

Our Lady of Victories Church

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Year dedicated to Consecrated Life



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—August 15, 2015

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2015 at 5:30 & 7PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2015 at

8AM, 10AM, and 12Noon

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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, Veronica Finan, Thomas Haring, Conner, Arnold Kemner, Ken Mosier, Kathleen Musante, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Cookie Rush, Mildred Speck, Therese Vaglio, Darien Wesler, Al Wiese, Roy Wurtz, Elaine Zito.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT KEEPING THE FACETS SHARP

"I have a crystal rosary that my mother gave me. She used it for many years. It's dull because all the facets that make crystal sparkle are worn away. You can clean or wash it, but whatever made it attract light is gone. Well, you can't let that happen in your soul. The facets of our heart must always be sharp, clear, and pointed toward God." *Mother Angelica, Little Book of Life Lessons page 41.*

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL COOP TEST

In order to apply to the 32 Catholic high schools in the four counties within the Archdiocese of Newark, students in the 8th grade must take the 2008 COOP Exam. The exam will be given on Friday, November 6, 2015. For more information, call 1-888-921-2667 or visit www.coopexam.org.

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

This sacrament is offered EVERY Saturday from 11:00AM to Noon and 4-4:30PM. Every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 7:30AM as well as every First Friday at 7:00PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

OLV CLOTHING BINS

Summertime and the living is easy but not free from our responsibility as followers of Christ to help those in need. The hot, leisurely days of summer provide an excellent opportunity to get caught up on some of those tasks which we postponed during the demanding days of winter. Would you be willing to go through your closets to get rid of all those unwanted heavy winter clothes and shoes which served you so well during this blistering winter season? Please donate any unwanted clothing to the Catholic Charities bins located on the Church ground. Thank you for helping Catholic Charities continue its mission.

THE CANCER OF CHOICE

The statistics were low. Back in the mid-1960's, not many groups were admitting the link between tobacco and lung cancer. Tobacco manufacturers denied any correlation to the disease; after all, there was a lot of money to be made. Thirty-five years later and 4 million deaths later, we know that tobacco causes cancer. Today the statistics linking abortion and breast cancer are falsely touted as inconclusive. Again, there is a lot of money to be made – this time, in the abortion industry. Joel Brind, Ph.D., President of the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute, concluded a meta-analysis of 33 separate studies encompassing hundreds of thousands of women and found that 27 of those studies show those who terminate pregnancies by abortion run a 30% greater risk of breast cancer. The same studies reveal that American women who had abortions before age 18 or after age 30 were at a more than 100% increased risk.

Make God your first priority, not your last resort.

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.

LEARN TO KNIT/CROCHET

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

AUGUST 15 THE ASSUMPTION

SATURDAY, August 15, is the feast of the ASSUMPTION.

Masses will be FRIDAY at 5:30PM & 7PM.

SATURDAY 8AM, 10AM & 12Noon.

QUESTION?

What is Mortal Sin? Mortal sin is a grievous offense against the law of God. A willful thought, desire, word, action or omission, in serious violation of law, is a mortal sin. Examples of a mortal sin are blasphemy, willful murder, adultery, arson, robbery, etc. Each mortal sin we commit is a three-fold insult to Almighty God: it insults by rebellion or disobedience, by ingratitude, and by contempt.

What three things are necessary to make a sin mortal? To make a sin mortal these three things are needed: first, the thought, desire, word, action, or omission must be seriously wrong or considered seriously wrong; second, the sinner must be mindful of the serious wrong; third, the sinner must fully consent

What is Venial Sin? Venial sin is a less serious offense against the law of God, which does not deprive the soul of sanctifying grace, and which can be pardoned even without sacramental confession.

A COURAGEOUS CHOICE

2000 years ago, an angel announced the pregnancy of a young unmarried girl. The courageous choice made by that young woman to give birth in difficult circumstances, supported by a man named Joseph, still stands as a model of God's way to handle unplanned pregnancy.

