

# *Our Lady of Victories Church*

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

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**SUNDAY, May 26, 2019 A.D.**

## **WELCOME**

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

## **COME WORSHIP WITH US**

Rev. Wojciech B. Jaskowiak *Administrator*

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### **MASS** **SCHEDULE**

**WEDNESDAY**  
**VIGIL 7pm**

**THURSDAY**  
**6:30AM**  
**8AM**  
**12NOON**  
**3:30PM**  
**6PM (LATIN)**  
**7PM**



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

During this month of May Mary is constantly pointing to us the way to **HEAVEN**. May the celebration of Memorial Day and the Solemnity of the Ascension help us not only to remember, NOT ENOUGH, but truly be HOMESICK for HEAVEN.

This past week **Deacon Tom** celebrated his **8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** as a permanent deacon (May 21st). We thank and congratulate Deacon Tom for his faithful service to the Church.

Next week, on **June 5<sup>th</sup> Deacon Al** will celebrate **20 years** of his service to the Church. He will be joining his brother deacons at St. Stephen's in Kearny at 12 Noon for a Mass. If anybody would like to be present at that Mass, you are very welcome. Our parish family at OLV wants to thank God and Deacon Al on June 2<sup>nd</sup> with the Solemn Mass at 12 NOON and reception in the parish gym. Please let Maria know if you are coming. We prefer to feed all.

We congratulate **9 new transitional deacons** (who will, God-willing, become priests next year), and **1 permanent deacon**, ordained last Sunday. We also pray for **6 men who were ordained to the Sacred Priesthood** this Saturday. May they be holy shepherds of souls.

**Thank you to all those who filled the bottles** with heavy change or light but 'heavy weight' checks. It will bring many to their 'new haven.' By the same token thank you to all who so faithfully and generously give every week, whether it is out of abundance or out of the poverty. May the TRUE GIVER who knows and sees true givers repay you hundred-fold.

Our OLV families are now "expanding" as our college students are back home. Rest with the Lord, not with the world. It's a joy to have you. I commend those who take this time and spend it with the Lord. **Welcome back to your haven at OLV. To all who returned back home or back to Church** or are returning, I dedicate the following story.

### **For all kinds of VETERANS**

After 42 years of faithful work, failing health caused the missionary to decide to come home again. After sailing several days, he arrived in the port that he grew up in. He smiled when he saw a large crowd cheering the boat as it anchored. His smile and heart fell, though, when he saw that the crowd was there to cheer not him but a local politician on the same ship. The old man went into his old church and asked God in prayer why after so many years of service not one person was there to greet him when he arrived home. As he prayed, he heard a voice "You are not Home yet!"

#### **SPIRITUAL EXCERPT**

God's Spirit is a spirit of peace; even after our most serious failings He makes us feel a sorrow that is peaceful, humble and confident, precisely because of His mercy. The spirit of evil, on the other hand, agitates, irritates and makes us feel a sort of anger at ourselves when we have failed. Yet it is very much to ourselves we should be practicing charity in the first place. So, when you are bothered by certain thoughts, the agitation never comes from God but from the devil, since God, being a spirit of peace, brings you serenity.

—Saint [Padre] Pio de Pietrelcina (1887-1968), Capuchin - Letter 549

### **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.

**Don't point a finger. Lend a hand.**

### **Upcoming OLV Parish Events**

May 28 - Tue - Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM

May 29 - Wed - Bible Study Group 10:00AM // OLV Needlers 6:30PM

May 30 - Ascension Thursday – Holy Day of Obligation

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd**

**join us**

**Deacon Al's 20th Anniversary  
Ordination to the Diaconate  
12NOON Mass in Church and  
RECEPTION in the GYM**

**Please call the rectory  
if you plan to attend!**

### **REGISTER FOR OLV PARISH**

All Roman Catholics living within the boundaries of Our Lady of Victories Church should officially register; If you did NOT receive an Easter mailing you are probably NOT registered! Obtain a registration form from the priest after Mass or phone Maria at the Rectory. We strongly encourage you to register, even if you do not plan to use envelopes, so we can include you on our mailing list. Only registered members of the parish, who fulfill all other canonical [Church Law] requirements can obtain a Sponsor [Godparent] Certificate, letter of recommendation or other documentation.

