

Our Lady of Victories Church

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

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Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

“Then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up to heaven, and sits at the right hand of God.” Mark 16:19



ASCENSION THURSDAY

MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday Vigil: 5:30pm, 7:00p.m.

Thursday: 6:30a.m., 8:00a.m., 12:00Noon, 3:30p.m., 5:30p.m., 7:00p.m.



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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**: little Niamh Devlin, Larry Dolce, Br. Pius, Joseph Accardi, Isabella Ruggiero, Maria Aleman, William Biasi, Michael Conmy, Mario Gobetti, Thomas Haring, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Ken Mosier, Kathleen Musante, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Cookie and George Rush, Cynthia Simonelli, Mildred Speck, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Mike Weber, Darien Wesler, Al Wiese, Roy Wurst, Marian Zanetti, Elaine Zito.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"Mary – God's most beautiful gift to the human race. The moment Jesus came into her life she was 'full of grace' – and immediately she went 'with haste' to give Him to others. The fruit of her oneness with Christ, the fruit of her prayer, the fruit of her total surrender to God by saying: 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to Your word.'" **Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

PASTA COLLECTION

For the month of **MAY** **OLV** will be having a pasta collection to benefit the St. Cecelia Food Pantry.

EWTN

Did you know that there is a truly Catholic Television Station carried on cable TV? **Channel 67 is EWTN** – Eternal Word Television Network. It was started by a convent of Cloistered Nuns over twenty-five years ago. So if you are tired of the nonsense on regular TV, try channel 67 for a welcome change.

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, contact Rich at pockets5197@aol.com, or use the contact page on our website: www.olvknights.org

Harrington Park Traffic Issues

For those interested, Monday, May 9, at the 7:00PM meeting of Harrington Park Mayor and Council, Officer Jake Miller will talk about traffic issues and the Emergency No Parking Signs from Easter.

QUEENSHIP OF MARY

Pius XII, by his encyclical letter of October 11, 1954, granted the unanimous desire of the faithful and their pastors and instituted the feast of the Queenship of Mary, giving sanction thus to a devotion that was already paid by the faithful throughout the world to the sovereign Mother of heaven and earth. Before the reform of the General Roman Calendar this feast was celebrated on May 31 and August 22nd was the feast of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary which is now celebrated on the Saturday following the Second Sunday after Pentecost. The Virgin Mary possesses a dignity that far transcends all other creatures. In the eyes of her Son she takes precedence over everyone else. In order to help us understand the preeminence that the Mother of God enjoys over all creation, it would help to remember that from the first moment of her conception the holy Virgin was filled with such a plenitude of grace.

STEWARDSHIP

MY FAMILY – MY PARISH – MY RESPONSIBILITY

As your expenses increase, so do the Church's, but we rely on your generosity to meet our expenses. Please be generous.

Why is May MARY'S Month?

Though May is a contraction of the name Mary, the month was probably named for Maia Maiesta, the Roman goddess of grain. Each year, on the first day of May, the ancient Romans likewise honored Flora, the Roman goddess of flowers, who was represented by a small statue wreathed in garlands; processions of singers and dancers would carry Flora's statue past a sacred blossom-decked tree. Later, festivals of this kind spread to other parts of Europe, reaching their height in England during the Middle Ages. Dances around flower-bedecked maypoles were common, and festivities often blossomed into riotous and wild occasions. Often a May queen was chosen as part of the festivities. Devotions, specifically to Our Lady, on the first days of May date to St. Philip Neri (16th century), who began the custom of decorating the statue of the Virgin with spring flowers. Then, after Annibale Dionisi, an Italian Jesuit, proposed devotions to Mary throughout the entire month, the Church did incorporate the pre-Christian May celebrations and gave them a Christian dimension – as it had done with many other pre-Christian customs.

EASTER DUTY

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty), that is the **obligation of receiving the Eucharist for Easter extends to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 22**. No one conscious of committing a serious or mortal sin should receive Holy Communion until they have first gone to the Sacrament of Reconciliation a.k.a. Confession. Confessions are heard **EVERY Saturday** from 11:00AM to Noon and 3:00-3:25PM, every weekday morning at 7:30AM, and Fridays from 6:30-6:50PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

TRAVELING STATUE

OLV has a traveling statue of the Blessed Mother that can go from home to home so that prayers and rosaries can be said for the good of the people of the parish and the individual family. The statue will "visit" for a week before it will be sent to the next home. Contact the rectory for information or to have your name placed on the list to receive the statue.

