

Our Lady of Victories Church

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

150 Harriot Avenue, Harrington Park, New Jersey

www.olvhp.org

SUNDAY, May 21, 2017 A.D.

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: 5:00p.m., 7:00p.m.

Thursday: 6:30a.m., 8:00a.m., 12:00Noon, 3:30p.m., 6:00p.m.-{Latin}, & 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**: Fr. Apostoli, William Biasi, James Brady, Joey Bulger, Kathy Freeburn, Marylou Goreb, Thomas Haring, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Joseph LoVecchio, Anne Matthaei, Teresa Meierdierks, Kyle Murphy, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Odalis Recchia, Mary Rinner, Danny Rizzi, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, George Rush, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Jim Walsh, Catherine Wanner.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"Today once again I prayed full of confidence. This was my petition: "Lord, may neither our past wretchedness which has been forgiven us, nor the possibility of future wretchedness, cause us any disquiet. May we abandon ourselves into your merciful hands. May we bring before you our desires for sanctity and apostolate, which are hidden like embers under the ashes of an apparent coldness." "Lord, I know you are listening to us." You should say this to Him too. Be sincere when you open up your soul. Speak out and don't try to gild the lily; that could be a very childish thing to do. And then continue on your way, with docility. You will be holier, and happier."

St. Josemaria Escriva - THE FORGE pg. 152

OLV K of C Baby Bottle Collection

Just a reminder—if you took a baby bottle, please bring the bottle with your monetary donations to the church or drop it off at the rectory by next Sunday. You may deposit loose change, checks or cash. Your contributions will benefit mothers in need and their new-born babies.

PASTA COLLECTION

For the month of MAY OLV will be having a pasta collection to benefit the St. Cecilia 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.

JOIN OLV Power House PRAYER GROUP

This prayer group is one that each and every parishioner could and should join – even children can become members. A person who joins is given a couple of names of sick, dying or injured individuals who need prayers. Each and every day you pray for the people. It is that easy and simple so become one of our prayer team members. There are no meetings, so this apostolate is wonderful for all, including those parishioners who are homebound. For information, phone Maria at the rectory.

WORK for the LORD

Become a Priest or Religious Brother or Sister. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low, **BUT** the retirement benefits are out of this world. For information see Fr. Bryan or call the Vocations Office 973-497-4365.

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

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, June 11. 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 3:00-3:30PM, every weekday morning at 7:30AM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

Our Confirmation Class

Katie Bailey	Joseph LaVine
Loretta Borghi	Madison Lopez
Matthew Boyle	Aidan McKeever
Sean Connolly	James Milkusky
Brian Cote	Garrett Misa
Aidan Daly	John O'Brien
Julianne Deane	Brendan O'Reilly
James DeVincent	Anthony Ragucci
Luke Fizulich	Blake Rosenbach
Olivia Franceschini	Gianna Sabatini
Olivia Genco	Kyle Sheppard
Janice Gil	Zachary Smith
Kelly Griffin	Kevin Travers
Michael Hazelton	Kelly Unanue
Aedian Kearns	

Prayer for the Safety of Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in you will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

PRAY for THOSE in the MILITARY

Private Matthew Brady, U.S. Marine Corps;
Lieutenant Julia H. Cheringal, US Navy;
Lieutenant Ben Clemente, US Army;
Ensign Jon Clemente, US Navy;
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo, U.S. Marine Corps;
Major Michael Franson, US Army;
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene, US Army;
Lieutenant Tara Harris, US Air Force;
Private Thomas Iafrate, U.S. Marine Corps;
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger, US Navy;
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger, US Navy;
Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn, US Air Force;
Captain Shawn Linn, US Army;
SN Daniel T. LoVecchio, U.S. Navy;
2nd Lieutenant Gigi McElroy, US Army;
Colonel John McLaughlin, US Army;
Lieutenant John G. Miele, US Army.

Why do doctors leave the room while you change?
They're going to see you naked anyway...

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

May 20/21 - Sat/Sun -Mother & Child Items Collection

May 23 - Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM

May 24 - Wed - Bible Study Group—10:00AM

May 24 - Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM

May 26 - Fri - Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM

May 27 - Sat - AA meeting lower church 7:00PM

May 27/28 - Sat/Sun - Mother & Child Items Collection

Moms Pops & Tots will resume in the Fall!

