

# Our Lady of Victories Church

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

SUNDAY, January 6, 2019 A.D.

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

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### SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

**First Friday:** 7:00pm, 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  
**St. Peregrine:** First Friday of the Month

**Rosary:** Recited M - Sat after 8:00am & 12Noon Mass.  
**Tuesday-Novena Prayer and Adoration:** 12:30pm-3:00pm  
**Thursday-Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction:** 7:00pm  
**Friday-Exposition & Adoration:** 12:30pm-3:00pm

### THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/CONFESSION:

Monday - Friday 7:30am -7:50am.  
First Friday at 6:30pm  
Saturday at 11:00a.m.-Noon; 3:00pm -3:30pm

### 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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## **Fr. Wojciech's Corner**

### **POWER of PRAYER**

A BIG Thank you to all of you for all the prayers and concern for my mom. She definitely experienced the amazing power of prayer.

I would like to thank you all for attending the Christmas Masses; we had this year nearly 3000 faithful attending.

And one more thank you to all who decorated and beautified the Church and to all who sent me cards, gifts and lots of love.

For everything, may GOD REWARD YOU. —Fr Wojciech

## **SPIRITUAL EXCERPT**

Because [Christ] is born in a cave, all who wish to see him must bend, must stoop, and the stoop is the mark of humility. The proud refuse to stoop. Therefore they miss divinity. Those, however, who are willing to risk bending their egos to go into that cave, find that they are not in a cave at all; but they are in a universe where sits a babe on his mother's lap, the babe who made the world.

—VENERABLE FULTON J. SHEEN from *Through the Year with Fulton Sheen: Inspirational Readings for Each Day of the Year*

## **ADORATION**

Just a reminder we have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays from 12:30PM—3:00PM, Thursday night from 7:00PM—8:00PM, and Fridays from 12:30PM—3:00PM.

**So stop by and adore Our Eucharistic Lord.**

## **BEEFSTEAK DINNER January 26, 2019**

This is a major fundraiser for the Knights of Columbus to fund our charities. It is a fun evening, and last year it was a great success. Please support this dinner. Cost: Adults \$35 - Children \$15.

## **Holy Name Society**

OLV Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday each month. The men attend 9:30am Mass as a group, followed by recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and then a meeting and refreshments. At our meetings we discuss topics of interest to men who want to enhance their Catholic faith. Last month's discussion topic was "Guadalupe spans cultures, ages". Our next meeting is Sunday, January 13. New members are welcome.

## **Office of Concern Food Pantry at St. Cecilia**

On behalf of the volunteers at St. Cecilia, we gratefully acknowledge OLV parish' extraordinary generosity this month in donating 153 bags of groceries to our mission to feed the needy. Thank you for your donations and for joining using this vital mission.

## **CLOTHING BINS**

Can you predict the events of 2019 with accuracy? Who would dare to make such a claim? Here we are at the beginning of a new year and no one knows what the future will bring...unprecedented joy or deep sorrow? Many families and individuals have the resources to cope with whatever comes along. Catholic Charities reaches out to those who have very limited resources. Help us to continue our mission by contributing to our clothing bin. Any questions, please call Maria Biancheri at 973-596-3985.

## **Upcoming OLV Parish Events**

Jan 8 -Tue - Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM

Jan 9 - Wed - Bible Study Group 10:00AM

Jan 9 - Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM

Jan 10 - Thu - Holy Hour 7:00PM

Jan 13 - Sun - Holy Name Mass/Meeting 9:30AM

## **EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING WITH CHALK**

The Church has a custom of blessing homes (as well as proclaiming the date of Easter) on the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6) and the weeks following. Family and friends gather to ask God's blessing on their homes and those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows. One way of doing this is to use chalk blessed during the Epiphany liturgy and write above the home's entryway, 20 + C + M + B + 19. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and 2019 is the year. Adoration of the Magi by John Flaxman, Public Domain, Wikimedia Commons: Marking the doorway to one's home is rooted in the Old Testament. Holy Scripture reminds us that God has at times commanded his people to mark their doors. The Israelites marked their doors with the lamb's blood on the night of the passover (Exodus 12:7). A similar command was given with the Shema Yisrael:

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.*

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul, and with all your might.*

*Keep these words that I am commanding you today  
in your heart ...and write them on the doorposts  
of your house and on your gates.*

*(Deuteronomy 6:4-6, 9)*

## **Did You Know?**

**IHS** This monogram of the Holy Name, common among Western Christians, comes from the first three letters in the Greek spelling of Jesus' name. Those letters are iota ("I"), eta ("H") and sigma (here rendered as its Roman equivalent: "S"). *Variations:* Sometimes the iota is rendered as a "J" (hence, "JHS"), or one will see the monogram in all Greek letters, or with the final sigma in a "C" shape (hence "IHC"), an alternate way of rendering the letter sigma. They all mean the same thing.