Feeding the Homeless

As part of our parish commitment to the community and to serving those less fortunate, we will be preparing and serving a lunch meal on Saturday, May 7, at St. John's Church Soup Kitchen in Newark. This service is sponsored by our Knights of Columbus council. All parish members (men, women and children) are welcome to participate, even if not a current member of the Knights. For more information, please contact contact Rich at pockets5197@aol.com or Sergio Minervini (sminervini@starkcarpet.com).

Bereavement Support Group

A Bereavement Support Group will be starting in May on Tuesday evenings in the **OLV** rectory. If you would be interested in participating, or if you know someone who would find this program helpful, please call Phyllis Rooney at 201-262-8665. **Refreshments will be served.**

HOMEBOUND

If you or anyone you know is homebound, even for a short duration of time, please contact the parish office so I or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion can be scheduled to bring the Eucharist to the sick and homebound.

Words to Live BY

**Work Hard, Do Your Best,
Keep Your Word,
Never Get Too Big For Your Britches,
Trust In God and Never Forget a Friend.**

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

- May 1—Sun—K of C Pancake Breakfast
- May 2—Mon—Women of Grace 7:30PM
- May 3-Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:15-3:15PM
- May 4 -Wed—OLV Bible Study Group
- May 4—Wed—OLV Needlers
- May 6 —Fri— Adoration from 12:30PM-4:00PM
- May 7- Sat—Confessions 11:00-12:00 Noon 3:00-3:25PM
- May 14—Sat — First Holy Communions
- May 15—Sun—CCD: Closing Mass & May Crowning
- May 22—Sun—CONFIRMATION -2:00PM
- May 30—Mon—Fr. Innocent CFR First Mass & Reception at OLV-2:00PM

Food Truck & Arts Festival

Sunday, May 1, 1-5PM, Academy of the Holy Angels. VIP PreSale \$15 (to 1st 300 registrants) includes early admission and \$15 in food vouchers. PreSale\$15 general admission and \$15 in food vouchers; At the door \$15 and \$10 in food vouchers. Tickets available online at www.holyangels.org/foodtruck2016. Food vouchers used for all purchases from food trucks / additional may be purchased at event.

TODAY

When The Ten Commandments are removed from society

We lose a true civilization:

Logic is dead.

Excellence is punished.

Mediocrity is rewarded.

And dependency is to be revered.

This is present day America.

When people rob banks they go to prison.

When they rob the taxpayer they get re-elected!

DEAR LORD,

I thank you for this day. I thank you for my being able to see and hear this morning. I'm blessed because You are a forgiving God and an understanding God. You have done so much for me and You keep on blessing me. Forgive me this day for everything I have done, said, or thought that was not pleasing to You. I ask now for Your forgiveness. Please keep me safe from all danger and harm. Help me to start this day with a new attitude and plenty of gratitude. Let me make the best of each and every day to clear my mind so that I can hear from You. Please broaden my mind that I can accept all things. Let me not whine and whimper over things I have no control over, and it's the best response when I'm pushed beyond my limits. I know that when I can't pray, You listen to my heart. Continue to use me to do Your will. Continue to bless me that I may be a blessing to others. Keep me strong that I may help the weak....Keep me up-lifted that I may have the words of encouragement for others. I pray for those that are lost and can't find their way. I pray for those that are misjudged and misunderstood. I pray for those who don't know you intimately. I pray for those that don't believe, but I thank You that I believe. I believe God changes people and people change things. I pray for all my sisters and brothers and for each and every family member in their households. I pray for peace, love, and joy in their homes that they are out of debt and all their needs are met. I pray that every eye that reads this knows there is no problem, circumstance, or situation greater than God. Every battle is in Your hands for You to fight. I pray that these words be received into the hearts of every eye that sees it. "God I love You and I need You, come into my heart, please".

THINK ABOUT IT

There are two good things about a closed mouth. It can be interpreted as a sign of superior intelligence, and there is no need to apologize later.

