

# 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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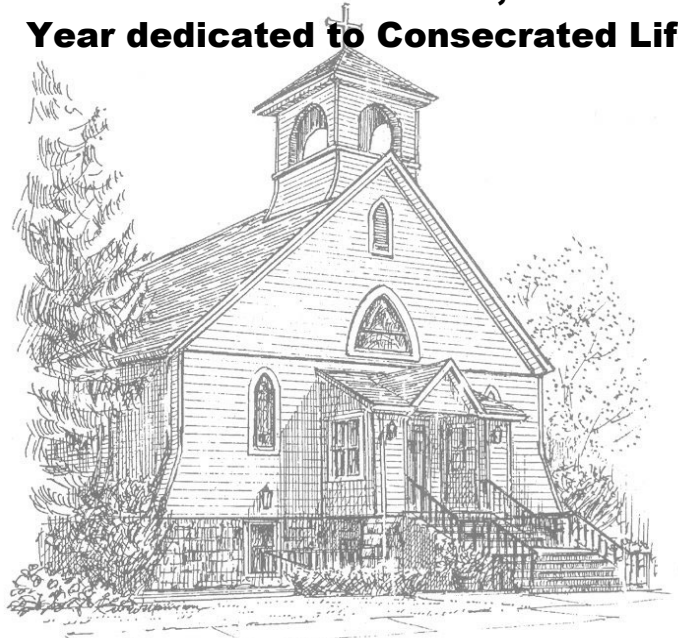
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**November 15, 2015 A.D.**

**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.

#### 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, Dan Ragusa, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Cookie Rush, Mildred Speck, Therese Vaglio, Darien Wesler, Al Wiese, Roy Wurtz, Marian Zanetti, Elaine Zito.

## **SPIRITUAL EXCERPT**

Crying Out to the Lord.

The Holy Father (John Paul II) warns us that "nowadays a model of society appears to be emerging in which the powerful predominate, setting aside and even eliminating the powerless: I am thinking here of unborn children, helpless victims of abortion; the elderly and incurably ill, subjected at times to euthanasia; and the many other people relegated to the margins of society by consumerism and materialism. ... This model of society bears the stamp of the culture of death, and is therefore in opposition to the Gospel message. Faced with this distressing reality, the Church community intends to commit itself all the more to the defense of the culture of life" (Ecclesia in America, 63)

We are like Peter that night on the lake: On the one hand, the presence of the Lord encourages us to accept and face the waves of these challenges; on the other hand, the environment of self-sufficiency and arrogance – pure pride – that this culture of death is creating threatens us, and we are afraid of sinking in the midst of the storm. The Lord is there: We believe it with the certainty that the power of the Holy Spirit gives to us. And, in defiance of the Lord, there is the muffled scream of countless unborn children: this daily genocide, silent and protected. There is also the cry of the dying ones who have been abandoned and who are begging for a tender caress that this culture of death cannot give. And there is the multitude of families reduced to shreds by the proposals of consumerism and materialism. In the midst of this conflict and in the presence of Jesus Christ in glory, united today as the faithful people of God, we cry like Peter did when he began to sink, "Lord, save me" (Mt 14:30), and we stretch out our hand to grasp the only One who can give true meaning to our going into the waves.

**Meeting of Latin American Politicians and legislators, Aug 3, 1999**

**Source: Columbia Magazine January 2014**

## **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.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**JANUARY 23, 2016**

**OLV Knights of Columbus Council 14483**

**SEVENTH ANNUAL "Hap Nightingale"**

**BEEFSTEAK DINNER**

## **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](http://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.

## **WE ALL HAVE A CROSS**

The dictionary defines suffering as undergoing pain and distress. The meaning of suffering is best disclosed to us in Christ. As Pope John Paul II has said, "Christ has taught man to do good by his suffering and to do good to those who suffer. In this double aspect, he has completely revealed the meaning of suffering." In general, a good motto for Christian Life might be: Avoid suffering that can be avoided; Remedy it where it can be remedied; Learn to accept it when it cannot be avoided or remedied. The Apostolate of the Suffering is committed to helping our brothers and sisters in Christ to better understand their high vocation in life. Each one of us has a cross to bear, whether it be physical, mental or spiritual. So it is that we are able to relate to others, and more importantly, help ease their burden.

## **Jesus Christ suffered under Pontius Pilate, was Crucified, Died and was Buried.**

*All sinners were the author of Christ's Passion*

598 In her Magisterial teaching of the faith and in the witness of her saints, the Church has never forgotten that "sinners were the authors and the ministers of all the sufferings that the divine Redeemer endured." 389 Taking into account the fact that our sins affect Christ himself, 390 the Church does not hesitate to impute to Christians the gravest responsibility for the torments inflicted upon Jesus, a responsibility with which they have all too often burdened the Jews alone. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

## **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.

## **CLOTHING BINS**

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.

