

Our Lady of Victories Church

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

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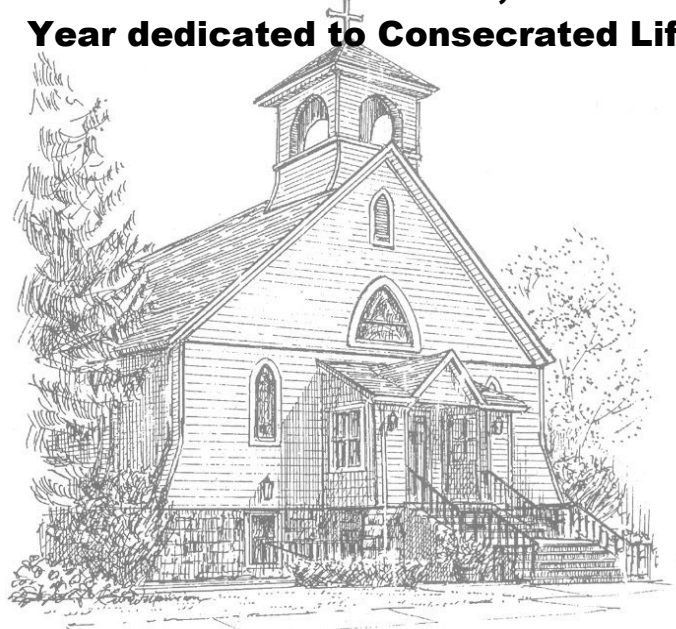
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WELCOME

**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.

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.

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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**: Baby Luca, Br. Pius, Sr. Matthew Cola OSF, Isabella Ruggiero, Maria Aleman, Elizabeth Clark, Kathleen Dolan, Rebecca Fastiggi, Thomas Haring, Arnold Kemner, Ken Mosier, Kathleen Musante, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Cookie Rush, Mildred Speck, Elizabeth Torre, Therese Vaglio, Darien Wesler, Al Wiese, Roy Wurtz, Elaine Zito.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

SUNDAY BEST?

"A holy person is a joy-filled person, Sit in your car in front of any church on Sunday morning. Watch them going in and coming out, the saddest-sack bunch of people you ever want to see! They're dragging their kids in, angry over the parking space, the sermon was too long. The church was too cold. They miss the whole point-and when it's over, that's the end of it. The grouching begins the minute they walk out the church doors-sometimes earlier." **Mother Angelica, Little Book of Life Lessons pg 208**

LOGIC FROM UNCLUTTERED MINDS

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah'. The teacher asked, 'What if Jonah went to hell?' The little girl replied, 'Then you ask him'.

Meanest mother in the world

(from Dear Ann Landers)

I had the meanest mother in the world. While other kids had candy for breakfast, I had to eat cereal, eggs and toast. While other kids had cokes and candy for lunch, I had a sandwich. As you can guess my dinner was different from the other kids' dinners, too. My mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were on a chain gang or something. She had to know who our friends were and what we were doing. I am ashamed to admit it, but she actually had the nerve to break the child labor laws. She made us work. We had to do wash dishes, make our beds and learn how to cook. That woman must have stayed awake nights thinking up things for us kids to do. And she always insisted that we tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. By the time we were teenagers, she was much wiser, and our lives became even more unbearable. None of this tooting the car horn for us to come running; she embarrassed us no end by insisting that the boys come to the door to get us. I forgot to mention that most of our friends were allowed to date at the mature age of 12 and 13, but our old-fashioned mother refused to let us date until we were 15. She really raised a bunch of squares. None of us was ever arrested for shoplifting or busted for dope. And who do we have to thank for this? You're right, our mean mother. I am trying to raise my children to stand a little straighter and taller, and I am secretly tickled to pieces when my children call me mean. I thank God for giving me the meanest mother in the world. Our country doesn't need a good five cent cigar. It needs more mean mothers like mine.

Blessings on That Wonderful Woman

OLV MUSIC MINISTRY

OLV Adult Choir—9:30AM Mass (Rehearsal: Tues, 7:00-8:00PM)

OLV Children's Choir—10:45AM Family Mass (Rehearsal: Mon, 5:15-5:45PM)

OLV Youth Choir—2nd Saturdays at 5:00PM Mass (Rehearsal Sat at 4:00PM)

CONSIDER JOINING ONE OF OUR THREE CHOIRS!

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 contact the rectory we will only need it to scan and will return your picture ASAP.

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.