ASCENSION THURSDAY

MAY 5, 2016

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
MASS SCHEDULE**

Wednesday Vigil: 5:30, 7:00pm

**Thursday: 6:30am, 8:00am,
12:00pm, 3:30pm, 5:30pm, 7:00pm**

SPANISH MASS

Beginning May 1st the Mass in Spanish will be celebrated on Sunday at 1:00PM. Please get out the word.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Jesus tells us not to let our hearts be troubled because he has given us His peace; the peace that passes all understanding. We also have the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us and our marriage. For more information contact Mike and Janet Turco at 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880 or email njwwme@peoplepc.com. Military families, are you getting ready to deploy? Is your family trying to reconnect after deployment? Marriage Encounter offers tools of communication that have kept many military marriages strong and happy through out the ups and downs of military service. Contact your local chaplain or call 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880 for more information.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Natural Family Planning methods are scientifically proven approaches to help a couple postpone or achieve pregnancy in a way that preserves the true, complete self-gift between husband and wife, the kind of love that brings real, lasting joy and peace. When we embrace God's plan for human sexuality and marriage and follow Jesus, we invite the Holy Spirit into our lives in a powerful way. To learn more, or to hear questions others have asked, please come to an informational session given by the Coordinator of Natural Family Planning for the Family Life Office, Jill Cherrey. May 4, 2016, 7:30-9:00PM, at St. Cassian Church, Upper Montclair.

CCD Corner

With the school year rapidly coming to a close, the following are dates and times for upcoming CCD events and special masses;

May 11th & 12th @ 4:00... There will be **First Communion practices.**

May 14th @ 10:00 and 1:30 ...First Communions.

May 15th @ 9:30... **Special CCD Closing Mass and May Crowning.**

May 18th @ 7:00... There be confessions and **Confirmation practice** for our candidates and their sponsors.

May 22nd @ 2:00... Confirmation.

If you haven't already registered your children for CCD next year, you can do so online at www.olvhp.org.

**Check out OLV's website olvhp.org
and find us on Facebook:
Our Lady of Victories Parish**

- 4 - The Sixth Sunday of Easter The Fifth Sunday After Easter (Latin)

A Country Founded by Geniuses but Run by Idiots

- If plastic water bottles are okay, but plastic bags are banned, — you might live in a nation (state) that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.
- If you can get arrested for hunting or fishing without a license, but not for entering and remaining in the country illegally — you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.
- If you MUST show your identification to board an airplane, cash a check, buy liquor, or check out a library book and rent a video, but not to vote for who runs the government — you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.
- If, in the nation's largest city, you can buy two 16-ounce sodas, but not one 24-ounce soda, because 24-ounces of a sugary drink might make you fat — you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.
- If an 80-year-old woman who is confined to a wheelchair or a three-year-old girl can be strip-searched by the TSA at the airport, but a woman in a burka or a hijab is only subject to having her neck and head searched — you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.
- If your government believes that the best way to eradicate trillions of dollars of debt is to spend trillions more — you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.
- If a seven-year-old boy can be thrown out of school for saying his teacher is "cute" but hosting a sexual exploration or diversity class in grade school is perfectly acceptable — you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.
- If hard work and success are met with higher taxes and more government regulation and intrusion while not working is rewarded with Food Stamps, WIC checks, Medicaid benefits, subsidized housing, and free cell phones — you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.
- If you pay your mortgage faithfully, denying yourself the newest big-screen TV, while your neighbor buys iPhones, time shares, a wall-sized do-it-all plasma screen TV and new cars, and the government forgives his debt when he defaults on his mortgage — you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.

Fulton Sheen app

It includes free samples of Archbishop Fulton Sheen's talks available for your iPhone or Android phone. It's great to listen to on your commute or while relaxing at home. You can access it thru the App Store, Google Play, or the link: <http://fultonsheen.com/app>.

Some of may not know of Archbishop Sheen, but he was a Catholic archbishop that hosted the show, "Life is Worth Living" on the ABC network during prime time television of the 1950s~1960s. I'm sure that some of our more illustrious brothers could share fond memories of watching Archbishop Fulton Sheen on TV.

Some Fun Facts:

1. The actor Martin Sheen (father of Charlie Sheen and Emilio Estevez) took the stage name "Sheen" in honor of Archbishop Fulton Sheen.
2. Archbishop Fulton Sheen has a cause for canonization and is currently "venerable." His body is currently entombed NYC's St. Patrick's Cathedral
3. When Pope St. John Paul II visited St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City he embraced Sheen, saying, "You have written and spoken well of the Lord Jesus Christ. You are a loyal son of the Church."

