

Our Lady of Victories Church

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

Sunday, January 16, 2022 A.D.

To the Parish Family of
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES
(The Little Church with the BIG Heart)

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SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

First Friday: 7:00pm, Mass of Sacred Heart & Devotions

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. Anthony: Tuesday

St. Joseph: Wednesday

St. Jude: Thursday

Infant of Prague: 25th of the month

St. Peregrine: First Friday of the Month

Rosary: Recited M - Sat after 8:00am & after 12:00Noon Mass



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.

**As a young man marries a virgin,
your Builder shall marry you;
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride
so shall your God rejoice in you.**

Isaiah 62:5



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Fr. Wojciech's Corner ...

'Equality begins in the womb' that is a theme for this year's March for Life. May we always treasure and defend all life and all lives, especially in light of new abortion law in NJ.

NJ Legislature introduced a horrendous, scandalous, "rushed through" law called "The freedom of reproductive choice act" supplementing current law. The law guarantees the right to abortion effectively up to the time of birth. It allows EVEN non-physicians to perform abortions, such as physician assistants and nurse practitioners. It requires that insurance companies in New Jersey provide coverage for abortion and contraceptives including long term supplies of hormonal contraceptives, and emergency contraception such as the morning after pill. The law overrides any local ordinances such as county laws and prohibits any changes in this law in the future. "Perhaps the legislators who rushed through this Act in the waning moments of their terms did not want citizens to understand fully its inhuman and lethal consequences." -as the NJ Bishops said in their statement. You can find the full statement at olvhp.org

For further info on the theme and this year's March for Life event please see the blurb below. Come and join us for a special Rosary for Life recited after 8AM and 12 Noon Masses that day.

If you wish to do something special, why not fast on that day offering it in defense of life and as a reparation for the sins of abortion and abortion industry.

Today's Gospel speaks of a miracle at the wedding in Cana through Mary's intervention. Mary represents the Church's intervention in our lives. Both Mary and the Church bring our problems to Jesus, and He is THE ONE who makes everything into *new* and *better* wine. May we never forget that every marriage and family who truly put their lives in the hands of Jesus will never be disappointed, even if the wine runs short.

January 21, 2022 March for Life

This year's theme: 'Equality begins in the womb'

The March for Life has announced that its 2022 theme will be "Equality Begins in the Womb." On October 27, Jeanne Mancini, President of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund, issued a press release (that can be found at <https://marchforlife.org/equality-begins-in-the-womb/>) stressing the need to end discrimination against the most vulnerable human beings — those still in the womb.

"From our nation's birth, our founders recognized the dignity inherent to all people, making each one of us equal in our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," she wrote. "Because of this, Americans have fought for centuries to advance equality for every person, regardless of race, sex, or disability status. It has taken centuries, but discrimination is now acknowledged as unacceptable just about everywhere in America. Everywhere, that is, except in the womb." "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere," Mancini wrote, adding: *So also, legalizing discrimination in the womb paves the way for discrimination later in life.* She continued, "Discrimination, therefore, begins in the womb. If we discriminate between unborn children, choosing who shall live and who shall die based on immutable characteristics, what is to stop us from doing the same to them throughout their life?"

Last year, the March for Life was a virtual event due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2022, however, participants will gather in person again at the National Mall. Matthew West, a contemporary Christian artist, will perform; Father Mike Schmitz will be the keynote speaker at the Rose Dinner Gala, and will also speak at the March itself.

"As our country continues to advance along the path to a more just society, we cannot ignore the discrimination that is taking place against vulnerable unborn babies who some view as 'less than' others," Mancini concluded. "In order to create a more just society, we must recognize that equality begins in the womb."

Prayer for Reverence for Life

Lord Jesus,

Reawaken in us respect for every unborn life, make us capable of seeing in the fruit of the maternal womb the miraculous work of the Creator, open our hearts to generously welcoming every child that comes into life.

Together with Mary, Your Mother, the great believer, in whose womb you took on our human nature, we wait to receive from You, our Only True Good and Savior, the strength to love and serve life, in anticipation of living forever in You, in communion with the Blessed Trinity.

-Benedict XVI

WOULD YOU CONSIDER ABORTION IN THESE SITUATIONS?

