

Our Lady of Victories Church

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

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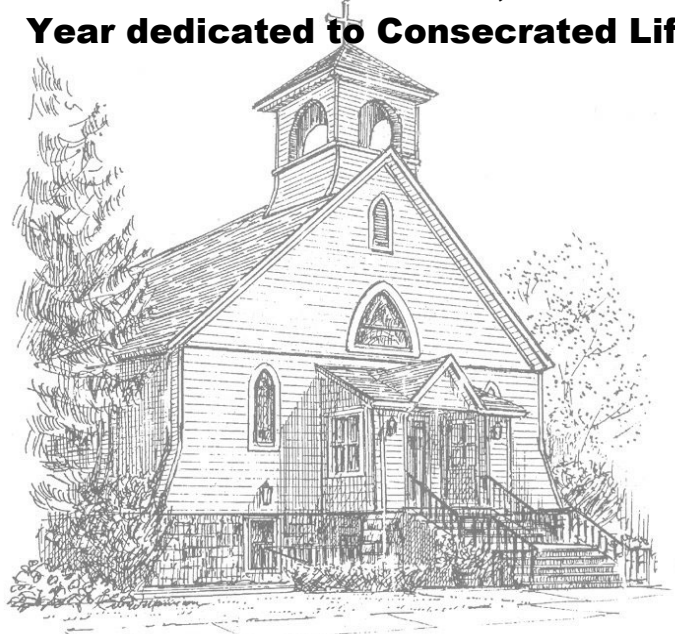
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Year dedicated to Consecrated Life



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.

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, little Niamh Devlin, Br. Pius, Isabella Ruggiero, Maria Aleman, Kathleen Dolan, Rebecca Fastiggi, Thomas Haring, Arnold Kemner, Ken Mosier, Kathleen Musante, Kevin O'Halloran, Dan Ragusa, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Cookie Rush, Mildred Speck, Therese Vaglio, Darien Wesler, Al Wiese, Roy Wurtz, Marian Zanetti, Elaine Zito.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"If You Had Not Prayed And Offered Your Suffering"

The Blessed Virgin's participation in her son's passion allows us to unite with her, and through her, unite with Christ. While carrying our cross together with Him, we give meaning to our lives. As His Holiness, Pope John XXIII remarked to the Apostolate of the Suffering on March 19, 1963, "Many souls would not have been saved if you had not prayed and offered your suffering." His Holiness, Pope John Paul II added, "Through the Cross, man has been able to understand the sense of his life on earth. He has learned to measure his own dignity with the meter of that sacrifice that God gave His own Son for man's salvation." **Apostolate L'Ancoira magazine, Nov. 5, 1979**

THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

Like all Christians, Catholics believe in life after death, We live together in the spirit of Christ and death cannot break this living community. Our relationship with other Christians does not end with death. Catholic prayer to the saints is a recognition of this. As Catholics, we believe that our life doesn't end at death but simply changes. Those of us who have lived good lives and died in the faith of Christ will, as the Bible tells us, share in His Resurrection (Life with God in heaven). While we live together on earth as Christians, we are in communion, or united, with one another. This is what we refer to when we talk about The Communion of Saints. This communion doesn't end when one of us dies. We believe that the saints, the Christians in heaven, and those who are being prepared for heaven in Purgatory remain in communion with those of us on earth. When we pray to the saints, we ask them to intercede for us. Intercession means the "blessed," those who are one with the Risen Christ, are still interested in us. They can and do pray for us.

FORMER CATHOLICS

Know of any former Catholics or Catholics who no longer come to Mass, have them check out this website- **CatholicsComeHome.org**.

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.

SAVE USED EYEGLASSES

The OLV Knights of Columbus collects used and old eyeglasses for the less fortunate. Any old or "retired" glasses may be left at the rectory.

"A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul."

George Bernard Shaw

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Attention all High School teens—OLV High School Ministry meets the second Saturday of each month—starts with 5:00PM Mass and ends 7:30PM.

DEFEND YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Over the course of the last generation, Christianity and in particular our Catholic Faith has been under attack. Anti-Catholicism is the last acceptable prejudice. What can we do about it? Besides prayer, all Catholics should join The Catholic League at www.catholicleague.org or 450 Seventh Avenue, NY, NY 10123 and receive the journal, The Catalyst, which has articles detailing where Catholicism is under attack and by whom. As Christmas approaches, we will see secularism creep in and try to wrestle and strip the season of its Christian elements.

