

Our Lady of Victories Church

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

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WELCOME

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

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Special Masses:

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 & after 12:00 Noon Mass

OLV Adoration Schedule

* 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from after the 12 noon Mass until 3PM

* Every Thursday Holy hour 7-8PM

* Every Friday Adoration 12:30PM until 3PM

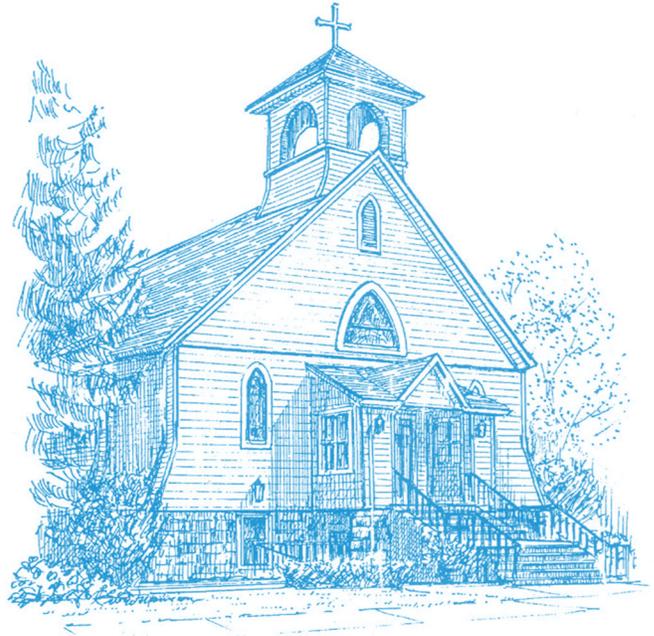
* **First Friday** Adoration 12:30PM (after 12 Noon Mass),
6PM confessions, 6:30PM devotions, concludes with 7PM Mass

* **First Saturday** Adoration 12:30PM until 1PM

Latin Mass every Sunday 8:15AM

Spanish Mass every Sunday 1PM

SUNDAY, May 17, 2020 A.D.
Sixth Sunday of Easter



THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/CONFESSION:

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

First Friday at 6:00pm - 6:50pm

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.

Masses are ONLY Live Streamed
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Fr. Wojciech's Corner... Church OPENS this Sunday! BUT...

Good NEWS - I am so excited that finally our Church will open. There are 3 phases. Phase 1 begins this Sunday. The Church will be opened for private prayer only for limited time. We will NOT yet have public Masses, but will continue with Live Stream Masses till Phase 2 when we will be allowed to have daily Masses and funerals. And finally, in Phase 3 we will have Sunday Masses and other liturgies. During all the Phases we will have to keep social distancing. I encourage everyone to read the new directives on our website. PLEASE Note that the Solemnity of the Ascension this year will be celebrated on the following Sunday, May 24th.

Last Sunday we celebrated a great Mother's Day. I heard so many people extremely happy. I thank the **Choir** and our **Music Ministry** with **Lesia, Selena** and **Blaise**- a *great trio* (with choir members in the background of their homes) who prepared such a great music for a long time via zoom rehearsals for Mass and concert afterwards. Splendid job! I was pleased to have with us at Mass **Sr. Elizabeth** and **Maria** our parish secretary, both are our parish "unique mothers". You all know that. Thank you. I commend all who had their family Mary crowning at their homes. I saw so many pictures. Amazing. May our devotion to Mary keep growing. I thank also the **CCD office** with **Sue** and **Denise** that did such a great job helping fathers of families to prepare a surprise for their moms with their kids.

For so many weeks now, I have been seeing many of you along the ROUTE. Due to the opening of Church this Sunday, last Sunday was the last in doing that. I would like to thank in a very special way three men who helped me with that every single week. The three musketeers are: Greg Evanello, John McDonough and Mike Hellrigel. It will be a forever memorial for all of us. I thank you all for witnessing FAITH during these difficult times.

Congratulations to all who should graduate college. Being a Pole, I cannot but remember a great life graduate whose 100th birth anniversary is this Monday, my great Pope, **St. John Paul II**. One story that stands out for me, I dedicate to all especially, all who graduate is the one below. Enjoy reading it.

Even while living in this world, the heart of Mary was so filled with tenderness and compassion for men, that no one ever suffered so much for his own pains as Mary suffered for the pains of others.

--St. Jerome

ASCENSION 2020
The Solemnity of the Ascension this year is moved to Sunday May 24th.