1. A preacher and his wife are very, very poor. They already have 14 children. She now finds she is pregnant with number 15, and they are already living in tremendous poverty. Would you recommend an abortion? If you answered "yes," you would have recommended the death of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church.
2. The father is ill with syphilis; the mother has tuberculosis. They have four children. One has already died, one is blind, one is deaf, and one has tuberculosis. The mother is pregnant again. Would you recommend an abortion? If you answered "yes," you would have recommended the death of Ludwig Von Beethoven.
3. A baby is born crippled and a dwarf. If the outcome had been predicted in advance would you have recommended an abortion? If you answered "yes," you would have recommended the death of the poet Alexander Pope.
4. A white man raped a 13-year-old black girl and impregnated her. Would you recommend an abortion? If you answered "yes," you would have recommended the death of gospel singer Ethel Waters.
5. A poor teen-age girl is pregnant and unmarried. Her father disowns her and her child. She would name the child after its father and raise the child herself, while bearing the disgrace of illegitimacy. Would you recommend an abortion? If you answered "yes," you would have recommended the death of Fr. Joseph Mohr, the lyricist and composer of "Silent Night".
6. A teenage girl is pregnant. She is not married, and her fiancé is not the father of the baby. Would you recommend an abortion? If you answered "yes," you would have recommended the death of Jesus Christ.

The Catechism Lectures - 2022 Schedule

with **Fr. John A. Perricone**

7:00PM - 9:00PM

January 12 & 26, February 2 & 16, March 9 & 23,

April 6 & 20, May 4 & 18, June 1, 15 & 29

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

This sacrament is offered every weekday at 7:30AM-7:50AM, Saturdays from 11:00AM-11:50AM and 3:00PM-3:40PM, First Friday at 6PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

**In failing to confess, Lord, I would only hide
You from myself, not myself from You.-**

-Saint Augustine

Marriage as a sacrament belongs to an entirely different order than the mere union of man and woman through a civil contract. It basically regards a husband and wife as symbols of another marriage; namely, the nuptials of Christ and His Church. **-Venerable Abp. Fulton J. Sheen**

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
Private First Class Sean Keohane
Captain Shawn Linn
Colonel John McLaughlin
Captain John G. Miele
1st Lieutenant Joseph W. Niece

US Air Force

Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn

US Marine Corps.

Corporal Shanna Bennett
Sergeant Matthew Brady
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo
Private Mark Fredrick
Lance Corporal Thomas lafrate
Captain Stephen Ikalowych
2nd Lieutenant J.P. Maher
Private Cody McGrath

US Navy

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

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, baby Joseph, little boy Antonio, Michael Baruch, Phyllis Bloomer, Richard Bolton, Robert Brawley, Paul Brennan, Dominic Carini, Sal Cenicola, Kevin Columbo, Paul Corbett, Marie D'Ascenzo, Maryann Dean, Lorraine Degerdon, Roseann Dennehy, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Carl Falasca, Michael Fallon, Dan Filippone, Jeremy Fillis, Christine Flatt, Mary Foley, Ken Grier, Amy Hartwell, Dianne Kaiser, Gerald Kasper, Peter Kellar, Pat Kissane, Mary Lowe, James McGarry, Michael McMahon, Ann Millar, Robert Milli, Gianna Moscatello, Rose Marie Myers, Natalie Niebergall, John Pal, Tom Paskewich, Joan Phalon, Canice Prince, William Ragu, Debra Rendon, Louise Ricciardi, Vincent Ricciardi, Veronica Romanchuk, Beth Sacco, Samantha Sconzo, Peggy Shedden, Charles Touw, Aileen Vassar, Hope White, Maria Williams, Mary Young, Brian, Carla, Chris, Christina, Dierdre, Edward, Elba, Jennifer, Joann, Karen, Lauren, Lisa, Lou, Lucas, Lynn, Margaret, Michelle, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, Samantha, Sean, Sharon, Tina W., Tom, Tara M., Mary D.

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.

