

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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SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

First Friday: 7:30pm, 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: 2:15-3:30pm

Thursday-Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction: 7:00pm

Friday-Exposition & Adoration: 12:30PM-3:00pm

Nocturnal Adoration: First Friday evening 8pm to Saturday 8am

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/CONFESSION:

Monday - Friday 7:30am -7:50am. First Friday at 7:00pm

Saturday at 11:00a.m.-Noon; 3:00pm -3:25pm

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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Year dedicated to Consecrated Life



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, 9:30am, 10:45am,
12:00pm, 6:00pm & 7:00pm

Latin Mass: Every Sunday at 8:15am

Weekdays: M-Sat 8:00am & 12:00noon

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

All are welcome to become members of OLV Parish because we're the little Church with the BIG HEART. Please register in the Rectory. Every Catholic family or individuals living within the parish boundaries are encouraged to register.

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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

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 EVERYDAY HOLINESS pg 188

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.

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.

Thirteen Stars and Thirteen Stripes

It was on JUNE 14, 1777, that the Second Continental Congress selected the Flag of the United States. In 1916, Woodrow Wilson signed the Proclamation making JUNE 14 "National Flag Day." On Flag Day, 1942, Franklin D. Roosevelt stated: "The belief in man, created free, in the image of God - is the crucial difference between ourselves and the enemies we face...God of the free...grant us victory over the tyrants who would enslave all free men." On JUNE 14, 1954, Dwight Eisenhower signed Joint Resolution (Public Law 396) adding the phrase "One Nation Under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Eisenhower stated: "From this day forward, the millions of our school children will daily proclaim in every city and town, every village and rural school house, the dedication of our nation and our people to the Almighty. To anyone who truly loves America, nothing could be more inspiring than...this rededication of our youth, on each school morning, to our country's true meaning." President Eisenhower ended: "In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource, in peace or in war."

God Bless America

SACRED HEART DEVOTION WORKS!!!

The conversion of Marshall Field, the millionaire Chicago department store magnate is attributed to the efficacy of the Sacred Heart. Receiving a phone call from Cardinal Spellman's secretary one day, a Monsignor James Wilders discovered that Mr. Field was in the hospital and quite ill. Cardinal Spellman had requested that a priest look in on him. Unsure if Mr. Field was a Catholic, the priest asked Mrs. Field for permission to pay him a visit. She agreed, as long as it was done while he was sleeping---for fear of frightening him. (She was afraid that the sudden appearance of a cleric would have Mr. Field think that death was imminent.) The two Irish-Catholic nurses attending to Mr. Field reported that they offered rosaries for the conversion of their patient and Msgr. Wilders left a Sacred Heart medal on his pillow. On a later visit to the hospital, the priest found the medal pinned to Mr. Field's pajamas ...not by the nurses, but by Mrs. Field herself. As Msgr. Wilders knew, one of the twelve promises made by Jesus to St. Margaret Mary was that "I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts." Indeed! Marshall Field, yielding himself to the King of Heaven, embraced fully the Catholic faith, receiving all the Sacraments and had a priest talking to him in his last moments of conscience.

ONLY IN AMERICA:

Only in America.....do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

Only in America.....do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke!

Only in America.....do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.

Only in America.....do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.

Only in America.....do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.

Only in America.....do we use the word 'politics' to describe the process so well: 'Poli' in Latin meaning 'many' and 'tics' meaning 'bloodsucking creatures'.

Only in America.....do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

VOCATIONS

Jesus says that "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Is it possible that God wants your light to shine as His Priest, deacon, or Religious Brother or Sister? For info call 973-497-4365.

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.

APOLOGETICS

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

"So valuable to heaven is the dignity of the human soul that every member of the human race has a guardian angel from the moment the person begins to be." **St. Jerome**

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Jul 7 -Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:15-3:15PM
 Jul 8—Wed—OLV Needlers
 Jul 9—Thu—Holy Hour 7:00PM
 Jul 10—Fri— Adoration of Blessed Sacrament—12-3PM
 Jul 11 - Sat - Confessions 11:00AM-Noon, 3:00PM-3:30PM

DID YOU KNOW?

