

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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October 4, 2015 A.D.

Year dedicated to Consecrated Life

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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: 2:00-3:00pm

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.

MOTHER OF MERCY MESSENGERS PRESENTATION ON THE MESSAGE & PROMISES OF JESUS THE DIVINE MERCY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2015 ~ 7:30PM

In OLV Church

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, 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.

WALKING IN THE WOODS

One day a while back, a man, his heart heavy with grief, was walking in the woods. As he thought about his life this day, he knew many things were not right. He thought about those who had lied about him back when he had a job. His thoughts turned to those who had stolen his things and cheated him. He remembered family who had passed on. His mind turned to the illness he had, that no one could cure. His very soul was filled with anger, resentment, and frustration. Standing there this day, searching for answers he could not find, knowing all else had failed him, he knelt at the base of an old oak tree to seek the one he knew would always be there. And with tears in his eyes, he prayed: 'Lord- You have done wonderful things for me in this life. You have told me to do many things for you, and I happily obeyed. Today, you have told me to forgive. I am sad, Lord, because I cannot. I don't know how. It is not fair Lord, I didn't deserve these wrongs that were done against me and I shouldn't have to forgive. As perfect as your way is Lord, this one thing I can not do, for I don't know how to forgive. My anger is so deep Lord, I fear I may not hear you, but I pray you teach me to do the one thing I can not do: Teach me to forgive.' As he knelt there in the quiet shade of that old oak tree, he felt something fall onto his shoulder. He opened his eyes. Out of the corner of one eye, he saw something red on his shirt. He could not turn to see what it was because where the oak tree had been was a large square piece of wood in the ground. He raised his head and saw two feet held to the wood with a large spike through them. He raised his head more, and tears came to his eyes as he saw Jesus hanging on a cross. He saw spikes in His hands, a gash in His side, a torn and battered body, deep thorns sunk into His head. Finally he saw the suffering and pain on His precious face. As their eyes met, the man's tears turned to sobbing, and Jesus began to speak. 'Have you ever told a lie?' He asked? The man answered - 'Yes, Lord.' 'Have you ever been given too much change and kept it?' The man answered - 'Yes, Lord..' And the man sobbed more and more. 'Have you ever taken something from work that wasn't yours?' Jesus asked? And the man answered, 'Yes, Lord.' 'Have you ever sworn, using my Father's name in vain?' The man, crying now, answered - 'Yes, Lord.' As Jesus asked many more times, 'Have you ever?' The man's crying became uncontrollable, for he could only answer - 'Yes, Lord'. Then Jesus turned His head from one side to the other, and the man felt something fall on his other shoulder He looked and saw that it was the blood of Jesus. When he looked back up, his eyes met those of Jesus, and there was a look of love the man had never seen or known before. Jesus said, 'I didn't deserve this either, but I forgive you.' It may be hard to see how you're going to get through something, but when you look back in life, you realize how true this statement is. Read the following first line slowly and let it sink in. If God brings you to it - He will bring you through it.

"It's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years." **Abraham Lincoln**

CELL PHONES

You are now entering the House of God. We should dress appropriately. Please turn off all electronics including phones, except if you are a doctor, policemen, fireman or ambulance driver or EMT or Paramedic - then please turn your phone to vibrate. Silence will be observed before and during Mass out of respect for those who are in the church praying.

Messengers of Mercy

Friday, October 9—7:30pm—OLV Church

Dave and Joan Maroney, founders of Mother of Mercy Messengers have been spreading the Divine Mercy message and devotion since 1999. Multimedia presentation, Chaplet of Mercy, Act of Consecration of the Family to the Divine Mercy. Come learn the history surrounding the revelations given to St Faustina in Poland in the 1930's and find hope in the Promises of the Divine Mercy for the US and the world today.

OLV SCHOOL

ALUMNI /GRADUATES

On the wall inside of the school are all the graduating classes from OLV School, but in 5 cases we only have the list of children and no class picture. We are missing the class pictures from the 8th grade graduating class of 1966, 1968, 1972, 1975 and the last class 1991. If you have a picture please contact the rectory we will only need it to scan and will return your picture ASAP.

Catholic Daughters Brunch

On October 18, 2015 please join us for the 2015 CDA brunch at Madeline's Petit Paris restaurant in Northvale at 11:00AM. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased from Renee Tringali 201-768-0648 or 201-913-2580. Our guest speaker is Fr. Chris Ciccarino.

Men's Breakfast

OLV's Holy Name Society will be hosting our annual Men's Breakfast on Sunday October 25th at 10:30 AM in the OLV gym. This year, our breakfast speaker will be Fr. Bonaventure Rummell C.F.R. Tickets will be \$15 each or \$25 for father and son or grandfather, father and son. All the men of our parish are invited to attend this delicious catered breakfast and hear inspiring words from Fr. Bonaventure. Tickets are available after Mass or at the rectory. Call the rectory or Marty Coyne at 201-767-8409 for additional information.