FRIDAYS outside Lent

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of Penance. Each individual should abstain from meat or may substitute some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 17 - St. Anthony, Abbot

8:00 Bridget Quinn R/b the Barrett Family
12:00 Winifred Pavlu R/b the Kip Family

Tuesday, Jan. 18 - St. Volusian-Bishop of Tours & St. Deicolus - Abbot

8:00 John Guercio R/b Barbara Sita
12:00 Intentions of Frieda Kuepper R/b Joan Crowley

Wednesday, Jan. 19 - St. Wulstan-Benedictine Monk-Bishop in England

8:00 Emil Cohill R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich
12:00 Marie Villas R/b Joan Gaffney

Thursday, Jan. 20 - St. Fabian-Pope & St. Sebastian-Martyr

8:00 Benjamin Mattesich R/b the Izzo Family
12:00 Domenica Scrivanich R/b the Busanic Family

Friday, January 21 - St. Agnes of Rome-Virgin & Martyr

8:00 Frank Muggeo R/b Susan Muggeo Polles
12:00 Ivan Busanic R/b the Busanic Family

Saturday, Jan. 22 - Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children

St. Vincent, deacon and martyr

8:00 Intentions of Florence Brady R/b Dan and Karen Brady
12:00 Antonia and Martino Busanic R/b the Busanic Family
4:00 Dominick Avitabile R/b Jeanne Avitabile
5:00 Mary Ceccon - 2nd Anniversary R/b the Ceccon Family

Sunday, January 23 - Saint Marianne Cope

7:00 Richard Ferrara
8:00 Connie Rocanova R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico
9:30 Pasqualina Gramuglia R/b Bob and Renee Tringali
10:45 Ginny McCarthy R/b the Zwerle Family
10:45 (Gym) Patricia Fowler R/b OLV CCD
12:00 Alex Amendola R/b Bob and Sue Muggeo
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Christopher Murphy R/b Anna DiLullo

Sanctuary Memorials (this week)

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the protection of the unborn.

The Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns for the repose of the soul of Lydia DeJesus Mohsenin, r/b the Dunn Family.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns for the souls in Purgatory

The Flowers before the Bl. Virgin Mary donated in memory of Ellen Keohane, r/b the Keohane/Oates Family.

Flower & Sanctuary Offerings

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

My Parish—COVID-19—My Responsibility

Thank you to 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 are 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.

LIFE QUOTES:

ALL LIFE! ALL LIVES!

ABORTION:

One heart STOPS

at least two hearts BREAK

ABORTION: One dead; more than two wounded

PRO CHOICE: a choice to have children

No girl, no mother; ultimately no life

ABORTION: takes 10 minutes to do and a lifetime to forget.

WATER changed into **WINE**

By changing the jars filled with water into wine our Lord did two things: he provided drink to the wedding guests and he showed that, through baptism, people were going to be filled with the Holy Spirit. The Lord himself declared this elsewhere when he said: "New wine into fresh wineskins!" (Mt 9:17). The fresh wineskins stand, in fact, for baptismal purity, the wine of the Holy Spirit's grace.

Catechumens, pay particular attention to me. Your minds, which are ignorant as yet of the Trinity, are like water that is cold. They must be warmed, like wine, with the heat of the sacrament of baptism so as to transform a liquid that is poor and valueless into rich and precious grace. Like wine, let us acquire a good taste and sweet aroma, then we shall be able to say together with the apostle Paul: "We are indeed the good aroma of Christ for God" (2Cor 2:15). Before baptism the catechumen resembles still water, cold and colorless..., useless, unable to restore strength. If kept too long water deteriorates, stagnates, turns foul... The Lord said: "No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born again of water and the Spirit" (Jn 3:5).

The baptized faithful are like wine that is strong and red. Every created thing deteriorates with time; wine alone improves as it ages. Daily it loses its sharpness and acquires a bouquet full of mellowness, with a deep flavour. Christians, too, as time passes, lose the sharpness of their sinful life and acquire the wisdom and goodness of the divine Trinity.

