

# Our Lady of Victories Church

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

150 Harriot Avenue, Harrington Park, New Jersey

[www.olvhp.org](http://www.olvhp.org)

## WELCOME

**SUNDAY, August 16, 2020 A.D.**

**To the Parish Family of  
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES**

**(THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART)**

**Parish Office 201-768-1706**



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED MOTHER

### **ATTENTION !**

In order to attend  
Saturday evening / Sunday Masses  
**you must sign-up in advance.**  
You can now even sign-up for the whole month  
Given that so many are already signed up  
for August  
sign-ups will be via email to  
[olvrectory.hp@gmail.com](mailto:olvrectory.hp@gmail.com) or by calling the rectory  
See page 2 for new Mass schedule.

### **THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:**

Mon.-Sat.: 7:30-7:50am. Saturday: 11:00-11:50am; 3:00-3:45pm

### **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.



OLV Rectory  
Phone: 201-768-1706  
Address: 81 Lynn St.  
Email: [olvrectory.hp@gmail.com](mailto:olvrectory.hp@gmail.com)

OLV Fax  
201-768-3962

Religious Education  
201-768-1400  
155 Parkway  
[olvhpccd@gmail.com](mailto:olvhpccd@gmail.com)

OLV Convent  
201-768-1705  
145 Parkway

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

God has granted us yet another priest. Fr. Edmond Philip Ilg (62 years old), will be our new parochial vicar starting September 1, 2020. He was ordained on June 24, 2020 (Fathers Day). What a day to become a father. There is more, Fr. Ed is a widower and his son is a priest. Fr. Ed was vested by his own son (Fr. Philip) on his ordination day. What a Father's Day for both. We are happy to welcome Fr. Ed to our parish family of OLV. This is a great trust that the Cardinal has with us, to whom I am grateful. Fr. Ed is a gift to us and we will be a gift to him. This will be his first parish to start his priestly ministry. We wish him the best of experiences. Please pray for him. Taking the occasion, I would like to thank you all for welcoming all the priests, old and young in our parish. Thank you for all your support and prayers.

This coming Thursday and Friday Bp. Marconi will confer the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on 24 of our candidates. We congratulate them and thank Bishop Marconi for making this happen. May the Holy Spirit make them all true witnesses of God in their lives.

I thank all who tirelessly continue to help us through their contribution to our parish, KofC who helped provide dinner to the homeless at St. John's and those who help us constantly donating to the Food Pantry of St. Cecilia. May God reward you all!

**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. You can also travel virtually to the places where they lived - SO MUCH FUN, so much to find out and learn & above all so much INSPIRATION

**SO MUCH FUN + INSPIRATION**

## **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 Mon.-Sat: 7:30-7:50am. Saturday 11:00-11:50am; 3:00-3:45pm as well as every First Friday at 6:00PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

## **New Mass Schedule for Opening Church**

Saturday evening 4:00PM and 5:00PM

Sunday 7:00AM, 8:00AM *Latin*, 9:30AM - also live-streamed,  
10:45AM, 10:45AM Family Mass in OLV GYM

12:00Noon, 1:00PM *Spanish*, 6:00PM,

There will be no 7:00PM Mass on Sunday evening.

## **Thank you!!**

**from the Office of Concern Food Pantry**

*"Dear Fr. Wojciech,*

*On behalf of the volunteers at the Office of Concern Food Pantry at St. Cecilia, we thank you for donating a total of 265 bags of groceries to us from January to June 2020. This is a remarkable achievement! It greatly helps the needy families we serve. There are not enough words to express our gratitude for your parish donations. Together with our dedicated staff, we distribute food and other basic necessities to the "invisible poor" in Bergen County: you help to make it possible for us to make a difference, one life at a time.*

*We volunteer our time here because we see first-hand the stress that continues to impact our clients including the working poor, retired seniors and those struggling to feed babies and small children, and we give to all regardless of religion, race or culture.*

*Your continuing support makes it possible for us to provide food and other basic necessities to over 1000 families registered to receive food each week. Together, we are making a difference in many lives.*

*Please acknowledge our gratitude to your parishioners.*

*Sincerely,*

*Donald E. Wuertz, Director*

## **Last Chance! Sisters of Charity 50/50 Raffle**

If you would like to purchase tickets please call OLV Rectory. Proceeds support Maris Stella Retreat Center. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. 1st prize 25%, 2nd prize 15%, 3rd prize 10% of gross receipts. Drawing will be September 6, at Maris Stella. Winner need not be present. Please make checks payable to Sisters of Charity.