MISSIONARY FRANCISCAN SISTERS GARAGE & BAKE SALE

Sunday, October 25, and Monday, October 26, from 10AM to 4PM at 253 Knickerbocker Road in Tenafly. Many new and used quality items including housewares, clothing, collectibles and home-baked goods—something for everyone! For information or to donate items in good condition call Sr. Trinity 201-568-0478.

INCORRUPTIBLES

St. Bernadette Soubirous (1844-1879) is most famous for the Blessed Mother having visited her in 1858, when our Lady revealed herself as "the Immaculate Conception." Occurring just four years after Pope Blessed Pius IX had declared this to be a dogma, it was as though this revelation confirmed from heaven this truth the pope had "bound on earth" in accord with the power Christ promised to him in Matthew 16:18-19. On September 22, 1909, 30 years after her death, Bernadette's body was exhumed, as is sometimes the case when the cause of canonization is initiated. When they opened the coffin, two doctors and multiple sisters of the community observed a body that was as perfectly preserved as on the day of her death. Her face had even maintained its natural skin tone. The rosary she was holding in her hands had rusted, and the crucifix that had been laid upon her chest was covered with verdigris, and yet Bernadette's body was pristine. Ten years later, her corpse was exhumed again at the end of the canonization process and found to be just as perfectly preserved. Her body can be viewed today at the Chapel of St. Bernadette in Nevers, France, where 133 years after her death she still looks as though she has just fallen asleep (Joan Carol Cruz, *The Incorruptibles*, Tan Books, 1977, pp. 288-289).

CATHOLIC- PROTESTANT- MUSLIM- JEW

A Catholic, a Protestant, a Muslim, and a Jew were in a discussion during a dinner. Catholic: "I have a large fortune....I am going to buy Citibank!" Protestant: "I am very wealthy and will buy General Motors!" Muslim: "I am a fabulously rich prince.... I intend to purchase Microsoft!" They then all wait for the Jew to speak.... The Jew stirs his coffee, places the spoon neatly on the table, takes a sip of his coffee, looks at them and casually says: "I'm not selling."

"A gun is like a parachute. If you need one, and don't have one, you'll probably never need one again."

Don't point a finger. Lend a hand.

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

- Oct 18 & 19 – Sun/Mon—CCD
- Oct 19—Mon—Zumba 6:00PM OLV Gym
- Oct 19—Mon—Women of Grace 7:30PM
- Oct 20 -Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
- Oct 21—Wed—OLV Bible Group 10:00AM
- Oct 21—Wed—OLV Needlers 6:30PM
- Oct 22—Thu—Zumba 7:00PM School Parish Center
- Oct 23—Fri– Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM
- Oct 24- Sat—Confessions 11:00-12:00Noon 3:00/3:25PM
- Oct 25—Sun—Holy Name Breakfast 10:30AM
- Oct 31/Nov 1—Coat and Sweater Drive
- Nov 7 / 8—Coat and Sweater Drive
- Nov 21/22-Sat/Sun– CDA Christmas Gift Sale
- Nov 22—Sun—Frozen Turkey Collection
- 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

LIFE SOURCE HOSPICE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Life Source Hospice is seeking volunteers to be part of our elderly patients' end-of-life care. Volunteers serve as friendly bedside visitors to patients throughout Bergen County and provide them with much appreciated companionship by sitting, listening and praying with them. Volunteers also provide support to family members. Volunteers determine their own schedules and can visit on evenings and weekends. Most volunteers donate 2 hours a week of their time for a minimum of one year. Volunteers receive ongoing hospice training and support. For more information, please contact Life Source Hospice at 201-967-4313 or kiplifesourcehospice@yahoo.com.

Meet Walter Barnes

All golfers should live so long as to become this kind of old man! Toward the end of the Sunday service, the Minister asked, "How many of you have forgiven your enemies?" 80% held up their hands. The Minister then repeated his question. All responded this time, except one man, Walter Barnes. "Mr. Barnes, are you not willing to forgive your enemies?" "I don't have any," he replied gruffly. "Mr. Barnes, that is very unusual. How old are you?" "Ninety-eight," he replied. The congregation stood up and clapped their hands. "Oh, Mr. Barnes, would you please come down in front and tell us all how a person can live ninety-eight years and not have an enemy in the world?" The old golfer tottered down the aisle, stopped in front of the pulpit, turned around, faced the congregation, and said simply, "I outlived all of them" - and he calmly returned to his seat.

FOOD DRIVE

During the months of **October and November** we have been asked to help restock the area food banks. So please bring your donation to the church vestibule or leave them at the rectory garage.