WE ARE AT WAR

Dear Parents, not only are we at war in the Middle East; we are in a spiritual battle for the souls of our children each and every day. On Tuesday afternoons from 3:00PM-4:30PM we have a group who are praying the **Mary - Mother of All Nations Novena** to help win this war – come join us in this crucial battle. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

SUNDAY ATTIRE

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?

"Mary, Queen of light, light the souls of sinners. Sunday is the property of our good God; it is his own day, the Lord's day."

Saint John Vianney

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Aug 25 – Tue – OLV K of C meeting @ 8PM
Sep 8 – Tue – Social Concerns Meeting 7:30PM
Sep 8—Tue—OLV K of C meeting
Sep 12 – Sat - K of C installation of Officers
Sep 13—Sun—First Holy Name meeting 9:30AM
Sep 17 – Thu – Rosary Society Mass & Meeting 1:00PM
Sep 20 & 21 – CCD starts
Oct 4—PARISH PICNIC 1:30PM-5:30PM

Make a Visit

Remember the practice of stopping and making a visit to Jesus in the Tabernacle? Well, you can still do it, as OLV's Church is open from 7:00AM-4:30PM (M-F).

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.

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.

SICK OR "HOMEBOUND"

If you are sick or "homebound" (or know someone who is), and would like to have Communion, please contact the Rectory at 201-768-1706.

GOING ON VACATION?

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

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 call Rich at 201-767-6689.

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.

ATTENTION FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORES IN HIGH SCHOOL

If you are in high school and have not made your Confirmation and would like to—you must be registered ASAP. The Opening retreat will be on Saturday, September 26, and to make your confirmation you must attend this afternoon retreat. See or call Deacon Al.

PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE

The following is the philosophy of Charles Schultz, the creator of the 'Peanuts' comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just read straight through, and you'll get the point.

- 1.Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
- 2.Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
- 3.Name the last five winners of the Miss America.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
- 6.Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners. How did you do?

The point is, none of us remembers the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners .

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with. Easier? The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones who care .

JOIN OLV Power House PRAYER GROUP

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

PRAYER FOR OVERWHELMED

All loving, gentle God, I sometimes feel overwhelmed with daily life and all that it may bring. I believe that you are always there for me. Help me to trust more in Your Presence. Give me the strength and courage I need to face my life with confidence in Your Presence and love. Through Your grace, may I open my hands, release the cares I feel, and the troubles I face, and let them go to You. My loving God, I believe You will take my cares and troubles to Yourself. Help me free myself from all of life's anxiety and fear. I love You, my God. Let me feel the comfort of Your love, the warmth of Your embrace and the healing power of Your gentle touch. My Lord and my God, I place my life completely in Your hands. Amen.

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**

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.

QUESTION?

What is transubstantiation? Transubstantiation is the term used to explain the changing of the substance of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Our Lord. It takes place during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Consecration. This change of substance is called transubstantiation. In the Eucharist the substance is the body and blood of Jesus Christ; the appearances are the color, taste, weight, and shape of bread and wine. At the Last Supper, Our Lord changed the substance of bread and wine into His Body and Blood, leaving the appearances of bread and wine as they were. Our Lord did this by His almighty power. He gave this same power to the apostles when He said to them, "Do this in remembrance of Me." Priests receive this power on the day of their ordination.

SAINTS OF TODAY AND YESTERDAY

BLESSED ANGELO OF GUALDO

Religious (c. 1265-1325)

A native of Gualdo, Italy, Angelo was characterized by great innocence and simplicity from his youth. His tender conscience was long troubled by the memory of the untimely death of his mother, which happened shortly after she had reprimanded him for intemperately giving away the family's bread to the poor. He was convinced that the anguish he had caused her brought about her death. Angelo became a pilgrim, journeying barefoot to the famed shrine of Compostela, Spain. Thereafter, he entered the Camaldolese Order as a lay brother. Soon, however, he sought and obtained permission to live in total solitude apart from the other monks. Angelo spent nearly forty years thus in contemplative prayer and fasting. His death was marked by the miraculous tolling of church bells rung by unseen hands. The deceased hermit was discovered in a kneeling posture. Numerous miracles attributed to his intercession occurred at his tomb.