## **Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas are seeking new MEMBERS. **Many Catholic women from the age of 18 years or older.**

**\*Enthusiastic women to work together in unity and charity.**

**\*Motivated women to work to further the ideas that have endured for 111 years.**

**\*Believers that through God, all things are possible.**

**\*Energetic women envisioning the future**

**\*Responders to the needs of others.**

**\*Spiritual women proclaiming the gospel through the witness of their lives. Won't you join?**

Contact [ReneeTringali@gmail.com](mailto:ReneeTringali@gmail.com) or 201-768-0648.

# Give before you are asked to.

## Upcoming OLV Parish Events

- Nov 15/16 – Sun/Mon—CCD
- Nov 16—Mon—Zumba 6:00PM OLV Gym
- Nov 16—Mon—Women of Grace 7:30PM
- Nov 17 -Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
- Nov 17—Tue—Catholic Daughters of the Americas 7:00PM
- Nov 18—Wed—OLV Bible Group 10:00AM
- Nov 18—Wed—OLV Needlers 6:30PM
- Nov 19—Thu—Rosary Society Mass/Meeting 12:00
- Nov 19—Thu—Zumba 7:00PM School Parish Center
- Nov 20—Fri— Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM
- Nov 21- Sat—Confessions 11:00-12:00Noon 3:00/3:25PM
- 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

## PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY

The [Aparecida] document asks governments, regulators and health care providers to defend the inalienable value of life, and to encourage conscientious objection in the face of laws or government regulations that are unjust in the light of faith and reason. This is a matter of “eucharistic consistency,” which means “to be conscious that they cannot receive holy Communion and at the same time act with deeds or words against the commandments, particularly when abortion, euthanasia and other grave crimes against life and the family are encouraged. This responsibility weighs particularly over legislators, heads of governments and health professionals” (436). ... I want to focus in particular on two stages of life that I consider essential for the growth in peace of different generations: childhood and old age. They are the two extremes of life, and they are the most vulnerable and the most forgotten. A society that abandons its children and eliminates its elderly is mortgaging its future.

Article titled “The Family in the Light of the Aparecida Document” (Familia et Vita, 2008)

## 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 Scripture STUDY

The OLV Scripture Study Group meets on Wednesdays at 10AM 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.

## BEWARE

- Beware of your thoughts, for they become your words.
- Beware of your words, for they become your actions.
- Beware of your actions, for they become your habits.
- Beware of your habits, for they become your character.
- Beware of your character, for it becomes your destiny.

## KNUTE ROCKNE

Born in Norway and raised in Chicago, Knute Rockne was the head football coach of Notre Dame for 13 years leading them to significant victories. He converted to the Catholic Church after witnessing how the Catholic faith of his players helped them on the football field. He died with a rosary in his hand and a prayer book at his side. Ronald Reagan said of Knute that he “did more spiritual good than a thousand preachers. His career was a sermon in right living.”

## 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 next Sunday, November 22.

## Catholic Daughters of the Americas Christmas Sale

The next meeting of the Catholic Daughters will be this Tuesday, November 17, at 7 PM. They will be discussing plans for the up coming Christmas sale for the weekend of November 21 & 22, and the Christmas party in December. New members welcome. CDA is a national Catholic organization dedicated to prayer, good works, and the helping of others less fortunate. You will make new and dear friends and have fun while enriching your life and others. For information, call Renee at [201-768-0648](tel:201-768-0648) or Christine at [201-370-6929](tel:201-370-6929).

## 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.

## 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

As Catholics we are called upon to be public witnesses of our faith by attending Sunday Mass, receiving the Sacraments and being people of service. Throughout the year our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students take an active leadership role in our Thursday evening Holy Hour devotions. The Confirmation candidates twice a month are called upon to be Readers and Ministers of Hospitality at the Sunday noon Mass and during Lent they serve as leaders for the Stations of the Cross. Our faith and the way we are called to live it will lead us and the people we serve to a closer and greater understanding of God’s love and mercy in the world.

### **The Gift of Faith**

God gives us Faith as a precious gift which grows in value the more it is used. It can only be experienced in our day to day lives. Only through believing does Faith grow and become stronger. Faith is a very powerful gift, it illuminates our souls with the light of God's love. Faith guides our consciences so that we are able to make the best moral decisions. Like a flame passed from candle to candle, the gift of faith multiplies the more it is given away. It is through our Faith that we identify ourselves as Christians. Faith leads us to prayer, Faith empowers us to be merciful to others, and inspires us to be charitable to the poor. It is through Faith that we are able to take up our crosses each day, trusting that the way of Christ is the way to eternal life. God is the giver of the gift of faith and we receive it. The question is, what kind of value do we put on what God has given to us and what do we do with this gift?

