

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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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:

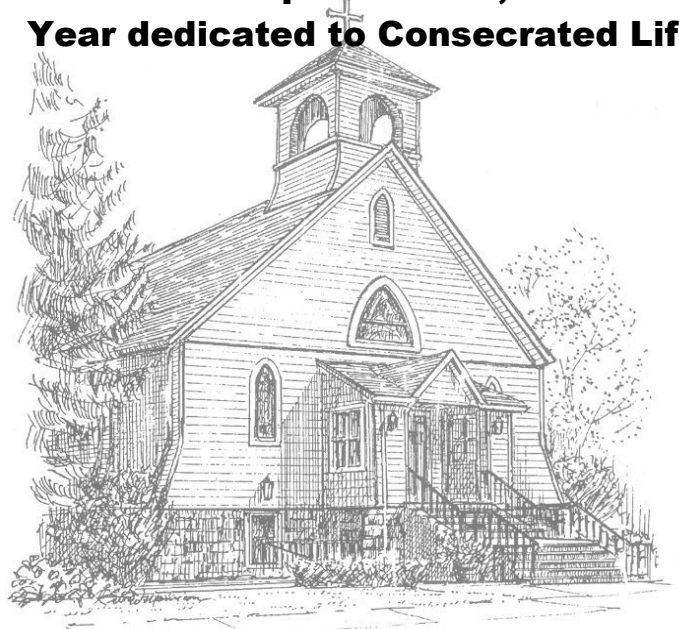
Sick calls at any time in emergency.

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.

September 20, 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, Theresa Corcoran, Joan Crowley, Josephine Davidson, Kathleen Dolan, Rebecca Fastiggi, Veronica Finan, Thomas Haring, 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

"Jesus Christ is a 'King who loves' because He loved us humans to the point of shedding His own blood. Because He loves, He has liberated us from sin, because only love is capable of freeing us from sin."

Pope John Paul II, A Moment's Peace, p78.

NEW HOPE WALK for LIFE

Saturday, October 10, 2015. Join your fellow parishioners and friends as we walk to show support for life. Assemble at St. John the Baptist Church in Hillsdale at 10:00AM. Walk begins at 10:30AM from St. John's Church and ends at St. Andrew's Church in Westwood. Benediction to be held after at St. Andrew's parish. Please join us for the 1.5 mile walk.

OLV MUSIC MINISTRY

CHOIR RECRUITMENT SUNDAY

OLV's Adult Choir - 9:30AM Mass (rehearsals Tuesdays 7-8PM)

OLV's Children's Choir - 10:45AM Family Mass beginning October 4th. (rehearsals begin September 28 Mondays 3:30-4:00PM)

OLV's Youth Choir - 5:00PM Mass - Second Saturdays beginning October 17th (Monthly rehearsals begin October 17 at 4:00PM.)

CONSIDER JOINING ONE OF OUR THREE CHOIRS!

OLV PARISH PICNIC

Don't forget the parish picnic on Sunday, October 4. Tickets are being sold after Mass—and are available at the rectory.

THANK YOU!

The Office of Concern at St. Cecilia thanks the parishioners of OLV for your extraordinary campaign to provide for the needs of the poor in Bergen County. During the months of August and September, approximately 500 bags of groceries, diapers and other goods were donated. Your help arrived at a time when collections usually taper off as families leave for vacation. The needs of the poor persist, however, and you did not forget them. God bless you for your faithful support.

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.

CONVALIDATION

Were you married civilly by a mayor or justice of the peace and would now like to be married in the Catholic Church? See Fr Bryan for more details and to see if your marriage can be regularized with the Church.

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.

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.

Save The Date

Annual Men's Breakfast

OLV's Holy Name Society will be hosting a catered Men's Breakfast on Sunday, October 25th at 10:30 AM in the OLV gym. Our breakfast speaker will be Fr. Bonaventure Rummell, C.F.R. Please hold the date and invite all the men in your family and your friends for a delicious catered breakfast and inspiring words from Fr. Bonaventure.

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.

FACTS OF LIFE

As we grow older, and hence wiser, we realize that wearing a \$300 or \$30 watch, they both tell the same time. Whether we carry a \$300 or \$30 wallet/handbag, the amount of money inside is the same; Whether we drink a bottle of \$30 or \$3 wine, the effect is the same; Whether the house we live in is 30 or 300 sq. m. the loneliness is the same. Hopefully, one day you will realize, your true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world. Whether you fly first or economy class, if the plane goes down, you go down with it... therefore I hope you realize, when you have mates, buddies and old friends, brothers and sisters, who you chat with, laugh with, talk with, have sing songs with, talk about north-south-east-west or heaven and earth, That is true happiness!