HE WHO ANGERS YOU, CONTROLS YOU!

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 10– Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

8:00 Kevin Lagatol R/b the Lagatol Family
12:00 Michael Giotta R/b Family

Tuesday, August 11 – St. Clare, Virgin

8:00 Thomas Bomeisl R/b the Brown Family
12:00 Maria Hildebrandt R/b the Zaccaro Family

Wednesday, August 12– St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

8:00 Al Della Bella R/b Ed and Mary Gormley
12:00 Shirley Luongo R/b Rae Rinaldi

Thursday, August 13– Sts. Pontian, Pope, & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

8:00 Blanche Vespucci R/b the Poggi Family
12:00 Michael A. Casenta R/b Colleen Connors-Casenta

Friday, August 14–St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

8:00 William Ellis (Anniversary) R/b Joanne Ellis
12:00 Helen Green R/b the Zwerle Family

5:30 Brian J. McElroy, Sr. R/b Family

7:00 Robert Bauer R/b Walter & Joy Flaherty

Saturday, August 15– Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Intentions of Mary Ann Moeser

10:00 Rev. Zachary H. Monet R/b Pat Consoli
12:00 Joseph B. Caruso R/b the Coyne Family

4:00 Pauline Wagner R/b Robert & Denise Wagner
5:00 Robert G. Thomson R/b Clara Urgo

Sunday, August 16 -St. Stephen – King of Hungary

7:30 Mary Catherine Ford R/b Sr. Susanne Reynolds
8:15 People of the Parish

9:30 Charles De Carolis R/b Adelaide Venere
10:45 Angela Commerford R/b Peter and Linda Wayne

12:00 Giavanna & Corrado Iozzia R/b Mike Zocco
6:00 Michael A. Casenta R/b Colleen Connors-Casenta

7:00 Linda Bechtsky R/b Eileen Fallon

Sanctuary Memorials

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of **John Kevin Smith**, r/b Frederick and Therese Laurenzo.

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of **Michael Casenta**, r/b Colleen Connors-Casenta.

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

QUESTION

Why were Catholics at one time prohibited from being cremated?

Because cremation was once chosen by some organizations as a REJECTION of the resurrection of the body, the Church forbade cremation so as to make clear who did - or did not - hold this belief. Now cremation is no longer chosen by some for this arrogant reason, the Church has relaxed her prohibition against it. (In places like Northern Canada, because of snow - cremation was never forbidden.)

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.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. Fr John Carroll
2. Only on Jan 10, 1984
3. William Wilson
4. John F. Kennedy
5. John F. Kennedy

SALVATION

1. If wisdom consists in putting first things first, then a fool is one who makes salvation a second interest.
2. All the good things of this earth, including the noblest and most excellent achievements, cannot outweigh the salvation of one soul. This is the theme of all of the teachings of our Lord.
3. Restoring salvation to its proper place: this is the purpose of religion - the sole occupation of the saints.
4. If a man were to think about any other object as the saints do about salvation, he would be justly considered as one out of his mind.
5. "Jesus" means "Savior", and all Holy Scripture is about salvation.
6. Salvation belongs entirely to the supernatural order; yet in its light, all natural objects acquire a new meaning, a new value, a new purpose,
7. The whole structure of religion is balanced on one sharp point - salvation. It is either the paramount objective, and it's indispensable, or the pulpits remain silent, the monasteries empty, and the missions disappear.
8. Only the life is Success which terminates in salvation. In the ages of faith they asked not, first, how a man lived, but how he died.
9. It is terrible when nominal Catholics begin to live as if the infidels are right; that is, as if there is no such thing as heaven or hell.
10. The way to heaven, the only way, is the life of faith in the Church. If you propose to men alternatives, they are going to take them, but no alternative way leads to the same place.
11. Liberalism in religion is high treason - a subversion of the sovereignty of God. The way to salvation is what God commanded, not what we freely choose. God has bestowed a kind of sovereignty on the human will, but salvation is not its legitimate realm.
12. We must always remember what it took to bring the Faith down to us through the centuries. If our ancestors had kept it the way most of us today do, we would never have known what the Faith was.
13. Every Catholic we meet today is the end-point of a long line of traditions leading back to apostolic times. Anyone of those lines can come to an end here and now.
14. God promised that His truth will endure to the end of time. It shall be so - through the loyalty of singular hearts.