1. Independence Day commemorates the formal adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. However, it was not declared a legal holiday until 1941.
2. Fireworks were made in China as early as the 11th century. The Chinese used their pyrotechnic mixtures for war rockets and explosives.
3. Uncle Sam was first popularized during the War of 1812, when the term appeared on supply containers. Believe it or not, the U. S. Congress didn't adopt him as a national symbol until 1961.
4. There are many precise rules for taking care of the American flag. And speaking of flag traditions, we're sorry to report that contrary to legend, historical research has failed to confirm that Betsy Ross sewed the first flag.
5. Not all members of the Continental Congress supported a formal Declaration of Independence, but those who did were passionate about it. One representative rode 80 miles by horseback to reach Philadelphia and break a tie in support of independence.
6. The first two versions of the Liberty Bell were defective and had to be melted down and recast. The third version rang every Fourth of July from 1778 to 1835, when, according to tradition, it cracked as it was being tolled for the death of Chief Justice John Marshall.
7. The American national anthem, the "Star-Spangled Banner," is set to the tune of an English drinking song ("To Anacreon in Heaven").
8. The iron framework of the Statue of Liberty was devised by French engineer Alexandre-Gustave Eiffel, who also built the Eiffel Tower in Paris.
9. The patriotic poem "America the Beautiful" was published on July 4, 1895 by Wellesley College professor Katharine Lee Bates.
10. Father of the country and architect of independence George Washington held his first public office at the tender age of 17. He continued in public service until his death in 1799.

DID YOU KNOW???

America is named after a Saint...indirectly. Amerigo Vespucci, the Italian cartographer who lent his name to the two continents of the New World, was himself a baptized Catholic. As is still the case, law of the Church was that a baby be given the name of a saint upon baptism. Little baby Amerigo was named after St. Emericus. There are at least two saints who bear the name Emericus. One was martyred during the persecution of Emperor Galerius; the other, St. Emeric of Hungary, was the son of St. Stephen of Hungary.

**Some minds are like concrete
thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.**

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.

Question?

Did Betsy Ross really sew the first official American flag? The Betsy Ross legend is a cute story, but highly unlikely; in fact, the story was unheard of before 1870. Francis Hopkinson, an artist who helped design US currency and the official seal, billed the Congress for his work on the flag. He was never paid because Congress cited, "he (Hopkinson) had not been the only one to work on the project."

When the Continental army began forming, each militia had its own unique flag, but they were seldom flown. At that time, flags were flown by navies, not by armies. In 1776, a common flag was adopted for use: the British Meteor, which had six horizontal white stripes across a red field. (The British flag had the Union Jack in its upper corner). The colonial flag was known as the Grand Union or Continental flag.

After the Declaration of Independence, this flag fell out of favor. On June 14, 1777, the Marine Committee of the second Continental Congress resolved that the flag of the United States be made of 13 stripes, alternate red and white, that the union be 13 stars, white on a blue field, representing a new constellation. The resolution did not define the arrangement or sizes of the stars or stripes; thus, it was open to interpretation. Various flag designs were created and flown in every conceivable arrangement. Some variations of the flag had vertical stripes. It wasn't until 41 years later that Congress specified that the stripes should be horizontal, and it wasn't until 1912 that the exact specifications of the flag were defined.

Bergen Catholic HS Summer Events / Camps

Visit www.bergencatholic.org/Page/Athletics/Camps

- Crusader Baseball:** July 13-16 & July 20-23, at 49 Atwood Ave., Tenafly. 9AM-1PM. 201-697-7911
- Basketball:** July 27-31, Aug 3-7, Aug 10-14, boys and girls in 3rd-9th grade. St. John's Academy, Hillsdale, NJ. Sign up at Hoopdreamz.org
- Crusader Football,** July 20-24 and July 27-31, 9AM-3PM. Ages 8-14. Call 201-962-8483 (evenings)
- Central Bergen LaCrosse,** June 29-July 3 & July 6-10, at Bergen Catholic in Oradell.
- Crusader Soccer Camp,** July 13-16, boys ages 10-15.

Saint Joseph HS Summer Events / Camps

visit www.saintjosephregional.org!

- Baseball...** three sessions: July 6-10; July 13-17; and July 20-24. Camp hours are 9:00 am – 2:00 pm daily. The camp is open to boys ages 9 to 15. Director: Frank Salvano, Head Baseball Coach at SJR.
- Basketball...** three sessions: July 6-10; July 13-17; and July 20-24. Camp hours are 9:00 am – 3:00 pm daily. For boys ages 9 – 15. Camp Director: Michael Doherty, Head Basketball Coach at SJR.
- Football...** two sessions: June 29 – July 2 and July 6 - 9. Camp hours are 9 am – 3 pm daily for boys entering grades 4 through 10. Camp Director: Coach Augie Hoffmann.
- Lacrosse...** July 27-30. Camp hours are 9:00 am—3:00 pm, for boys entering 4th through 12th grades. Coach Andrew DeCicco.
- Soccer ...** July 20-24. Camp hours are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Open to boys entering 7th, 8th, 9th grade.

Sisters of Charity 50/50 Raffle

Sr. Elizabeth will be selling raffle tickets this weekend to support Maris Stella Retreat Center. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. Three prizes: 1st prize 25%, 2nd prize 15%, 3rd prize 10% of gross receipts. Drawing will be held Labor Day, September 6, at Maris Stella. Winner need not be present. Please make checks payable to Sisters of Charity.

