

# Our Lady of Victories Church

(serving Harrington Park, River Vale and the Pascack/Northern Valley)  
150 Harriot Avenue, Harrington Park, New Jersey

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## 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 - last day!*

Sr. Elizabeth Holler, SC                      Sr. Mary Corrigan, SC  
*In Residence-Convent*

Mr. Thomas Lagatol    Mr. Albert McLaughlin  
*Deacons*

Susan Evanela                      Deacon Al McLaughlin  
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Maria Hellrigel  
*Parish Secretary*

Jorden Pedersen Esq.                      Jon Fischer CFA  
*President Parish Council*                      *Chairman Finance Committee*

### SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

**First Friday:** 6:00pm Confessions followed by Devotions & Mass

**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 & 12:00 Noon Mass.

DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS of JULY and AUGUST  
ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT  
WILL TAKE PLACE ONLY ON FIRST FRIDAY AND FIRST SATURDAY.  
The regular schedule will resume in September.

**SUNDAY, June 30, 2019 A.D.**

No 12:00PM Mass and No Holy Hour on Thursday, July 4th



### THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/CONFESSION:

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 7:50am.

First Friday at 6:00pm

Saturday at 11:00a.m.-Noon; 3:00pm - 3:40pm

### 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.

**Latin Mass every Sunday 8:15AM**  
**Spanish Mass every Sunday 1PM**



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

To all who participated in our Corpus Christi Procession, to all who prepared and worked behind the scenes led by Deacon Al, Knights of Columbus, Holy Name Society, Rosarians, musicians and our "flower girls" - Thank you. Considering that this year it was very late in June and many people were already away and CCD classes had ended, it was still a beautiful event. Next year we will invite more families and children to participate.

Thank you to all of you who took to heart practical advice about reverence toward the Eucharist and come now earlier and stay till the end of the Mass.

Thank you also to so many who have realized that some of our parishioners will be away and decided to donate even more, changing one dollar into 5. Thumbs up for you.

This past week I contacted the office of Bishop Flesey and agreed that the official ceremony of Installation for me as pastor will be held on Saturday, September 21 at 5PM with a reception following right after. YOU ARE ALL INVITED. Pray for me as on Monday July 1<sup>st</sup> I will become your 12<sup>th</sup> Pastor after so many brave before me.

*Happy 4th of July. Let us value those who fought for our freedom starting with God who "deployed His ONLY SON."*

**"The greatest deception, and the deepest source of unhappiness, is the illusion of finding life by excluding God, of finding freedom by excluding moral truths and personal responsibility."**

\* **St. John Paul II, Homily, World Youth Day, Toronto, July 28, 2002**

### **JULY 4<sup>th</sup> FACTS**

- Independence Day commemorates the formal adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. However, it was not declared a legal holiday until 1941.
- Fireworks were made in China as early as the 11th century. The Chinese used their pyrotechnic mixtures for war rockets and explosives.
- Uncle Sam was first popularized during the War of 1812, when the term appeared on supply containers. Believe it or not, the U.S. Congress didn't adopt him as a national symbol until 1961.
- There are many precise rules for taking care of the American flag. Speaking of flag traditions, we're sorry to report that contrary to legend, historical research has failed to confirm that Betsy Ross sewed the first flag.
- Not all members of the Continental Congress supported a formal Declaration of Independence, but those who did were passionate about it. One representative rode 80 miles by horseback to reach Philadelphia and break a tie in support of independence.
- The first two versions of the Liberty Bell were defective and had to be melted down and recast. The third version rang every Fourth of July from 1778 to 1835, when, according to tradition, it cracked as it was being tolled for the death of Chief Justice John Marshall.
- The American national anthem, the "Star-Spangled Banner," is set to the tune of an English drinking song ("To Anacreon in Heaven").