If you ever feel distressed during your day — call upon our Lady — just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit — this prayer has never failed me." --**Blessed Mother Teresa**



100th Anniversary of the birth... Karol Jozef Wojtyla-(St. John Paul II) was born on May 18, 1920. A story only few know... behind the Great St. John Paul II

Karol Jozef Wojtyla-(St. John Paul II) was born on May 18, 1920. Karol's father (Karol Wojtyla) married Emilia Kaczorowska, the daughter of a Krakow upholsterer. She bore him three children and became her family's tragic muse. Emilia was a sensitive young woman of delicate health. Her first child, a boy named Edmund, was born the first year of her marriage--in 1906. As she was growing up, she watched four of her brothers and sisters grow sick, languish and die. She lost her mother during adolescence. Fortunately, Edmund was healthy, able, even brilliant. Soon enough he was doing so well at school that he planned to become a doctor. But Emilia's next child, a daughter, Olga, died in infancy around 1914. Thereafter her own health began to fail.

Karol Wojtyla was born in Wadowice, in an apartment whose windows looked out on the Church of our Lady where he would worship and serve as an altar boy. Emilia adored him. She told the neighbors that he would be a great man, a priest. She taught him to cross himself. She read Scripture with him. But she was often in bed, suffering from inflammation of both heart and kidney. She was increasingly nervous, melancholy, silent. She died on April 13, 1929 when Karol was eight. The pope's adoration of his young mother is well-known. He has said she was "the soul of home." When she died, his father took him to Kalwaria, a Marian shrine close to Wadowice. Karol's lifelong devotion to the Virgin began on that trip after he lost his mother. Some say, that it was after his mother's death, that Karol said to Mary: *now You will be my mother.*

From the time of Emilia's death, Karol and the Lieutenant (as often his father was called) lived alone. They were extremely close. At some point, they even started sleeping in the same room. The Lieutenant was a force for rectitude and piety, one of several key influences in Wojtyla's religious life. As pope, John Paul II remembered that, "Day after day I was able to observe the austere way in which he lived. By profession he was a soldier and, after my mother's death, his life became one of constant prayer. Sometimes I would wake up during the night and find my father on his knees, just as I would always see him kneeling in the parish church. We never spoke about a vocation to the priesthood, but his example was in a way my first seminary, a kind of domestic seminary."

His father was not only praying but even, sewing, washing, and cooking, being Karol's mother, father, friend and colleague." The boy returned his father's devotion. Father and son kept in close touch with Edmund and traveled to Krakow in 1930 to see him graduate from the School of Medicine at the Jagellonian University. After the ceremony, Karol Senior took his boys to Czestochowa--the heart of Polish Christianity--where Karol prayed to the Black Madonna, Queen of Poland, for the first time. The boy was deeply moved and returned on a school trip in the summer of 1932. That winter, the second great tragedy of his childhood struck. Edmund--the adored older brother who shared his passion for theatre and soccer--died of scarlet fever. As pope, John Paul II told an audience that the impact of his brother's death was "perhaps even deeper than my mother's." His classmates remember it that way too, that Karol cried at Edmund's funeral, but not at his mother's.

Karol's father died February 18, 1941. Though he would soon regain his outward calm, intimates in Krakow saw how deeply this loss cut. They were worried about Wojtyla's state of mind. He was distraught. After he found his father, Wojtyla stayed up all night praying by the bedside with Juliusz Kydrynski, his closest friend from the theatre. He started going to the grave every day and was so upset Father Malinski, a fellow seminarian, "feared that something terrible might happen." As pope, John Paul II told the writer Andre Frossard, "At twenty I had already lost all the people I loved, and even those I might have loved, like my older sister who, they said, died, six years before I was born."

And on top of all this, keep in mind that Karol grew up during Hitler's regime and the Communist regime.

With all this, he became a great man, a great priest, great bishop, great Pope. And above all a GREAT SAINT. True GRADUATE.

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.

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
OS2 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 the 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 Will*: baby Cordelia, baby Emmet Fischer, baby James Amicucci, baby Jonathan, Richard Bolton, Robert Brawley, Dominic Carini, Sal Cenicola, Helen Choma, Kevin Columbo, Marie D'Ascenzo, Maryann Dean, Lorraine Degerdon, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Carl Falasca, Jay Filippone, Marie Filippone, Mary Foley, Amy Hartwell, Peter Kellar, Milan Krupa, Mary Lowe, James McGarry, Robert Millie, Gianna Moscatello, John Pal, John Peterson Jr, Joan and Buddy Phalon, Marie Piazza, Canice Prince, Louise Ricciardi, Vincent Ricciardi, Veronica Roman-chuk, Beth Sacco, Anthony Sanchez, Mike Tobia, Brian, Carla, Chris, Christina, Dierdre, Edward, Elba, Fiona, Jennifer, Joann, Karen, Lisa, Liz, Lucas, Lynn, Michael, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, Roseann, Sean, Sharon.

