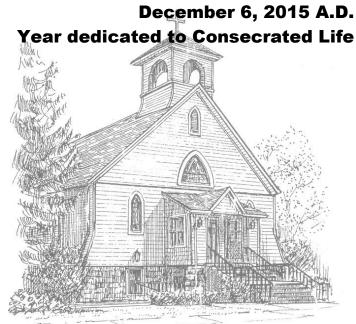
# **Our Lady of Victories Church**

(serving Harrington Park, River Vale, and the Pascack/Northern Valley) 150 Harriot Avenue, Harrington Park, New Jersey www.ourchurch.com/member/o/olvparish



## HOLY DAY MASSES for the Immaculate Conception DECEMBER 8th

<u>Monday 5:30 & 7:00PM</u> <u>Tuesday 6:30AM, 8:00AM, 12:00Noon</u> <u>3:30PM, 5:30PM & 7:00PM</u>



# WELCOME

To the Parish Family of OUR LADY OF VICTORIES (THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART)

# **COME WORSHIP WITH US**

Mass Schedule

<u>Saturday</u>: 4:00pm & 5:00pm <u>Sunday</u>: 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**: Baby Luca, little Niamh Devlin, Br. Pius, Isabella Ruggiero, Maria Aleman, Kathleen Dolan, 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

Be not afraid to tell Jesus that you love Him; even though it be without feeling, this is the way to oblige Him to help you, and carry you like a little child too feeble to walk.

St. Therese of Lisieux, Counsels and Reminiscences.

#### HOLY HOUR AT OLV

**Every Tuesday** from 12:30-3:00PM. **Every Thursday** at 7PM OLV has a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayers and quiet time. **Every Friday** OLV has Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 12Noon to 3PM. Stop by and make a visit to our Eucharistic Lord.

## **Collection for Retired Religious**

Next weekend, December 12 and 13, their will be a national appeal for funds for the retired Religious Brothers, Sisters and Priests who gave their lives in the service of the Church. Please be as generous as possible for this worthy cause.

# **GOD'S HOUSE**

The Church is God's special dwelling place and some people come to pray, so please be aware of this and please refrain from idle chatter before and after Mass. We should behave differently in God's House as opposed to being at home, at the mall, a grocery store or a civic center.

## DYING TO DO...

irst I was dying to finish high school and start college and then I was dying to finish college and start working. Then I was dying to marry and have children and then I was dying to have my children grow up and move out. Then I was dying to retire. But now I am dying... and suddenly I realized I forgot to live. Please don't let this happen to you - appreciate your current situation and enjoy each day. To make money we lose our health, and then to restore our health we lose our money ... we live as if we are never going to die, and we die as if we have never lived.

# **GIVING TREE**

Giving Tree Gifts must be brought to OLV next Sunday. <u>December 13th.</u> Please remember the less fortunate as you shop and prepare for Christmas.

# 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  $\,$ 

# YG Christmas Greens Sale

The Youth Group of Our Lady of Victories Parish is conducting a wreath and grave blanket sale. All proceeds of this sale will support our Youth Ministry Program. Thank you for your support.

> Small Grave Blanket \$20 Large Grave Blanket \$30 Decorated Wreath \$25

# **DECEMBER 8**

## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

<u>TUESDAY</u>, <u>December 8</u>, is a Holy Day of Obligation. It is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception — the Patroness of the United States.

Masses will be MONDAY at 5:30PM & 7:00PM.

WEDNESDAY 6:30AM, 8AM, 12Noon, 3:30PM, 5:30PM and 7PM.

# **SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

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

## **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 <u>www.catholicleague.org</u> or 450 Seventh Avenue, NY, NY 10123 and receive the journal, <u>The Catalyst</u>, 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.

Remember Christ is the reason for the Season.

# Silent Night, Holy Night

Silent Night, Holy Night will be held at OLV on Wednesday, December 16, from 6:30PM to 9PM. During the season of Advent we ask everyone, young and not so young, to stop for 10 minutes from all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, and visit Jesus in His Church. The gift of time is so precious, but sometimes, especially around Christmas, we are so busy with last minute preparations that we forget about preparing our hearts and souls for the holy celebration of Christmas. As a family, what greater example can we give to our children than to come to God's house and in the silence of the night offer our prayers to Emmanuel — God with us. Please make the effort to come and allow the music of the season to prepare you for the Feast of Christmas.

