

Our Lady of Victories Church

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

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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.

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Call the Religious Ed Office for requirements/class schedule.

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Please call the rectory for an appointment.

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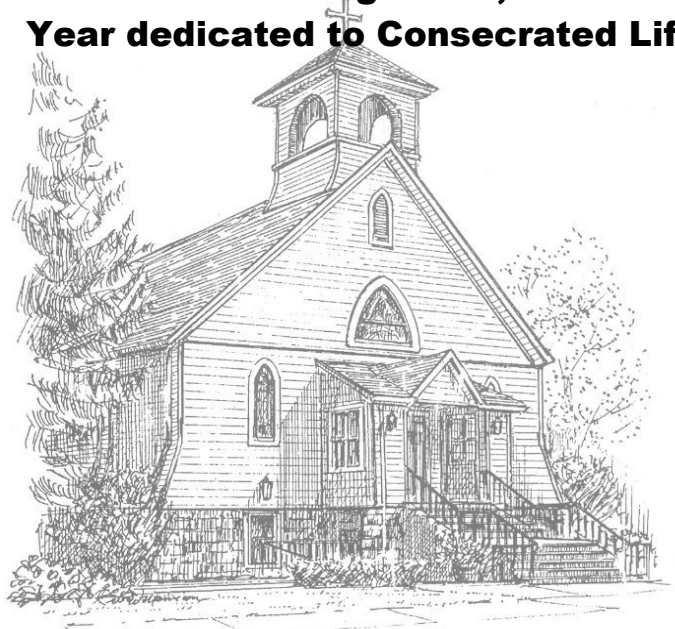
Sick calls at any time in emergency.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS AND VOCATIONS:

Anyone contemplating a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious

August 16, 2015 A.D.

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, 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

"Therefore you hear that as often as sacrifice is offered, the Lord's death, the Lord's resurrection, the Lord's ascension and the remission of sins is signified, and will you not take the Bread of Life daily? He who has a wound needs medicine. The wound is that we are under sin; the medicine is the heavenly and venerable Sacrament."

St. Ambrose, On the Sacraments, 5,4,25.

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.

Founder of California Missions

Blessed Junipero Serra

Today is a feast day every America Catholic should be proud of. We Americans love "from rags to riches" stories... After all, there's something so basically "American" in pulling oneself up by one's bootstraps, and not only making it but making it "big"!

Well... Here's a "rags to riches" you won't want to miss... Especially because it has a different twist... Blessed Junipero Serra. One little boy born poor, with a razor-sharp-brain, and a huge heart. One Miguel Jose Serra, who became a monk, took the name "Junipero", and giving up dreams of academic success, put his hand to the plow in the early Californian missions... And despite a bad leg walked 20,000 miles, baptized 6,000 souls, founded nine missions, and gave California it's first "bill of rights"... His was so great a contribution to our country that his statue features alongside other American heroes at the Capitol in Washington D.C. There, he stands, humble and proud, arm holding high the saving cross of Christ! Well...Guess what? You guessed it... Someone took offense, and there is now a motion to replace Blessed Serra's statue with a "less controversial" personality. Please join in praying so that Blessed Junipero's statue in Washington, D.C., the statue of a soon to be Saint Junipero will not be touched.

"Besides the Holy Mass there is nothing more powerful or important we can do, for ourselves or those around us, than praying the Holy Rosary while meditating on Christ's life, death, and glory."

St. Louis De Montfort

BABY BORN WITH STIGMATA OF JESUS CHRIST

Quezon City| A baby born with strange stigmata-like sores resembling the injuries suffered by the Christ during his crucifixion, is attracting a lot of attention from Christians across the Philippines. Thousands of faithful have already gathered around the Quezón City General Hospital, hoping to see the "blessed" child.

Jejomar Castillo was born on the morning of March 15, weighing 3.2 kilograms and bearing strange injuries on his face, hands and feet. These surprising sores are almost identical to the famous wounds suffered by Jesus, including the head wounds associated with the Crown of thorns and the wounds caused by the crucifixion itself. According to one of the country's top microbiological experts, Ph.D. Merlyn Cruz, the young boy suffers a very rare syndrome causing localised purpura, which is characterized by red or purple discolorations on the skin.