Mother / Child Collection

May 20/21 and May 27/28

Social Concerns Ministry is having its annual Mother/Child collection to benefit New Hope Pregnancy Center. The center helps first time single mothers financially, physically, emotionally, and educationally. Items they are in most need of are: **Diapers: size 4 diapers, Size 3T-4T pull-ups, Size 4T-5T pull-ups, Q-tips, wipes, Avent baby bottles, crib sheets, Boys 0-3 mo. long sleeve, Boys 3T short sleeves, shorts, and pants, Girls 3T long sleeves, Girls 3T short sleeve shirts, shorts, outfits, and pants. New items only.**

Marriage Enrichment

"...I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Lead your married lives "more abundantly" by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more info contact Mike and Janet Turco at 973 427-7016 or email njwwme@peoplepc.com.

FRIDAY ADORATION

Just a reminder we have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 12:00Noon – 3:00PM.

So stop by and adore Our Eucharistic Lord.

CONFSSION/RECONCILIATION

Our Lord told St. Margaret Mary Alacoque that individuals should go to confession at a minimum once a month. This sacrament is offered EVERY Saturday from 11AM to Noon and 4-4:30PM; every weekday morning at 7:30AM, as well as every First Friday at 7PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

SAINTS OF TODAY AND YESTERDAY

ELIZABETH CHONG CHONG- EYE

Virgin and Martyr (c. 1796-1839)

In July of 1839, Elizabeth Chong Chong-hye, a Korean maiden, was arrested together with her elderly mother, (Saint) Cecilia Yu So-sa, during the continuing persecution of Catholics in their country. Elizabeth's father had already been put to death for the faith, and in the months to follow, her mother and her brother Paul were to suffer the same fate. Elizabeth had for a long time sensed and hoped that she herself would die a martyr's death. When during an interrogation a magistrate urged Elizabeth to save her life by denying her faith, she replied, "In order to leave this place and be able to live, it would be necessary to deny God; this I refuse to do." On seven occasions, she was tortured, receiving each time over forty club blows. Of these torments, she commented, "I understand a little now what great sufferings our Lord had to undergo;" As she awaited her execution, Elizabeth prayed, meditated, and encouraged the other Catholic prisoners. Before going out to her beheading, she told them, "Above all, pray sincerely for all the poor and afflicted."

ASCENSION THURSDAY

MAY 25, 2017

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday Vigil: 5:00pm, 7:00pm

Thursday: 6:30am, 8:00am, 12:00pm, 3:30pm, 6:00pm-Latin & 7:00pm

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 450 7th Ave, NY, NY 10123 or www.catholicleague.org and receive the journal The Catalyst, which has articles detailing where Catholicism is under attack and by whom.

BOX TOPS COLLECTION

The Archdiocese of Newark is helping the children of St. Joseph's Catholic school in Jersey City to collect Box Tops for Education. This is a program that was launched by General Mills to help support students and schools across the country. OLV is helping them in this endeavor. If you would like to donate any box tops to this cause, please drop off at the rectory.

OLV Scripture STUDY

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

SAVE USED EYEGLASSES

The Knights of Columbus collects used and old eyeglasses for the less fortunate. Any old or "retired" glasses may be left in the basket in the back of Church.

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.

CCD Corner

Today, twenty nine young adults will receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep all of them in your prayers. Last weekend we concluded the CCD year with a special Mass. We honored our mothers and teachers for all their love and guidance. I would like to thank the Adult and Children Choirs who led us in song, all the volunteers who helped with the "Coffee And" and all who made this celebration so special. If you haven't yet registered for next year's class, please go on our parish website (www.olvhp.org) and under the Faith Formation Menu click on the CCD Registration Renewal Form. On behalf of Mrs. Evanella, our CCD Coordinator and Father Bryan, our Pastor, I would like to wish you and your families a peaceful and relaxing summer! God bless – Deacon Al

**Check out OLV's website [olvhp.org](http://www.olvhp.org)
and find us on Facebook:
Our Lady of Victories Parish**

ABORTION is a WRONG Not a RIGHT.

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Discernment Retreat for Catholic Men

Quo Vadis Retreat at Seton Hall University, June 17-30. Discernment retreat for Catholic young men in High School. Cost: \$100. Scholarships available. Register by June 9th. Information and registration at www.NewPriestNJ.com/quovadis.

Discernment Retreat for Catholic Women

Friday, July 21—Sunday, July 23. Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne for women 19-45, for a weekend of sharing in our life of prayer and apostolate (Hawthorne, NY). For information or reservations contact Sr. Alma Marie 845-745-1319. Visit www.hawthorne-dominicans.org.