### **ONLY IN AMERICA**

Only in America...do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front. \* Only in America...do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke! \* Only in America...do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters. \* Only in America...do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage. \* Only in America...do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight. \* Only in America...do we use the word 'politics' to describe the process so well: 'Poli' in Latin meaning 'many' and 'tics' meaning 'bloodsucking creatures'. \* Only in America...do we have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

**God bless America.**

### **Thirteen Stars and Thirteen Stripes**

It was on JUNE 14, 1777, that the Second Continental Congress selected the Flag of the United States. In 1916, Woodrow Wilson signed the Proclamation making JUNE 14 "National Flag Day." On Flag Day, 1942, Franklin D. Roosevelt stated: "The belief in man, created free, in the image of God - is the crucial difference between ourselves and the enemies we face...God of the free...grant us victory over the tyrants who would enslave all free men." On JUNE 14, 1954, Dwight Eisenhower signed Joint Resolution (Public Law 396) adding the phrase "One Nation Under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Eisenhower stated: "From this day forward, the millions of our school children will daily proclaim in every city and town, every village and rural school house, the dedication of our nation and our people to the Almighty. To anyone who truly loves America, nothing could be more inspiring than this rededication of our youth, on each school morning, to our country's true meaning." President Eisenhower ended: "In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource, in peace or in war."

### **OUR SYMBOL**

As we come to celebrate Independence Day this week we are surrounded by the symbol of our freedom - the American Flag. "What so proudly we hail..." this banner of independence and unity, won through the blood of our forefathers, and preserved through the lives of our own fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, sons and daughters. Many will wear patriotic attire with the traditional red, white and blue to profess our national heritage.



How wonderful it would be to also wear the symbol that proclaims that we are dedicated to the service of our heavenly Mother and are members of the household of God - the Scapular. The Star Spangled Banner has led many through the perilous fight; The Scapular as a symbol of faith will help us lead the battle against Satan. The Blessed Virgin Mary revealed to St. Dominic, "One day through the Rosary and the Scapular I will save the world."

Devils revealed to Francis of Yepes (the brother of St. John of the Cross), that three things especially torment them. The first is the Name of Jesus, the second is the name of Mary, and the third is the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. "Take off that habit," they cried to him, "which snatches so many souls from us; all those clothed in it (the Scapular) die piously and escape us and Hell."

The Scapular then should take on a deep meaning for us. It is the rich present brought down from heaven by Our Lady herself. "Wear it devoutly and perseveringly," she says to each soul, "it is my garment." To be clothed in it means you are continually thinking of me and I in turn am always thinking of you and helping you to secure eternal life. How truly blessed we are to be children of God and to live in a country where we can freely profess our membership in His Family.

### **DID YOU KNOW????**

America is named after a Saint...indirectly. Amerigo Vespucci, the Italian cartographer who lent his name to the two continents of the New World, was himself a baptized Catholic. As is still the case, law of the Church was that a baby be given the name of a saint upon baptism. Little baby Amerigo was named after St. Emericus. There are at least two saints who bear the name Emericus. One was martyred during the persecution of Emperor Galerius; the other, St. Emeric of Hungary, was the son of St. Stephen of Hungary.

## QUESTION?

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence? Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists, eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated, but they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured. Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags. Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward. Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton. At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt. Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months. John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished.

**So, take a few minutes while enjoying your 4th of July holiday and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid. Remember: freedom is never free! I hope you will show your support by sending this to as many people as you can, please. It's time we get the word out that patriotism is NOT a sin, and the Fourth of July has more to it than beer, picnics, and baseball games.**

### VICTIM COMPENSATION PROGRAM

The Archdiocese of Newark – along with the other Roman Catholic dioceses in New Jersey – has established an Independent Victim Compensation Program (IVCP) to compensate those who, as minors, were sexually abused by a priest or deacon of the Archdiocese. The IVCP was opened to claims as of June 15.

Victims of clergy sexual abuse of a minor can begin the claims process by going to [www.NJdiocesesIVCP.com](http://www.NJdiocesesIVCP.com).

Cardinal Tobin's letter and accompanying video message are available in English and Spanish on the Archdiocesan website along with links to the three new USCCB documents, a link to the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis, *Vos Estis lux Mundi* (*You are the Light of the World*), and other USCCB resources. Visit online at [www.rcan.org/usccbassemblyjune2019](http://www.rcan.org/usccbassemblyjune2019). Copies of Cardinal Tobin's letter are available in the Church atrium.

