

Our Lady of Victories Church

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

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, August 15th

MASSES FOR THE HOLY DAY

Wednesday 7PM - Thursday 6:30AM, 8AM, 12Noon, 4PM, 6PM Latin, and 7PM



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Fr. Wojciech's Corner ...

Happy to be back and more happy to see you. In few days we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with body and soul into heaven. This Solemnity will help us to gaze towards our final goal (heaven). As a way of being more heavenly in this earthly life I am proposing two bus pilgrimages one **only for college students** August 19th at 8AM to the saints of Philadelphia and the second for anyone who wishes on August 23rd at 8AM to the Historic Churches of NYC. I encourage you to sign up as places are limited. You can do so by writing to the OLV Parish email address or call the rectory if you are willing to go. There will be a sign up sheets at the back of the Church and in the atrium. One will say Philadelphia (College Students) and the other Historic Churches of New York. May these two pilgrimages help our earthly pilgrimage towards heaven.

OLV Pilgrimages

to the Saints of Philadelphia - for college students only

Monday, August 19, 2019 8AM

to the Historic Churches of New York City - for anyone

Friday, August 23, 2019 8AM - 5PM

If interested please email olvrectory.hp@gmail.com
or call 201-768-1706

Rosary Novena for Our Nation August 15-October 7

When people say the Rosary together, it is far more formidable to the devil than one said privately. Because in this public prayer, it is an army that is attacking him. He can often overcome the prayer of an individual, but if this prayer is joined to other Christians the devil has much more trouble in getting the best of it. —**St. Louis de Montfort**.

Cardinal Burke has joined in calling us all to get in the fight ... "There is no question we are living in troubled times. Fundamental truths about human life about marriage and the family and about the conscience are being called into question." A 54-day Novena will begin on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary which will be completed on October 7. Your prayer would be even more efficacious if you would also take part in that 54 day novena. " - **Cardinal Burke**

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.

Sisters of Charity 50/50 Raffle

Tickets are available at OLV Rectory. Proceeds support Maris Stella Retreat Ctr. \$20 each or 3 for \$50. 3 prizes: 1st prize 25%, 2nd prize 15%, 3rd prize 10% of gross receipts. Drawing is September 2, at Maris Stella. Winner need not be present. Please make checks payable to Sisters of Charity.

Mass / Meeting of Hope

Saturday, August 17, 12Noon at Church of St. Mary-Closter - Mass is offered for the support and recovery of those directly affected with the abuse of alcohol or drugs and anyone involved in the life of the alcoholic or drug addict. Support group will follow Mass. For info' call 201-768-7565.

Clothing Bins

During this leisure time of summer, would you be willing clean out your closets of those unwanted heavy winter clothes and shoes? Help Catholic Charities continue its mission by donating to the bins located on the Church grounds. Thank you.

What about a Holy Trip?

Discover a shrine or pilgrimage site of a saint. The family can divide the work of researching info about a saint or shrine, finding appropriate prayers and once ready - get on the road! North of here there is a great shrine, The National Shrine of the North American Martyrs, also dedicated as the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, in Auriesville, New York with a great history of saints. Montreal with great Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal which is connected to the life of one of the greatest saints and devotees to St. Joseph (St. André Bessette). Travelling towards Montreal St. Marguerite d'Youville Sanctuary (near Montreal in Varennes), St. Joseph's shrine in Sterling NJ, Shrine of Mother Seton in Emmitsburg, or in NYC or in Baltimore. You can head towards Philadelphia with great saints of St. John Neuman, St. Rita, St. Katharine Drexel Tomb at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. There are several Marian shrines: National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC (it has many different chapels of Mary inside, and one great thing, beautiful Rosary mosaics with stories from the Old Testament that parallel the mysteries of the Holy Rosary - What a great way to (re)discover the Rosary and to fall in love with it, a great Marian Shrine of Our lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA or The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel located in the mid-Hudson region of New York state, The National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, The shrine of St. Frances Cabrini, or Mother Seton in New York, shrines like St. Gerard Magellan in Newark. You can also go to the Holy Face monastery on Route 3 or even to Newark Cathedral. The list could go on and on ... there are not enough pages in the bulletin to cover the richness that we have with saints. So sorry for all those who laugh at us when we pray to saints. What would we do without all the saints. This kind of vacation idea could be a great source of fun to be together with unexpected adventures and also a great source of blessing for the entire family. Even those parishioners who cannot physically make a trip due to work or family illness can make a spiritual pilgrimage; for example, devote some days or some hours of your day to reading about a shrine of a saint and then praying to that saint.