### **GETTING BY GIVING**

Thanks to everyone who made a pledge to the Sharing God's Blessings Appeal, but we still have not reached our goal. Please consider giving; Sharing God's Blessings appeal envelopes are at the exits of the church. If you do fill one out, return it to Maria at the rectory.

### **EASTER DUTY**

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, March 10, 2019 **to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 16, 2019.**

\*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

### **SUN/SON TAN**

During the summer we often go down the shore to "work" on our tans. We may spend an hour in the sun and get "burned" by the sun. Imagine how much good spending an hour before the Son of God will do us. Why don't you stop by the Church on Thursday evenings at 7PM.

### **DRAW A REVERENT A WEARNESS**

People generally have no real problem wearing proper clothing when entering places that demand such attire. Would you ever consider attending a formal dinner or a wedding dressed in a tee-shirt and shorts, or a tank top and swimming trunks? Why be rebellious in God's house? Yes, it is God's HOUSE, not the shore. Please keep it in mind, especially now in the summer months. Let us be an inspiration for others rather than a distraction. We evangelize also by the way we dress.

How do you expect to have peace in your families if **SUMMER**

### **ENVELOPES**

We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail or deliver their weekly envelopes to the parish office while you are out of town on vacation this

**Pray for Those in the Military**

**US Army**

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

**US Air Force**

Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn  
A1C Alexander Kolbe

**US Marine Corps.**

Lance Corporal Shanna Bennett  
Corporal Matthew Brady  
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo  
Lance Corporal Thomas Iafraite

**US Navy**

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

**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 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 Cordelia, Kelly Bauerlein, Richard Bolton, Sal Cenicola, Helen Choma, Lorraine Degerdon, Vincent DePaola, Carl Falasca, Jay Filippone, Marie Filippone, Mary Foley, John Pal, Joyanna Peros, Mike Tobia, Jeremy Unanue, Brian, Carla, Chris, Dierdre, Edward, Elba, Jennifer, Joann, Lisa, Liz, Lucas, Lynn, Michael, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, Sean.

**we are HIS FINGERS**

Shortly before his death, the famous American missionary doctor, Tom Dooley, returned to the U.S. to raise additional funds for his hospital in Southeast Asia. As a doctor, he knew he had terminal cancer and would soon be dead. However, the big question on his mind was whether, under the circumstances, he should spend his last days in the country of his birth or return to his hospital in Southeast Asia where the people needed him. While he was debating this in his mind, a telegram arrived from some of the medical corpsmen he had trained to be his helpers at the hospital. "We need you here," the message read, and then went on to say: "While you are gone, we are the fingers of your flesh to heal the sick. We are your ears to hear their cries of pain. We are your heart to love them." And that is precisely the response Jesus asks of us, as He sends us from this place of worship out into a world and a community where people need us. Consequently, we pray to the Lord Jesus: "We are the fingers of your flesh to heal them, we are your ears to hear their cries of pain, we are your heart to love them."

**To serve the Queen of Heaven is already to reign there, and to live under her commands is more than to govern.--St. John Vianney**

**We are citizens of our country, and our duty to society is to witness to the moral law, which is the prerequisite for peace in our life together.** —Raymond Cardinal Burke from *Hope for the World: To Unite All Things in Christ*

**Hell really exists and is eternal, even if nobody talks about it much anymore. - Pope Benedict XVI**

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, May 27 - St. Augustine of Canterbury, Archbishop - Memorial Day**

8:00 William and Mary DeBrino R/b William and Carole DeBrino  
**NO 12:00 MASS TODAY**

**Tuesday, May 28-St. Germanus, Bishop of Paris**

8:00 Rev. Zachary H. Monet, O.Carm. R/b Pat Consoli  
12:00 Marion Brennan R/b Sr. Elizabeth