Spiritual Communion *composed by Cardinal Rafael Merry del Val*

As I cannot this day enjoy the happiness of assisting at the holy Mysteries, O my God! I transport myself in spirit at the foot of Thine altar; I unite with the Church, which by the hands of the priest, offers Thee Thine adorable Son in the Holy Sacrifice; I offer myself with Him, by Him, and in His Name. I adore, I praise, and thank Thee, imploring Thy mercy, invoking Thine assistance, and presenting Thee the homage I owe Thee as my Creator, the love due to Thee as my Savior.

Apply to my soul, I beseech Thee, O merciful Jesus, Thine infinite merits; apply them also to those for whom I particularly wish to pray. I desire to communicate spiritually, that Thy Blood may purify, Thy Flesh strengthen, and Thy Spirit sanctify me. May I never forget that Thou, my divine Redeemer, hast died for me; may I die to all that is not Thee, that hereafter I may live eternally with Thee. Amen.

To the prospect of the Kingdom of God is linked hope in that glory which has its beginning in the Cross of Christ. The Resurrection revealed this glory — eschatological glory. ... Those who share in the sufferings of Christ are also called, through their own sufferings, to share in glory” **St. John Paul Salvifici Doloris**

Mass Intentions

(offered privately by Fr. Wojciech)

Monday, May 18—St. John I of Italy – Pope and Martyr

8:00 Joseph Consigli R/b Margaret Brandes
12:00 Intentions of Anna Dellaportas R/b Margarete Rajner

Tuesday, May 19—St. Yves of France—Priest and Lawyer

8:00 David Kavanugh R/b Margaret Brandes
12:00 Danny Wakefield R/b the McLarnon Family

Wednesday, May 20 - St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest

8:00 Laura Dulucky R/b Maria Musante
12:00 Joseph Amato R/b OLV Knights of Columbus

Vigil for Ascension Thursday*

*Ascension moved to Sunday. These intentions will be said in private.

7:00 Robert Cole R/b John and Fran Demarie

Ascension Thursday, May 21-St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions

6:30 Mary Lou Schroeder R/b Tom and Jeanne Hennessey
8:00 Intentions of John Simonelli R/b Dan and Karen Brady

12:00 Robert Connolly R/b Margaret Brandes

3:30 Marilyn Anzalone R/b Mike and Maria Hellrigel

6:00 Latin Joseph McPartland R/b Joe Tobia

7:00 Irene Ciccarino R/b OLV Parish

Friday, May 22 – St. Rita of Cascia Widow & Religious Nun

8:00 Rosemarie Emerson R/b Bob and Renee Tringali
12:00 Thanksgiving to St. Rita of Cascia R/b the Zaccaro Family

Saturday, May 23 – St. John Baptist Rossi of Italy - Priest

8:00 Michael B. Ryan R/b the Zaccaro Family

12:00 Michael Torre R/b Peter and Linda Wayne

4:00 Jack and Helen McEnaney R/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi

5:00 John “Jack” Murphy R/b the Youngmans Family

Sunday, May 24 – The Ascension of the Lord.

7:30 Peter Pfeiffer

8:15 Joseph Ferrara R/b Marita Morgan

9:30 Charles Ruiz R/b the LoSchiavo Family

10:45 Emilio Caballero R/b the Evanella Family

12:00 Fortunato Family R/b the Burderi Family

1:00 People of the Parish

6:00 James Lomma R/b William and Dianne Smith

7:00 Mary Crowley R/b the Peterkin Family

Sanctuary Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp, the Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp and the

Saint Joseph Votive Lamp burn this week for the repose of the soul of **Anthony Palermo**, r/b Fred, Ann and June.

The Bread and Wine which will become the **Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ** at Mass this week have been donated in memory of **Anthony Palermo**, r/b Fred, Ann and June.

Sanctuary Offerings

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

My Parish—COVID-19—My Responsibility

We thank all those who so generously continue to support our parish by mailing in your donations. At the same time, we understand that some have been laid off from their work or experiencing decreased income and are unable to continue their donations at this time. *Donations / offering envelopes may be mailed to:*

OLV Rectory, 81 Lynn Street, Harrington Park, NJ 07640.

Thank you for your generosity.

May is dedicated to Our Lady.

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you

These are the challenging words in which the Lord speaks to us directly through the First Letter of St. Peter.