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.

DID YOU KNOW???

The Hero of the Battle of New Orleans, General Andrew Jackson, paid tribute to Our Lady after that great battle had been won. The wives of the soldiers, together with the Ursuline nuns, kept an all night vigil in the Ursuline convent chapel, praying to "Our Lady of Prompt Succor." At Mass the next day, a courier informed the women that the battle was won - and with few casualties on the American side. General Jackson believed the victory was by divine intervention, and came with his entourage to thank the nuns and Our Lady.

There's no such thing as too many prayers.

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

- Oct 4 & 5 – Sun/Mon—CCD
- Oct 4—Sun—PARISH PICNIC 1:30PM-5:30PM
- Oct 5—Mon—Zumba 6:00PM OLV Gym
- Oct 5—Mon—Women of Grace 7:30PM
- Oct 6 -Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
- Oct 6—Tue-Blessing of Water, Salt and Oil
- Oct 7—Wed—OLV Needlers 6:30PM
- Oct 8—Thu—Zumba 7:00PM School Parish Center
- Oct 9—Fri— Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM
- Oct 9—Fri—Divine Mercy Presentation 7:30PM
- Oct 10- Sat—Confessions 11:00-12:00Noon 3:00/3:25PM
- 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 3:00pm
- 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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although the hours of daylight are rapidly dwindling, many people would say that these October days bring the year's most splendid weather. Americans are riders and joggers, not strollers, and so the pleasures of the season are often lost on us. This is not the case with many Jewish people, who observe an ancient rule in walking to synagogue on the Sabbath. On city streets and suburban sidewalks in many cities, we may notice around sunset the nicely dressed families walking and chatting on Friday afternoon. After a short prayer at dusk, the families stroll home again for a relaxing and festive meal. They return to synagogue in the morning, and then spend an afternoon in family leisure until three stars appear in the night sky and Sabbath ends. Catholics, on the other hand, pile into the car and drive even a short distance to Mass; some even divide the family to participate at different hours. For Jews, the leisurely walk marks a dividing line between hectic life commitments and a day of abundant joy and enrichment. Before we became an automobile culture, Catholics embraced a similar pace, and in most places walked to church. These lovely days of Fall invite us to tap into an old and life-giving tradition. If you live within a mile of your church, walk next week. If you must drive, park at a good distance and walk the rest of the way. Talk about your life, greet strangers, notice the crunch of leaves under your shoes. You may be surprised at how different Sunday Mass feels when it is framed by leisure.

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 bin located on the Church grounds. Your donations help Catholic Charities and Mt. Carmel Guild. Thank you.

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

PLEASE BE CAREFUL

With such a large number of people attending our parish church we need to be careful in the parking lots. On Sunday mornings we have children running to and from CCD, elderly people walking to and from the church and some individuals who unnecessarily speed in the parking lot. We have had a number of fender benders and in the spring we had three on one Sunday morning. Two weekends ago on Sunday we did have a hit and run. Yes some one smashed into a parked car and fled the scene.

HS OPEN HOUSE

Don Bosco Prep-Ramsey, NJ

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.

Immaculate Heart Academy-Washington Township, NJ

Sunday, October 18, 11AM-2PM and a smaller open house October 29 at 6:30PM. Pre-register at www.ihanj.com For more info call 201-445-6800.

Bergen Catholic, Oradell, NJ

For more info' call 201-261-1844.

THE POPE AND ABORTION FORGIVENESS

We must get accurate information about papal statements and other Catholic issues from orthodox, proper sources. The confusion caused by most media by their inaccurate, incomplete reports about Pope Francis' 'abortion forgiveness permission' certainly proves a point. For by omitting all the facts, many media sources caused some to fear they were not forgiven by the Priest to whom they confessed an abortion. Here's 'the rest of the story' as we say. Unlike some countries, most - if not all US Bishops have long granted their Priests the faculty to forgive abortion and the penalty of excommunication IF it was even incurred – for not all who have or procure an abortion are always excommunicated! To learn more about this complex issue, visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website: uscbb.org and read the article Cardinal O'Malley Welcomes Pope's Year of Mercy Plan for Post-Abortion Healing and its attachment: hopeafterabortion.com. And please pray that all those wounded by abortion or ANY sin will be reconciled to God, His Church and one another NOW or in the upcoming 'Year of Mercy.'