### **The Window We Look Through**

A young couple moves into a new neighborhood. The next morning while they are eating breakfast, the young woman sees her neighbor hanging the wash outside. "That laundry is not very clean; she doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs to use a better laundry soap." Her husband looks on, remaining silent. Every time her neighbor hangs her wash to dry, the young woman makes the same comments. A month later, the woman is surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and says to her husband: "Look, she's finally learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this?" The husband replies, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows." And so it is with life... What we see when watching others depends on the clarity of the window through which we look. — Author unknown

### **Do You Pray for the dead?**

Do you pray for the dead? Not only is it a wonderful act of charity, recommended in the Bible (see 2 Macabees 23:45-46), but it is also good for us. We usually pray for the faithful departed with one or more purposes in mind. One, we want to praise God for the life of someone who has had a loving impact on us. The lives of parents, grandparents, spouses, friends were gifts to us from God, and we naturally and laudably want to thank Him for the life of the deceased with our grateful prayers. Two, while we of course can never "earn" a deceased person's salvation—eternal life is completely unmerited gift to us from God, our Father, achieved only by the dying and rising of Jesus—we can ask the Lord's mercy on the souls of our beloved faithful departed. We Catholics have a long tradition of praying for the souls in Purgatory, confident that God's powerful mercy hardly ends at death. Three, our reverent and grateful prayer for the dead is a tangible way of showing our membership in the Communion of Saints. Our beloved deceased are not dead but alive, now, we trust and hope, with God for all eternity. They're still part of the spiritual family we call the Church, part of the Communion of Saints. Where they have gone, we hope one day to be, and a big part of heaven's joy will be our reunion with them. Four, we pray for those mourning the departed. That's why we go to wakes and funerals: to be in prayerful solidarity with our friends who are grieving. We want to support them, and the best way to do that is by praying with and for them. Finally, we pray for ourselves. The death of someone close to us is always a "wake-up call". It reminds us of our own fragility, our own mortality. It nudges us to our final goal: heaven. "Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord! And let perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace! Amen!"

All Souls Day is one of the more recent additions to the Church calendar, if you consider that it was accepted in Rome only in the fourteenth century. But remembering the dead in prayer dates back to the time of the earliest martyrs, as attested to by inscriptions on the walls of the catacombs. In 998, St. Odilo of Cluny formally established the custom of praying for holy souls on November 2 at his monastery. From there the practice spread throughout France and eventually to the entire Church.

### **KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS**

1. St. Gerard
2. St. Christopher
3. Our Lady of Guadalupe
4. St. Michael
5. St. Florian

### **Mass Intentions**

**Monday, November 16—St. Margaret of Hungary, Queen of Scotland; St. Gertrude-Patroness of the West Indies**

8:00 People of the Parish

12:00 Albert DiMarcantonio

R/b Tony and Laura Scott

**Tuesday, November 17-St. Elizabeth, Queen of Hungary-Nun**

8:00 Richard McAllister

R/b Margarete Rajner

12:00 Special Intentions

R/b the Coyne Family

**Wednesday, November 18—Dedication of the Churches of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Duchesne-Virgin**

8:00 In Thanksgiving

R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich

12:00 John Tarabocchia

R/b Nick and Maria Busanic

**Thursday, November 19—St. Mathilda of Germany - Nun**

8:00 Joseph Lamendola

R/b Jinnie Moran

12:00 George Erstling

R/b Don and Liz Ulisse

**Friday, November 20 – St. Bernward, Bishop of Hildesheim**

8:00 Richard McAllister

R/b the Muoio Family

12:00 Walter Hemberger

R/b the Evanelia Family

**Saturday, November 21- Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 Augustine Merola

R/b Richard and Maureen Ferrara

12:00 Nair Lawlor

R/b Don and Liz Ulisse

4:00 Michael Giotta

R/b Giotta Family

5:00 Jean Bentivegna

R/b the Bentivegna Family

**Sunday, November 22– St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr**

7:30 Gloria Parascondolo

R/b the Chimento Family

8:15 Alfred Antonio Fiore

R/b Donald and Marie Leibreich

9:30 Thomas F. Lagatol II

R/b the Lagatol Family

10:45 Sanctity of Marriage

R/b Brian and Gayle McElroy

12:00 Madeline Dunn

R/b the Dunn Family

6:00 Bobby Driscoll

R/b Pat and Bev Borzone

7:00 People of the Parish

### **Sanctuary Memorials**

**The Church Sanctuary Lamp** burns this week for the repose of the soul of John D. Kaberle Jr., r/b Tom and Ria Ragusa.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp** burns this week for the repose of the soul of Patricia Rube, r/b Tom and Ria Ragusa.