**GREAT WAYS
TO SPEND SUMMER** with kids
go to **DAILY MASS** with your kids
recite daily the **ROSARY**
and read Bible stories from Book of Genesis,
Exodus, Book of Judges, 1 and 2 Samuel, Book
of Judith, Ruth, Esther and Book of prophet
Daniel and Jonah
Read **LIVES OF SAINTS**
by Alban Butler, Online resources
<http://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/lots/index.htm>
Or online google the saint of your birth day,
Baptism, 1st Holy Communion, Graduation day,
Confirmation day, wedding day, etc.
SO MUCH FUN + INSPIRATION

HOW SHOULD WE DRESS??

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?"

AUGUST 15

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A COURAGEOUS CHOICE

2000 years ago, an angel announced the pregnancy of a young unmarried girl. The courageous choice made by that young woman to give birth in difficult circumstances, supported by a man named Joseph, still stands as a model of God's way to handle unplanned pregnancy.

The Magnificat The Prayer of Mary

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.

(Lk 1:46-55)

GOING ON VACATION with God not without

Visit www.masstimes.org for the locations of Catholic Churches and a Mass schedule, throughout the USA.

CONFESSION/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 3-3:40PM; every weekday morning at 7:30AM, as well as every First Friday at 6:00PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

SICK OR "HOMEBOUND"

If you are sick or "homebound" (or know someone who is), and would like to have Communion, please contact the Rectory at 201-768-1706

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.

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 12– St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

8:00 Special Intention R/b the Landers Family

12:00 Giovanna and Corrado Iozzia R/b Mike Zocco

Tuesday, Aug 13 - Ss. Pontian, Pope, & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

8:00 Blanch Vespucci R/b the Poggi Family

12:00 Alice Harloe R/b Barbara Harloe

Wednesday, August 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

8:00 William Ellis R/b Joanne Ellis

12:00 Helen Green R/b the Zwerle Family

Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption

7:00 Michael A. Casenta R/b Colleen Connors Casenta

Thursday, August 15 - ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:30 Joseph and Mary McNamara R/b Rita McNamara

8:00 Rev. Zachary H. Monet, O.Carm. R/b Pat Consoli

12:00 John Kevin Smith R/b Family

4:00 Thomas and Sarah Brennan R/b Rita McNamara

6:00 Latin Elizabeth D'AbbRaccio R/b Mike and Carmel Byrne

7:00 Alice Ruiz R/b the LoSchiavo Family

Friday, August 16 - St. Stephen – King of Hungary

8:00 John Brennan R/b Sr. Elizabeth

12:00 Margaret Dunlea R/b the Dunlea Family

Saturday, August 17–St. Hyacinth of Silesia, Poland-Priest

8:00 Mary Holler R/b Sr. Elizabeth

12:00 Intentions of Carole Deignan R/b Joe and Johanna Healy

4:00 Michael Giotta R/b Ann Giotta

5:00 Suzanne Oates R/b Gini Ferro

Sunday, August 18 - St. John Eudes of France - Priest

7:30 Clare Burruano R/b Family

8:15 Margerita Bernardo R/b Crispin and Lenor Mariano

9:30 Intentions of Daniel Brady R/b Karen Brady

10:45 Gilberte Kendirgi R/b the Stacey Family

12:00 Edward Gormley R/b Robert Bardsley Family

1:00 People of the Parish

6:00 Robert J. Maynes IV R/b Maynes Family

7:00 Deceased of Russo and Seifriz Family R/b John and Linda Russo

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

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

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for Lydia

DeJesus Mohsenin, r/b the Dunn Family.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week in Thanksgiving,

r/b the Oates and Keohane 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.

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.