CCD CORNER

Many theologians have expressed that the second most powerful prayer (the first being the Mass) is the praying of the Rosary. Throughout the course of history there are direct connections with the public recitation of the Rosary and miraculous events. Our own feast day, which we will celebrate on Wednesday of this week, recalls the power of our Blessed Mother's intervention. During October, the month dedicated to the Rosary, our CCD children will gather as a group before each class to pray the Rosary. We will offer our prayers up for peace and all the members of our parish family. It has been said that *a family who prays together, stays together.* May we always find time in our busy lives to speak to God and His Blessed Mother through the gift of prayer!

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 plan properly.

CONGRATULATIONS

... to OLV parishioner Marion Barrett who won 2nd prize in the Sisters of Charity 50/50 Raffle which was draw on Labor Day at Maris Stella Retreat House. Marion's 2nd prize winnings were \$4,960!!!!

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;
- Lieutenant John Miele, US Army.

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 receive Communion, please contact the Rectory at 201-768-1706

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.

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 5—St. Flora of France - Nun

8:00 Martin Loftus R/b the Bolton Family
12:00 Isabell Kucera R/b Tony and Laura Scott

Tuesday, October 6—St. Bruno - Priest

8:00 David O'Neill R/b the Barrett Family
12:00 Special Intentions R/b the Coyne Family

Wednesday, October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 Intentions of Anna Arias R/b Maria Arias
12:00 George and Richard Fabiano R/b George and Gail Fabiano

Thursday, October 8—St. Pelagia of Antioch-Virgin Martyr

8:00 Francesco Angelo Marino R/b Tony and Laura Scott
12:00 Nair Lawlor R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico

Friday, October 9 – St. Denis & companions, martyrs

8:00 Dennis Caufield-1st Anniverary R/b John and Mary Terwedow
12:00 Sonia Pascual Napiza R/b Esty Parlanti

Saturday, October 10 – St. Ghislain of Belgium-Abbot

8:00 Kevin Lagatol R/b the Lagatol Family
12:00 John Zanetti

4:00 Joseph Wagner

5:00 Sr. M. Archangel and Sr. M. Elfrida R/b Josephine J. Fogarino

Sunday, October 11—Bl. John XXIII, Pope

7:30 People of the Parish
8:15 Intentions of Charles and Marita Morgan and Family R/b Irene Kristof
9:30 Members of the Holy Name Society, Living and Deceased
10:45 Gladys Heyliger R/b the Evanella Family
12:00 Marie Zocco R/b Mike Zocco
6:00 Robert C. Kaiser R/b the Kaiser Family
7:00 John W. Budnich R/b Jorden and Renee Pedersen

Sanctuary Memorials

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the unemployed.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of a little boy named Vinney, r/b William and Marilyn Bresnak.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week for a Special Intention.

The St. John Paul II Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Fr. Robert Pachana.

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.

ADORATION

Just a reminder we have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday s from 12noon—3PM, Thursday night from 7PM –8PM, and Fridays from 12noon – 3PM.

So stop by and adore Our Eucharistic Lord.

CHRISTIAN FROM A PAGAN?

Joy, peace, gentleness, patience. Well, if you are as impatient and combustible, as mean, hateful, and unkind as your pagan neighbor, what is this "believing"? Or is it unbelieving? **CONFINED FAITH**—I find people have faith coming out of their ears, and that's as far as it goes: above their shoulders. It has never entered their heart enough to change them.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. St. Paul. 2. Golgotha. 3. Barabbas. 4. Two thieves.
5. Jesus spent 40 days in the desert fasting right after his baptism and before his public ministry.

DESTRUCTION OF THE FAMILY

Catholic Archbishop Anthony Sablan Apuron of Agana, Guam wrote to his flock asserting that the "true intention" of those who promote and defend same-sex unions as marriage "has always been about the destruction of the family and the imposition of a totalitarian system." Archbishop Apuron predicted that soon the schools will be utilized so "that our children, your children, will be forced to assimilate to this pattern of non-gender." "It is important to understand that the political pressure to push the agenda for same sex 'marriage' has never been about gay rights; the true intention behind this agenda has always been about the destruction of the family, and the imposition of a totalitarian system," wrote Archbishop Apuron.

"The next step will be to implement this theory in the educational system of Guam," said the archbishop. "This means that our children, your children, will be forced to assimilate to this pattern of non-gender; that there is no-such-thing as 'male' or 'female'; they will be encouraged to explore their sexuality earlier, and parents will have no voice in the education of their children." In June of this year, Guam became the first American overseas territory to recognize same-sex marriage. Archbishop Apuron has served as Archbishop of Agana since 1986. Here follows Archbishop Apuron's statement as published on the archdiocesan website:

Sisters and Brothers: In the face of recent events undertaken by the U.S. District Court of Guam, the U.S. Supreme Court and the 33rd Guam Legislature in redefining marriage, the Church stands firm on her teaching that marriage is between one man, and one woman. While the Church does not agree with the decisions taken by the courts, or those taken by our local legislators, disagreement is not discrimination. These recent laws force the People of Guam, and of the United States, to either agree with a particular political position, or face ridicule and sanction for discrimination. These types of laws not only undermine the precepts of the United States Constitution to Freedom of Speech, but also undermines and attempts to eradicate the Constitutional Right to Freedom of Religion – we are living in dangerous times, under the law of man, where Catholics, and Christians alike, are commanded to forfeit our religious beliefs.