CCD CORNER

Next Sunday at 9:40 we will be having our **First Communion Parent meeting** in the gym. Information concerning this sacramental year program and calendar of events will be presented. **All** First Communion parents should attend. Coffee and refreshments will be available during the presentation. Today was our first introduction of the **Children's Liturgy of the Word** at the 10:45 Mass. The Readings are broken open for the younger children in a more relaxed and "age appropriate" environment. Throughout the month of October, our students will be praying a decade of the Rosary before they begin class.

COAT DRIVE

OLV Social Concerns Committee will be collecting **Winter Jackets, Coats and Sweaters**. If you have any of these items that you wish to donate we are having a **coat drive** during the weekends of **October 31st/November 1st and November 7th/8th**.

SAINTS OF TODAY AND YESTERDAY

BLESSED WILLIAM ANDLEBY (ANLABY)

Priest and Martyr († 1597)

As a Protestant in his mid-twenties, William Andleby, of Etton, England, was en route to fight with the Dutch Protestants against Catholic Spain when he passed through the French city of Douai. There he entered into conversation with the famous English Catholic cleric and future cardinal, William Allen. Within a day, the latter's words and prayers transformed Andleby's view of Catholicism, inspiring him to become a Catholic himself. Remaining in Douai, he studied for the priesthood, and was ordained in 1577. Returning to England in 1578, Father Andleby spent the next two decades ministering to the country's persecuted Catholics. His zeal for souls made him fearless of danger and untiring in labors. For several years he traveled everywhere on foot, carrying all he needed for Mass in a bag, until at last he was prevailed upon to use a horse. Father Andleby prayed continually, frequently watching by night, and becoming so deeply absorbed in meditation that at times he seemed scarcely conscious of those he met. Ultimately he was captured by the Elizabethan authorities, and was executed for being a priest.

DID YOU KNOW?

The name of the dance the hokey-pokey and its actions were designed to satirize the Latin Mass and the Catholic clergy. In the days when the Priest celebrated Mass with his back to the people and he whispered the Latin words of the consecration with its many hand movements, the laity mimicked the movements as they saw them and the words as they misheard them. The words "hokey pokey" were a mishearing or a deliberate parody of the Latin phrase "Hoc est enim corpus meum" ("This is My Body"). Another corruption of this same Latin phrase is the phrase "hocus pocus" the words used by magicians when they are "casting" spells. The Oxford English Dictionary says that "hokey-pokey" comes from the phrase "hocus pocus," the traditional magicians' incantation that derives from a Latin phrase used in satanic Masses, themselves parodies of the Latin Mass.

CATHOLIC PRESIDENTS?

John Tyler may have been the first Catholic President. Although George Washington apparently converted to Catholicism before his death, John Tyler just might have been the first to embrace the faith while still President. In her biography of John Calhoun, Margaret Coit records that President Tyler began dating Julia Gardiner, daughter of his former Secretary of State, in 1844. Miss Gardiner herself was a convert. "Before the year was out," writes the author, "they were married at a High Nuptial Mass of the Catholic Church in New York." We cannot know, on the strength of this report, if Tyler embraced the True Faith; and we have no other evidence to indicate he did. However, in those times of the Masonic, "Know - Nothing" anti-Catholicism, a high level public official converting to Catholicism would certainly have done so discreetly. Also, it was very exceptional then for the Church to permit a Catholic to marry a non-Catholic, especially at a High Mass.

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.

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.

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.

A Child's View of Thunderstorms

A little girl walked to and from school daily. Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming, She made her daily trek to school. As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, along with lightning. The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school. She also feared the electrical storm might harm her child. Full of concern, the mother got into her car and quickly drove along the route to her child's school. As she did, she saw her little girl walking along. At each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up, and smile. More lightning followed quickly and with each, the little girl would look at the streak of light and smile. When the mother drew up beside the child, she lowered the window and called, "What are you doing?" The child answered, "I am trying to look pretty because God keeps taking my picture."

PHILANTHROPY

A visitor to Israel attended a recital and concert at the Moscovitz Auditorium. He was quite impressed with the architecture and the acoustics. He inquired of the tour guide, "Is this magnificent auditorium named after Chaim Moscovitz, the famous Talmudic scholar?" "No," replied the guide. "It is named after Sam Moscovitz, the writer." Never heard of him," said the visitor. "What did he write?" "A check," replied the guide.

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.