"I have to admit that this is an amazing case" says Doctor Cruz. "Only a handful of similar cases have been recorded throughout history, and it's the first time on a baby, so the scientific knowledge accumulated about his pathology is very scarce. We are doing a series of tests to determine what these sores actually are and what is causing them to appear, but we have found nothing yet."The newborn boy bears wounds on his forehead, hands and feet. These sores bleed regularly and seem unable to heal completely.

Rumors of a "miraculous child" rapidly spread across the hospital, then across the city, and a large crowd rapidly gathered outside the boy's room and even around the hospital. Within a matter of hours, thousands of people surrounded the building in silent prayer. The crowd has now been there for two days, praying and chanting religious slogans like "Welcome to the Saviour" and "Thank you God for sending Jejomar". Many of the people on the site seem to associate the birth of this enigmatic child with the biblical Return of Jesus Christ. More than 15,000 people were gathered outside the Quezon City General Hospital, hoping to see the "blessed boy".

The most famous case of stigmata in modern history, is certainly that of Pio of Pietrelcina, commonly known as Padre Pio, who was a friar, priest and mystic of the Roman Catholic Order of Friars Minor Capuchin. He became famous for bearing the stigmata for most of his life and is now venerated as a saint in the Catholic Church. Dozens of other cases of stigmata have been reported over the centuries, but none of them concerning a newborn child. This unique condition has already attracted a lot of attention on Jejomar and his family, and it seems the enthusiastic Christians who have gathered around the hospital are already calling him a saint. The young Jejomar Castillo, therefore, really seems condemned to have a very different life than most Filipino child.

FOOD COLLECTION

For the rest of August, OLV will be collecting bags of non perishable foods (canned goods, cereal, pasta etc) to aid the local book banks such as St Cecilia's in Englewood. Remember as you go on vacations some people don't have that luxury and they look for food daily to survive. So bring your bags of food to the church vestibule or rectory garage.

DALMATION DUTIES

A nursery school teacher was delivering a station wagon full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties."They use him to keep crowds back," said one youngster."No," said another, "he's just for good luck" A third child brought the argument to a close..."They use the dogs", she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrant."

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.

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.**

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.

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?

St. Odilo Parish

National Shrine of the Poor Souls

Pastor: Rev. Anthony Brankin July 12, 2015

Ramblings - Fr. Brankin

You see how all this about Thomas More and Bishop John Fisher is so modern—is not just about kings and princes and Bishops—long ago. It is about our own families and our own husbands and wives who are all struggling to stay together and to be holy and even happy and follow the teachings of Christ. The story of Thomas More and John Fisher is the story of how only the true teachings of Jesus that come from the Bible and are taught by the Church can help husbands and wives stay together and raise their children. This is the story of how errors regarding love and life, marriage and children—the ones that come from the media and the politicians and even the judges only bring heartaches and tragedies and tears. We know things are not as they used to be in families and among men and women and between husbands and wives—where even something as abnormal as males marrying males is promoted and defended by the law.

But the solution is not to change the teachings of the Church regarding marriage and divorce but to change the world by offering the world the teachings of Jesus—pure and unadulterated. And that is the lesson taught by saints like Thomas More and John Fisher. They offered up their deaths for the life of the family. Oh my do our families today need their intercession. I am not telling any secrets when I mention that the same choices and affirmations about marriage that defined the heroism of Thomas More and John Fisher are going to be our choices. It is our chance now to follow Christ or follow the king. Now that the Supreme Court has made the marriage between any two people regardless of their gender—a constitutional and civil right—we Catholics are in trouble. One Bishop told me—"this is big!"