St. Maximus of Turin (?c.420), BishopCC Sermon65,p273-274; PL 17,624-626

FAILURE LIST

- Albert Einstein was 4 years old before he could speak.
 - Isaac Newton did poorly in grade school and was considered unpromising.
 - Beethoven's music teacher once said of him, "As a composer, he is hopeless."
 - When Thomas Edison was a youngster, his teacher told him he was too stupid to learn anything. He was counseled to go into a field where he might succeed by virtue of his pleasant personality.
 - F. W. Woolworth got a job in a dry goods store when he was 21, but his employer would not permit him to wait on customers because he "didn't have enough sense to close a sale."
 - Michael Jordan was cut from his high school basketball team. Boston Celtics Hall of Famer Bob Cousy suffered the same fate.
 - Walt Disney was fired from a newspaper because he "lacked imagination and had no good ideas."
 - Winston Churchill failed the sixth grade.
 - Babe Ruth struck out 1,300 times - a major league record.
- A person may make mistakes, but he isn't a failure until he starts to blame someone else. We must believe in ourselves, and somewhere along the road of life, we must meet someone who sees greatness in us, expects it from us, and lets us know it.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered; forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish ulterior motives; be kind anyway. If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; succeed anyway. If you are honest and frank, people will cheat you; be honest and frank anyway. What you spend years building someone can destroy over night; build anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; be happy anyway. The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; do good anyway. Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; give the world the best you've got anyway. You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; it was never between you and them anyway.

- **St. Mother Teresa**

Did you know?

The name **Agnes** (also word **Agnus** in Liturgy) comes from the words for "pure" in Greek and "lamb" in Latin. St. Agnes lived around the year 300. The lovely 13-year-old daughter of Roman nobles had several suitors but, having consecrated herself to Christ, she refused to marry any of them. For this, the suitors attempted to force her into a life of impurity. Agnes resisted, strong in her Christian faith, and was eventually martyred for her beliefs. She is beloved as a saint of innocence and virtue.

EVERY year on the Feast of St. Agnes the Holy Father blesses the lambs, from whose wool the Pallium will be made. The Pallium are white woolen stoles, decorated with six black crosses presented to metropolitan archbishops by the Holy Father on June 29, the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul.

The lambs whose wool is destined for the making of the pallia are solemnly presented at the altar by the nuns of the convent of Saint Agnes. The Benedictine nuns of Santa Cecilia in Trastevere later weave the lambs' wool into pallia.

The Pallium was to remind bishops that they are shepherds after the Lord Jesus and carry their sheep on their shoulders.

"Take courage, it is I!" (in storms)

All ships have a compass which, when touched by the magnet, always turns towards the polar star. And even when the boat is making its way in a southward direction yet the compass does not cease turning towards its north at all times.

In the same way, let the fine point of your spirit always turn towards God, its north. You are about to take to the high seas of the world; don't on this account alter dial or mast, sail or anchor or wind. Keep Jesus Christ as your dial at all times, His cross for mast on which to hoist your resolutions as a sail. Let your anchor be profound trust in Him and set out early. May the propitious wind of heavenly inspirations ever fill the sails of your vessel more and more and cause you to speed forward to the harbor of a holy eternity.

Should everything turn upside down, I don't say around us but within us, that is to say, should our soul be sad, happy, in sweetness, in bitterness, peaceful, troubled, in light, in darkness, in temptation, in rest, in enjoyment, in disgust, in dryness, in gentleness, should the sun burn it or the dew refresh it, ah!, this point of our heart, our spirit, our higher will, which is our compass, should nevertheless always and at all times turn unceasingly, tend perpetually towards the love of God. **Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622)** Bishop of Geneva and Doctor of the Church Letters

Two kingdoms

Satan has a kingdom here on earth. It's called the culture of death, but his kingdom has an expiration date. That's good news. Jesus has a kingdom as well. There is no expiration date. It will last forever. Remember, Church, we have been won by One. The next time the devil reminds you of your past, remind him of his future.

Jesse Romero, from *The Devil in the City of Angels*

If we knew the depth of our poverty, we would not be at all surprised by our falls, but rather astonished, and we would thank God, after sinning, for not allowing us to fall even deeper and still more frequently.

-**ANDRÉ FROSSARD** quoting **Saint Maximilian Kolbe**
from *Forget Not Love: The Passion of Maximilian Kolbe*

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. A wedding.
2. They ran out of wine.
3. Blessed Mother Mary.
4. Jesus changed water into wine.
5. The wine was even better than the previous one.
6. Joy, Holy Spirit, Eucharist.

REQUIREMENTS for GODPARENTS

Godparents play a very important role in your child's spiritual life as role models of the faith. They should support not only the child, but the parents as well. Additionally, in their role as godparent, they represent the larger Church community and this is a tremendous responsibility. The Church has provided guidelines to help parents choose the best possible godparents for their children in recognizing the importance of the godparent and their duties:

Godparent/Sponsor must be at least 16 years old.