**IC XC** This monogram is more common among Eastern Christians. It is composed of the first and last letters of Jesus' Name in Greek (iota and sigma) with the first and last letters of Christos, the Greek word for Christ (chi and sigma, respectively). The sigmas are both rendered in "C" form, resulting in "IC XC". This monogram is commonly written on ikons of Christ near His halo to identify Him, and in the phrase "IC XC NIKA", meaning "Jesus Christ Conquers". The greatest promoters of the monogram were St. Bernardine of Siena and St. John Capistran.

## **The Golden Arrow**

This prayer was revealed by Jesus Himself to a Carmelite Nun of Tours in 1843 as a reparation for blasphemy. "This Golden Arrow will wound My Heart delightfully," He said, "and heal the wounds inflicted by blasphemy." *May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most mysterious and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in heaven on earth and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament of the altar.*

## Pray for Those in the Military

### US Army

Captain Ben Clemente  
Specialist Peter Dipolito  
Major Michael Franson  
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene  
Captain Shawn Linn  
Lieutenant Gigi McElroy  
Colonel John McLaughlin  
Lieutenant John G. Miele

### US Air Force

Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn

### US Marine Corps.

Private First Class Shanna Bennett  
Lance Corporal Matthew Brady  
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo  
Lance Corporal Thomas lafrate

### US Navy

Lieutenant Commander Julia Cheringal  
Ensign Jon Clemente  
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger  
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger  
OS3 Daniel T. LoVecchio

## 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 Sean Cresci, baby Cole McKeon, Addie Bennington, Richard Bolton, Irene Ciccarino, Eleanor Daily, Antoinette Dougherty, Dan Filippone, Sebastion Filippone, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Mary Foley, Kathy Freeburn, Marietta Flahive, Bernardita Garcia, Kyle Gauweiler, Anne Giotta, Tom Giuliano, Marylou Goreb, Thomas Haring, Glen Hall, Megan Kavanagh, Austin Kellar, Peter Kellar, Andrew Kloeppe, Lisa LoSchiavo, Peter Mahler, Anne Matthaehi, David Mercur, Skylar Migliaccio, Len Moriarity, Kevin Mullane, John Murawski, John Pal, Sam Palmieri, Joyanna Peros, Andy Pfeiffer, Terry Pommert, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Linda Rivera, Wendy Ruggiero, Michael Tobia, Kathryn Turrell, Therese Vaglio, Angela, Brian, Carla, Chris, Dierdre, Edward, Jennifer, Lucas, Lynn, Lori, Michael, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, and Sean.

## 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.

## QUESTION?

If our Mass is a sacrifice, were there sacrifices in the Old Testament prefiguring our sacrifice? Before our Lord came down upon the earth, sacrifices of lambs, goats and oxen were offered throughout the Old Testament; but they were poor and imperfect sacrifices. They were only figures or signs of the eternal sacrifice of the Mass of the New Testament. For example:

- Abel killed a lamb and burned it on a stone altar. The lamb is a figure of the innocent, suffering Savior (Consecration).
- Melchisedech, the high priest, offered bread and wine as a sacrifice to thank God for the victory over his enemies (Offertory). He then gave the bread and wine to the tired soldiers that they might eat it and be strengthened (Communion).
- Abraham was willing to offer up his son, Isaac. This offering was a figure of the perfect sacrifice - the death of the Son of God on the cross (Consecration).
- On the Day of Atonement, the high priest placed his hands on a goat to show that he was placing all his sins and the sins of the people upon the animal. This goat was driven out into the desert, to show that the sins of the people were taken away, out of God's sight. (This is incidentally where we get the term scape goat) At Mass when the priest holds his hands over the offering of bread and wine before the Consecration, we are reminded that the sins of all people were placed upon our Lord on Calvary and that He made atonement for them by His death.