And the more I thought about it the more I realized he was right. The fascist gay establishment will not stop until they have crippled the Catholic Church; and without any counter-balance of a strong Church we will soon have legalized polygamy and incest. I read this morning where Justice Kennedy (the Catholic) declared that no longer can the right of same sex people to marry be denied. I wonder if he means it. Will they try to force us to perform these ceremonies? A month ago the Obama Justice Department promised that the Churches might lose their tax-exempt status as a penalty for denying rights to citizens. If it is a right—it is a right—I don't know how they could allow us to refuse to perform what they say is a civil right. Maybe they will make us start paying property taxes and corporation taxes. Maybe they will forbid us from applying for grants and benefits. If they do—we will be drained dry in a matter of months. We would certainly have to close our parishes, our churches and schools—even our cemeteries. We will lose our hospitals and nursing homes and day-care facilities. We just will not be able to afford any of it. We will be forced into the streets and into the alleys to preach and teach. We will be herded into basements and kitchens and homes of other believers for Mass and the sacraments.

We won't be able to do anywhere near the amount of things that we used to do. And that is not good. Sure in some sense it will free us up and we won't have to worry about saying anything wrong for fear we would lose our tax exempt status. But it is just the first step to eventually outlawing us—and that will be even less fun! Oh I guess we could sign on with the King. We could be like the English nobles and bishops. We could say that it is the government—not Jesus—that now defines what we believe about love and marriage—But if we have any guts—if we have any faith left—we will pray to be as strong as Thomas More and John Fisher. And if to be friends of Jesus we must be enemies of the state—then so be it. If they want our heads—we will be ready.

"The nearest thing to eternal life we will ever see on this earth is a government program." **Ronald Reagan**

From the Iron Mountain, MI, Daily News:

“Stop This Insanity”

May 30, 2014 EDITOR :

Went to the Veteran's Hospital in Iron Mountain today on business. While there I stopped at the Chapel and found pinky-purple type curtains with mesh at the top, covering the altar. (You know the type. They use them between sick patient beds in the hospital). I stopped in my tracks, shocked at what I saw. Peeked behind the curtain, and found what used to be the welcoming part of the chapel, the Cross, a picture of Christ, and other Christian icons familiar to the majority of Americans.

I found Chaplain Bob Mueller, to ask what the meaning was of this change. This is what he told me. "A couple of months ago, an order came down from Washington DC to cover all things associated with Christianity in the VA Hospitals. Their solution is to cover everything in all the VA Chapels across the country." Chaplain Bob went on to say, "A few weeks ago an official from the Madison, WI, VA Administration came down here to tell me to "stop talking about Jesus, and to stop reading scripture out loud."

Chaplain Bob also said that the rest of the Obama plan is to send more curtains to cover the rest of the stained glass windows, because there are Christian symbols on the stained glass. Was skeptical of the accuracy of this article, so I checked it out through Truth or fiction.com: <http://www.truthorfiction.com/rumors/v/VA-Covers-Religious-Symbols.htm#VGzFkmdNcVA>

Administration tightens grant rules for religious groups that refuse abortion counseling

Washington Examiner- Paige Cunningham

Published July 20, 2015

Religious groups that refuse abortion counseling no longer can get grants to help human trafficking victims unless they ensure the counseling is provided by a third party, under new guidelines by the Department of Health and Human Services. In guidance quietly posted online in June, the agency said groups competing for grants must offer "the full range of legally permissible gynecological and obstetric care," which includes abortion counseling and referrals. If groups don't offer the services, they must propose an alternative approach to remain competitive for a grant.

That has at least one anti-abortion advocate contending the new policy may violate the federal Weldon Amendment, a law saying federal money can't be awarded if it's being used to discriminate against healthcare entities that won't provide or refer women for abortions. Jeanne Mancini, president of March for Life, which stages a big anti-abortion march in Washington every January, called the policy change legally questionable.

SIX LITTLE STORIES

- {1} Once all villagers decided to pray for rain, on the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. **That's FAITH.**
- {2} When you throw a baby in the air, he laughs because he knows you will catch him. **That's TRUST.**
- {3} Every night we go to bed, without any assurance of being alive the next morning but still we set the alarms to wake up. **That's HOPE.**
- {4} We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. **That's CONFIDENCE .**
- {5} We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children. **That's LOVE .**
- {6} On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old.... I am sweet 16 with 64 years' experience' **That's ATTITUDE.**

"The most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government, and I'm here to help" **Ronald Reagan**

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 17—St. Hyacinth of Silesia, Poland-Priest

8:00 Daniel Gustav Erikson R/b Maureen McMahon
12:00 Addie Venere R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico

Tuesday, August 18 – St. Helena, Widow

8:00 Kathy Kruimer R/b Peter and Eileen Kruimer
12:00 Pio Espeso—8th Anniversary R/b the Brown Family

Wednesday, August 19– St. John Eudes of France-Priest

8:00 Thomas F. Lagatol II R/b the Lagatol Family
12:00 Shirley Luongo R/b Amy Torchio

Thursday, August 20-St. Bernard of Burgundy, France-Abbot

8:00 Clare K. Burruano—Anniversary R/b Mike and Maria Hellrigel
12:00 Intentions of Melissa Louise Parlanti-health and God's blessings
R/b Esty Pascual Parlanti

Friday, August 21 – St. Pius X, Pope

8:00 Jean Clayton—1st Anniversary R/b Family
12:00 Thomas Zanetti R/b the Zanetti Family

Saturday, August 22 – Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Francis Pommert R/b Judy Pommert
12:00 Betty Bamford R/b Ruth Cangialosi
4:00 Jennie Bertoglio R/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi
5:00 Larry Longo R/b the Bentivegna Family

Sunday, August 23– St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

7:30 Elizabeth Coyle R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich
8:15 People of the Parish
9:30 Jorden Pedersen Sr. R/b the Pedersen Family
10:45 Nair Lawlor R/b the Oakley Family
12:00 Eden Stergios R/b Joseph and Mary Ceccon
6:00 Sabino Benvenuto R/b Pat and Bev Borzone
7:00 Kevin Lagatol R/b the Lagatol Family

Sanctuary Memorials

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of **Martin C.X. Dolan**, r/b Richard and Mary C. O'Brien.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the intentions of the unemployed.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week for the souls in Purgatory.

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.

OLV PARISH PICNIC

Don't forget the parish picnic on Sunday, October 4 - so put the date aside and start praying for good weather.

DID YOU KNOW?

That when St. Joan of Arc was burned to death at the stake, her heart was not consumed by the fire. The British threw it into the River Seine. The local faithful hoped that, as the fire was unable to destroy it, neither would the water; it has never been found.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

- 1. Santa Susanna 2. Los Angeles with 5 million RCs
- 3. The Cathedral of San Fernando in San Antonio - 1738
- 4. St. Patrick's in NYC 5. Sixteen (16) 6. over 19,000

"It is not enough to be Christian in name; it behooves us to be such in fact." **St. Ignatius of Antioch**

THE SHROUD OF TURIN

by ANN SCHNEIBLE/CNA/EWTN NEWS 08/05/2015

ROME — The Shroud of Turin has different meanings for many people: some see it as an object of veneration, others a forgery, still others a medieval curiosity. For one Jewish scientist, however, the evidence has led him to see it as a meeting point between science and faith. “The shroud challenges (many people’s core beliefs) because there’s a strong implication that there is something beyond the basic science going on here,” said Barrie Schwartz, one of the leading scientific experts on the Shroud of Turin, in an interview with CNA. Admitting that he did not know whether there was something beyond science at play, he added: “That’s not what convinced me: It was the science that convinced me.”

The Shroud of Turin is among the most well-known relics believed to be connected with Christ’s passion. Venerated for centuries by Christians as the burial shroud of Jesus, it has been subject to intense scientific study to ascertain its authenticity, and the origins of the image. The image on the 14-foot-long, three-and-a-half-foot-wide cloth is stained with the postmortem image of a man — front and back — who has been brutally tortured and crucified. Schwartz, now a retired technical photographer and frequent lecturer on the shroud, was a member of the 1978 Shroud of Turin Research Project, which brought prestigious scientists together to examine the ancient artifact.

As a non-practicing Jew at the time, he was hesitant to be part of the team and skeptical as to the shroud’s authenticity — presuming it was nothing more than an elaborate painting. Nonetheless, he was intrigued by the scientific questions raised by the image. Despite his reservations, Schwartz recounts being persuaded to remain on the project by a fellow scientist on the team — a NASA-imaging specialist and a Catholic — who jokingly told him: “You don’t think God wouldn’t want one of his chosen people on our team?” And Schwartz soon encountered one of the great mysteries of the image that still entrances its examiners to this day.