A truism worthy of note:

**Do not fear the enemy, for they can take only your life.
Fear the media, for they will destroy your honor.**

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 2—St. Athanasius of Egypt—Bishop & Doctor

8:00 Ellen Lawten R/b Rick and Debbie Quinn
12:00 Peter and Florence Kruimer R/b Kruimer Family

Tuesday, May 3—Ss. Philip and James, Apostles

8:00 Sam Burruano R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico
12:00 John Nicoletti R/b Rose Nicoletti

Wednesday, May 4—St. Gothard of Bavaria - Bishop

8:00 Gertrude Keenan R/b the Bolton Family
12:00 Winifred Pavlu R/b the Kip Family

Vigil—Feast of the Ascension

5:30 William McGreevy R/b the Costa Family
7:00 William Hudson R/b Gene and Pat Carroll

ASCENSION THURSDAY, May 5—St. Hilary – Bishop of Arles, France

6:30 Charlie Herman R/b Family

8:00 Sam Burruano R/b Sisters of Charity OLV

12:00 Joseph McKenna R/b Ron and Adele Filippone

3:30 Intentions of Elizabeth Healy R/b Joe and Johanna Healy

5:30 Fr. Thomas McEnroe R/b the Barrett Family

7:00 Anton and Rosetta Miskovsky R/b Henry and Helen Bloomer

First Friday, May 6—St. Edbert - Bishop

8:00 Sam Burruano R/b John and Anna Heaney

12:00 Victor and Santiago Giron R/b the Giron Family

7:30 Joseph E. Healy Sr. R/b Joe and Johanna Healy

First Saturday, May 7—St. Domitian of Gaul, France-Bishop of Tongres

8:00 Richard J. O'Brien Sr.

12:00 Souls in Purgatory

4:00 Flora Albanese R/b Robert and Denise Wagner

5:00 Rev. Robert Berghammer R/b Kevin and Susan Olsen

Sunday, May 8— St. Victor Maurus—Roman Soldier/Martyr

7:30, 9:30, 10:45, 12:00, 6:00, 7:00—ALL MOTHERS

8:15 People of the Parish

1:00 Rose de Rosa R/b Sr. Elizabeth

Sanctuary Memorials

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the men and women who serve in defense of our country.

The Convent Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the souls in Purgatory.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the intentions of Renee Tringali—birthday blessings.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp Votive Lamp burns this week for the intentions of Renee Tringali—birthday blessings.

The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp burns for the souls in Purgatory.

The Hosts and Wine used at Mass this week have been donated in memory of Anthony DiMarcantoni, r/b the Oates Family

MOMS, TOTS, & POPS

OLV has a playgroup for infants and children ages 1-5. The group meets Tuesday mornings from 9:30AM to 11:30AM in the lower church. If you have gently used toys and would like to donate them, please contact samreville@hotmail.com 732-371-8130 or Reneetringali@gmail.com 201-913-2580.

Kidz Korner Answers

1. Nazareth
2. Gabriel
3. 13/14
4. Elizabeth
5. John the Baptist

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

ISLAMOPHOBIA

Sure, there's much talk of Islamophobia by the Left. Many in the U.S. and Europe fear Islam, which often translates into *fearing* Muslims, which is not the same thing as *hating* Muslims. But Westerners do not fear Islam because Muslims are "different" from them or for some otherwise nefarious reason. (How many Americans or Europeans fear Filipinos or Indians or Taiwanese? After all, they're "different".) The so-called Islamophobes fear Islam because of the acts of violence Muslims perpetrate in the name of Islam every day, in most parts of the world. They fear Islam because most Muslim countries do not accord non-Muslims the rights of full citizenship; because they actively persecute members of non-Muslim religions (earlier this year, for example, Christian women in Pakistan were forcibly converted to Islam and married off to Muslim men); because many Muslims are openly anti-Semitic (Jewish emigration from Europe is at its highest since the 1930s as a massive influx of Muslims reaches Europe's shores); because many Muslim men are egregiously anti-women (consider honor killings, female genital mutilation, the stoning of adulteresses, the enforcement of hijabs and burkas, sexual assault and enslavement of non-Muslim women, etc.); and because many Muslims immigrants use Western nations' freedom of religion to spread hatred for Western values.