These times compel the Church to expose the intentions of those who have deceptively disguised same-sex unions, as an issue of equality and anti-discrimination. It is important to understand that the political pressure to push the agenda for same sex "marriage" has never been about gay rights; the true intention behind this agenda has always been about the destruction of the family, and the imposition of a totalitarian system. The approval of same-sex "marriage" has now thrown open the doors of Guam to implement in our community a very clever and systematic theory, which has as its aim the destruction of marriage and family through the annihilation of any sexual differences among persons, this theory is known as the "Theory of Gender."

At the political level, in order to avoid "discrimination" among the genders, a principle of "equality," or more specifically, a "radical equality" has been imposed upon society, demanding and forcing society to have a neutral response to gender; any objection is considered not only discriminatory, and intolerant, but bigotry. The next step will be to implement this theory in the educational system of Guam. This means that our children, your children, will be forced to assimilate to this pattern of non-gender; that there is no-such-thing as "male" or "female"; they will be encouraged to explore their sexuality earlier, and parents will have no voice in the education of their children. The natural family will be seen as a threat for the "new age." These ideas are already part of an international agenda promoted especially by the United Nations.

The laws just passed on our beautiful island, which were disguised to fight against discrimination, will now work to subvert our human sexuality from the most tender age with the goal to abolish the natural family and create new "models" of a family.

I truly believe we are being led astray like lambs to a slaughter. In my view, these recent laws are not a sign of human progress, but are dangerous steps toward annihilation of our fundamental religious beliefs. As Shepherd of the local Church of Guam, I urge every person to be mindful that each of us is answerable to the Supreme Judge for what we do, and do not do. I invite all the Faithful, including those in every branch of our local government, not to deny your faith, but to have the courage to be a witness to the truth: the truth about life, about man, about marriage and about family. Do not be afraid! Christ is the truth, and the truth will set us free.

Servus tuus,

Most Rev. Anthony Sablan Apuron, OFM Cap., D.D.

The Church of Newark

An Archdiocese is merely a Diocese that is comprised of a larger, older or more prestigious area; its 'head' Bishop or 'Ordinary' is called an Archbishop. There are five Roman Catholic 'districts' in New Jersey: the Archdiocese of Newark, which has 218 Parishes and 756 Priests [2013 statistics] and the Dioceses of Camden [70 Parishes /281 Priests], Metuchen [94/201], Paterson [111/340] and Trenton [109/304]. Our entire State is united in what is called a 'Province' - which the Archbishop of Newark leads under his title 'Metropolitan.' While an Archbishop has an office with great prestige, he has immediate jurisdiction only over his own Diocese. But as the Metropolitan he: insures that his suffragan [subordinate] Dioceses are vigilant in the faith and Church law; informs the Holy Father of any major problems in the other Dioceses and may, with the Pope's permission, 'visit' or 'check out' the other Dioceses for Rome; appoints a Diocesan Administrator when the suffragan Diocese has no Bishop and installs its newly appointed Bishop; performs other special duties as circumstances warrant as when all the Bishops of the State meet, he 'chairs' or runs the meeting. The unity of each Parish or Diocese organization with its local Bishop, who is our visible 'tie' to the most prestigious Diocese of all: the Church of Rome, whose Bishop is the Pope. In every Episcopal Province, both the Bishop of Rome and the local Bishop are always mentioned by name; it is optional to add the names of Coadjutor and Auxiliary Bishops in that local Diocese. A Coadjutor is like a 'Bishop-in-waiting'; he is already a Bishop, but does not take over the Diocese until the current 'Ordinary' retires, resigns or dies. Again, while each Ordinary or 'head' Bishop of the Diocese is somewhat autonomous, at his installation he promises obedience and respect to the Bishop of Rome and is obligated to maintain unity with all his brother Bishops throughout the whole world. Through this EP's insert the faithful and the pastors' of the Church pledge to strengthen our 'bond of unity' by our words and deeds and our prayerful support for all Bishops in their daunting task of fostering, maintaining, and deepening the Church's unity.

KIDZ KORNER

1. Who witnessed the stoning of Stephen the Martyr?
2. What was the name of the hill on which Jesus was crucified?
3. Pontius Pilate set what prisoner free instead of Jesus?
4. Jesus was crucified between whom?
5. Where did we get the idea for the Lenten 40-day fast?

Answers on page four.

COVER SHEET

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