If you want more evidence that the Catholic faith is not the product of "self-deluded wishful thinking," there it is. I mean, "rejoice in the fact that you may share in the sufferings of Christ?!" and "blessed are you if you're insulted for Christ?!" Rejoicing in the midst of suffering? Considering yourself "blessed" if you're insulted? These powerful words from our second reading are most certainly counter-cultural, especially for anyone living at a time when our world is obsessed with going to extreme lengths to avoid any and all suffering.

During His public ministry, Christ repeatedly told His Apostles and disciples that they would experience persecution, suffering, and death if they were to faithfully follow Him in the midst of this fallen world. This is one of the reasons why Christ explicitly prays for us, His Church, in today's Gospel from John. In this prayer during the Last Supper, Christ prayed for the preservation and the unity of His disciples, especially in the midst of suffering and persecution. The Son of God knew that His Church would follow in **His** footsteps and therefore experience great persecution and suffering in the midst of this world.

If our Catholic faith is defined as enjoying an intimate, personal relationship with Christ in and through His Church, then we have to ask ourselves a series of reflective questions. Our Lord Jesus undoubtedly loves each and every one of us with a perfect and infinite love—how much do we honestly and sincerely love Christ?

When we truly love someone, we want to get to know them more. So do we love Christ enough to go deeper into our Catholic faith so that we can better understand and defend the teachings of His Church? How much are we willing to actually suffer for Christ? Are we even willing to suffer with Jesus? Are we willing to be insulted and mocked for the sake of Christ and His Catholic Church?

Are we more concerned about "offending" others with our Catholic faith than about offending God with our own sinfulness? Are we more concerned about our personal image and popularity than about our fidelity to Christ and His Church which is supposed to be rooted in love? Are we willing to speak up to lovingly defend Christ and His Church when they come under hateful attack by others or do we cower in fearful silence not wanting to "start anything" but rather remain "nice"? Are we **more concerned** about what others think of us than about what Christ our Savior thinks of us?

As disciples of Jesus, we're not called to be "popular," we're called to be faithful to Christ and His Church and to love always, especially in the midst of suffering and persecution. We're called to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us! We're called to courageously fight evil in this world by speaking out against injustice and false and destructive ideas. We're called to fight evil in this world by striving for holiness with the help of God's grace and by actually **living** our Catholic faith with every fiber of our being, in our words **and** our actions, in both our private **and** public lives!

Christ our Savior is **always** faithful to us in perfect love. Let's strive, with the help of His grace, to **always remain faithful to Him**, especially in the midst of suffering and persecution. *Excerpt stignatiusreading.org/Fr_Isaac*

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. John.
2. Luke and John.
3. Cana of Galilee.
4. May, August and October.

How insignificant earth seems to me when I consider heaven.

St. Ignatius of Loyola

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"Today once again I prayed full of confidence. This was my petition: "Lord, may neither our past wretchedness which has been forgiven us, nor the possibility of future wretchedness, cause us any disquiet. May we abandon ourselves into your merciful hands. May we bring before you our desires for sanctity and apostolate, which are hidden like embers under the ashes of an apparent coldness." "Lord, I know you are listening to us." You should say this to Him too. Be sincere when you open up your soul. Speak out and don't try to gild the lily; that could be a very childish thing to do. And then continue on your way, with docility. You will be holier, and happier." -**St. Josemaria Escriva - THE FORGE pg. 152**

THE VALUE OF THE MASS

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

Diapers Needed - Office of Concern

St. Cecilia Office of Concern has an urgent request for sizes 3,4,5 and 6 diapers. Please donate by having diapers shipped to the Office of Concern or send a donation to St. Cecilia Office of Concern earmarked DIAPERS. You may also donate at website officeofconcern.com or Facebook: Office of Concern. Address: 55 W. Demarest Ave. Englewood, NJ 07631

Catholic High School Events

St. Joseph Regional HS is accepting qualified applicants for admission to the Class of 2024 Knights Bridge Academy, an academic program that helps 8th grade boys who could benefit from another year of preparation before beginning 9th grade. Visit www.sjrnj.org or email admissions@sjrnj.org to inquire about becoming a Green Knight!

Bergen Catholic HS will hold their "BC LEAD ON" Program for rising 7th and 8th graders from July 13-July 30, 8AM-Noon. Registration can be found on the Bergen Catholic website.

**LET BC COME TO YOU:* Bergen Catholic will share a virtual Open House on Wednesday, May 20th. Registration can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. Contact Matt Rosa, mrosa@bergencatholic.org.

WHEN YOU DREAM St. John Paul II to the youth

It is Jesus you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is he who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is he who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is he who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle. It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal.