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.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

We are constantly under attack and tempted by the forces of EVIL. Every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00-3:15PM members of OLV parish meet and pray the Marian Novena which focuses on this daily battle. All are welcome. Join us.

Making Wrong Choices

It is interesting that, even though it is from the world suffering often comes into our lives, people will usually ask God why they are suffering. By this I mean that suffering can often be the result of someone making the wrong choices, which in turn has affected us, just as the sin of Adam and Eve has affected the lives of us all. And so it is today. Someone makes the wrong choice, commits a sin, and it has its effect on others. God is love. He did not create suffering. He created us with a will of our own. He could have made us like robots or puppets, always doing His Will, but gave us the gift of a free will. Because we have this gift, we must make choices. Do we love God and follow His teaching, or do we do our own thing and end up hurting ourselves and others? The choice is ours.

God's Helper

This is the story of the wealthy capitalist who wanted to be a farmer. He bought a piece of land that was not suitable for farming. But he was determined and went to work and cleared the land, dug out all stones and rock, brought in some top soil, irrigated and fertilized it. After a few years his farm was productive. One day he was showing a neighbor around. He said, "How do you like my tomatoes?" His neighbor replied, "Those are not your tomatoes those are God's tomatoes." His neighbor had the same response in the corn field and also in the orchard. Finally the new farmer, no longer able to control himself said, "I know those are God's tomatoes, God's corn and God's apples, but you should have seen this place when He had it alone!"

SAVE THE DATE

JANUARY 23, 2016

**OLV Knights of Columbus Council 14483
SEVENTH ANNUAL "Hap Nightingale"
BEEFSTEAK DINNER**

- 3 - God's love is like the ocean; you can see the beginning, but not the end.

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Nov 7/8-Sat/Sun—Coat and Sweater Drive
Nov 8/9 – Sun/Mon—CCD
Nov 9—Mon—Zumba 6:00PM OLV Gym
Nov 9—Mon—Women of Grace 7:30PM
Nov 10 -Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
Nov 10—Tue—Social Concerns 7:00PM
Nov 11—Wed—OLV Bible Group 10:00AM
Nov 11—Wed—OLV Needlers 6:30PM
Nov 12—Thu—Zumba 7:00PM School Parish Center
Nov 13—Fri— Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM
Nov 14- Sat—Confessions 11:00-12:00Noon 3:00/3:25PM
Nov 14—Sat—HS Ministry 5:00PM Mass/Meeting
Nov 19—Thu—Rosary Society Mass/Meeting 12:00
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

The Difference Between Prayer and Worship

Many non-Catholic Christians believe that it is wrong to pray to the saints, claiming that our prayers should be directed to God alone. They are confusing prayer with worship. True worship (as opposed to veneration or honor) does indeed belong to God alone, and we should never worship man or any other creature as we worship God. But while worship may take the form of prayer, as in the Mass and other liturgies of the Church, not all prayer is worship. When we pray to the saints, we're simply asking them to help us by praying to God on our behalf, or thanking them for having already done so. While we often think of prayer primarily as asking God for something, prayer properly understood is speaking with God or with the saints. Just as we cannot hold a conversation with another person unless he can hear us, the very act of praying is recognizing the presence of God or the saints. In praying, we strengthen that recognition of the presence of God, which draws us closer to Him. That is why the Church recommends we pray frequently, making prayer an important part of our everyday lives. Prayer is one of the most basic activities of all Christians, not just Catholics, and yet it is also one of the least understood. While Christians should pray daily, many find that they do not know what to pray for. Once we understand that prayer is not simply asking God for something, but having conversation with God and with His saints, it can become as natural as talking to our family and friends. It gives us the wisdom to know God's Will and the strength to follow it. By prayer we are able to discern "what is the Will of God" and obtain the endurance to do it. It offers us protection from temptation and from Satan (the devil).

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.

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.

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.

**Laugh with your eyes, hug with your soul
and smile with your heart.**

COAT DRIVE

OLV Social Concerns Committee is collecting **Winter Jackets, Coats, Sweatshirts, and Sweaters**. If you have any of these items that you wish to donate, please bring them to the church vestibule.

FOOD DRIVE

During the months of **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.

THANKSGIVING

FOOD & TURKEY DRIVE

OLV will be having a month-long canned food / imperishable food drive to help area food banks and help the less fortunate. We will also be hosting a one day frozen Turkey Drive on Sunday, November 22.

Are YOU Doing YOUR Part

to Help THE SOULS in PURGATORY??