ATTENTION ALL INCOMING 8TH GRADE PARENTS

Bergen Catholic High School will hold its annual summer COOP Prep Course for this Fall's examination. Choose from two sessions. Session 1 will be from June 26- July 5th and Session 2 will take place from July 6-July 14th. Classes run from 9-11am. Each Session is \$300. For information please contact Matt Rosa, Director of Admissions, at mrosa@bergencatholic.org

Don Bosco Prep will offer two courses this summer for 8th grade boys to prepare them for the Cooperative Admissions (COOP) Exam for admissions to participating Catholic High Schools. Choose from two two-week sessions: Session 1: July 10-July 13 & July 17- July 20 or Session 2: July 24-July 27 & July 31-August 3. Both sessions are from 8:00am to Noon. Tuition for course is \$500. For more info contact Marilyn Palka at mpalka@donboskoprep.org.

Green Knights Basketball Camp

St. Joseph Regional HS in Montvale is the site of the 29th annual **Green Knights Basketball** camp for boys ages 9-15. 3 Sessions: July 10-14; July 17-21; July 24-28. Camp day is 9AM-3PM. Friday dismissal at Noon. Great fun and competition ... guest lecturers ... free basketball and player jersey to each camper! Please call 201-391-3300 for applications and information. Visit www.sjrnj.org.

CLOTHING BINS

"Mary has a special love and sensitivity for all God's children. This was manifested on many occasions, but was most pronounced at the wedding feast of Cana in which she interceded for the bride and groom when the supply of wine was depleted at their celebration. We can imitate sensitivity to the needs of others by donating any unwanted clothing and shoes to Catholic Charities. The bin is located on the Church grounds. Thank you.

Giving back to your parents with a Charitable Gift Annuity

Are you looking for the perfect gift for your aging parents that would guarantee income for life? Consider opening up a charitable gift annuity with the Archdiocese of Newark. A charitable gift annuity can provide payments with direct deposit to your aging parents now and a gift to their parish later, all while providing you with both piece of mind and an income tax deduction. If you would like information on this unique gift, please contact Theresa Lynch, Planned Giving Manager, Archdiocese of Newark 973-497-4042 or email lynchthe@rcan.org.

OLV Knights of Columbus

All men over 18 are invited to join the OLV parish Knights of Columbus, the world's largest men's fraternal organization. Upcoming events include a fishing trip, paintball expedition, skeet-shooting and golf outing. For more info or to join, call Greg Evanella at 201-768-5752.

Don't point a finger. Lend a hand.

5th Sunday after Easter

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 22—St. Rita of Cascia Widow & Religious Nun

8:00 Dennis McSherry R/b the Bloomer Family

12:00 Thanksgiving to St. Rita of Cascia R/b the Zaccaro Family

Tuesday, May 23—St. John Baptist Rossi of Italy - Priest

8:00 Thomas F. Lagatol II R/b the Lagatol Family

12:00 Joseph Valotti R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico

Wednesday, May 24—Ss. Donatian and Rogatian - Martyrs

8:00 Sr. Helen Gregory Cotter R/b Mary Warner

12:00 Thomas J. Crowley R/b Mildred Crowley

5:00 Stanley Powell R/b Sr. Elizabeth

7:00 Lizette Donnelly R/b Bill and Anne Cote

ASCENSION THURSDAY, May 25—St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi - Virgin

6:30 Intentions of Fr. Bryan R/b Joan Kincaid

8:00 William Kincaid R/b Maria Arias

12:00 Anna Lucia Arias R/b John McDonough

3:30 Freida Heimbuch

6:00 (Latin) Deceased Priests of OLV

7:00 Charles Ruiz R/b the LoSchiavo Family

Friday, May 26—St. Philip Neri of Florence – Oratorian Priest

8:00 Kevin Lagatol R/b the Lagatol Family

12:00 Anna Corra R/b Rae Rinaldi

Saturday, May 27—St. Augustine of Canterbury, Archbishop

8:00 Marie Bonnafé R/b Carole Bellini

12:00 William and Mary DeBrino R/b William and Carole DeBrino

4:00 Jack and Helen McEnaney R/b Sam and Louise Mercurio

5:00 John Kerner—1st Anniversary R/b Rose Spincken

Sunday, May 28—St. Germanus, Bishop of Paris

7:30 Rev. Zachary H. Monet, O.Carm. R/b Pat Consoli

8:15 Catherine Fallon R/b Rita McNamara

9:30 John Scrivanich R/b the Busanic Family

10:45 Marg Butler R/b Jeanne Marie Walsh

12:00 Joseph and Anna Bonomolo R/b Tom and Phyllis Burderi

1:00 People of the Parish

6:00 Intentions of Fr. Innocent Montgomery

7:00 Lizette Donnelly R/b Greg and Susan Evanella

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the intentions of Jeannette, r/b Bill and Cathy Ryan.

The Convent Sanctuary Lamp burns for those making Confirmation.

The BV Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Maria Carnovale, r/b the Davies Family.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week for the souls in Purgatory.