#### CATHEDRAL CONCERT SERIES 45TH ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT CAROL SING

The Cathedral Choir and Instrumental Ensemble will perform on Wednesday, December 16 and Thursday, December 17. Performances begin at 8:00PM—doors open at 7:00PM. Ramped entrance on Ridge Street secure parking—Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Park and Clifton Avenues, Newark. For info' please call 973-484-2400.

#### **THANK YOU**

Thank you all for donating over 200 bags of groceries and 101 Turkeys were collected at Thanksgiving for the less fortunate.

#### **Upcoming OLV Parish Events**

Dec 7-Mon-Zumba 6:00PM OLV Gym Dec 7-Mon-Women of Grace 7:30PM Dec 8 - Tue - Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM Dec 9-Wed-OLV Bible Group 10:00AM Dec 9-Wed-OLV Needlers 6:30PM Dec 10-Thu-Zumba 7:00PM School Parish Center Dec 11—Fri- Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM Dec 12- Sat-Confessions 11:00-12:00Noon 3:00/3:25PM Dec 13-Sun-Advent Evensong Concert/Prayer Service 3:00pm Dec 16-Wed-Silent Night, Holy Night 6:30-9:00PM 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 FROM THE PASTOR

**September 20, 2015** 

by Fr. George W. Rutler

its city but to the parish itself. Our church has one of the largest various parish mailings, chances are that you are not a registered capacities in the archdiocese, and we will be hosting a special Holy member of our parish. You are NOT automatically a registered Hour this Thursday for nearly a thousand young adults. Madison member because you were married here or even if you were brought Square Garden will be site of the Pontifical Mass on Friday, for up here and lived in the parish with your parents - or went to school reasons of sheer size and security. On a building on Eighth Avenue, here. Membership is by FORMAL registration ONLY. Call the Parish two minutes from our church, is a fine mural that took 100 gallons of Office - (201) 768-1706 to see if you are registered and if not, let us paint to show a welcoming figure of Pope Francis, 225 feet high help you become an official member of Our Lady of Victories Parish. and 93 feet across. This work was the contribution of the Diocese of Thank you. Brooklyn and will remain in place as a reminder of his visit for six weeks after the pope departs New York for the major part of his U.S. visit in Philadelphia.

One urgent pastoral matter that Pope Francis has been addressing as the Chief Shepherd of his flock is the refugee crisis in Europe, but it also affects us. There are probably as many opinions on how to deal with this as there are people trying to form a cogent response, but especially prudent is the counsel of bishops in places like Hungary and Slovakia who know from long experience the consequences of confusing naïveté with mercy. Ninety percent of the current refugees are Muslim, and the situation is complicated by the fact that ISIS boasts that there are many of their own people among them. The founder of Nasarean.org, Father Benedict Kiely, has noted: "Emotion, rather than a rational response to a real problem, seems to be the guiding light for the panicked reaction of so many world leaders." To their shame, the very rich Islamic states in the Persian Gulf have not accepted a single refugee.

A bipartisan resolution introduced in Congress calls the persecution of Christians in that sorry part of the world "genocide." This past year, 120,000 Christians were driven from the Nineveh Plain in Iraq with no possessions. During more than four years of civil war, the ancient Christian community in Syria is being destroyed. Christians are not a significant part of the immigrant tide flooding Europe from the UN camps in Syria, Jordan and Turkey because Islamic terrorists have driven them out of those camps for refusing to convert. An Hungarian bishop rightly insisted, and was criticized for it, that to most of the migrants. Christians are second-class citizens. Europe and our own administration in Washington are virtually ignoring their plight, refusing to acknowledge that their Christian faith is the essential fact in the calculus of their suffering. When Coptic Christians were slain in Egypt. our government avoided calling them anything other than "Egyptian citizens." As Father Kiely has said, "Political correctness is not only a new form of totalitarianism, it is dangerous to national security."

#### WORKERS NEEDED

The Harvest is great but the laborers are few. Pray to the Lord to send more laborers into the harvest. Become a Priest or Religious Brother or Sister or Permanent Deacon. For information see Fr. Bryan or call the Vocations Office 973-497-4365.

# SANTA CLAUS

ur Santa Claus is really St. Nicholas, who was a bishop in Asia Minor during the 4th Century. St. Nicholas gave many gifts anonymously in his lifetime and became known as the protector of children. The Dutch settlers brought the tradition of St. Nicholas with them to America, where they celebrated his feast day on December 6th, which is near Christmas time. The Dutch version of this Saint was called "Sinterklaas". Santa Claus became an Americanization of that name.