THE FAMILY

A hectic family life can be hazardous to a Christian family. Is life so rushed that you don't have time to be a Good Samaritan? We will be judged by our compassion, not by how much we accomplish each day.

FYI

**Catholics go to Mass each and every Sunday.
To miss Mass is a MORTAL SIN.**

QUESTION:

What do the letters INRI stand for on the top of a crucifix? The letters indicated are an abbreviation for the Latin text, **Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum (Jesus of Nazareth the king of the Jews)** which is the inscription which Pontius Pilate had placed on the cross.

**The happiest people don't have the best of everything;
they just make the best of everything that they have.**

Jesus - My God and My All

THE ASSUMPTION

August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption. It is the oldest exclusively Marian feast, and her most important day. It is Mary's "Easter". In the Western (Latin) Church it is the only Marian Feast with a vigil Mass; in the Eastern Churches, it is preceded by a two-week Lent-style fast. Although the Church believed in Mary's Assumption since the 5th century, it was not until 1950 that it was universally declared a dogma of the Church. We may never know which came first, the chicken or the egg; perhaps it is not even that important. However, on certain Marian Feasts, like Mary's Assumption into Heaven, we can easily stray into heresy if we do not know who came first; Mary the Mother or Jesus Christ the Son. The Feast of the Assumption commemorates Mary's entrance, body and soul, into heaven. An awesome event which was made possible because Jesus Christ rose from the dead and ascended into heaven! Mary's assumption into heaven is the result or fruit of her Son's Death, Resurrection and Ascension. As the Preface on Christ's Ascension says, "Where Christ has gone, we hope to follow." So why should we doubt that Mary, who was born without Original Sin, now enjoys this hope, and is already in heaven? To the Eastern Churches, this feast is called the "Dormition" or "Falling Asleep" of Mary. Since Mary was free from original sin, she did not have to suffer the worst consequence of Original Sin - Death. According to Eastern Tradition, at the end of Mary's earthly journey, Mary "fell asleep" and was taken body and soul into heaven. An ancient legend about St. Thomas the Apostle, a.k.a. Doubting Thomas, concerns this feast. According to Scripture, St. Thomas did not believe in the Resurrection until he saw the Risen Lord and probed his hand in Jesus' nail prints in his hands, feet and side. According to legend, Thomas would not believe that Mary was assumed into heaven until Mary dropped her belt from heaven to prove that she was "up there". Legends aside, why should WE doubt that Mary is in heaven. This is exactly what Jesus promised to all who follow His Way, and trust in God, and place their lives in His Father's Hands. Mary's Assumption is important and comforting to us because it shows what Jesus promised, what Jesus has done for His Mother, and what He will do for each of US - His faithful people.

**RELIGIOUS ED (CCD)
REGISTRATION**

Registration forms for Religious Ed were sent out. It is important that you return your registration forms ASAP so we can order supplies for the Fall.

APOLOGETICS

Defend your Catholic Faith but first learn more about it. Visit www.biblechristiansociety.com to learn more about Roman Catholicism.

KIDS KORNER

1. Who was America's first Catholic Bishop?
2. When were diplomatic relations between the US and the Vatican?
3. Who was the US 1st ambassador to the Vatican?
4. Who was the 1st US President to visit the Vatican?
5. Who was the first Catholic president of the US?

Answers on page four.

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COVER SHEET

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