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, January 7 – St. Raymond of Peñafort

8:00 William Quinn Sr. R/b the Barrett Family  
12:00 Raul Benavides R/b Ellen and Alberto Caballero

### Tuesday, January 8 – St. Apollinaris, Bishop

8:00 Michael Murphy R/b Rita McNamara  
12:00 David Zocco R/b Mike Zocco

### Wednesday, January 9– St. Adrian of Canterbury, Abbot

8:00 Vincent J. Gulfo R/b the Gatanas Family  
12:00 William Shields R/b the Bloomer Family

### Thursday, January 10—St. William, Bishop

8:00 John E. Skarzenski R/b David Musante  
12:00 Bartram Reeves R/b the Reeves Family

### Friday, January 11-St. Paulinus of Friuli, Italy-Bishop of Aquileia

8:00 Robert John Maynes IV - 1st Anniv. R/b the Maynes Family  
12:00 Christina Migliaccio R/b Helen and Aris Yiannou

### Saturday, January 12–St. Benedict Biscop-Abbot

8:00 Rev. Zachary H. Monet, O.Carm. R/b Pat Consoli  
12:00 Diane Melchiorre R/b George and Claire Meyer

4:00 Cousin Jimmy R/b the McLarnon Family

5:00 Frank Adamcik R/b the Adamcik Family

### Sunday, January 13–The Baptism of the Lord

7:30 Intentions of Sr. Elizabeth R/b Chris Cirillo  
8:15 Living and Deceased members of the Holy Name Society

9:30 Clifford P. Keenan Jr. R/b Josephine Tristano

10:45 Michael Coviello R/b the Supple Family

12:00 Domenica Bandiera R/b the Garzino Family

1:00 People of the Parish

6:00 Antoinette Vitiello R/b the Napolitano Family

7:00 Intentions of Barbara Del Colliano R/b Joan Crowley

## Sanctuary Memorials

**The Sanctuary Lamp** burns this week for the repose of the soul of James M. Walsh.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp** burns this week for the repose of the soul of Lydia Mohsenin, r/b the Dunn Family.

**The St. Joseph Votive Lamp** burn this week for the Dalton Family, r/b Julia Dalton.

**The Convent Sanctuary Lamp** burns for those serving in our military.

**The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp** burns for the unemployed.

## Sanctuary Offerings

The Bread and Wine, Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp, St. Joseph Votive Lamp, and Sanctuary Lamp in the Church can be dedicated on a weekly basis. **AND the Altar Flowers** are also available to be memorialized. Please contact the rectory for more information 201-768-1706.

## Keep Your Eyes Fixed

A great artist once painted a picture in which a solitary figure is seen rowing a small boat across the dark waters of a lonely lake. A high wind is churning up the waters causing white-crested billows to rage ominously around the tiny skiff. As he rows on, the boatman's eyes are fixed on the one lone star shining through the darkness. Under the picture, the artist has inscribed these words: "If I lose that, I am lost."

What are you doing, O Magi? Do you adore a little Babe, in a wretched hovel, wrapped in miserable rags? Can this Child be truly God? ... Are you become foolish, O Wise Men ... Yes, these Wise Men have become fools that they may be wise.

— Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

## The Epiphany of the Lord

Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die. — *Peter Chrysologus*

### The Holy Name of Jesus

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. "In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). Christ's name is chosen in heaven, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: "Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus". It is a name that has marvelous implications, for it means "savior." The very name bespeaks the magnitude of His mission, His infinite love, a love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us. The name of Jesus is the sweetest of all names, and He who bears it is most worthy of all love. He who calls Jesus his friend can be assured that this friend is the most devoted and unselfish of all friends. Jesus is our all. In His name we may pray to the Father with assurance of being heard. In His name the Church administers all her sacraments. In His name she offers all her prayers and blesses homes, the fields, and the sick. In the name of Jesus she casts out evil spirits, and at the hour of our death bids us, "Go forth, Christian soul." She assures us that whoever shall call upon this name will be saved. When our soul has departed this life to seek its eternal home, the Church asks in the name of Jesus, "Eternal rest give unto him, O Lord."

## RIGHT WALL

Robert McFarlane was Ronald Reagan's National Security Advisor, a twenty-year veteran of the Marine Corps., and the architect of the Iran-Contra plan. When his plan failed, McFarlane resigned his position and later attempted suicide. In a talk he gave at the National Prayer Breakfast several years ago, McFarlane described the incredible power he had achieved, the ladder to success he had climbed. But then Bud McFarlane told his audience, with tears in his eyes, that it was nothing. He got to the top, and there was nothing there. Only after he fell off that ladder did he discover that it was leaning against the wrong wall—that life really consists of loving God and loving people. Nothing else.

### Jesus is Watching You!

A burglar broke into a house one night. He shined his flashlight around, looking for valuables, and when he picked up a CD player to place in his pack, a strange, disembodied voice echoed from the dark saying, "Jesus is watching you." He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight out, and froze. When he heard nothing more after a bit, he shook his head, promised himself a vacation after the next big score, then clicked the light on and began searching for more valuables. Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard, "Jesus is watching you." Freaked out, he shone his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice. Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot. "Did you say that?", he hissed at the parrot. "Yep," the parrot confessed, then squawked, "I'm just trying to warn you." The burglar relaxed. "Warn me, huh? Who in the world are you?" "Moses," replied the bird. "Moses?" the burglar laughed. "What kind of people would name a bird Moses?" "The kind of people that would name a Rottweiler Jesus."

## KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*. More info in the blurb in this bulletin, page 2!
2. King Herod.

## FRED ASTAIRE

Iconic American actor, dancer and choreographer Fred Astaire once said, "The hardest job kids face today is learning good manners without seeing any." If only Fred were still around to see the state of civil society in our nation. He'd likely dance off into the sunset shaking his head in bewilderment! The issue of public civility is often in the headlines, with politicians and pundits clucking and shaking their heads about the abhorrent examples of uncivilized debate that characterize today's public discourse. Even our president seems to think that simply calling for a more civil tone will restore genuine respect for those who express opposing points of view. But polite political discourse isn't a path to a more civilized society — rather, it's a reflection of social mores that should dictate public behavior. The reason we're struggling with uncivilized behavior is because (hold onto your hats...) we've turned into a less civilized society.

Only a generation ago, it was still shocking to hear coarse language in public or in mixed company. It was still considered rude to pry about personal subjects like sex and household finances. Children used to learn not to criticize someone's religious or political beliefs and to treat elders and strangers with genuine respect. We valued modesty in dress and humility in demeanor. Ponder those social mores as you sit in a restaurant, listening to the folks at the next table cuss about their relatives and loudly discuss their colonoscopies, as you wait for a waitress to arrive at your table and cheerfully ask, "You guys ready to order?" We're rude and we know it.

Not long ago, pretty much everyone practiced America's social mores. Not just the rich or well educated. Not just those from intact families or those raised "in the church." Everybody knew and exhibited the manners and etiquette that reflected an elevated civilization. In fact, back in the day, even the poorest of the poor in America took pride in practicing impeccable manners, revealing the inherent dignity that our founders spoke of when they formed our nation. Sure, there were bullies and thugs. But they were the exception, not the rule. That's why they were labeled bullies and thugs. Here's a not-so-shocking revelation: An Associated Press annual "rudeness poll" finds that almost 70 percent of Americans believe as a society, we are ruder than we were 20 or 30 years ago. When asked who was to blame for this trend, the number one response — wait for it — was "parents not teaching good manners to children." Let's assume that a majority of the people polled are parents. That means parents are able to see and admit a problem and realize that they are at least partly to blame for it (in this case, mostly to blame), yet they aren't changing their parenting styles or their expectations of their kids.

We parents need to make it our priority to teach our children to practice proper manners. Speaking and acting in a mannerly fashion shows that we respect others. And respect for others is the foundation of all public behavior, including political discourse. What happens if we don't stress the fundamentals of good manners? We're already seeing the results, with rude, hurtful and violent behavior cropping up among tweens and teens all across the nation. When middle schoolers routinely threaten and abuse each other in the school yard, on Facebook and in text messages, we're watching an uncouth and uncultured generation devolve into barbarism.

Beyond the magic words. Every mom routinely coaches her pre-schooler to use the "magic" words, "please" and "thank you." But unfortunately, because the standards for social behavior and manners have sunk so low, we might decide it's no longer necessary to teach the rest of the rule book. Yet, as Mr. Astaire noted years ago, our kids won't learn proper manners without a clear example. Nor will they practice mannerly behavior without our diligent training. Here's some reassurance from a mom whose children were often complimented on their manners — it's worth the effort! Not only will your kids learn to exhibit respect for others, they'll be rewarded with frequent praise for demonstrating a level of civility that has become far too rare among our youth. Not to mention, if we work hard to instill good manners in ourselves.

### **Holy Name of Jesus—Short History of this devotion**

Devotion to the Holy Name falls loosely into three periods. The first phase is the very early Church and was encouraged by the Apostles and the early disciples. In this period devotion is to the Name of Christ, to the Name of Christ Jesus, to the Name of the Lord, and to the Name of Jesus.

The second phase is found in the early middle ages. Here devotion to the Holy Name was fixed specifically to the Name of Jesus. Pope Gregory X (1271 - 1276) and the Council of Lyons in 1274 initiated a call of the Universal Church to this special devotion. Through the works of Blessed John of Vercelli, the fifth Master General of the Order of St. Dominic, the Dominicans began preaching on the virtues of the Holy Name and built special altars where the lay faithful could venerate the Holy Name of Jesus.