Five Undeniable Facts of Life:

1. Don't educate your children to be rich. Educate them to be Happy. So when they grow up they will know the value of things not the price.
2. Best awarded words in London: "Eat your food as your medicines. Otherwise you have to eat medicines as your food".
3. The One who loves you will never leave you because even if there are 100 reasons to give up, they will find one reason to hold on.
4. There is a big difference between a human being and being human. Only a few really understand it.
5. You are loved when you are born. You will be loved when you die. In between; You have to manage!
6. If you just want to Walk Fast, Walk Alone! But if you want to Walk Far, Walk Together!

Six Best Doctors in the World

1. Sunlight.
2. Rest.
3. Exercise.
4. Diet.
5. Self Confidence.
6. Friends, Maintain them in all stages of Life and enjoy healthy life.

**OLV WILL NO LONGER BE COLLECTING
USED INK CARTRIDGES.**

Without the Bread of Life —You are Toast.

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

- Sep 20 & 21 – Sun/Mon—CCD starts
- Sep 21—Mon—Zumba 6:00PM OLV Gym
- Sep 22 -Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:15-3:15PM
- Sep 22—Tue—OLV K of C meeting
- Sep 23—Wed—OLV Needlers 6:30PM
- Sep 24—Thu—Zumba 7:00PM School Parish Center
- Sep 24—Thu—Special Mass for The Silver Rose**
- Sep 25—Fri– Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM
- Sep 26- Sat—Confessions 11:00-12:00Noon 3:00/3:25PM
- Sep 29—Tue—Special Latin Mass for St. Michael**
- Oct 3—Sat—Blessing of Animals at 12:15PM
- Oct 4—Sun—PARISH PICNIC 1:30PM-5:30PM
- Oct 5—Mon—Women of Grace 7:30PM
- Oct 6—Tue-Blessing of Water, Salt and Oil
- Oct 9—Fri—Divine Mercy Presentation 7:30PM
- Oct 11-Sun-Rosary Society Installation Mass
- Oct 17– Sat Holy Name Men say Rosary in Englewood
- Oct 17—Sat—Anointing Mass at 12 noon
- Oct 18—Sun-CDA Brunch at Madeline's-Guest Spkr. Fr. Chris Ciccarino
- Oct 25—Sun—Holy Name Breakfast 10:30AM
- Nov 21/22-Sat/Sun– CDA Christmas Gift Sale
- Dec 13-Sun-Advent Evensong Concert/Prayer Service
- Jan 23—Sat—K of C Beef Steak
- May 14—Sat- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
- May 22—Sun—Confirmation 2PM
- May 30—Mon—Fr. Innocent CFR First Mass and Reception at OLV 1PM

Church Attendance

If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this! If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it. If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope! A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. 'I've gone for 30 years now,' he wrote, 'and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them so, I think I'm wasting my time and the priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.'

This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: 'I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!'

When you are DOWN to nothing... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment! All right, now that you're done reading, send it on!!! I think everyone should read this!! When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, 'Jesus, could you get that for me... while I forward this message?'

IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL!

CLOTHING BINS

September is one of the busiest months of the year as students return to school and most adults resume a normal working schedule after summer vacation. Through the turbulence of your many demands, would you be willing to take a few minutes to gather your unwanted clothing and shoes to help Catholic Charities? Please drop them in the Catholic Charities donation bins located on the Church grounds. Your donations help Catholic Charities and Mt. Carmel Guild. Thank you.

SILVER ROSE MASS AT OLV

In 1960, a youth group associated with the Knights of Columbus came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico, to honor her. Today four roses are run along different North American routes from Canada to México through 38 U.S. states and five Canadian provinces before meeting in Laredo, Texas, for transfer into Mexico crossing the International Bridge. **One of those roses will be here for a Mass at Our Lady of Victories on Sept. 24 at 7PM.** Please come join OLV K of C Council 14483 in honoring Our Lady at that Mass.

ST. MICHAEL MASS AT OLV

On Tuesday, September 29, the Feast of St. Michael, there will be a Traditional Latin Mass/Missa Cantata at 7:00PM. At 6:00PM there will be a presentation about the Latin Mass – including how to use the Latin Mass missal and some of the traditions/rituals that occur during the Latin Mass.