#### OLV PARISH REGISTRATION

A parish is particularly privileged when the Pope comes not only to If you are presently not on our mailing list, receiving envelopes and the

#### 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 in the atrium of the Church.

### OLV CCD OFFICE HOURS

Monday:	1:00PM-8:30PM
Wednesday:	9:00AM-12:00PM
Friday:	12:00PM-3:00PM
Saturday:	Office Closed
Sunday:	8:30AM-12:00PM

### Women's Dance Class—ZUMBA

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

#### Blessing of Water, Salt and Oil

After the Marian Novena prayers on Tuesday, December 15th, there will be blessing of water, salt and oil.

# **CCD CORNER**

Throughout the month of December our students will be learning about the People of Advent, who said "yes" to God and His plan for salvation. As we prepare our homes for Christmas we cannot forget that without these brave and courageous individuals there would be no season to celebrate. It is nearly impossible to walk into a store without seeing some commercial decoration reminding us that Christmas is near. At the beginning of each class, the teachers and students will gather for a brief Advent Prayer Service. During the next few weeks our children will be reminded the real reason for season.

#### THE HAND

Thanksgiving Day was near. The first grade teacher gave her class a fun assignment -- to draw a picture of something for which they were thankful. Most of the class might be considered economically disadvantaged, but still many would celebrate the holiday with turkey and other traditional goodies of the season. These, the teacher thought, would be the subjects of most of her student's art. And they were. But Douglas made a different kind of picture. Douglas was a different kind of boy. He was the teacher's true child of misery, frail and unhappy. As other children played at recess, Douglas was likely to stand close by her side. One could only guess at the pain Douglas felt behind those sad eyes. Yes, his picture was different. When asked to draw a picture of something for which he was thankful, he drew a hand. Nothing else. Just an empty hand. His abstract image captured the imagination of his peers. Whose hand could it be? One child quessed it was the hand of a farmer, because farmers raise turkeys. Another suggested a police officer, because the police protect and care for people. Still others guessed it was the hand of God, for God feeds us. And so the discussion went -- until the teacher almost forgot the young artist himself. When the children had gone on to other assignments, she paused at Douglas' desk, bent down, and asked him whose hand it was. The little boy looked away and murmured, "It's yours, teacher." She recalled the times she had taken his hand and walked with him here or there, as she had the other students. How often had she said, "Take my hand, Douglas, we'll go outside." Or, "Let me show you how to hold your pencil." Or, "Let's do this together." Douglas was most thankful for his teacher's hand. Brushing aside a tear, she went on with her work. The story speaks of more than thankfulness. It says something about teachers teaching and parents parenting and friends showing friendship, and how much it means to the Douglases of the world. They might not always say thanks, but they'll remember the hand that reaches out. "Though he stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand. Psalm 37:24 "My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. Psalm 63:8 This Thanksgiving, thank God for all of the "hands" that have "touched" your life. Then, allow the Hand of God to reach out through your hands and touch the lives of others.

#### **HOW TO REPORT ABUSE**

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.

#### **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 the poor? Please drop them in the donation bins located on the Church grounds. Your donations help Catholic Charities and Mt. Carmel Guild.

#### 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.

#### **BEEFSTEAK DINNER - 1/23/16**

This is a major fundraiser for the Knights of Columbus to fund our seminarians - men studying for the priesthood and other charitable works. It is a fun evening, and last year it was a great success. Please support this dinner. If you would like to be a placemat advertiser send your business card and a check payable to the OLV K of C c/o The OLV K of C, PO Box 145, Harrington Park NJ 07640 or call Rich from the Knights 201-767-6689.