## **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?"

## **Relevant Radio - 1430 AM**

Tune in to Relevant Radio, the largest Catholic radio network in the nation. Its local station 1430AM, has fast become a growing Catholic radio presence here in the Archdiocese of Newark and the greater New York/Tri-State area, sharing news and insights into our Catholic Faith. Listen online at [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com) and on the FREE mobile app.

## **CLOTHING BINS**

Summertime is a time to relax. During this leisure time, would you be willing to go through your closets to clean out those unwanted heavy winter clothes and shoes? Please donate them to the Catholic Charities bin located on the Church grounds. Thank you for helping Catholic Charities continue its mission.

## **DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE**

**If you have never heard  
Jason and Crystalina Evert speak  
You missed great talks,  
google:  
jason and crystalina evert videos  
U WILL NOT REGRET**

## 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 Iafate  
Corporal Joseph Levine

### US Navy

Lt. Commander Julia Cheringal  
Ensign Jon Clemente  
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger  
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger

## 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 Colombo, Marie D'Ascenzo, Jerry DiGirolamo, Maryann Dean, Lorraine Degerdon, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Carl Falasca, Jay Filippone, Marie Filippone, Christine Fitzgerald, Mary Foley, Amy Hartwell, Andy Hough, Peter Kellar, Milan Krupa, Mary Lowe, James McGarry, Robert Milli, Gianna Moscatello, John Pal, Tom Paskewich, John Peterson Jr, Joan and Buddy Phalon, Marie Piazza, Canice Prince, Bruce Michael Ricciardi, Louise Ricciardi, Vincent Ricciardi, Veronica Romanchuk, Beth Sacco, Janet Sylvia, Mike Tobia, Brian, Carla, Chris, Christina, Dierdre, Edward, Elba, Fiona, Jennifer, Joann, Karen, Lisa, Lou, Lucas, Lynn, Michael, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, Roseann, Sean, Sharon, Tom., Robert Bardsley.

## 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.

## 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.

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, August 17—St. Hyacinth of Silesia, Poland-Priest

8:00 Michael Giotta R/b Anne Giotta  
12:00 Mary Holler R/b Sr. Elizabeth

### Tuesday, August 18 - St. Helena, Widow

8:00 Intentions of Dan Brady R/b the Brady Family  
12:00 Robert John Maynes IV R/b the Maynes Family

### Wednesday, August 19— St. John Eudes of France-Priest

8:00 William Bacich R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich  
12:00 In Thanksgiving R/b George and Gail Fabiano

### Thursday, August 20—St. Bernard of Burgundy, France-Abbot

8:00 George Heath R/b Regina Bond  
12:00 Clare Burruano - Anniv. R/b Mike and Maria Hellrigel

### Friday, August 21 – St. Pius X, Pope

8:00 Maria Mattessich R/b the Izzo Family  
12:00 Intentions of Matthew Brady R/b the Brady Family

### Saturday, August 22 – Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Francis Pommert R/b Judy Pommert  
12:00 Thomas Zanetti R/b the Zanetti Family  
4:00 Jennie Bertoglio R/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi  
5:00 George Lyddon R/b Stephen and Robin Hartman

### Sunday, August 23 – St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

7:00 Edward McGurn R/b Judy Pommert  
8:00 Carmelita Bernardo R/b Crispin and Lenore Mariano  
9:30 Michael B. Ryan R/b Joan Gaffney  
10:45 Paul Kleinlaut R/b Jeannette Musante  
10:45 Gym Patricia Dankin R/b Roy and Maria Lapidus  
12:00 Intentions of Kazimiera Jaskowiak R/b Joan Crowley  
1:00 People of the Parish  
6:00 Hiesook Mertel R/b David and Donna Hansen

## Sanctuary Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the **repose of the soul of Robert John Maynes IV**, r/b the Maynes Family.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp will burn this week for the **repose of the soul of Barbara Travers**, r/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp will burn this week **for the intentions of Fr. Wojciech**, r/b Stephen and Robin Hartman.

## 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.

## 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.

"Prayer is powerful beyond limits when we turn to the Immaculata who is queen even of God's heart."