HS OPEN HOUSE:

Don Bosco Prep-Ramsey, NJ

Thursday, October 1, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Sunday, November 1, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

For info, please contact the Don Bosco Prep Admissions Department at admissions@donboscoprep.org and 201-327-8003.

St Joseph Regional HS-Montvale, NJ

Sunday, October 4, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. For more information & directions please call the school at 201-391-3300 or pre-register at www.saintjosephregional.org.

Paramus Catholic-Paramus, NJ

Sunday, October 4, 1-4PM and Wednesday, October 14, 7-9PM. Admissions office 201-445-4466 x104.

Academy of the Holy Angels-Demarest, NJ

Sunday, October 4, 11AM-3PM. For more info or to register visit www.holyangels.org/admissions/open-house.

St. Peter's Preparatory School-Jersey City, NJ

Sunday, October 4, 1:00-4:00PM. For info, call 201-547-6389.

Dominican College Information Session-Orangeburg, NY

For those interested in undergraduate and graduate degrees. Wednesday, September 30, 5:30-7:30PM in the Hennessey Ctr.

Women's Dance Class—ZUMBA

Women's Zumba exercise classes are held on Mondays 6:00PM in the gym and Thursdays 7:00PM in the Parish Center.

CCD CORNER

This is the first day of CCD Classes. It is great to see the teachers and children back in the classrooms discussing and learning our faith. Today is also Catechetical Sunday and its theme is "Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person." Catechetical Sunday presents us with the opportunity to not only thank the many wonderful volunteers who come forth from our parish to teach the Catholic Faith to our children but it also reminds us, by virtue of our own Baptism, that we are called to pass this faith on by being witnesses of the Gospel. Starting next month, the Children's Liturgy of the Word will return to our 10:45 Mass. Right before the readings are read the children from kindergarten to grade 4 will be invited to go with the weekly leaders from the church to the church hall. They will be taught an age appropriate message of the readings through prayer and simple projects. The children will return back to their parents at the beginning of the Offertory.

**Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles,
it takes away today's peace .**

ANOINTING MASS AT OLV

On Saturday, October 17, at 12noon, our parish will have a Mass for the Sick which will include The Anointing of the Sick during Mass. Afterward there will be a light lunch. All elderly and sick are invited – please contact the rectory 201-768-1706 so we can properly plan for the event.

40 Days for Life

September 23—November 1, 2015—Please consider giving one hour a week this Fall to stand in a peaceful vigil across from Women’s Choice Abortion Clinic, 10 Zabriskie St., Hackensack between the hours of 7AM and 7PM. For more info contact Linda Maliani 551-265-8121 or lindamaliani@yahoo.com. Every victory that has been achieved through 40 Days for Life... from lives saved..to abortion centers shut down... to abortion workers experiencing conversions, all began with ONE PERSON who answered God’s call to “speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.”

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.

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.

DOUBLE STANDARD

Interesting excerpts from article which appeared in the Wall street Journal... So the most famous county clerk in America is now in jail. Kim Davis is the clerk for Kentucky’s Rowan County who says her Christian beliefs preclude her from issuing marriage licenses for gay couples. White House spokesman Josh Earnest said "The success of our democracy depends on the rule of law, and there is no public official that is above the rule of law" We don't recall President Obama insisting on "the rule of law" when his then Attorney General, Eric Holder, announced in 2011 that he wouldn't defend challenges to what was then the law--the defense of marriage act signed by President Clinton---in the courts!! Nor did we hear about upholding the law when mayors such as Gavon Newsom of San Francisco issued marriage licences to same sex couples in defiance of state laws. They were as guilty as Ms. Davis of elevating personal preferences over the law. Yet they were praised by those now holding up an obscure Kentucky clerk as a national villain. This is what now is being called " MY OLD KENTUCKY DOUBLE STANDARD"