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 19—St. John de Brebeuf, St. Isaac Jogues-Priests, and companions - martyrs

8:00 George and Mary Ann Lyddon R/b Steve and Robin Hartmann
12:00 Victoria Humphrey R/b the Humphrey Family
7:00 (Convent) Kevin Naughton R/b the Barrett Family

Tuesday, October 20—St. Paul of the Cross from Ovada, Italy-Priest

8:00 Kevin Lagatol R/b the Lagatol Family
12:00 Special Intentions R/b the Coyne Family

Wednesday, October 21 – St. Celine of Cerny, France-Mother

8:00 John Haws R/b Joe and Johanna Healy
12:00 Mary Matthews R/b Tom and Ann Thomas

Thursday, October 22—St. John Paul II—Pope

8:00 Ann Rappa R/b Edward and Gregory Rappa
12:00 John Zanetti R/b Ralph and Pat Dinnell

Friday, October 23 – St. John of Capistrano, Italy-Priest

8:00 Jack Haws R/b Tony and Laura Scott
12:00 Aurelia Marchiano R/b the Dunn Family

Saturday, October 24 – St. Anthony Mary Claret of Spain

8:00 Ann Incognito R/b Christine Machorek
12:00 Nair Lawlor R/b the Pedersen Family
4:00 Joseph Wagner R/b the Buonomo Family
5:00 Peter Bentivegna R/b the Bentivegna Family

Sunday, Oct. 25—St. Gaudentius of Brescia, Italy-Bishop

7:30 Mia Neri R/b the Egg Family
8:15 Rev. Zachary H. Monet, O.Carm. R/b Pat Consoli
9:30 Bobby Smith R/b the Buonomo Family
10:45 John Zanetti R/b Helen Elrod
12:00 Anna Lucia Arias R/b Maria Arias
6:00 Dominic and Angela DeVito R/b Strasser and Olsen Families
7:00 Elizabeth Maher R/b the Evanelia Family

Sanctuary Memorials

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Ann Incognito, r/b Christine Machorek.

The Hosts and Wine used at Mass this week have been donated in memory of Ann Incognito, r/b Christine Machorek.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the intentions of John and Eileen McAdams-50th Wedding Anniversary, r/b Elaine Hogarty.

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.

CANCER

Because cancer is one of the leading causes of death today, here are some common signs and symptoms that may be caused by undetected cancer in its early stages. Although all of these warning signs can have other causes, you should see your physician immediately if you notice any of them. The doctor can examine you and give you the best chance for a cure: A scab, sore, or ulcer that does not heal within 3 weeks. A skin blemish or mole that enlarges, bleeds, or itches. A lump or swelling beneath the skin. Recurrent indigestion or difficulty swallowing. Hoarseness that lasts for more than a week. A persistent cough or coughing up blood. Any change in bowel or bladder habits. Blood in the stool or urine.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. 1910
2. The Walters Family Home on Oct 2, 1910
3. 1912
4. Fr. James Delehanty, and he came by horse from St. Andrews to offer Sunday Mass.
5. The Church floor collapsed, and two women were killed; incidentally it was the same day the Titanic sank.

THE CHURCH: THE FIRST TO BE "GREEN."

Long before the preservation, just distribution and safeguarding for future generations of God's gift of creation became a primary concern - or as we now say "the PC" or Politically Correct thing to do - the Church was—as we also say - green! For since the 1960's the Mass has had a Preface extolling God's gift of creation and highlighting our role as its steward. What's a steward? Jesus often said we are stewards from whom God will one day demand an account of our stewardship. In one parable He said it this way: "A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.'" [Luke 16:1-2] Jesus also warned that all to whom more has been entrusted, more will be demanded! [C.f. Luke 12:48] So we who live in a land blessed with so many natural resources must be exemplary in the way we conserve, ration, share and recycle all God has entrusted to us ... or else! Catholic doctrine and teaching on our care for environment - as well as today's Preface - are all firmly rooted in the Sacred Scriptures. In fact, the first two lines of the Preface - which describe how God laid the world's foundation, set all things in motion and continues to govern it - and made the human person the highpoint and overseer of all created things, summarize the first two chapters of the Book of Genesis. The Bible also stresses how all created things, each in their particular way, offer praise to the Creator. Some Psalms and Canticles [the term for biblical songs NOT found in the Book of Psalms or songs of praise] sing of how even inanimate objects and non-human life bless the Lord:

- Sun and moon, bless the Lord;**
- Stars of heaven, bless the Lord;**
- Every shower and dew, bless the Lord;**
- All you winds, bless the Lord;**
- Fire and heat, bless the Lord;**
- Cold and chill, bless the Lord;**
- Dew and rain, bless the Lord;**
- Frost and chill, bless the Lord;**
- Hoarfrost and snow, bless the Lord;**
- Nights and days, bless the Lord;**
- Light and darkness, bless the Lord;**
- Lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord;**
- Let the earth bless the Lord,**
- Mountains and hills, bless the Lord;**
- Everything growing on earth, bless the Lord;**
- You springs, bless the Lord;**
- Seas and rivers, bless the Lord;**
- You sea monsters and all water creatures,**
bless the Lord
- All you birds of the air, bless the Lord;**
- All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord;**
- All you mortals, bless the Lord.**

[C.f. Daniel 3:62-82 or for the entire Canticle: 51-90]

How can you more profoundly and prayerfully 'bless the Lord' by your use of all created things?

THE DIFFERENCES

The Italian says, "I'm thirsty. I must have wine." The Frenchman says, "I'm thirsty. I must have cognac." The Russian says, "I'm thirsty. I must have vodka." The German says, "I'm thirsty. I must have beer." The Mexican says, "I'm thirsty. I must have tequila." The Jewish man says, "I'm thirsty. I must have diabetes."!

Autumn leaves – Jesus doesn't.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

With the Reformation, some early Protestants, including the "Anabaptists," rejected infant baptism in favor of "believer's baptism." Against Orthodox and Catholic practice, which favored baptism as soon as possible for a newborn, these movements desired that the candidate for baptism speak for him- or herself at a mature age, not through godparents as an infant. Today, it is clear that they were rejecting a very ancient practice (even as early as the second century) of baptizing children of all ages. Children came first in ancient baptismal ceremonies, and someone would speak for them. Gregory of Nazianzen wanted to delay the baptism of children to three years of age, since at that age they could retain at least some impression of the liturgy. He made an exception for the very ill, who were to be baptized ahead of the annual Easter baptism. That means that infants and children were normally baptized together with adults, and that everyone received confirmation and the Eucharist. The tone of the early bishops' writings is generous and compassionate, and seeks to build up the eucharistic assembly by widely celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit. If a priest celebrated baptism, then the gift of the Spirit was postponed for the bishop, but with no regard for the person's age. So, until the fifth century, confirmation was for infants, too. Charlemagne, crowned Holy Roman Emperor on Christmas Day, 800, had a major interest in shaping the worship life of the church, and began a long period of reform and regulation. We owe many confirmation policies and practices to his rule. A baptized person was required to be confirmed as soon as the bishop's presence made it possible. Priests were expected to do their best in seeing to it that a newly-baptized child received the Eucharist. One twelfth-century ritual insists that if the child is not yet capable of eating or drinking, then the priest might give him or her some of the Precious Blood on a leaf or a finger. Despite the best efforts of the Empire to hold liturgical life together, the rules were not always lived out with great beauty. St. Richard of Chichester of thirteenth-century England, for example, was canonized for his holy life as a bishop. One of the remarkable signs of his sanctity was his willingness to climb down from his horse to confirm "merely baptized" layfolk who crossed his path! This praiseworthy practice points a finger of blame at less zealous bishops, whose casual attitudes revealed a sacrament in need of rescue.

ROWING TEAM

Yeshiva University decided to field a rowing team. Unfortunately, they lose race after race. Even though they practice and practice for hours every day, they never manage to come in any better than dead last. Finally, the team decides to send Morris Fishbein, its captain, to spy on Harvard, the perennial championship team. So Morris schlepps off to Cambridge, Massachusetts, and hides in the bushes next to the Charles River, where he carefully watches the Harvard team at its daily practice. After a week, Morris returns to Yeshiva. "Well, I figured out their secret," he announces. "What? Tell us! Tell us!" his teammates shout. "We should have only one guy yelling. The other eight should row."

OLV BIBLE STUDY

The OLV Bible Study Group meets on Wednesdays at 10:00a.m. in the OLV Rectory. All are welcome to join us.

KIDZ KORNER

1. When was Our Lady of Victories Parish founded?
2. Where was the first Mass in Harrington Park said?
3. What year was Our Lady of Victories Church built?
4. Who was the first "pastor" of OLV?
5. What happened when OLV Church was opened to the public?

Answers on page four.

**GOING TO CHURCH DOESN'T MAKE YOU A CHRISTIAN
ANY MORE THAN STANDING IN A GARAGE MAKES YOU A CAR.**

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