**FEAR is "False Evidence Appearing Real"**

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, July 1 – St. Junipero Serra - Priest

8:00 L. Robert Connolly

12:00 Helen Smith

R/b the Oakley Family

### Tuesday, July 2 – St. Bernardino Realino of Italy-Priest

8:00 Joe and Jean Parente

R/b Lorraine Petrone

12:00 Louise Gorman - 3rd Anniversary

R/b Family

### Wednesday, July 3 – St. Thomas the Apostle

8:00 Jean Bentivegna

R/b the Bentivegna Family

12:00 Thomas Zanetti

R/b the Zanetti Family

### Thursday, July 4 – INDEPENDENCE DAY - St. Elizabeth of Portugal

8:00 Charles F. Scott

R/b Tony and Laura Scott

### NO 12:00 MASS TODAY

### First Friday, July 5 - St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria - Priest

8:00 James M. Walsh

R/b Tom and Jeanne Hennessey

12:00 Intentions of Julianna and Candelaria Giron

R/b the Giron Family

7:00 Rose Bandiera

R/b the Garzino Family

### First Saturday, July 6 - St. Maria Goretti, virgin

8:00 Tony Accavallo

R/b Karen Accavallo

12:00 Souls in Purgatory

4:00 Intentions of Helen Cush

R/b Lorraine Gobbetti

5:00 Verhinia Hipskind

R/b the Mahoney Family

### Sunday, July 7 - Bl. Ralph Milner and Roger Dickenson, Martyrs

7:30 Theresa Colasuonno

R/b Jeanne Marie Walsh

8:15 L. Robert Connolly

R/b Joe Tobia

9:30 Maria Angela Mafaro

R/b Lorraine Boyle

10:45 Eduardo Sawchuk

R/b the Cote Family

12:00 Jeff Sticco

R/b the McAuley Family

1:00 People of the Parish

6:00 Jack McGannon

R/b Dick and Kathy Alderton

7:00 Margaret Connell

R/b William and Dianne Smith

## SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

**The Church Sanctuary Lamp** burns this week for the repose of the soul of **Patrick James Burke Dolan**, r/b the Maynes Family.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp** burns this week for the intentions of **Deacon Al McLaughlin**, r/b Peter and Linda Wayne.

**The St. Joseph Votive Lamp** burns this week for the intentions of **Deacon Al McLaughlin**, r/b Bob and Dolores Cavagnet.

**The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp** burns for the unemployed.

**The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp** burns this week for those who have given their lives in defense of our country.

**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 **Rose Placey**, r/b Rita McNamara.

## 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.

**Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.**

### 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

#### US Marine Corps.

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

#### 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, Bob Cole, Anthony Cortez, Marie D'Ascenzo, Lorraine Degerdon, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Carl Falasca, Jay Filippone, Marie Filippone, Mary Foley, Tom Giuliano, John Pal, Joyanna Peros, John Peterson Jr., Marie Piazza, Veronica Romanchuk, Phylis Rooney, Mike Tobia, Jeremy Unanue, Brian, Carla, Chris, Dierdre, Edward, Elba, Jennifer, Joann, Lisa, Liz, Lucas, Lynn, Michael, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, Sean.

### GOING ON VACATION with GOD not without

Visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) for the locations of Catholic Churches and a Mass schedule, throughout the USA.

**in your absence** ... The continuing support of all our parishioners is essential if we are to meet our current operating expenses. Remember, our expenses continue when you are not here, so please remember to support YOUR parish in your absence.

### A little humor ...

What happened as a result of the Stamp Act?  
The Americans licked the British!

What did King George think of the American colonists?  
He thought they were revolting!



### 40 Years and Counting

A concert celebrating Fr. Jerry Hahn's 40 years of service in the priesthood \* Saturday, July 13, 7:30pm \* Free-will offering \* St. Anthony's Church \* Northvale, NJ \* 201-768-1177

### Sisters of Charity 50/50 Raffle

Sr. Elizabeth will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets Saturday/Sunday July 13/14 after the Masses to support Maris Stella Retreat Center. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. Three prizes: 1st prize 25%, 2nd prize 15%, 3rd prize 10% of gross receipts. Drawing will be September 1, at Maris Stella. Winner need not be present. Please make checks payable to Sisters of Charity.