- St Maximilian Kolbe

### Did you Know?

#### 1300-Year-Old Byzantine Church DISCOVERED

Archeologists in the Holy Land discovered the foundations of an approximately 1300-year-old Byzantine-era church near Mount Tabor, the site of Jesus' Transfiguration. The Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) announced the discovery in late July. While excavating an area to build a playground in the Lower Galilee village of Kfar Kama near Mt. Tabor, the IAA and Kinneret Academic College found the walls of the old mosaic Byzantine church. Archaeologist Nurit Feig said the church's aisles are "partially preserved" as mosaics. "The church, measuring 12x36 [meters], includes a large courtyard, a narthex foyer and a central hall. Particular to this church is the existence of three apses (prayer niches), while most churches were characterized by a single apse," Feig said. "Their colorful decoration stands out, incorporating geometric patterns, and blue, black and red floral patterns," she added. Feig said they also discovered a small reliquary, or "a stone box used to preserve sacred relics." Archeologists also found separate rooms adjacent to the church, indicating the possibility of a sixth-century monastery. The IAA will continue working in the area for additional discoveries. Akka, Israel Archbishop Youssef Abedallah Matta was also present at the site to visit the excavations. Holy Land priest Fr. Francesco Valtaggio posted the church's photos on his Twitter account along with this message (translated tweet): "Under the Holy 'Land' how many treasures to discover! A 1300-year-old mosaic Byzantine church [with beautiful mosaics] was discovered in Kfar Kama, near Mount Tabor, Israel." *-Editor, Churchpop.com*

### A little humor ...

This morning at the post office, while I was in line, two people with masks entered.  
**TOTAL PANIC!**  
Then they said: "This is a robbery" ... and we all calmed down ...

### KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. Lord, Son of David.
2. Heal her daughter.
3. Jesus did not respond to her.
4. Anyone outside of the family of the Israelites (chosen people).
5. He said to the woman that she had great faith, and as a result her request was granted (her daughter was healed).

\*\*\*\*\*

"No one has access to the Almighty as His mother has – none has merit such as hers.

Her Son will deny her nothing that she asks and herein lies her power.

While she defends the Church, neither height nor depth, neither men nor evil spirits, neither great monarchs,

nor craft of man, nor popular violence, can avail to harm us – for human life is short but Mary reigns above, a Queen forever."

- Bl. Cardinal John Henry Newman

### Saint Helena - Patron of New Discoveries

St. Helena was the mother of Emperor Constantine the Great and an Empress of the Roman Empire. Very little is known about Helena's early life, but it is believed she is from Drepanum (later known as Helenopolis) in Asia Minor and born into a poor family and lower class in the Roman culture of the day. St. Ambrose described Helena as a "good stable-maid."

Despite her background, Helena married Constantius Chlorus. With him she birthed her only son, Constantine, around the year 274. Nearly two decades later in 292, Constantius, now co-Regent of the West, got swept up in his rising stature and divorced Helena for Theodora, the step-daughter of Emperor Maximianus Herculus. It is believed he did this to advance his own reputation and advance his standing in the Roman society.

Constantine was forever loyal to his dear mother, whom he loved very much. As he grew and became a member of the inner circle, he never left Helena's side. Following the death of Constantius in 308, Constantine became Emperor and summoned his mother back into inner circle and the imperial court. Helena received the title of Augusta.

Constantine ordered all to honor his mother. He even had coins minted, bearing her image. Through her son's influence, Helena began to embrace Christianity. With her title of Augusta Imperatrix, Helena was given free reign over the imperial treasury. She was tasked with locating relics of Christian tradition.

Between the years 326-328, Helena took a trip to the Holy Places in the Middle East. During her journey, Helena had many churches constructed, including the one at the site of Jesus Christ's birth - the Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem and another at the site of his ascension - Church of Eleona on the Mount of Olives.

During this time Jerusalem was still being rebuilt after Titus' destruction. Around the year 130, Emperor Hadrian had a temple built over the site of Jesus' death. This temple was believed to be dedicated to Venus. Helena had this temple destroyed and chose a site in this location to be excavated. This led to the discovery of three crosses.

Tradition says Helena brought a woman near death to the crosses. There she had the woman place a hand on all three crosses. Nothing happened when she touched the first two crosses, but when she placed her hand on the third cross she suddenly recovered. Helena declared the third cross to be the True Cross. At this site, Constantine ordered the Church of the Holy Sepulchre to be built.

