R/b Tony and Laura Scott
12:00 All Fathers

Thursday, June 25 – St. William of Vercelli, Abbot
8:00 George Alvarez-5th Anniversary R/b the Bland Family
12:00 Anna Lucia Arias R/b Maria Arias

Friday, June 26 – St. Anthelm, Bishop
8:00 All Fathers
12:00 Edward Pavlu R/b the Kip Family

Saturday, June 27 – St. Cyril of Alexandria
8:00 All Fathers
12:00 Elsie M. Ballas R/b the Zwerle Family
4:00 Charles DaSaro R/b Burruano & Hellrigel Families
5:00 Jean Bentivegna R/b the Bentivegna Family

Sunday, June 28-St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr
7:30 Thomas F. Lagatol II R/b the Lagatol Family
8:15 Amado and Gloria Orbeta R/b Charles and Marita Morgan
9:30 John Scrivanich R/b Nick and Maria Busanic
10:45 Anita Portelli R/b the Bland Family
12:00 George M. Fabiano R/b George and Gail Fabiano
6:00 Marta E. Ryan—5th Anniverary R/b Matthew Ryan
7:00 Ida Stiehler R/b the Tringali Family

Sanctuary Memorials

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive burns this week for the souls in Purgatory.
The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for those who serve in defense of our country.
The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp burns this week for the intentions of the unemployed.
The St. John Paul II Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Fr. Robert Pachana.
The Hosts and Wine used at Mass this week have been donated in memory of Richard J. O'Brien Sr. and Francis X. Beirne, r/b Richard and Mary C. O'Brien.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

-Lisa LoSchiavo, Mark LoSchiavo, Blaise Rossmann and Xavier Rossmann who achieved Honor Roll at Paramus Catholic High School.
-Tara Mottley and Heather Mueger—Class of 2015 at Academy of the Holy Angels, selected to the National Honor Society.
-Xavier Rossmann, recipient of the Stephanie Cywinski-O'Brien Scholarship for the 2015/16 academic year.
-J.P. Maher, recipient of the Jim McGahren Memorial Scholarship sponsored by K of C Queen of Peace Counsel 3679.
-Jessica McKenzie, awarded the 4th annual Gladys Heyliger/Mary Carley Scholarship by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

NEW STUDY

The National Institute of Health has just released the results of a \$200 million research study completed under a grant to Johns Hopkins. The new study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. St. Zechariah 2. St. Joachim 3. Adam 4. St. Joseph 5. God
When we get tangled up in our problems, be still.

Most of our generation of 50+ were HOME SCHOOLED in many ways.

1. My mother taught me **TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE**.
"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
2. My mother taught me **RELIGION**.
"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. My father taught me about **TIME TRAVEL**. "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
4. My father taught me **LOGIC**. "Because I said so, that's why."
5. My mother taught me **MORE LOGIC**.
"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
6. My mother taught me **FORESIGHT**.
"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
7. My father taught me **IRONY**.
"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
8. My mother taught me about the science of **OSMOSIS**.
"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
9. My mother taught me about **CONTORTIONISM**.
"Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
10. My mother taught me about **STAMINA**.
"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
11. My mother taught me about **WEATHER**.
"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
12. My mother taught me about **HYPOCRISY**. "If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!"
13. My father taught me the **CIRCLE OF LIFE**.
"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out..."
14. My mother taught me about **BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION**.
"Stop acting like your father!"
15. My mother taught me about **ENVY**. "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
16. My mother taught me about **ANTICIPATION**.
"Just wait until we get home."
17. My mother taught me about **RECEIVING**.
"You are going to get it from your father when you get home!"
18. My mother taught me **MEDICAL SCIENCE**. "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."
19. My mother taught me **ESP**.
"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
20. My father taught me **HUMOR**.
"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
21. My mother taught me **HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT**.
"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
22. My mother taught me **GENETICS**. "You're just like your father."
23. My mother taught me about my **ROOTS**. "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"
24. My mother taught me **WISDOM**.
"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."
25. My father taught me about **JUSTICE**. "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

THANK YOU

This year's collection of First Communion Outfits was a total success! We were able to dress about 50 children with the beautiful dresses, suits, jackets, headpieces, shoes, and monies that were donated. Thank you for your continued wonderful support, your caring, and your generosity. You have made a difference in the lives of so many children. May God bless you.

Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys." P.J. O'Rourke, Civil Libertarian

MOVIE THEATER

An old man lay sprawled across three entire seats in the movie theater. When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the old man, "Sorry sir, but you're only allowed one seat." The old man didn't budge. The usher became more impatient. "Sir, if you don't get up from there I'm going to have to call the manager." Once again, the old man just muttered and did nothing. The usher marched briskly back up the aisle, and in a moment he returned with the manager. Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move the old disheveled man, but with no success. Finally they summoned the police. The officer surveyed the situation briefly then asked, "All right buddy what's your name?" "Fred," the old man moaned. "Where you from, Fred?" asked the police officer. With a terrible strain in his voice, and without moving, Fred replied; "The balcony".

THE PRESENT

A young man was getting ready to graduate from college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealers showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him that was all he wanted. As Graduation Day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation, his father called him into his private study, told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and how much he loved him. He handed him a beautifully wrapped gift box. Curious, but somewhat disappointed, the young man opened the box and found a lovely, leather-bound Bible, with his name embossed in gold. Angrily, he raised his voice to his father and said, "With all your money you give me a Bible?" He stormed out of the house, leaving the Bible behind.

Many years passed and the young man was very successful in business. He had a beautiful home and wonderful family, but realized his father was very old. He thought perhaps he should go to him. He had not seen him since that graduation day. But before he could make arrangements, he received a telegram telling him his father had passed away, and willed all of his possessions to him. He needed to come home immediately and take care of things.

When he arrived at his father's house, sadness and regret filled his heart. He began to search through his father's important documents and saw the Bible, new, just as he had left it years ago. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. His father had carefully underlined a verse, Matt 7:11, "And if ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father which is in Heaven, give to those who ask Him?" As he read those words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealers name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words...PAID IN FULL. How many times do we miss God's blessings because they are not packaged as we expected?

KIDZ KORNER

1. Who was John the Baptist's Father?
2. Who was the Virgin Mary's Father?
3. Who was the father of Cain and Able?
4. Who was the foster father of Jesus?
5. Who was Jesus' real father?

Answers on page four.

Listen to yourself and in that quietude you might hear the voice of God.

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