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 Iafrate
 Corporal Joseph Levine

US Navy

Lt. 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, Gabriella Irene, Kelly Bauerlein, Richard Bolton, Dominic Carini, Sal Cenicola, Helen Choma, Bob Cole, Kevin Columbo, Anthony Cortez, Marie D'Ascenzo, Lorraine Degerdon, Isabelle DeLeonibus, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Carl Falasca, Jay Filippone, Marie Filippone, Mary Foley, Tom Giuliano, Milan Krupa, Mary Lowe, Robert Milli, John Pal, Joyanna Peros, Marie Piazza, Canice Prince, Veronica Romanchuk, Phylis Rooney, Mike Tobia, Jeremy Unanue, Brian, Carla, Chris, Dierdre, Edward, Elba, Fiona, Jennifer, Joann, Lisa, Liz, Lucas, Lynn, Michael, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, Sean.

DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE

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A little humor ...

The CCD teachers at church decided to reward the children for learning all their prayers. They fixed a table with goodies for the kids. At one end was a platter of apples. There was a sign over the apples that said, "Take only one, God is watching". At the other end of the table was a platter of cookies. One of the kids made a sign for the cookies that read, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples!"

THE ASSUMPTION

August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption. It is the oldest exclusively Marian feast, and her most important day. It is Mary's "Easter". In the Western (Latin) Church it is the only Marian Feast with a vigil Mass; in the Eastern Churches, it is preceded by a two-week Lent-style fast. Although the Church believed in Mary's Assumption since the 5th century, it was not until 1950 that it was universally declared a dogma of the Church. We may never know which came first, the chicken or the egg; perhaps it is not even that important. However, on certain Marian Feasts, like Mary's Assumption into Heaven, we can easily stray into heresy if we do not know who came first; Mary the Mother or Jesus Christ the Son. The Feast of the Assumption commemorates Mary's entrance, body and soul, into heaven. An awesome event which was made possible because Jesus Christ rose from the dead and ascended into heaven! Mary's assumption into heaven is the result or fruit of her Son's Death, Resurrection and Ascension. As the Preface on Christ's Ascension says, "Where Christ has gone, we hope to follow." So why should we doubt that Mary, who was born without Original Sin, now enjoys this hope, and is already in heaven? To the Eastern Churches, this feast is called the "Dormition" or "Falling Asleep" of Mary. Since Mary was free from original sin, she did not have to suffer the worst consequence of Original Sin – Death. According to Eastern Tradition, at the end of Mary's earthly journey, Mary "fell asleep" and was taken body and soul into heaven. An ancient legend about St. Thomas the Apostle, a.k.a. Doubting Thomas, concerns this feast. According to Scripture, St. Thomas did not believe in the Resurrection until he saw the Risen Lord and probed his hand in Jesus' nail prints in his hands, feet and side. According to legend, Thomas would not believe that Mary was assumed into heaven until Mary dropped her belt from heaven to prove that she was "up there". Legends aside, why should WE doubt that Mary is in heaven. This is exactly what Jesus promised to all who follow His Way, and trust in God, and place their lives in His Father's Hands. Mary's Assumption is important and comforting to us because it shows what Jesus promised, what Jesus has done for His Mother, and what He will do for each of US – His faithful people.

SAY A HAIL MARY

Father Gabriel Amorth, Chief Exorcist of the Vatican writes: One day a colleague of mine heard the devil say during an exorcism: "Every Hail Mary is like a blow on my head. If Christians knew how powerful the Rosary was, it would be my end." The secret that makes this prayer so effective is that the Rosary is both Prayer and meditation. It is addressed to the Father, to the Blessed Virgin, and to the Holy Trinity, and is a meditation centered on Christ.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.
2. Mary was born into a devout Jewish family.
3. Nazareth.
4. Poland.
5. Pope Pius XII declared the truth of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 1st November, 1950.