**Wednesday, May 29 - St. William Arnaud of Toulouse, France-Martyr**

8:00 Bridget Ryan R/b Mary Ryan Thornton  
12:00 Norma Gomez R/b the Maroto Family

**VIGIL - ASCENSION THURSDAY**

7:00 Thomas Corcoran R/b the Cannon Family

**Thursday, May 30 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

6:30 Stefania Nasiek R/b Jimmy and Bernie Garcia  
8:00 Dave and Arlene Steier R/b John and Dianne McNamara  
12:00 Dorothy Donovan R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico  
3:30 Anthony Walsh R/b the Zanetti Family  
6:00 *Latin* Thomas A. Wendelken Sr. R/b the Evanella Family  
7:00 John Ardito Sr. R/b Nicolo and Marie Ottomanelli  
Patrick James Burke Dolan R/b OLV Rosary Society

**Friday, May 31 - Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 Sr. Ellen Maureen R/b Sr. Elizabeth  
12:00 Daniel Halleron R/b Michael and Maureen Glennon

**First Saturday, June 1 - St. Justin - Martyr**

8:00 Mary T. McConnell R/b the Marotta Family  
12:00 Souls in Purgatory  
4:00 Richard O'Neill - Anniversary R/b Peggy O'Brien  
5:00 Jane Desmond R/b Peg Harrison

**Sunday, June 2 - Ss. Marcellinus and Peter - Martyrs**

7:30 Deborah Ann Quinn  
8:15 Doris Zimmer R/b Joe Tobia  
9:30 Evelyn Pedersen R/b the Pedersen Family  
10:45 Intentions of Andy Pfeiffer R/b Joan Kincaid  
12:00 Rebecca Dannenfelser R/b Lorraine Yturbe  
1:00 People of the Parish  
6:00 Anna Marie Griffin R/b Pat Halligan  
7:00 Lorraine O'Keefe R/b the Feeney Family

**Sanctuary Memorials**

**The Church Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week for the **deceased of the Andreone Family**, r/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp** will burn this week for the **repose of the soul of Carmella Russo**, r/b Carl and Rita Colasuonno.

**The St. Joseph Votive Lamp** will burn this week for the **repose of the soul of James Rooney**, r/b Phylis Rooney.

**The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp** will burn this week for the **intentions of Alfred Villavecchia**, r/b Lenore Villavecchia.

**The Hosts and Wine** which will become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ at Mass this week have been donated **in memory of Dave and Arlene Steier**, by the McNamara Family.

**Flower & Sanctuary Offerings**

If you **would like to donate flowers** for the Altar, BVM and St. Joseph, call the rectory. Flowers, Bread and Wine, the BVM and St. Joseph Votive Lamps and Sanctuary Lamp in the Church can be dedicated on a weekly basis.

## †he ASCENSION of the Lord



Friends, in today's Gospel, Jesus is taken up to his Father in heaven. We tend to read the Ascension along essentially Enlightenment lines, rather than biblical lines - and that causes a good deal of mischief. Enlightenment thinkers introduced a two-tier understanding of heaven and earth. They held that God exists, but that He lives in a distant realm called heaven, where he looks at the human project moving along, pretty much on its own steam, on earth.

On this Enlightenment reading, the Ascension means that Jesus goes up, up, and away, off to a distant and finally irrelevant place. But the biblical point is this: Jesus has gone to heaven so as to direct operations more fully here on earth. That's why we pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done *on earth as it is in heaven*."

Jesus has not gone up, up, and away, but rather - if I can put it this way - more deeply into our world. He has gone to a dimension that transcends but impinges upon our universe. — Bishop Barron

### **The 7 traditional qualities of a resurrected body:**

Identity – The very same body that falls in death will rise to be glorified; we will not get a different body.

Integrity – We will retain all of the parts of our current bodies. This means every physical part of our body, even the less noble parts (e.g., intestines).