### Family Promise of Bergen County

The program that provides assistance to working families with children who are temporarily experiencing homelessness is in need of volunteers. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church graciously acts as host several weeks each year. Please consider joining Sr. Elizabeth and other Harrington Park residents in staffing this remarkable program. For more information contact OLV rectory or Paul Shackford at [pshackford@gmail.com](mailto:pshackford@gmail.com) or 201-768-6885.

### Catholic Daughters Gladys Heyliger/Mary Carley Scholarship

CDA Court 1639 is offering a \$1000 scholarship to an 8th grade student entering a Catholic High School in September. For an application, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Dr. Marie Woke, 20 Kensington Court, Norwood, NJ 07648.

### Catching Fire ~ Becoming Flame

In this 6 six-session video presentation, Fr. Albert Haase, OFM gives you the tools and kindling to prepare for the spark of God in your life and then shows you how to fan it into flame until you are set ablaze. His teaching glows with time-tested wisdom as an experienced spiritual director sharing the secrets of the saints. Monday evenings, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & August 5, 7PM-8:30PM at Immaculate Conception Church, Church Hall, in Norwood. Call or email to register: 201-768-1600 or [IMMACULATE-CONCEPTION@ICCNORWOOD.ORG](mailto:IMMACULATE-CONCEPTION@ICCNORWOOD.ORG). No Cost-just an open spirit.

### GREEN KNIGHTS BASKETBALL CAMP

St. Joseph Regional High School in Montvale, NJ is the site of the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Green Knights Basketball Camp this summer for boys ages 8 to 15. The camp runs in three sessions: July 8-11; July 15-18; and July 22-25. The camp day is from 9am to 3pm. Great fun & competition... guest lecturers... free basketball & player jersey to each camper! Please call 201-391-3300 for camp applications and further information or visit our website [www.sjrj.org](http://www.sjrj.org).

### 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.

### KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. Maryland.
2. Charles Carroll.
3. John Carroll.
4. John F. Kennedy.
5. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

**4th of JULY - SAINT with HUGE PROBLEMS yet FREE**

**SAINT ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL Queen of Portugal (1271-1336)**

Elizabeth was born in 1271. She was daughter of Pedro III. of Arragon, being named after her aunt, St. Elizabeth of Hungary. At twelve years of age she was given in marriage to Denis, King of Portugal, and from a holy child became a saintly wife. She heard Mass and recited the Divine Office daily, but her devotions were arranged with such prudence that they interfered with no duty of her state. She prepared for her frequent communions by severe austerities, fasting thrice a week, and by heroic works of charity.

She was several times called on to make peace between her husband and her son Alphonso, who had taken up arms against him. Her husband tried her much, both by his unfounded jealousy and by his infidelity. A slander affecting Elizabeth and one of her pages made the king determine to slay the youth, and he told a lime-burner to cast into his kiln the first page who should arrive with a royal message. On the day fixed the page was sent; but the boy, who was in the habit of hearing Mass daily, stopped on his way to do so. The king, in suspense, sent a second page, the very originator of the calumny, who, coming first to the kiln, was at once cast into the furnace and burned. Shortly after, the first page arrived from the church, and took back to the king the lime-burner's reply that his orders had been fulfilled. Thus hearing Mass saved the page's life and proved the queen's innocence. Her patience, and the wonderful sweetness with which she even cherished the children of her rivals, completely won the king from his evil ways, and he became a devoted husband and a truly Christian king.

She built many charitable institutions and religious houses, among others a convent of Poor Clares. After her husband's death, she wished to enter their Order; but being dissuaded by her people, who could not do without her, she took the habit of the Third Order of St. Francis, and spent the rest of her life in redoubled austerities and almsgiving. She died at the age of sixty-five, while in the act of making peace between her children.

**Saint Maria Goretti - what a lover —Patroness of Youth**

St. Maria Goretti, called by Pope Pius XII "the St. Agnes of the 20th Century," was born on a small farm near Ancona, Italy, in 1890. The third of seven children, she was, in the words of her mother, "happy, good, open-hearted, without whim, but with a sense and seriousness beyond her years, and never disobedient." Her father died when she was nine, and Maria helped out with the younger children and the housework while her mother ran the farm. She received First Communion at eleven and strove with all her strength to do better each day.