The third phase was brought to life by St. Bernardine of Siena (1380 - 1444), the Franciscan who reformed his Order and preached fiery sermons all over Italy. St. Bernardine painted a special wooden tablet with the Monogram of the Name of Jesus surrounded by rays of the sun. During these very popular sermons, he would hold up for veneration the monogram of Christ's Name. Because of the influence of St. Bernardine's work, the Name "Jesus" was added to the Hail Mary prayer, and the Feast of the Holy Name was later added to the calendar. The office of this Mass was written by Bernardine dei Busti, and it makes use of the beautiful 12th century hymn, *Iesu Dulcis Memoria* which speaks of His Name and was written by another who had devotion to it, St. Bernard of Clairvaux (A.D. 1090-1153). St. Bernardine's apostleship of the Holy Name was carried on by St. John Capistran, A.D. 1385-1456, and to them both is attributed the Litany of the Holy Name. St. Bernardine and his contemporary St. John Capistran popularized this devotion and made it so widespread that the monogram of the name of Jesus, even today, stands at the side of the cross as a symbol of Christianity.

Later in 1455, Pope Callistus III asked St. John to preach a crusade invoking the Holy Name of Jesus against the vicious Turkish Moslems who were ravaging Eastern Europe; victory came in their defeat at the Battle of Belgrade in 1456.

In 1597, Pope Sixtus V granted an indulgence to anyone reverently saying, "Praised be Jesus Christ!" Pope Clement VII in 1530 allowed the Franciscans to celebrate a feast day in honor of the Holy Name, and Pope Innocent XIII extended this to the universal Church in 1721. In the liturgical revisions of Vatican II, the feast was deleted, though a votive Mass to the Holy Name of Jesus had been retained for devotional use. With the release of the revised Roman Missal in March 2002, the feast was restored as an optional memorial on January 3.

Pope John Paul II reinstated the feast of the Holy Name of Jesus to be celebrated on Jan. 3. Moreover, the reverential invocation of the Holy Name of Jesus as part of prayer or work, and the recitation of the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus, still convey a partial indulgence for the reparation of sin. The Holy Name Society, first organized in 1274 and granted the status of a confraternity in 1564, continues to promote at the parish and diocesan levels an increased reverence for the name of Jesus, reparation for the sins of profanity and blasphemy against the Holy Name, and the personal sanctification of its members.

### **Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus: January 3**

The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus has been celebrated in the Roman Catholic calendar of saints, at least at local levels, since the end of the fifteenth century. The veneration of the Holy Name was extended to the entire Roman Catholic Church on 20 December 1721, during the pontificate of Pope Innocent XIII.

The celebration has been held on different dates, usually in January, because January 1st, eight days after Christmas, commemorates the circumcision of the child Jesus; as recounted in the Gospel read on that day, "at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb." It is observed on January 3rd by Catholics following the General Roman Calendar. The entire month of January is devoted to the worship of the Holy Name and to Christ's Divine Childhood.

### **Mystic taught about the Name of Jesus**

Richard Rolle, a mystic of fourteenth century England, taught about the Name of Jesus: If you will be well with God, and have grace to rule your life, and come to the joy of love: this name Jesus, fasten it so fast in your heart that it come never out of your thought. And when you speak to him, and through custom say, "Jesus," it shall be in your ear, joy; in your mouth; honey; and in your heart, melody: for men shall think joy to hear that name be named, sweetness to speak it, mirth and song to think it. If you think the name "Jesus" continually, and hold it firmly, it purges your sin, and kindles your heart; it clarifies your soul, it removes anger and does away slowness. It wounds in love and fulfills charity. It chases the devil, and puts out dread. It opens heaven, and makes a contemplative man. Have Jesus in mind, for that puts all vices and phantoms out from the lover.

### **"MONASTERY OF SILENCE"**

Brother Pat entered the "Monastery of Silence" in Limerick and the Chief Priest said, "Brother, this is a silent monastery and you are welcome here as long as you like, but you may not speak until I direct you to do so." Brother Pat lived in the monastery for 5 years before the Chief Priest said to him: "Brother Pat, you have been here 5 years now, you may speak two words." Brother Pat said, "hard bed." "I'm sorry to hear that" the Chief Priest said. "We will get you a better bed." After another 5 years, Brother Pat was called by the Chief Priest. "You may say another two words Brother Pat." "Cold food", said Brother Pat, and the Chief Priest assured him that the food would be better in the future. On his 15th anniversary at the monastery, the Chief Priest again called Brother Pat into his office. "Two words you may say today." "I quit" said Brother Pat. "It is probably best" said the Chief Priest. "You've done nothing but complain since you got here."

### **KIDZ KORNER**

1. What does C+M+B stand for?
2. What is the name of the king who felt threatened by baby Jesus?

**Answer on page 4.**