Godparent/Sponsor must be in good standing with the Catholic Church. Must be a practicing Catholic (*Attend Sunday Mass weekly*).

Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. If married, must be married in the Catholic Church.

If single, not living with significant other, nor married civilly only.

Godparent/Sponsor cannot be the candidate's parent. Each child only requires one Godparent. If you wish to have two Godparents, there must be one female and one male. (Canon Law 872-874)

Respect Life

Any woman who is pregnant and in need of assistance? should **never** feel that abortion is her only option.

Personal and confidential assistance is available at the following:

Archdiocesan Respect Life Office: 973-497-4350

Gateway Pregnancy Center: Phone: 908-353-0604

Catholic Community Services: 201-246-7379

Birthright: 800-550-4900 Lifecall: 800-662-2678

Are you an **ADULT** without

Confirmation, Communion or Baptism?

If you want to become a Roman Catholic or complete your Initiation into the Church, the RCIA is for you! For information, phone the rectory. *Adult Catholics* who have not yet celebrated *Confirmation* or Holy Communion should contact the rectory for preparation class/information.

“wedding” at the venue (without dispensation) is not a valid Sacrament

Start your married life with God and receive grace for your married life through Sacramental Marriage in Church. In this Sacrament, God's own divine life can be experienced and lived. **Were you married only civilly** by a mayor or justice of the peace and would now like to be married in the Catholic Church? Contact Fr. Wojciech for details.

CCD Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday - Friday 10AM-2PM

every Sunday **Family Mass** every Sunday

10:45AM at OLV GYM

OLV Needlers If you'd like to learn to knit or crochet, everyone is welcome. We meet Wednesdays in the lower church at 6:00PM.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas For info' contact Marie 201-741-0499.

Array of Hope-What's New in 2022? Array of Hope Channel launch date January 12th! Be sure to download the app from your app store - search for "Array of Hope" ~ *How to be Perfect as the Heavenly Father is Perfect*: Guest Fr. Angelus Montgomery joined the podcast to talk about vocation and hearing God's voice. ~ Come Pray with Us during our daily Divine Mercy Chaplets at 3PM on Instagram ~ A new year brings with it much hope and anticipation for all that is to come. Listen to our single, *Hope Can Last Forever* for your 2022 soundtrack for hope .

“She Will Come”

It was a very tough case. The young woman was possessed by hundreds of demons with Satan himself personally leading them. But the more difficult the case, the stronger the graces God gives. In this case, I knew that we would need the very best God could send.

We were coming close to the end, after countless hours of ugly and painful sessions. The demons were getting weaker and were now more obedient, much to their dismay. I commanded them, in the name of Jesus, to tell us, "When will you leave and by what means?" The demons reluctantly responded with a date two weeks hence and said, "She will come."

Everyone in the room knew who "she" was. The demons would not say the name of the Mother of God. Her name, like that of her Son, is itself holy.

The day finally came and the moment approached. The room grew silent and the possessed woman said, "She is here."

As the Virgin quietly moved closer, the demons began to thrash wildly. She said nothing, but the radiant light of Christ shining through the humble handmaid of God was overpowering.

Satan himself screamed. After screaming and thrashing several times, the Prince of Darkness left. It was over. Now, I ask all of the possessed to consecrate themselves to the Mother of God as part of the healing process. We ask Mary not only to cast out the demons but to protect the afflicted person for the rest of their lives, until she welcomes them into the Kingdom. The Gates of Hell will not prevail against the Church, or against her Mother.

—Msgr. Stephen Rosetti (Churchpop.com)

KIDZ KORNER

1. At what social gathering did Jesus perform his first public miracle described in the Gospel of St. John?
2. What problem occurred?
3. Who intervened?
4. What was the miracle?
5. What was the surprise of the guests?
6. In the Bible wine is the symbol of ... ? **Answers on page 4.**

A Little Humor ...

A woman invited some people to dinner.

At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the mother said.

The little girl bowed her head and said:

"Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

During the CCD class, a child learned about how God created human beings. The child became especially focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created from Adam's rib. Later in the week, the boy's mother saw him lying down on the floor, so she asked him what was wrong. His reply was priceless: "Mom, I have a pain in my side - I think I'm getting a wife."

**Love is not weakness. It is strong.
Only the sacrament of marriage
can contain it.**

— Boris Pasternak