Quality – What about age, gender, and other physical characteristics? Our bodies will be youthful and will retain our original gender.

Impassability – We will be immune from death and pain.

Subtlety – Our bodies will be free from the things that restrain them now. The body is perfected because the soul is perfected.

Agility – We will have complete freedom of movement. Our souls will direct our bodies without hindrance.

Clarity – the glory of our souls will be visible in our bodies; we will be beautiful and radiant. Please read Matthew 13:43, Wisdom 3:7, 1 Corinthians 15:43

**The Catechism number 668:** "Christ's Ascension into heaven signifies his participation, in his humanity, in God's power and authority. Jesus Christ is Lord: he possesses all power in heaven and on earth. He is 'far above all rule and authority and power and dominion', for the Father 'has put all things under his feet.' (Eph 1:20-22). Christ is Lord of the cosmos and of history. In him human history and indeed all creation are 'set forth' and transcendently fulfilled. (Eph 1:10; cf. Eph 4:10; 1 Cor 15:24, 27-28.)"

**Custodian of Heavenly Treasures** From day to day, from moment to moment, she increased so much this twofold plenitude that she attained an immense and inconceivable degree of grace. So much so, that the Almighty made her the sole custodian of his treasures and the sole dispenser of his graces. She can now ennoble, exalt and enrich all she chooses. She can lead them along the narrow path to heaven and guide them through the narrow gate to life. She can give a royal throne, sceptre and crown to whom she wishes. Jesus is always and everywhere the fruit and Son of Mary and Mary is everywhere the genuine tree that bears that Fruit of life, the true Mother who bears that Son. —Saint Louis Marie de Montfort.

## Your Real Home Address is this one

Whoever wants to follow him must know that we have here below no permanent dwelling. The more deeply we become aware of it, the more ardently we shall aim towards our future dwelling, and we shall exult in the thought that we will find our home in heaven.

— Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross [Edith Stein]

**DID YOU KNOW?** On Tuesday evening, 9 February 1818, Antoine Givre, a boy herding sheep in the Dombes region, had an unusual encounter. He met a priest striding towards him, like a peasant on the road from Lyons. He was pushing a rickety cart heaped with objects, among which he could make out a wooden bedstead.

The priest called to the boy and asked him if it was much further to the village of Ars. Antoine pointed out to him the modest little town before them which was disappearing into the darkness. "How small it is!" the priest murmured. Then he knelt on the frozen ground and prayed at length, his eyes fixed on the houses.

As he rose and set out again with his cart, the boy was at his side. When they arrived in front of the poor church, the priest said to him: "Thank you for showing me the way to Ars... I will show you the way to Heaven".

### **two restaurants**

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like."

The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew, which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water.

The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful.

But because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths.

The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering.

The Lord said, "You have seen Hell."

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew, which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking.

The holy man said, "I don't understand."

"It is simple," said the Lord. "It requires but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other, while the greedy think only of themselves." As mariners are guided into port by the shining of a star, so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary.

—St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church

### **HIDE & SEEK**

**He has gone away so we will seek him, so we will find him. He never told us it was going to be an easy road. Nothing is impossible with God.** —from *Full of Grace*

### **KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS**

1. Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again (Acts 1:11)

2. 40 days (Acts 1:3). 3. A cloud (Acts 1:9).

4. Two men dressed in white (Acts 1:10-11).



**What is peace?** What is this peace that Christ gives and that we pray upon one another? The peace that He gives, which is not like that which the world gives? There is a story told about peace that may help answer that question.

"It seems that one day an artist was commissioned by a wealthy man to paint something that would depict peace. After a great deal of thought, the artist painted a beautiful country scene. There were green fields with cows standing in them, birds were flying in the blue sky and a lovely little village lay in a distant valley. The artist gave the picture to the man, but there was a look of disappointment on the patron's face. The man said to the artist, 'This isn't a picture of true peace. It isn't right. Go back and try again.'"