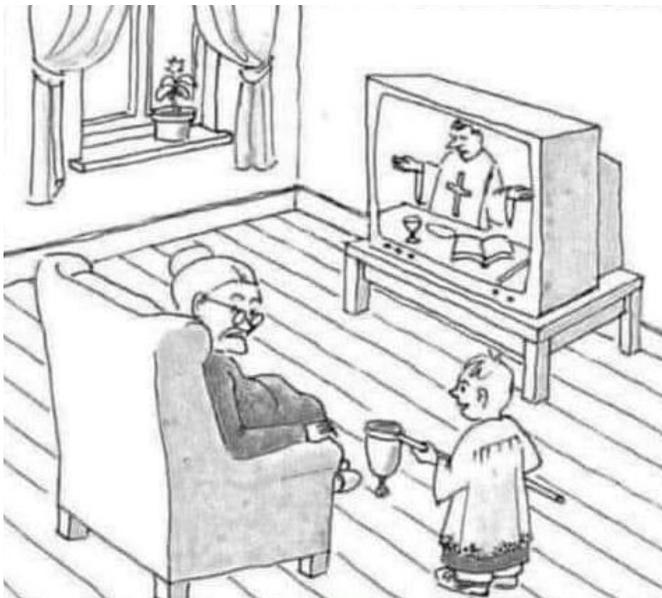
THE TEST

This pretty much says it all. An economics professor at Texas Tech said he had never failed a single student before, but had once failed an entire class. That class had insisted that socialism worked, and that no one would be poor and no one would be rich, a great equalizer.

The professor then said okay, we will have an experiment in this class on socialism. All grades would be averaged, and everyone would receive the same grade so no one would fail and no one would receive an A. After the first test the grades were averaged, and everyone got a B. The students who studied hard were upset, and the students who studied little were happy. But, as the second test rolled around, the students who studied little had studied even less, and the ones who studied hard decided they wanted a free ride too, so they studied little.

The second test average was a D. No one was happy. When the third test rolled around, the average was an F. The scores never increased as bickering, blame, name-calling all resulted in hard feelings, and no one would study for the benefit of anyone else. All failed, to their great surprise, and the professor told them that socialism would also ultimately fail because when the reward is great, the effort to succeed is great; but when government takes all the reward away; no one will try or want to succeed... Could it be put any simpler than that?

A Little Humor...Collection during pandemic



A surprising fact about significance

There's a better way to make a difference and leave a legacy. "[Jesus] sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny" (Mark 12:41-42).

In response, Jesus "called His disciples to Him and said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on'" (vv. 43-44).

Here we note this vital fact: Our significance does not depend on our status. How God measures significance - Most women in Jesus' day had no independent status. They were identified by their father until they were married, then they were identified by their husband. As a widow, the woman in our narrative had no standing in her society.

In addition, she was "poor." The Greek language has two words for being impoverished: *penes* means to have nothing to spare, while *ptochos* means to have nothing at all. This woman was the latter. She put "two small copper coins" in the temple treasury. These were *leptoi*, each worth 1/128 of a *denarius*, which was a day's wage for a laborer. Her combined gift corresponded to the wage a worker could earn in seven or eight minutes.

But Jesus knew that these coins, the smallest in their currency, were "all she had to live on." When the widow gave them to God, her sacrifice far exceeded that of the "rich people" who put in "large sums" they could afford to give.

Her story reminds us that God measures significance by obedience, not cultural status.

Handwriting contest WITHOUT hands

Ten-year-old Sara Hinesley recently won a national handwriting contest. The third grader's writing is much better than mine ever was. She won \$500 for her efforts. Sara also has no hands. Sara holds a pencil between the ends of her arms to write. She told reporters that when her teacher first taught her how to write in cursive, Sara found she had a natural talent for it. She also likes to create art, ride her bike, read, and swim. Sara's family briefly considered obtaining prosthetic hands for her, but decided she is doing fine without them. "She is so amazing and functional without prosthetics that really there is not a need," her mother said. "She can do just about anything - often times better than me or my husband." Doesn't that sound like the famous phrase of Mother Teresa:



"I am a little pencil in God's hands. He does the thinking. He does the writing. He does everything and sometimes it is really hard because it is a broken pencil and He has to sharpen it a little more."

-Mother Teresa, *The Joy in Loving: A Guide to Daily Living*

KIDZ KORNER

1. What was the name of the disciple to whom Jesus on the cross entrusted his mother?
2. Who are the two evangelists who write the most about the Blessed Virgin Mary?
3. What was the town where Mary saved the newlyweds from a lot of embarrassment?
4. Which are three months dedicated to Mary?

Answers on page four.