#### Monday, December 7-St. Ambrose-Bishop of Milan, Italy 8:00 Frank Cangialosi R/b Ruth Cangialosi 12:00 John Zanetti R/b Andrew and Marcia Oakes Vigil Masses for the Immaculate Conception: 5:30 Irma Cirone R/b William and Carole DeBrino 7:00 Miriam Pamcoas R/b Sr. Elizabeth Holler Tuesday, December 8 – Immaculate Conception 6:30 Samuel Burruano R/b Richard and Peg Harrison 8:00 Thomas F. Lagatol II R/b the Lagatol Family 12:00 Michael Santora-1st Anniversary R/b Tony and Laura Scott 3:30 Souls in Purgatory R/b Kamilla Eksner 5:30 Henry Guidi R/b Josephine J. Fogarino and Marie Michaels R/b Jim and Rose Younghans 7:00 Ken Younghans Sr. Wednesday, December 9-Saint Juan Diego 8:00 Walter Prucnel R/b the Chimento Family 12:00 Infant John R/b the Zanetti Family Thursday, December 10-St. Romaric-Abbot 8:00 Donald Danlansky R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich 12:00 John Nicoletti R/b Rose Nicoletti Friday, December 11 - St. Damasus I of Rome, Pope 8:00 Bartram Lee Reeves R/b the Reeves Family 12:00 Rev. Henry Goodwin, O.Carm. R/b the Zwerle Family Saturday, December 12- Our Lady of Guadalupe 8:00 Rosemary O'Brien R/b Judy Pommett 12:00 Lucy Ulisse R/b Don and Liz Ulisse 4:00 Sonia Pascual Napila R/b Esty Parlanti 5:00 William McGinnis R/b Peter and Carole Stonitsch Sunday, Dec. 13-St. Lucy of Syracuse, Italy, virgin, martyr 7:30 Kevin Lagatol R/b the Lagatol Family 8:15 Kathryn Fiore R/b Donald and Marie Leibreich 9:30 Holy Name Society, Living and Deceased 10:45 Abbadessa Family R/b Ruth Cangialosi 12:00 Giovanna and Corrado Iozzia R/b Mike Zocco 6:00 Pietro and Adeline Colarullo R/b Children 7:00 Howard Funsch R/b Scott and Barbara Anzalone

#### **Sanctuary Memorials**

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for those who serve in defense of our country.

<u>The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp</u> burns this week for the **repose of the soul of Donald Danlansky**, r/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich.

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

#### **Scrooge Alert**

American Family Association is calling for a month boycott of Gap, Old Navy and Banana Republic over the company's censorship of the word "Christmas". For years, the Gap-owned companies have refused to use the word Christmas in their advertising, despite tens of thousands of consumer requests to recognize Christmas. Need proof? Visit website www.gap.com or www.oldnavy.com and type "Christmas" in the search bar. As of today the sites bring up zero results. Yet the company wants all the people who celebrate Christmas to do their shopping at their stores. Until Gap proves it recognizes Christmas by using it in their newspaper, radio and television or in-store signage, the boycott will be promoted.

#### **KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS**

1. Hessian troops during the American Revolution. 2. 30 million.

3. 1851 4. Franklin Pierce 5. Calvin Coolidge in 1923 .

"Talk is cheap...except when government does it." Anonymous

#### **Mass Intentions**

## **December is dedicated to the Divine Infant.**

# CHRISTMAS 2015

As the Christmas holiday approaches, the giant Asian factories are kicking into high gear to provide Americans with monstrous piles of cheaply produced goods -- merchandise that has been produced at the expense of American labor. This year will be different. This year Americans will give the gift of genuine concern for other Americans. There is no longer an excuse that, at gift giving time, nothing can be found that is produced by American hands. Oh ... Yes there is!

It is time to think outside the box, people. Who says a gift needs to fit in a shirt box, wrapped in China-produced wrapping paper? Everyone -- yes EVERYONE gets their hair cut. How about gift certificates from your local American hair salon or barber? Or, a Gym membership? It's appropriate for all ages who are thinking about some health improvement. Who wouldn't appreciate getting their car detailed? Small, American-owned detail shops and car washes would love to sell you a gift certificate or a book of gift certificates.

Or, for those more extravagant gift-givers, perhaps that grateful gift receiver would like his driveway sealed, or lawn mowed for the summer, or driveway plowed all winter, or games at the local golf course. There are a gazillion owner-run restaurants -- all offering gift certificates. And, if your intended isn't the fancy eatery sort, what about a half dozen breakfasts at the local breakfast joint. Remember, folks this isn't about big National chains -- this is about supporting your hometown Americans with their financial lives on the line to keep their doors open.

How many people couldn't use an oil change for their car, truck or motorcycle, done at a shop run by the American working guy? Thinking about a heartfelt gift for Mom? Mom would LOVE the services of a local cleaning lady for a day.