The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp burns this week for the unemployed.

The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp burns this week for the those who serve in defense of our country.

Sanctuary Offerings

The Altar Flowers, Bread and Wine, the BVM Votive Lamp, and St. Joseph Votive Lamp, the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church and in the Convent can be dedicated on a weekly basis.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. Tongues of Fire. 2. God-the 3rd Person of the Trinity. 3. Mary.
4. Speak and understand all languages. 5. Confirmation.

FYI

Catholics go to Mass each and every Sunday.

To miss Mass is a MORTAL SIN.

One MORTAL SIN prevents a soul from going to Heaven

May is dedicated to Our Lady.

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 Mary Mother of All Nations Novena which focuses on this daily battle.

THE VALUE OF THE MASS

Through Holy Mass you are preserved from many dangers and misfortunes which would otherwise have befallen you. You shorten your Purgatory by every Mass. During Holy Mass you kneel amid a multitude of holy Angels, who are present at the Adorable Sacrifice with reverential awe. Through Holy Mass you are blessed in your temporal goods and affairs. When you hear Holy Mass devoutly, offering it to Almighty God in honor of any particular Saint or Angel, thanking God for the favors bestowed on him, etc., you afford that Saint or Angel a new degree of honor, joy and happiness, and draw his special love and protection on yourself. Every time you assist at Holy Mass, besides other intentions, you should offer it in honor of the Saint of the day. At the hour of your death the Holy Masses you have heard devoutly will be your greatest consolation. Every Mass will go with you to Judgment and will plead for pardon for you. Through the Holy Sacrifice, Our Lord Jesus Christ supplies for many of your negligence's and omissions. He forgives you all the venial sins which you are determined to avoid. He forgives you all your unknown sins which you never confessed. The power of Satan over you is diminished. One Holy Mass heard during your life will be of more benefit to you than many heard for you after your death.

SIGN OF GLORY

Catholics often make the Sign of the Cross casually, just as a nice gesture for beginning and ending their prayers. But, when we learn to take this act seriously, signing ourselves frequently with faith and reverence, remarkable results can take place. We find ourselves doing measurably better in our Christian life: Praying with more Passion, resisting our bad inclinations more effectively, and relating to others more kindly. The Sign of the Cross, after all, is not merely a pious gesture. It is a powerful prayer, a sacramental of the Church.

THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Down through the ages, the power of the Holy Spirit has been described in many ways. St. Thomas Aquinas formulated and categorized these gifts into what we now call the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Here is a brief description of each gift that we receive at OUR CONFIRMATION:

WISDOM: To see things as they truly are in an open-minded manner.

UNDERSTANDING: A heart that accepts, cares, listens, forgives & understands.

KNOWLEDGE: The ability to comprehend the truths of the universe.

RIGHT JUDGEMENT/COUNCIL: The ability to make good & wise decisions.

COURAGE/FORTITUDE: The strength to do what is right in spite of challenges.

REVERENCE/PIETY: A deep respect for God, for others, & for all creation.

WONDER & AWE in GOD'S PRESENCE/FEAR OF THE LORD: A sense of the greatness & majesty of God coupled with a deep realization of God's nearness.

"Do not fear the enemy, for they can take only your life.

Fear the media, for they will destroy your honor."

Attributed to North Vietnamese General Vo Nguyen Giap
(25 August 1911 – 4 October 2013)

WHY DID JESUS FOLD THE NAPKIN

Why did Jesus fold the linen burial cloth after His resurrection? The Gospel of John (20:7) tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave clothes. The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was neatly folded and was placed at the head of that stony coffin. Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, 'They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!' Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see. The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. He stopped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side. Is that important? Absolutely! Is it really significant? Yes! In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day.

The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition. When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it. The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch that table until the master was finished. Now if the master was done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers and mouth with that napkin and toss it on to the table. The servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, 'I'm done.' But if the master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant knew that the folded napkin meant, 'I'm not finished yet.' The folded napkin meant, 'I'm coming back!'

MEMORIAL DAY

It is the VETERAN, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion. It is the VETERAN, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the VETERAN, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble. It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial. It is the VETERAN, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote. It is the VETERAN who salutes the Flag. It is the VETERAN who serves under the Flag. ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. What a Mighty God They Served.

KIDZ KORNER

1. The Holy Spirit appeared as what on Pentecost?
2. Who is the Holy Spirit?
3. What woman was in the Upper Room when the Holy Spirit arrived?
4. After the Holy Spirit left, the apostles were able to do what?
5. What Sacrament is closely associated with the Holy Spirit?

Answers on page four.

"Hell really exists and is eternal, even if nobody talks about it much anymore."

Pope Benedict XVI