The artist went back to his studio, thought for several hours about peace, then went to his canvas and began to paint. When he was finished, there on the canvas was a beautiful picture of a mother, holding a sleeping baby in her arms, smiling lovingly at the child. He thought, surely, this is true peace, and hurried to give the picture to the wealthy man. But again, the wealthy man refused the painting and asked the painter to try again.

The artist returned again to his studio. He was discouraged, he was tired and he was disappointed. Anger swelled inside him, he felt the rejection of this wealthy man. Again, he thought; he even prayed for inspiration to paint a picture of true peace. Then, all of a sudden an idea came, he rushed to the canvas and began to paint as he had never painted before. When he finished, he hurried to the wealthy man.

He gave the painting to the man. He studied it carefully for several minutes. The artist held his breath. Then the wealthy man said, "Now this is a picture of true peace." He accepted the painting, paid the artist and everyone was happy.

And what was this picture of true peace?? The picture showed a stormy sea pounding against a cliff. The artist had captured the fury of the wind as it whipped black rain clouds which were laced with streaks of lightening. The sea was roaring in turmoil, waves churning, the dark sky filled with the power of the furious thunderstorm. And in the middle of the picture, under a cliff, the artist had painted a small bird, safe and dry in her nest snuggled safely in the rocks. The bird was at peace amidst the storm that raged about her."

**"If you want to make peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies."** - Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

### A Little Humor...

A cat and a mouse died on the same day and went up to Heaven. At the top they met God and he asked them 'How do you like it so far?' The mouse replied 'It's great, but can I get a pair of roller skates?' God said 'Sure', and he gave him a pair of roller skates. The next day God saw the cat and asked him 'How do you like it up here so far?' and the cat replied 'Great, I didn't know you had meals on wheels up here!'



## VISITATION-MAY 31

The feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrates the visit of Mary, the Mother of God, with the child Jesus in her womb, to her cousin Elizabeth. The visit took place when Elizabeth was herself six months' pregnant with the forerunner of Christ, Saint John the Baptist.

### WHO WAS THE REAL FORERUNNER ???

Arriving at the house of Zachary (or Zacharias) and Elizabeth, Mary greets her cousin, and something wonderful happens: John the Baptist leaps in Elizabeth's womb (Luke 1:41). As the Catholic Encyclopedia of 1913 puts it in its entry on the Visitation, the Virgin Mary's "presence and much more the presence of the Divine Child in her womb, according to the will of God, was to be the source of very great graces to the Blessed John, Christ's Forerunner." so who is the forerunner of whom? God is always the forerunner of all forerunners.

## The Inheritance!!!

Morris Schwartz who is on his deathbed and knows the end is near, is with his nurse, his wife, his daughter and two sons. "So", he says to them: "Bernie, I want you to take the Beverly Hills houses." "Sybil, take the apartments over in Los Angeles Plaza." "Hymie, I want you to take the offices over in City Center." "Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings downtown." The nurse is just blown away by all this, and as Morris slips away, she says, "Mrs. Schwartz, your husband must have been such a hardworking man to have accumulated all this property". Sarah replies, "Property? ... Morris has a paper route!"

### Where does it begin?...

Peace begins in our own hearts, the peace of knowing that we are at one with God, that we are trying to model our will on His, to bring about His kingdom, to sanctify His name. Then peace grows into the lives of those we meet, our contacts of charity, our words and thoughts of peace towards others. From small beginnings comes peace in our communities, in the places we live and the places we work. From that grows peace in the nation, and from that grows peace between nations.

—Fr. Jerome Bertram - from *Jesus, Teach Us to Pray*

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### ✦ CHURCH SIGNS ✦

- Do not wait for the hearse to take you to church.
- How will you spend eternity - Smoking or Non-smoking?
- Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world.

## KIDZ KORNER

1. What is the Ascension?
2. After His Resurrection, how long did Jesus remain on earth before He was taken up to Heaven?
3. As He was being taken up, what hid Jesus from the eyes of those watching?
4. What appeared beside the apostles as they were watching Jesus disappear? **Answers on page four.**

### 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.**