This is precisely what led to the appalling horrors in Rotherham, England. In case you missed it: Pedophile gangs went on a sixteen year rampage that claimed over fourteen hundred victims (all non-Muslim children), and the government strenuously resisted noticing because most of the perpetrators were Pakistani Muslims, and officials didn't want to appear "racist" or even insensitive. With precedents like this, can you blame the fear? Can you blame so-called Islamophobia? The forced lack of Islamophobia in Rotherham led to serial acts of unspeakable horror! The fact is that too many people in the West fear being tarred as racists or Islamophobes more than they fear unconscionable acts of violence, even when they are perpetrated against the most vulnerable members of their society.

In fact, Rotherham, the same city that covered up gang rapes of non-Muslim children for more than a decade and a half, recently announced that it is stepping up police patrols against "Islamophobia" after three more Muslim men were convicted of gang rape in late February (Breitbart, Feb 26). The city leaders aren't worried that non-Muslim kids might get gang-raped; they are worried that someone might throw a package of bacon on the doorstep of a mosque (punishable by imprisonment) or wear a Porky Pig T-shirt in a Muslim-dominated neighborhood.

New Oxford Review April 2016

THE VISITOR

One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!" The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing. After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still he said nothing. Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I took your place."

Old age is coming at a really bad time!

This is A Keeper

I grew up with practical parents. A mother, God love her, who washed aluminum foil after she cooked in it, then reused it. She was the original recycle queen before they had a name for it. A father who was happier getting old shoes fixed than buying new ones. Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away. I can see them now, Dad in trousers, tee shirt and a hat, and Mom in a house dress, lawn mower in one hand, and dishtowel in the other. It was the time for fixing things. A curtain rod, the kitchen radio, screen door, the oven door, the hem in a dress. Things we keep. It was a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy. All that re-fixing, eating, renewing, I wanted just once to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there'd always be more. But then my mother died, and on that clear summer's night, in the warmth of the hospital room, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any more. Sometimes, what we care about most gets all used up and goes away ... never to return. So ... while we have it ... it's best we love it ... And care for it ... And fix it when it's broken ... And heal it when it's sick. This is true. For marriage ... And old cars ... And children with bad report cards ... And dogs with bad hips ... And aging parents ... And grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it. Some things we keep. Like a best friend that moved away or a classmate we grew up with. There are just some things that make life important, like people we know who are special ... And so, we keep them close! Now it's your turn to give this to those people that are "keepers" in your life. Good friends are like stars ... You don't always see them, but you know they are always there. Keep them close!

OPEN HOUSE

Saint Joseph Regional H.S., Montvale, Wednesday, May 4, 6:30-9:00PM, for 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys and their families. Students will provide tours starting at 6:30PM. For info' call 201-391-3300 or pre-register at www.sjrnj.org.

Paramus Catholic H.S., Paramus, Wednesday, May 4, 7:00-9:00PM for 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys and their parents. For info' call 201-445-4466x104.

OLV K of C Baby Bottle Collection

Next weekend, May 7th and 8th, the OLV Knights of Columbus will distribute baby bottles - please take a baby bottle home. You may deposit loose change, checks or cash. Please bring the bottle with your monetary donations to OLV on the following Sunday - May 15 or drop it off at the Rectory. Your contributions will benefit mothers in need and their new-born babies.

Church Attendance – Fringe Benefits???

Can faithfully attending worship actually raise your income? MIT economist Jonathan Gruber thinks so. In a study, he found that income increases by 10 percent when people double their church attendance. Gruber proposes these possible reasons:

- Churchgoers join in fellowship with one another, resulting in social and job networking.
- They support one another during losses and setbacks.
- Such encouragement helps people do their best in all of life's endeavors.
- Churchgoers tend to be less stressed by everyday life, enabling them to work creatively and be more productive.
- Boosting one's bank account isn't the reason most people go to church of course. But it's interesting to note that worshipers reap both spiritual and earthly rewards.

KIDZ KORNER

1. What was Mary's hometown?
2. What was the name of the Angel that appeared to Mary?
3. About how old was Mary when the angel appeared to her?
4. What cousin did Mary go to after the angel appeared to her?
5. The cousin Mary went to see was also expecting a baby, what Saint was it?

Answers on page four