**When Jesus is all we have,
we realize Jesus is all we need.**

Mass Intentions

- Monday, September 21 – St. Matthew, Apostle**
- 8:00 Intentions of Elizabeth Healy R/b Joe and Johanna Healy
- 12:00 Special Intentions R/b the Coyne Family
- Tuesday, September 22–St. Thomas of Villanova, Spain-bishop**
- 8:00 Kevin Lagatol R/b the Lagatol Family
- 12:00 Catalina Bonzon R/b Esty Pascual Parlanti
- Wednesday, September 23 – St. Pio of Pietrelcina-priest**
- 8:00 Mark Joseph Fizulich R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich
- 12:00 In Thanksgiving to St. Pio R/b the Zaccaro Family
- Thursday, September 24–St. Pacific of San Severino of Italy-priest**
- 8:00 Gladys Heyliger R/b Mary Warner
- 12:00 Marie Clawson R/b Richard and Maureen Ferrara
- Friday, September 25– St. Finbar—bishop**
- 8:00 Jack Romano R/b the Romano Family
- 12:00 Anna Lucia Arias R/b Maria Arias
- Saturday, September 26–Ss. Cosmas and Damian-martyrs**
- 8:00 Nair Lawlor R/b Patti Davis
- 12:00 Margaret Erstling R/b Don and Liz Ulisse
- 4:00 John Brennan R/b the Powers Family
- 5:00 Wilma Longo R/b the Bentivegna Family
- Sunday, September 27– St. Vincent de Paul, priest-France**
- 7:30 Mary Catherine Ford
- 8:15 Josephine Fiore R/b Donald and Marie Leibreich
- 9:30 Margarita Bernardo R/b Lenore Mariano
- 10:45 Intentions of Brian J. McElroy III R/b the McElroy Family
- 12:00 Joseph Rinaldi R/b Rae Rinaldi
- 6:00 Catherine Walsh Mueller R/b Kevin and Susan Olsen
- 7:00 Francis Duffy R/b the Bloomer Family

Sanctuary Memorials

- The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of **Mrs. Richard O'Brien Sr.**, r/b Richard and Mary C. O'Brien.
- The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of **Isabel Quinn**, r/b the Quinn Family.
- The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week for a **Special Intention.**
- The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of **Gary Mioli—First Anniversary**, r/b Clara Urgo.
- The St. John Paul II Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of **Fr. Robert Pachana.**

A PRIEST AND THE RABBI

A Priest says to his friend the rabbi that he has developed a plan of eating for free in really good restaurants. "I simply go in at well past 9 in the evening; eat several courses slowly; linger over coffee, dessert, and a cigar. At about 2 am, as they are cleaning up, I keep sitting there until eventually a waiter comes up and asks me to pay. Then I say, 'I've already paid my original waiter, who has left for the night.' And, because I am a man of the cloth, the waiter takes my word for it, and I just simply walk out the front door as calm as ever." The rabbi, clearly impressed says, "Let's try it together this evening." The priest agrees and books them into an expensive, 5-Star Italian restaurant. They both eat like kings and, just as before, right at 2 am, they are both sitting quietly after enjoying their very full meal. Sure enough, a waiter comes over and hands the priest & the rabbi a bill and asks them to pay. The priest calmly says: "I've already paid our original waiter who has left for the evening." And then the rabbi adds: "And we're still waiting for the change!"

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. Methuselah, 969 years.
2. Simeon and Anna.
3. Tithe.
4. The love of money.
5. No, Moses did not.

SMARTPHONE

by Fr. George W. Rutler

A friend sent me a collection of cartoons about the "smartphone" mania. Among the effects is the decay of the art of conversation. You can be reminded of this on busy 34th Street, when people are so absorbed "twittering" that they bump into you. One cartoon has figures of a bride and groom on top of a wedding cake, each fingering a smartphone, and another shows a crowd of people tweeting with one hand while holding in the other the sort of white cane that blind people use. Self-absorption is a form of moral blindness. Most poignant is the cartoon of a lonely little boy holding a soccer ball, totally ignored by other children staring at their smartphones.

The moral problem is antecedent to the computer age: "To what then shall I compare the men of this generation, and what are they like? They are like children who sit in the marketplace and call to one another, and they say, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not weep'" (Luke 7:31-32).

Our Lord made those remarks in the context of criticisms against him, citing the fickleness of his accusers who resented the way he exposed the limitations of their self-absorption. For others without the audacity to challenge him, it was sufficient to ignore him. An ancient lament was a prophecy of Christ's timeless reproach to those too preoccupied with themselves to pay him attention as he hung on the Cross, whether in the first century or in the computer age: "Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow . . ." (Lamentations 1:12).

But for those who stay alert and look beyond themselves, September 14 celebrates the Triumph of the Cross. In the eighth century, a boy in Syria was born mute and only found his voice the day he received Holy Communion at the age of seven. He apparently loved to sing from then on, and Saint Andrew of Crete now is known as a hymnographer, as well as bishop and theologian. He explained why the Cross takes us out of ourselves:

"Had there been no cross, Christ could not have been crucified. Had there been no cross, life itself could not have been nailed to the tree. And if life had not been nailed to it, there would be no streams of immortality pouring from Christ's side, blood and water for the world's cleansing. The legal bond of our sin would not be cancelled, we should not have attained our freedom, we should not have enjoyed the fruit of the tree of life, and the gates of paradise would not stand open. Had there been no cross, death would not have been trodden underfoot, nor hell despoiled."