Six months later this heroic maiden was severely tried for her Faith. The Goretti family shared a home with a partner of their father and his son, Alexander, a wicked-minded youth who began making sinful advances toward Maria. She repelled them immediately but said nothing about them for he threatened to kill her and her mother if she did. Finally lust drove the tragic Alexander to attack outright, but again the Saint resisted him with all her strength, crying out repeatedly "No, it's a sin! God does not want it." Thereupon, the attacker, overwhelmed by fear and anger, began to strike at her blindly with a long dagger, and several blows passed clear through her body.

St. Maria was rushed to the hospital where surgeons worked feverishly to save her life, but it soon became evident that nothing could be done. The next morning she was given Communion but first queried about her attitude toward Alexander. She replied clearly that she forgave him, that she would pray for his repentance, and that she wished to see him in heaven. On July 6, 1902, this saintly maiden died and went to meet her heavenly Spouse for Whose love she had been willing to give her life.

On July 25, 1950, she was raised to sainthood by Pope Pius XII, with her mother, brothers and sisters present, a unique event in the history of the Church. By that time her prayers for her murderer had long since been heard and answered. After eight years of unrepentant imprisonment, Alexander had a complete change of heart; released for good behavior after twenty-seven years, he hastened to beg forgiveness of the Saint's mother and then became a Capuchin lay brother, who gave evidence at the canonical inquiry about Blessed Maria and lived to see her canonized. St. Maria Goretti's Feast day is July 6th.

**From DOUBT into BELIEF**

**Saint Thomas the Apostle - July 3rd**

"Put your finger into the mark of the nails", Jesus said to Thomas. "You were looking for me when I was not here; take advantage of it now that I am here. I know what you are wanting to do in spite of your silence. Even before you tell me, I know what you are thinking. I heard what you said and, even though unseen, I was beside you, close to your doubts, and made you wait so that I could witness your impatience all the better without revealing myself. Put your finger into the mark of the nails; put your hand into my side; and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Then Thomas touched him. All his defiance fell away and, filled with sincere faith and all the love owing to God, he cried out: "My Lord and my God!" And the Lord said to him: "You have believed because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe! Thomas, take the news of my resurrection to those who have not seen. Lead the whole world to belief, not at the evidence of its eyes but at your word. Go through peoples and pagan cities. Teach them to carry the cross on their shoulders, not weapons... Tell them they are called by grace and, as for you, consider their faith: truly, happy are those who have not seen and yet believe!"

Such is the army the Lord has raised; these are the children of the baptismal pool, the works of grace, the harvest of the Spirit. They have followed Christ without having seen him; they sought and they believed. They recognized with the eyes of faith, not of the body. They have not placed their fingers in the marks of the nails but have been fastened to his cross and embraced his sufferings. They have not seen the Lord's side but, through grace, have been made one with his members and have made their own these words of the Lord: "Happy are those who have not seen and have believed!"

**Basil of Seleucia (?-c.468), Bishop- Sermon for the Resurrection, 1-4**

**True Freedom - in being Forgiven**

All peoples have been set free from the powers that held them captive by our Lord Jesus Christ. He it is – yes, he! – who has redeemed us. As the apostle Paul says: «Having forgiven all our transgressions, obliterating the bond against us, nailing it to the cross, he despoiled the principalities and powers, he made a public spectacle of them, leading them away in triumph.» (Col 2,13-15). Yes, we have been released from our bonds, those of us who have been brought together at the Lord's call by the sacrament of baptism...; we have been set free by the blood of Christ and the invocation of his name... Bravely hold fast to what you have received; keep it to your own happiness; sin no more. From henceforth, keep yourselves pure and without fault for the day of the Lord—

**Saint Pacian of Barcelona**

**YOU WANT**

**TRUE INDEPENDENCE *experience?***

EVERY weekday morning at 7:30AM, EVERY Saturday from 11AM to Noon and 3-3:40PM, as well as EVERY First Friday at 6:00PM.

**CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION**

A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

**KIDZ KORN**

1. Which of the original colonies was the Catholic colony?
2. Who was the Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence?
3. Who was the first Catholic bishop in the US?
4. Who was the first Catholic president?
5. Who was America's first native born Saint?

**Answers on page four**

**Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?**