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

### **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.

### **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 run 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.

### **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.

## **MARY'S ROLE**

We continue to reflect on the unique role Mary played – and still plays – in the life of her Son and in His Body, the Church. Acts 1: 13-14 states that Mary stayed with the Apostles in the Upper Room as they awaited the Day of Pentecost, the 50th day after Easter. No doubt Mary bolstered their faith and trust in the Lord, who had already worked marvels through her – just as He would renew the world through them – once they were filled with and empowered by the gift of the Holy Spirit, as she once was. Here's what we pray in Preface # 40 in the Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

### ***The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Divine Providence***

The Blessed Virgin is the Handmaid of God's Love and a Generous Mother to Her Children. Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. In the wisdom of your providence the Blessed Virgin Mary was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit and gave birth to the Savior of the world. In Cana of Galilee, when she interceded with her Son for the bridegroom and bride, he gave the first of his signs: water was turned into wine, the wedding guests rejoiced, and the disciples believed in their Master. Now, enthroned as queen at her Son's right hand, she provides for all the needs of the Church as the handmaid of your love and as a mother who cares for each of her children, entrusted to her by Christ Jesus while he hung upon the cross. Now with all the saints and angels, we praise you for ever:

Special Marian prayers were promulgated in 1744 for the Barnabites, the first Religious Order formed in honor of the great Apostle, Saint Paul. Although Saint Barnabas was Saint Paul's companion on most of his pastoral journeys, and was Paul's 'sponsor' who attested to his conversion, the order was named the Barnabites since they met in the Church of Saint Barnabas in Milan, Italy. And the devotion to Our Lady, Mother of Divine Providence is intimately connected to the history of the first Barnabite house in Rome.

In the early 1600's, they ran short of funds to complete their new church, so the pastor made a pilgrimage to Loreto to implore Mary's intercession – and they received the necessary financial means for its successful construction. This formed the basis of a new title for Mary: Mother of Divine Providence, which highlights Mary's intercessory role in making sure that – if God ordains or wills something, nothing will stop it from happening – if we implore Mary's help and follow her example of total trust in the Lord – and of seeking God's will, not our own.

The Order's devotion to Mary was solidified when, in the late 1600's, they were evicted from their residence. After removing an image of Mary painted on a wall - to which a number of miracles had been attributed – the architect responsible for the wall painting dropped it and it was smashed beyond repair. To repay the Barnabites he offered them a remarkable painting of Mary holding the Infant Jesus in her arms, painted by Gaetan, a disciple of Raphael. Since the 1800's, every Barnabite is to have a copy of this painting of Our Lady, Mother of Divine Providence, in his room to remind him of Mary's role in our life which is so beautifully depicted in this painting.

In Gaetan's Madonna, the Child Jesus' fingers confidently clasp those of Mary: a symbol of the sacred source of the power of the Mother of God. The Child Jesus seems to be saying: "Mother, I place in your hands the authority to act in my Name. From my infinite treasure, you are to provide good things to all those who implore your aid." We would be wise to place ourselves in those same loving hands!

## **PRETZELS**

Years ago, there was a pastor of a Church in Italy. The children in his parish seemed rather slow in learning their prayers. To help them with their lessons, he rewarded those who showed improvement by giving them a "little gift." The little gift was a biscuit shaped like a pair of hands clasped in prayer, a pretzel. The pretzel became regarded as having a religious significance for both its ingredients and shape. The knot shape represented hands in prayer. They are made with a simple recipe using only flour and water, thus could be eaten during Lent. As time passed, pretzels became associated with both Lent and Easter. They were hidden on Easter morning just as eggs are hidden today, and were particularly associated with Lenten fasting and prayers before Easter. In Luxembourg, the fourth Sunday of Lent is called "Pretzel Sunday."

### **I'VE SURE GOTTEN OLD!**

I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation; Hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. Have lost all my friends. But, thank God, I still have my Florida driver's license.

### **Mary is a Cripple**

A little girl named Mary was stricken with polio. At age six she walked to school for the first time. When she came home after school that first day, she went to her grandmother and said, "Granny, what's a cripple?" Her grandmother thought for a moment and said, "Why, a cripple is someone who can't take care of herself and doesn't want to." Mary thought for a moment, and then said, "Well then, I'm not a cripple because I can take care of myself and I want to. But today in school Johnny called me a cripple." Her grandmother asked, "What did you say to Johnny?" Mary replied, "I didn't say anything. I just hit him with my crutch."

### **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.

### **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

**"Lord help me to want to be what you want me to be."**

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and following her example each of us must ever learn afresh to say fiat – Be it done unto me according to your word. **Most Reverend John Myers – Archbishop of Newark**

### **KIDZ KORNER**

1. Who is the patron Saint of expectant mothers?
2. Who is the patron Saint of travelers?
3. Who is the patron Saint of the America's?
4. Who is the patron Saint of police offices?
5. Who is the patron Saint of firemen?

**Answers on page 4**

## **COVER SHEET**

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