It is very possible that some of our own nearest and dearest ones are still suffering the excruciating pains of Purgatory and are calling to us for help and relief. There is no hunger, no thirst, no poverty, no need, no pain, no suffering to compare with what the souls in Purgatory endure. How can YOU help these souls: **1. Have Masses offered for them. 2. Make the Stations of the Cross. 3. Recite the Rosary. 4. Offer up all your pain and sufferings for the relief of Souls.**

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.

THE ANCHOR

Inevitably, human suffering is the beginning of a time of crisis, a stormy sea which affects human fragility and shakes the very foundation of an individual. The Christians, however, even when feeling lost and shipwrecked in that profound sea of existence, do not let themselves be beaten by the fury of the storm. Rather, they become strong as the anchor through their trials and tribulations. Their strength lies in holding Jesus Christ in their heart while being in communion with Him in daily life.

CCD CORNER

You never know what great things you will see and hear about when you walk into a CCD Class. Mrs. Mullany's **kindergarten students** started learning about the 10 Commandments by gluing stickers prepared by the teacher to little tablets that resemble the stones used by Moses. Mrs. Schmidt's **4th grade students** when asked told about their guardian angels and asked to memorize the Guardian Angel prayer by the end of last month. When I was invited into the classroom all the students enthusiastically volunteered to show what they learned. Mr. Heaney's **6th grade class** was assigned to perform three Acts of Encouragement in response to the Bartimaeus Gospel story. That week the students demonstrated their understanding of the Gospel by performing acts of encouragement by offering their gratitude and lifting up of the spirits of their parents, teachers, store cashiers and postal workers (just to name a few). During the year you will be hearing more about our amazing students and teachers!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over time, the severe form of one-chance penance collapsed under lack of enthusiasm for its burdens and its public nature. As ordinary Christians prayed for the great sinners, it must have occurred to them that they were sinners no less, and they required a form of penance also. The Irish came to the rescue, never having had a public form of penance, but inventing a system called "tariff penance," which was completely private, available to everyone, and wildly popular. After a detailed confession, priest and penitent would lie on the floor before the altar and recite a number of psalms. The priest then pronounced a judgment, a tariff, giving a task or a prayer to complete before reconciliation. The surviving guidebooks for confessors make for hair-raising reading as the sins of which the Irish people were supposedly capable were catalogued and keyed to penances. Cattle or sheep rustling might require stripping down to sing psalms in an icy brook, for example, or adultery could be the occasion for rolling in a thicket of thorns. All of this might have stayed in Ireland had not the monks had a desire to travel, blazing across Europe with their theology and their rituals, and their sense that Christians needed strong medicine for sin and the assurance of God's forgiveness.

PRAYER for PEACE in IRAQ & the MIDDLE EAST
By the Chaldean Catholic Patriarch of Iraq
His Beatitude Louis Rafael Sako

Lord, the plight of our country is deep and the suffering of Christians is severe and frightening. Therefore, we ask you Lord to spare our lives, to grant us patience, and the courage to continue our witness of Christian values with trust and hope. Lord, peace is the foundation of life; grant us the peace and stability that will enable us to live with each other without fear and anxiety, and with dignity and joy. Glory be to you forever. Amen.

THE TEST

This pretty much says it all. An economics professor at Texas Tech said he had never failed a single student before, but had once failed an entire class. That class had insisted that socialism worked, and that no one would be poor and no one would be rich, a great equalizer. The professor then said okay, we will have an experiment in this class on socialism. All grades would be averaged, and everyone would receive the same grade so no one would fail and no one would receive an A. After the first test the grades were averaged, and everyone got a B. The students who studied hard were upset, and the students who studied little were happy. But, as the second test rolled around, the students who studied little had studied even less, and the ones who studied hard decided they wanted a free ride too, so they studied little. The second test average was a D. No one was happy. When the third test rolled around, the average was an F. The scores never increased as bickering, blame, name-calling all resulted in hard feelings, and no one would study for the benefit of anyone else. All failed, to their great surprise, and the professor told them that socialism would also ultimately fail because when the reward is great, the effort to succeed is great; but when government takes all the reward away, no one will try or want to succeed ... Could it be put any simpler than that ...?

THE SCIENTIST

God is sitting in Heaven when a scientist says to Him, "Lord, we don't need You anymore. Science has finally figured out a way to create life out of nothing. In other words, we can now do what You did in the 'beginning'." "Oh, is that so? Tell Me..." replies God. "Well," says the scientist, "we can take dirt and form it into the likeness of You and breathe life into it, thus creating man." "Well, that's interesting. Show Me." So the scientist bends down to the earth and starts to mold the soil. "Oh no, no, no..." interrupts God, "Get your own dirt."

"Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible; suddenly you are doing the impossible."

St. Francis of Assisi

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 9—Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00 Nair Lawlor R/b the Oakley Family
12:00 John Zanetti R/b George and Anne Mayer

Tuesday, November 10-St. Leo the Great, pope, doctor

8:00 Intentions of Annette Pennington
R/b Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Presidium
12:00 Special Intentions R/b the Coyne Family

Wednesday, November 11 – St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

8:00 Warren Lawten R/b the Quinn Family
12:00 John Zanetti R/b Thomas and Carol Walsh

Thursday, November 12 – St. Josaphat, bishop and martyr

8:00 Anne Raven R/b James and Caroline Connolly
12:00 Thomas F. Lagatol II R/b the Lagatol Family

Friday, November 13 – St. Frances Cabrini, Italy - Nun

8:00 George Lyddon—27th Anniversary R/b Steve and Robin Hartman
12:00 Nair Lawlor R/b Ralph and Pat Dinnell

Saturday, November 14 – St. Sidonius of Ireland - Abbot

8:00 People of the Parish
12:00 Elizabeth Coyle R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich
4:00 Beatrice A. Dionisio R/b the Preolo Family
5:00 Jerry and Hilda Michaels R/b Josephine J. Fogarino and Marie Michaels

Sunday, November 15—St. Albert the Great, Germany-bishop-doctor

7:30 Angelo Ferrara R/b Richard and Maureen Ferrara
8:15 Intentions of Eleanor Burruano—Birthday blessings.
9:30 Joseph DeFedele—1st Anniversary
10:45 Alice Pereira R/b OLV CCD
12:00 Gino Zocco R/b Mike Zocco
6:00 June Porto 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 Vera Finan, r/b the Finan Family.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Vera Finan, r/b the Finan Family.

The Hosts and Wine used at Mass this week have been donated in loving memory of Vera Finan, r/b the Finan Family.

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

The Flowers for All Souls Day were donated by the Sand family in loving memory of Marie dela Rosa.

EVERYDAY IS A MIRACLE

Some (religious) skeptics say, "Oh, the miracles. I can't accept miracles." One may drop a brown radish seed in the black soil and up comes a green shoot. You let it grow and by and by you pull up a root and you find it red. You cut the root and you find it has a white heart. Can any one tell how this comes about — how brown cast into black results in green and then in red and white? Yet you eat your radish without troubling your mind over miracles. Men are not distressed by miracles in the dining room; they reserve them all for religion! Everyday is a miracle — a miracle of life that sustains our hope!

OLV Boys & Girls Needed

Our Lady of Victories has a basketball program for you. Sign-ups for basketball are taking place now! Practices begin shortly thereafter, and the games begin in December. All Boys and Girls from grades Kindergarten to 8th grade who would like to play basketball or would like more info' please contact John or KerryAnn Flahive at 201-750-2214.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

- 1. St. Thomas Moore.
- 2. St. Ann.
- 3. St. Monica.
- 4. St. Michael the Archangel.
- 5. St. Matthew.

THE THREE IMPORTANT DAYS

The Eve of All Hallows ("Halloween") was originally a day of prayer and fasting in anticipation of the great feast of ALL SAINTS. Noticeably absent from all the weird and bizarre reveling is any devotion to the deceased and (as usual) a complete oblivion of the following two days: ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY.

It is the duty of the clergy and religious teachers to instruct the people and the children in our schools as to the real meaning of these remembrances. If the clergy ignore this serious obligation, the people are misled and easily follow the concerted efforts of non-Christians to corrupt our Christian culture, thereby corrupting the truth which inspires this culture.

The Church is constituted of three distinct, yet intimately related, levels. It is traditional to describe them as the Church Militant, the Church Suffering, and the Church Triumphant. It is one and the same Church, but considered from these three objectively different and distinct aspects. The souls that leave this world are not recycled through "reincarnation". The resurrection for the body does not take place until the Last Judgment.

Heaven is our ultimate goal. If we fail to achieve it, we do so because we have rejected the supernatural grace of God. God gives His grace to help us, but in our pride (spiritual democracy) we choose not to accept it, and proceed to live in a manner offensive to God's wisdom. Those who continue in such a life-style – practicing vices instead of virtues – are condemned to Hell. Those who have accepted the grace of God and together with their free will struggled to conform their lives to His will, when they die and have no sin, go directly to Heaven. We rejoice with these fortunate souls who enjoy the Beatific Vision. This is ALL SAINTS DAY.