Feeding the Homeless

As part of our parish commitment to the community and to serving those less fortunate, we will be preparing and serving a lunch meal on Saturday, October 3, at St. John's Church Soup Kitchen in Newark. This service is sponsored by our Knights of Columbus council. **All parish members (men, women and children) are welcome to participate, even if not a current member of the Knights.** For more information, contact Ray (raphael.longobardi@verizon.net), Mike (stevencolefoods@optonline.net) or Sergio (sminervini@starkcarpet.com).

QUESTION?

What is a votive candle? The act of lighting a candle when offering a special prayer has long been a cherished tradition. As a way to help advance the works of the Church and to offer a sacrifice to Christ, it has been customary to give an offering for the candle. The word *votive* comes from the Latin verb *voveo*, meaning *I desire*. It signifies an offering in which a gift is linked with a prayer intention, as a sacrificial dedication of oneself to God, submission to His will, and reliance on His mercy and providence. Essentially, a votive candle is a sentinel that we leave burning heavenward at a sacred place as a visual sign of our prayer of thanks or request.

Vatican Studying Possible Mother Teresa Miracle - CNA/Father Woody and Regis University

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican is studying the case of a Brazilian man inexplicably cured of brain abscesses — which could be the miracle that leads to the canonization of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Pope Francis voiced his desire to canonize Mother Teresa during the Jubilee Year of Mercy which will begin on Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, as a "sign of mercy for the world" in service to the poor.

Father Caetano Rizzi, who works in the Vatican's congregation for saints, told CNA that the Pope "wants to beatify and canonize men and women that were a sign of mercy for the world in this Jubilee (Year), and Mother Teresa is a model, because of that there's a certain urgency in her process." "The possible miracle that would bring about Mother Teresa's canonization occurred in 2008. A man from Santos, Brazil, whose identity has not been divulged in order to maintain the discretion needed to conclude the investigation, was unexpectedly cured from eight abscesses in his brain that required an operation.

In Presença Diocesana, a Brazilian newspaper, Father Elmiram Ferreira explained that he ministered to the family during this time: "I saw the pain and the suffering of all of them because he was starting a new life (he was recently married) and the illness delayed many of their dreams. I had a lot of faith in the Great Mother Teresa and I always celebrate the Holy Mass in the community of the Sisters of Charity. The way in which she confronted pain and suffering of Christ himself inspired me to also comprehend the suffering of that family." The priest gave the family a prayer to ask for the intercession of Blessed Teresa and told them to pray without ceasing. "Mother Teresa turned into their comfort and strength during that long time. So when his complete recovery was verified and the doctors could not explain it, I understood that there was the hand of the Blessed."

"The doctor that treated the man in Santos is the same one that cared for Pope Francis at World Youth Day in 2013, he told the pontiff about the case. His Holiness expressed his desire to better study the case and because of that those in charge of the cause came from Rome to Santos." Vatican experts on the cause were present in Santos in July to advance the next phase of the investigation. Among them were: Father Brian Kolodiejchuk, postulator for the Cause of Canonization of Mother Teresa; Msgr. Robert Sarno, member of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints; and Father Caetano Rizzi. Father Rizzi told CNA: "I met her in 1980 or 1981 when I came to a talk in Anhembi (Sao Paulo, Brazil) about the value of life. Mother Teresa defended life from conception until natural death. For me, she was a 'living saint.'"

In May of this year, Father Federico Lombardi, Director of the Holy See Press Office, said that "there is not an official date for the canonization, but I can say that the Congregation for the Causes of Saints is studying this cause." The possible miracle must be examined by a number of doctors in this dicastery and then on to a theological council. Upon being approved, it awaits the final approval by the Pope.

KIDZ KORNER

1. According to Scripture who lived longer than anyone else in the Bible?
2. Name the 2 Jews waiting for Jesus in the Temple 8 days after His birth?
3. Israelites gave 10% of their income to God. What is this called?"
4. According to the New Testament, what is the root of evil?
5. Did Moses ever get to enter the "Promised Land"?

Answers on page four.

COVER SHEET

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