MARIAN SYMBOLS

What is perhaps the simplest Marian insignia is her most profound symbol: the letter "M" beneath a simple cross, signifying what is recorded in the Bible: "Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his home." [John 19:2 Sa,26-27] The late Pope John Paul II put this symbol, which had been on his Episcopal seal, on his papal coat-of-arms. Other bishops with a strong devotion to Mary often do the same to honor our Blessed Mother. There is much debate over the root of her name, rendered in English as Mary. The Hebrew form of her name, Miryam, is also the name of the sister of Moses. Some suggest it is of Egyptian origin since Moses and his sister were born in Egypt as Hebrew slaves, and no other Old Testament woman is named Mary. In Egypt, the name "Mary" suitably means "Cherished" or "Beloved". Some say the Gospel writers used Mariam to differentiate her from other biblical Mary's: Ancient translations of Scripture use Maria or Mariamme from which arose many interesting Marian symbols! One translation of her Jewish name means "Star" - so it became customary to embroider a star atop her veil and/or on the right shoulder of her mantle. This led to such Marian titles as "Star of Jacob" based on this Old Testament prophecy of the promised Messiah: "I see him, though not close at hand: A star shall advance from Jacob." [Number24:17a] For just as the stars once guided travels before the dawn, Mary was the last and greatest "star" to guide us before the birth of the true Light of the World: Jesus Christ our lord ... and Mary's Son. She is also called "Stella Maris" or the "Star of the Sea" that guides sailors through the dark night, and the "Morning Star" that heralds the dawn of the new day. The last biblical book says: "A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." [Revelation 12:1] The dozen "stars" symbolize the Apostles, which gained her the title "Queen of Apostles." (from this some anti-Catholics opposed the European Union's flag which has a ring of twelve stars on a solid blue field, because it's a symbol of the Blessed Virgin Mary! The custom of dressing Mary in radiant, dazzling garments befits one "clothed with the sun." Based on this prophecy, Mary is also shown standing on a crescent moon though one rodeo-loving little guy once asked, "Why is Mary standing on bull horns?" [Can't make this up either for Pete's sake!]. Perhaps Mary's most common image after Madonna and Child is from the "Protoevangelium" or "First Gospel"- the Lord God's warning to the serpent after the Fall of Adam and Eve: I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your offspring and hers; He will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel" [Genesis 3:15] From this Mary earned the title, "The New Eve" - who stands atop a snake, often with an apple in its mouth. Sometimes [and more biblically accurate] the Child Jesus stands before Mary and He crushes the serpent's head. Mary is also seen as "the Closed Gate" since: "*Then he brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, facing the east but it was closed. He said to me: 'This gate is to remain closed,' it is not to be opened for anyone to enter by it since the Lord, the God of Israel, has entered by it, it shall remain closed.*" [Ezekiel 44: 1-2] Since antiquity this has been to defend her perpetual virginity, for once her womb housed God, it was closed to all others as the prophet foretold! Believe in miracles.

PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE

The following is the philosophy of Charles Schultz, the creator of the 'Peanuts' comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just read straight through, and you'll get the point.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do? The point is, none of us remembers the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners. Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with. Easier?

The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones who care.

ROSARY

In May 2009 a much-loved priest, Monsignor William Kerr, collapsed with a stroke while delivering a sermon in Tallahassee. Monsignor Kerr had been speaking about his very first hospital assignment, ministering to a young burn victim dying from his injuries. Later, he was called on to perform an even more ghastly duty. He was called to a sorority house at FSU where the young female victims of serial killer Ted Bundy were lying dead or dying. Monsignor got the call from police in the middle of the night. When he arrived, he was told all but one girl was dead, murdered by a serial killer later identified as Ted Bundy. After giving Last Rites, the then Father Kerr was asked by the police to speak to the one girl who survived unscathed. They wanted to know how it was she survived the brutal attacks, because Bundy had stopped right inside her dorm room, dropped his weapon and left without touching her. But the girl would speak to no one but a priest. When Father was able to speak with the near catatonic girl, she told him that her mother had made her promise before leaving home for college that each night before going to bed she would pray the Rosary for protection. She had done exactly that the night when Bundy came into her room with murder on his mind. Though fast asleep, the beads were still clutched in her hands. Later, Bundy would tell Monsignor that when he entered the girl's room, he just couldn't go on; he dropped his weapon and fled. Hopefully this encourages all of us to continue or start praying our daily Rosary. THE SOURCE: (Telegraph.co.uk).

KIDZ KORNER

1. What is the Assumption of Mary?
2. Into what religion was Mary born?
3. In what city did the Blessed Virgin Mary live?
4. Which European country venerates Mary with the title, "Our Lady of Czestochowa"??
5. This dogma of the Assumption was declared by Pope Pius XII in what year?

Answers on page four.