Those who leave this world and have not expiated for minor sins (venial sins) do not go to Hell where only obstinate retrobrates are to be found, but go to Purgatory. Purgatory is a place of purgation – purification. These souls will eventually enter Heaven. They suffer great pains in Purgatory, but theirs is a bearable pain because these souls know that one day they will enter eternal happiness. The sufferings of the souls in purgatory are alleviated by the prayers and sacrifices of those members of the Church who are still on this earth. This union of charity is not the fruit of unfounded superstition. Our God is a God of the living, as Our Lord said to the Pharisees. The Pharisees, among other things, have death as their god. For this reason, they have fallen away from true faith and have embraced the ridiculous creed of "reincarnation". Obviously, the reality of immortality cannot easily be denied; it can, at best, become subverted and perverted.

There are two errors which easily entrap people. As in all things, they represent two extremes of reality: the extreme of materialism and the extreme of spiritualism (Idealism). Catholics who are in error, either forget and continuously ignore those who have left this world – and in this way show their practical materialism; or, they fantasize the condition of the departed as automatically in Heaven. The truth, however, is somewhere in between: the departed (unless they were saints) have left this world in a spiritual condition described by the Council of Lyons: "The souls of those who depart this life with true repentance and in the love of God, before they have rendered satisfaction for their trespasses and negligences by the worthy fruits of penance, are purified after death with the punishments of purification."

Animals forget their young once the young have grown to maturity and have left the nest. Their young forget their parents, too. But man is different. He has a long memory and experiences something more than just temporary animal affection. Man LOVES.

Animals do not love. For this very reason, human beings are accustomed to give animal characteristics to people who show themselves more like to the animal than to the higher species of man.

To convince ourselves of the reality of such places and state, it is enough to consider the words of Sacred Writ: "And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven to him; but he that shall speak against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven to him, neither in this world nor in the world to come." (Matt. 12,32). All of this supposes that there is a condition of the soul beyond death where sin can still be forgiven. We know this place is not Hell, because Hell is the place and state of those who are damned.

I am sure that many of you remember times, way back in your early childhood, when you asked your parents for something and instead of receiving the answer that would have helped you to fulfill your long desired dreams (all of 5 minutes) you received an emphatic "NO!" You may have even uttered a pathetic "Why Not?", for which you received an answer prevalent among parents in those days "Because I said so!" Maybe you showed brief disappointment (for about 2 seconds), but you quickly accepted it because they "said so" You then went on your merry way in search of other adventures not worrying about your "shattered" dreams or the "lowered self-esteem" this answer (supposedly) should have caused.

Unfortunately, most children today are no longer accustomed to hearing these words. Nor are they accustomed to showing their parents, their teachers, or anyone else in positions of legitimate authority, proper respect. They are taught during their early childhood that they are the center around which their parents' attention pivots. If this view continues, the sphere of self-centeredness will become larger and larger. Finally, as adults, they will disregard the common good, lack good work ethics, their families will suffer because of the lack of self-sacrifice and, ultimately, they will lack a true spiritual life because they refuse subjection to any authority, even that of God's.

12 Reasons Why I QUIT Attending SPORTS Events

1. The coach never came to visit me.
2. Every time I went, they asked me for money.
3. The people sitting in my row didn't seem very friendly.
4. The seats were very hard.
5. The referees made a decision I didn't agree with.
6. I was sitting with hypocrites—they only came to see what others were wearing!
7. Some games went into overtime and I was late getting home.
8. The band played some songs I had never heard before.
9. The games are scheduled on my only day to sleep in and run errands.
10. My parents took me to too many games when I was growing up.
11. Since I read a book on sports, I feel that I know more than the coaches, anyway.
12. I don't want to take my children because I want them to choose for themselves what sport they like best.

Why do these excuses seem ridiculous, but are acceptable for Mass, church, and religion.

KIDZ KORNER

1. Who is the patron saint of Lawyers?
2. Who is the patron Saint of Housewives?
3. Who is the patron Saint of Mothers?
4. Who is the patron Saint of the U.S. Marines?
5. Who is the patron Saint of Accountants?

Answers on page 4

Do you know the first time a car is mentioned in Scripture?
When St. Paul said they were all together in one Accord.

COVER SHEET

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