OUR SYMBOL

As we come to celebrate Independence Day this week we are surrounded by the symbol of our freedom – the American Flag. “What so proudly we hail...” this banner of independence and unity, won through the blood of our forefathers, and preserved through the lives of our own fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, sons and daughters. Many will wear patriotic attire with the traditional red, white and blue to profess our national heritage.

How wonderful it would be to also wear the symbol that proclaims that we are dedicated to the service of our heavenly Mother and are members of the household of God – the Scapular. The Star Spangled Banner has led many through the perilous fight; The Scapular as a symbol of faith will help us lead the battle against Satan. The Blessed Virgin Mary revealed to St. Dominic, “One day through the Rosary and the Scapular I will save the world.”

Devils revealed to Francis of Yepes (the brother of St. John of the Cross), that three things especially torment them. The first is the Name of Jesus, the second is the name of Mary, and the third is the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. “Take off that habit,” they cried to him, “which snatches so many souls from us; all those clothed in it (the Scapular) die piously and escape us and Hell.”

The Scapular then should take on a deep meaning for us. It is the rich present brought down from heaven by Our Lady herself. “Wear it devoutly and perseveringly,” she says to each soul, “it is my garment.” To be clothed in it means you are continually thinking of me and I in turn am always thinking of you and helping you to secure eternal life. How truly blessed we are to be children of God and to live in a country where we can freely profess our membership in His Family.

THE POPULATION BUST

Under population, not overpopulation is the greater threat to the world today. More than 70 countries representing over half the world’s population have below replacement-rate fertility (2.1 children per woman). Today the populations of the developed nations are either static or declining.

By 2050, the UN predicts Russia’s population will decline by 25 million people, Japan’s by 21 million, Italy’s by 16 million, and Germany’s and Spain’s by 9 million each. The UN forecasts that Europe and Japan will lose half their population by 2100.

By 2050, people aged 65 and above will be twice as numerous as children 15 years and younger. The economic consequences of this rapid aging of the population will be closing schools, declining stock markets and morbid economics. Countries accustomed to steady economic growth will have to scramble as their populations dwindle and economies slide into recession. Ignoring these inconvenient facts, the population controllers continue to spread their myth of over population.

HERESY

The word “HERESY” is derived from the Greek word haireisthai, meaning “to choose.” Faith is the virtue of believing a truth without logical proof or evidence. As our Lord said to St. Thomas the Apostle, “Blessed are they who do not see, and yet believe.” A heretic, therefore, is one who “chooses” what truths he/she will accept, rejecting faith in the divinely established teaching authority of the Church

“God has a plan of holiness for everyone.”

Pope John Paul II

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 6 - St. Maria Goretti, virgin
8:00 Thomas Leahy R/b the Baumann Family
12:00 Intentions of Maria Victoria Morgan
R/b Charles and Marita Morgan
Tuesday, July 7—Bl. Ralph Milner and Roger Dickenson, Martyrs
8:00 Ted Gormley R/b the Gormley Family
12:00 Dorothy Taylor R/b Kathleen Steinwehr
Wednesday, July 8 - St. Grimbald, Abbot of Newminster
8:00 Eileen Seneca R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich
12:00 William and Kathryn Orrico R/b Loving Family
Thursday, July 9 – St. Augustine Zhao Rong and companions
8:00 Gelsomina Merola R/b Richard and Maureen Ferrara
12:00 Frank Greco R/b Margarete Rajner
Friday, July 10—St. Ulrich of Augsburg, Germany-Bishop
8:00 Thomas F. Lagatol II R/b the Lagatol Family
12:00 Deceased of McBrearty Family R/b Ann Giotta
Saturday, July 11 – St. Benedict of Italy - Abbot
8:00 Madeline Vespucci R/b the Poggi Family
12:00 Mary Miller R/b William and Dianne Smith
4:00 Dorothy Jones—1st Anniversary
R/b Dave and Anne Corporaletti
5:00 James and Alice Attas
R/b Josephine J. Fogarino and Marie Michaels

Sunday, July 12—St. John Gualbert of Florence, Italy-Abbot
7:30 John Brennan R/b Jeanne Marie Walsh
8:15 Intentions of Morgan Alcala R/b Charles and Marita Morgan
9:30 Joseph Wagner R/b Bill and Felicia Klingenberg
10:45 Bobby Smith R/b the Creagh Family
12:00 Gino Zocco R/b Mike Zocco
6:00 Michael Casenta R/b Colleen Connors-Casenta
7:00 Joan Hill R/b Mike and Maria Hellrigel

Sanctuary Memorials

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive burns this week for the repose of the soul of Louis Bahoritsch—2nd Anniversary in heaven, r/b Marion Bahoritsch.
The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the unemployed.
The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Ann Moriarty.
The St. John Paul II Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Fr. Robert Pachana.