He explained that a specific instrument used for the project was designed for evaluating x-rays, which allowed the lights and darks of an image to be vertically stretched into space, based on the lights and darks proportionately. For a normal photograph, the result would be a distorted image; with the shroud, however, the natural, 3-D relief of a human form came through. This means “there’s a correlation between image density — lights and darks on the image — and cloth to body distance.”

“The only way that can happen is by some interaction between cloth and body,” he said. “It can’t be projected. It’s not a photograph — photographs don’t have that kind of information; artworks don’t.” This evidence led him to believe that the image on the shroud was produced in a way that exceeds the capacities even of modern technology. “There’s no way a medieval forger would have had the knowledge to create something like this, and to do so with a method that we can’t figure out today — the most image-oriented era of human history.” “Think about it: In your pocket, you have a camera and a computer, connected to each other in one little device,” he said.

“The shroud has become one of the most studied artifacts in human history itself, and modern science doesn’t have an explanation for how those chemical and physical properties can be made.” While the image on the Shroud of Turin was the most convincing evidence for him, he said it was only a fraction of all the scientific data that points to it being real. “Really, it’s an accumulation of thousands of little tiny bits of evidence that, when put together, are overwhelming in favor of its authenticity.” Despite the evidence, many skeptics question the evidence without having seen the facts. For this reason, Schwartz launched the website Shroud.com, which serves as a resource for the scientific data on the relic.

Nonetheless, he said, there are many who still question the evidence, many believing it is nothing more than an elaborate medieval painting. “I think the reason skeptics deny the science is, if they accept any of that, their core beliefs have been dramatically challenged, and they would have to go

back and reconfigure who they are and what they believe in,” he said. “It’s much easier to reject it out of hand and not worry about it. That way they don’t have to confront their own beliefs.” “I think some people would rather ignore it than be challenged,” he added. Schwartz emphasized that the science points to the shroud being the burial cloth belonging to a man, buried according to the Jewish tradition, after having been crucified in a way consistent with the Gospel. However, he said it is not proof of the Resurrection — and this is where faith comes in.

“It’s a pre-Resurrection image, because if it were a post-Resurrection image, it would be a living man — not a dead man,” he said, adding that science is unable to test for the sort of images that would be produced by a human body rising from the dead. “The shroud is a test of faith, not a test of science. There comes a point with the shroud where the science stops, and people have to decide for themselves.” “The answer to faith isn’t going to be a piece of cloth. But, perhaps, the answer to faith is in the eyes and hearts of those who look upon it.”

When it comes to testifying to this meeting point between faith and science, Schwartz is in a unique position: He has never converted to Christianity, but remains a practicing Jew. And this, he says, makes his witness as a scientist all the more credible. “I think I serve God better this way, in my involvement in the shroud, by being the last person in the world people would expect to be lecturing on what is, effectively, the ultimate Christian relic. “I think God in his infinite wisdom knew better than I did, and he put me there for a reason.”

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.

RELIGIOUS ED (CCD) REGISTRATION

For those who may have forgotten to register your children for CCD. Please call the CCD Office and do so ASAP so we can order enough supplies for the Fall.

Police Retraining

Now let me see if I have this right. There’s no guidance or discipline in the home. The family situation is so unstable, ‘Junior’ doesn’t even know where or to whom to send a Father’s Day card. Junior gets dumped into the education system where he is socially promoted because the overwhelmed school district can’t deal with the undisciplined whelp. Junior’s major formative influences are ‘gangsta’ rap videos and a corresponding peer group of gangsta wannabes. At age 18, Junior is turned loose on society carrying a bad attitude, a broken compass and little respect for authority. Junior gets himself in big trouble with the law and meets dire consequences. Then, the situation diagnosis is that the police need more training and understanding? Pardon me for asking, but do you really believe this baloney?

KIDS KORNER

1. What’s the name of the Catholic Church in Rome for Americans?
2. What is the largest Archdiocese in the US?
3. Which is the oldest Catholic cathedral in the US?
4. Which is the largest Catholic cathedral in the US?
5. How many American Cardinals are there?
6. How many Catholic parishes are there in the US?

Answers on page four

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