My computer could use a tune-up, and I KNOW I can find some young guy who is struggling to get his repair business up and running. OK, you were looking for something more personal. Local crafts people spin their own wool and knit them into scarves. They make jewelry, and pottery and beautiful wooden boxes. Plan your holiday outings at local, owner operated restaurants and leave your server a nice tip. And, how about going out to see a play or ballet at your hometown theater. Musicians need love too, so find a venue showcasing local bands Honestly people, do you REALLY need to buy another ten thousand China-made lights for the house? When you buy a five dollar string of light, about fifty cents stays in the community. If you have those kind of bucks to burn, leave the mailman, trash guy or babysitter a nice BIG tip. You see, Christmas is no longer about draining American pockets so that China can build another glittering city. Christmas is now about caring about US (We the People), encouraging American small businesses to keep plugging away to follow their dreams. And, when we care about other Americans, we care about our communities, and the benefits come back to us in ways we could not imagine.

# THE LOVE OF GOD

No matter how long it has been, the Love of God knows no time. We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **First Friday** at 7PM, **Saturday** at 11:00 AM until Noon, and from 3– 3:25PM. **Monday thru Friday** at 7:25AM – 7:50AM.

## **KIDZ KORNER**

- 1. Who introduced the tradition of Christmas trees in the U.S.?
- 2. How many people in the U.S. buy live Christmas trees?
- 3. In what year were Christmas trees first sold in NYC?
- 4. What President first had a Christmas tree in the White House?
- 5.Which President started the National Christmas Tree Lighting

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Lord, keep Your arm around my shoulder and Your hand over my mouth.

#### K of C's financial protection of Catholic families OLV K of C Council #14483

The Knights of Columbus surpassed \$100 billion of life insurance in force this week, marking an important milestone in the Catholic fraternal benefit society's mission to protect the future of Catholic families. This milestone was achieved despite continuing adverse conditions affecting the insurance industry. Established in 1882 by a young Catholic priest, the organization — which offers its line of top-rated products exclusively to its members and their eligible family members — manages \$21 billion in assets and ranks 939 on the 2015 Fortune 1000 list, placing it among the largest life insurers in North America.

"The \$100 billion milestone is not simply a number," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "It highlights the fact that each year we are protecting the future of more Catholic families, continuing the mission of our founder, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney." The Knights of Columbus offers insurance to its members and their families through a network of more than 1,500 dedicated, professional agents in the United States and Canada — all of whom are members of the Knights of Columbus. "With each dollar of top-rated insurance in force that our professional agency force adds, additional, meaningful security is provided to the families whose livelihoods we protect," the Supreme Knight said.

The \$100 billion milestone caps a year in which the Knights of Columbus set a new record for insurance sales with \$8 billion sold, earned the top rating of A++ Superior from AM Best for the 40th consecutive year, and was named a "World's Most Ethical Company" for the second consecutive year by the Ethisphere Institute®. The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization with nearly 1.9 million members worldwide. It is also one of the most active charitable organizations in the United States. The Knights set a new record for charitable giving in 2014 with donations of more than \$173.5 million and 71.5 million hours of service to charitable causes. To learn more, contact your Knights of Columbus call Rich at 201-767-6689.

#### Advent

#### Waiting....waiting....waiting by Fr. Seher

I have often wondered who waits for whom? I somehow remember that a guy chases a girl until she catches him. Do I wait for the Lord or is the Lord waiting for me? Is the Lord hiding in an obvious place like behind a branch without leaves and is all excited when found. Am I the one looking? Am I the one to be found? We have made many pilgrimages to almost all the Holy Places. The real issue is that we need to look in more obvious places. What obvious place would Jesus hide? An inn? A barn? A cave? A crib? I think we need to ask the question about ourselves. Where and how do we hide? Under piles of work? Busy, busy, busy? In the yard? I could focus on any of those. I choose to speak about hiding behind past hurts or wounds. Wounded wolves, they tell me, hide in a corner. They howl and bark to protect the wound. If you approach, the howl becomes fiercer and more angry. The fierce anger, in the mind of the wolf, hides the wound. No one can get near it! I see God hiding behind a leafless branch excited at the opportunity of being found, and we are hiding behind our bark and growl. No one can come near. So, how do we come together? In our fair or unfair bark, we wait and wait and wait. Like the tantrum of a spoiled child, we have to wait it out and see the branch. The Lord is there all along, still excited about being found. All of our prayer is not a denial of our wounds. Our prayer is an invitation to take the risk and find a new way of healing the pain by looking behind the branch. Help to make this Advent a prayerful time of waiting to see who finds whom? Would you not wait so that the Lord might meet you?

#### **OLV Scripture STUDY**

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

#### **COVER SHEET**

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