Summer Reading

Visit our bookrack and check out the vast selection of books, booklets, and pamphlets. The summer 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 Catholic CDs.

“MUSIC FOR A SUMMER NIGHT XI”

“People, Places and Things”

Saturday – July 18, 2015 at 7:30 PM
St. Anthony’s Church – Northvale, NJ
Performances by Fr. Jerry Hahn,
Corinn Somers, Peter Greco, Michael Luiipersbeck
FREE ADMISSION

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

- 1. Maryland 2. Charles Carroll 3. John Carroll
- 4. John F. Kennedy 5. Elizabeth Ann Seton

QUESTION?

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence? Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists, eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated, but they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured. Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags. Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward. Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton. At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt. Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months. John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. **So, take a few minutes while enjoying your 4th of July holiday and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid. Remember: freedom is never free! I hope you will show your support by sending this to as many people as you can, please. It's time we get the word out that patriotism is NOT a sin, and the Fourth of July has more to it than beer, picnics, and baseball games.**

OLV Prayer Power House

Become one of our prayer team members. There are no meetings, so this ministry is wonderful for all, including those parishioners who are homebound. For information, please phone Maria at the rectory.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON PRAYER GROUP

Every Tuesday afternoon from 2:30PM-3:30PM we have a group who are praying a **Marian Novena Rosary** in Church in front of the Blessed Sacrament. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

OLV Knights of Columbus

All men over 18 are invited to join the OLV parish's Knights of Columbus, the world's largest men's fraternal organization. For more info or to join, contact Bob Tringali at 201-768-0648.

GOING ON VACATION

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

What the Catechism Says

"In order that the full and living Gospel might always be preserved in the Church, the Apostles left Bishops as their successors. They gave them "their own position of teaching authority." Indeed, "the apostolic preaching, which is expressed in a special way in the inspired books, was to be preserved in a continuous line of succession until the end of time."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church #77

Divine Gifts and Promises

When we honor the Saints, we do not worship or adore them; not even the great Mother of God, Mary Most Holy, merits what God alone deserves. However, they are among the many gifts God gives to us; with their guidance and example, their prayers and intercession, the Saints (and Angels, too!) reflect Divine Light into this world's darkness. That gives us the ability to see, as they saw, what God is calling us to do, and what gifts God is providing so that we can "share the lot of the Saints in light."

THE WAY OUT

How did we humans get where we are? How do we get out? Genesis—through the Adam and Eve narrative explains that we got separated from God and happiness through greed, selfishness, arrogance. But, as Paul explained to the Romans, God has not abandoned us, and never will. We get out through the "new Adam," Jesus Christ, through whom the death of sin is conquered by the life of "overflowing grace." From the start, though, Jesus—like Adam and Eve, like you and me—had to face "the tempter." Shown fame and wealth, he was tempted to grab for it. But Jesus saw through such foolishness. During Lent we will look at what the tempter spreads before us daily, then try to make choices that put us on the side of the angels.

DID YOU KNOW???

That Guglielmo Marconi, a devout Roman Catholic of Irish/Italian descent is credited with perfecting a practical wireless radio system. By 1932, he had successfully installed a working radio-telephone system between Vatican City and Castel Gandolfo, the Pope's summer residence. But the impetus for his research in the wireless derived from a fantastic theory - Marconi believed, erroneously, that sound waves, as well as electromagnetic radio waves, travel out into space without fully dissipating. He imagined that these sound waves, produced by human speech, would leave behind a faint residual pattern which could be amplified and reproduced through the workings of a radio receiver. Incredible as it seems, with the most pious of intentions, Marconi was obsessed with the desire to intercept, by radio, the seven last words spoken by Our Lord on the Cross!

Why do we have to attend Mass every Sunday?

Throughout our two thousand years of Church history, Sunday has been set aside as "the Lord's Day," to celebrate God's greater creation of the world. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "The Sabbath brings everyday work to a halt and provides a respite. It is a day of protest against the servitude of work and the worship of money" (CCC 2172). Observing Sunday as the Lord's Day helps us to keep our worship of God outward, visible, public, and regular.

Sunday is also the day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. The Church instructs us to attend Mass each Sunday because that is where Jesus gives us what we need to stay strong in the world. Just as we take food into our bodies, so we take in Christ through the Eucharist. His body is real food and His blood is real drink (John 6:55-57). The resulting grace helps us to overcome our daily temptations and fulfill our responsibilities. And our faithful Communion will bring us eternal life in Heaven.

KIDZ KORNER

1. Which of the original colonies was the Catholic colony?
2. Who was the Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence?
3. Who was the first Catholic bishop in the US?
4. Who was the first Catholic president?
5. Who was America's first native born Saint?

Answers on page four

I live in my own little world but it's OK; everyone knows me here.

COVER SHEET

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