Theodoret of Cyrus, an influential theologian, wrote that that during her search, Helena also discovered the nails of the crucifixion. She had one of the nails placed in Constantine's helmet and one in the bridle of his horse to aid him with their miraculous powers. Churches were built at these sites, as well.

Several of the relics believed to be found by St. Helena are located in Cyprus. Among these are parts of Jesus' tunic, pieces of the holy cross, and pieces of the rope used to tie Jesus to the cross. When Helena returned to Rome from Jerusalem in 327, she brought parts of the True Cross back with her. She stored these in her palace's chapel. They can still be seen to this day, though her palace has been converted to the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem. St. Helena died around 330 with her dearly devoted son by her side. She was then buried in the Mausoleum of Helena outside of Rome. Her sarcophagus can be seen in the Pio-Clementine Vatican Museum.

St. Helena was renowned for helping not only individuals, but entire communities through her works of charity. She often sought out to help the poor and destitute. She would visit churches and leave them with rich donations. St. Helena was a very devout servant of God, so much so that one would easily believe her to have been a follower of Jesus Christ from birth. Through her influence and work, Christianity continued to spread throughout the known world.

St. Helena is the patron saint of new discoveries and her feast day is celebrated on August 18.



## MARIAN SYMBOLS

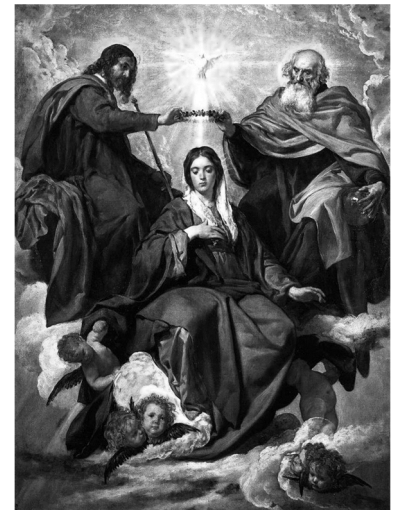
**W**hat is perhaps the simplest Marian insignia is her most profound symbol: the letter "M" beneath a simple cross, signifying what is recorded in the Bible: "Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother 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.

## St. Bernard

St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church. St. Bernard was born of noble parentage in Burgundy, France, in the castle of Fontaines near Dijon. Under the care of his pious parents he was sent at an early age to a college at Chatillon, where he was conspicuous for his remarkable piety and spirit of recollection. At the same place he entered upon the studies of theology and Holy Scripture. After the death of his mother, fearing the snares and temptations of the world, he resolved to embrace the newly established and very austere institute of the Cistercian Order, of which he was destined to become the greatest ornament. He also persuaded his brothers and several of his friends to follow his example. In 1113, St. Bernard, with thirty young noblemen, presented himself to the holy Abbot, St. Stephen, at Citeaux. After a novitiate spent in great fervor, he made his profession in the following year. His superior soon after, seeing the great progress he had made in the spiritual life, sent him with twelve monks to found a new monastery, which afterward became known as the celebrated Abbey of Clairvaux. St. Bernard was at once appointed Abbot and began that active life which has rendered him the most conspicuous figure in the history of the 12th century. He founded numerous other monasteries, composed a number of works and undertook many journeys for the honor of God. Several Bishoprics were offered him, but he refused them all. The reputation of St. Bernard spread far and wide; even the Popes were governed by his advice. He was commissioned by Pope Eugene III to preach the second Crusade. In obedience to the Sovereign Pontiff he traveled through France and Germany, and aroused the greatest enthusiasm for the holy war among the masses of the population. The failure of the expedition raised a great storm against the saint, but he attributed it to the sins of the Crusaders. St. Bernard was eminently endowed with the gift of miracles. He died on August 20, 1153. His feast day is August 20.

Queenship  
of  
Mary  
August 22

Reign over our hearts



Holy Trinity Crowning Mary

## KIDZ KORNER

1. What did the Canaanite woman call Jesus?
2. What did the woman want from Jesus?
3. How did Jesus respond to the woman?
4. Who did Jesus refer to as dogs, saying it was not right to give the food of the children to the dogs?
5. What did Jesus say about the woman's faith and what did he do as result?

**Answers on page four.**