

Our Lady of Victories Church

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

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WELCOME

Sunday, February 20, 2022 A.D.

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

Parish Office 201-768-1706

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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.

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

**who can lay hands
on the LORD's anointed** 1 Sam 26:9

David was persecuted by Saul who wanted to kill him.
David had a chance for revenge and yet he did not take it.
He left the justice to God.



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Fr. Wojciech's Corner ...

40 **Sacramentally Married couples** were present last Sunday to celebrate World Marriage Day at 9:30AM Mass. Other couples joined us via live stream. It was a historic event and very moving to see the couples renew their vows all together. We had a lady who is married for 60 years; her husband was not present due to sickness. The longest-married couple at Mass is 59 years married. Then we had the youngest couple 1 year married, expecting their first child. We even had an engaged couple who will get married in the Catholic Church this summer. What a joy that event brought to me and to our parish. They gave such a great witness to all of us that it is possible to be faithful for so many years. They understood the secret, they lean on the Lord. Yes, that is all and that is why even amidst trials they have great joy.

Great thanks to JoAnn Puleo who, together with Social Concerns, threw a great banquet in the lower church and continued this historical celebration.

Just recently **OLV received rebate check for \$1,044 from 2021 Annual Appeal**. Thank you to all who so graciously helped that happen. You will be soon receiving a letter generated by the Archdiocese encouraging and reminding us of this year's Annual Appeal. I thank you in advance for all your help in making our goal this year.

This weekend OLV conducts the **Mother/Child Collection** to help two great organizations that as a parish we are friends with, see details below.

Let us learn from David to give justice to God and not take it into our hands. That is what Jesus teaches also in today's Gospel, love your enemies.

Mother / Child Collection - February 19 & 20 for New Hope and Hearts of Joy

OLV Social Concerns is having the annual Mother/Child collection to benefit New Hope Pregnancy Center and Hearts of Joy International. **New Hope Pregnancy Center** helps first time single mothers financially, physically, emotionally, and educationally. Mostly needed items are always for the older or larger size babies **NEW items only**: Sizes 3, 4, 5 and 6 Diapers; Size 2-3 & Size 3-4 Toddler pull-ups girls; Clothes would be 24 month Girls, 3T Girls, 4T Girls. Shop-Rite gift cards in amount of \$25 are always graciously accepted. We have more boys clothing in stock since the majority of our clients have girls.

Addendum to Mother/Child Collection

Hearts of Joy, International helps infants in third world countries who are born with Down's syndrome and need heart surgery. They provide travel and medical assistance. Needs for these babies at present **NEW items only**: summer clothes, sizes 3 months to 3 years, boys and girls. Please bring items to church by next weekend February 26/27.

2022 Catechism Lectures—with Fr. John A. Pericone
Mar 9 & 23, Apr 6 & 20, May 4 & 18, Jun 1, 15 & 29 7PM -9PM

2022 Annual Appeal

Please prayerfully consider donating to the Annual Appeal. OLV 2022 parish goal is \$58,174-with a stretch goal of \$65,143 (if we make stretch goal OLV receives rebate). Appeal envelopes are available in the church. To all those who helped us these past years, thank you and to all who will participate this year, please submit your Appeal donations to the OLV rectory, to ensure that our parish receives credit for the donations. For info/video visit olvhp.org and click on 2022 Annual Appeal.

Is the Lord calling you ???

You can call Fr. Gino Director of the Vocations office 973-497-4365 or speak to Fr. Wojciech or Fr. Ed at our parish 201-768-1706.

Showing Mercy is a Sign of Strength

Having our enemy right where we want them can be a consoling and satisfying thought. Perhaps they have hurt us or done great harm to us—who can blame us for wanting to get even?

David was in that situation. Driven by his paranoid and murderous urges, Saul had been trying to hunt David down and kill him. Having snuck into Saul's encampment at night while everyone was asleep (great security!), he had his chance at last. David's lieutenant Abishai was practically begging him to order him to strike. He promised to make short work of Saul. That would have been all too easy and in David's eyes, it would have been terribly wrong. After all, Saul was anointed king of Israel by the Lord, so who was David to end his life? He decided to take the high moral ground. He took Saul's spear and water jar and left the camp. From a distance, he showed these prizes to Saul and made it clear that he could have killed him but chose not to do so. David challenged Saul to treat him with the same respect and care. A chastened Saul blessed David and went on his way. But Saul did not live happily ever after, for he slid deeper into darkness and depravity and finally met his death on the battlefield. David could have usurped the throne but did not.

We may be faced with situations in which we could retaliate for real or imagined wrongs done to us. It may be tempting to pass negative gossip about a person or even dish out insults or unkind words. We might even have the opportunity to harm them in some way. This is the road often taken, but it is not the road that leads to God.

By stepping out of our negative thoughts and feelings and choosing to treat our enemies with dignity and respect, we inch closer to God. As David did not boast of his moral superiority so should we, for the practice of kindness and compassion is its own reward.

-Excerpt Catholicregister/Fr. Scott Lewis SJ

Love like a Loser

Jesus Christ gives the secret to successful living this Sunday: Love like a loser. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you," he says, "and lend expecting nothing back." A wise priest once said, "The spouse who loves the most loses the most arguments." That's because the one who loves seeks unity, and is quicker to forgive. Mercy, in turn, brings happiness and release - even the hardest kind of mercy, forgiving those who aren't sorry. All of Jesus' advice today comes down to "do to others what you would have them do to you."

In today's first reading, David had the opportunity to kill his enemy in the dead of night, but refused - and we still talk about it 3,000 years later. The crucifix in every church shows how Christ's love of enemy is also still fresh in our minds, 2,000 years later.

In our own day, after Coptic Christians were beheaded in a grisly 2015 video, their families showed reporters what Christianity looks like. "May God forgive the killers. We don't have hatred towards them - this is Christianity," said the 14-year-old daughter of one victim. "God forgives the sinners. So shall we." "I congratulate ISIS. God is using them to bring martyrs to the world," said the local bishop, who is related to several victims. "I was very sad when I heard the news of the air strikes led by the Egyptian military against ISIS. God asks us to even love our enemies." We are each capable of that kind of love. Not only that, Jesus demands it. Starting today. -Excerpts from *Aleteia* by Tom Hoopes

DID YOU KNOW?

During the persecution of the Church by Queen Elizabeth I of England, the priest and martyr St. Edmund Campion was betrayed and arrested; while in prison, he was visited by the man who had betrayed him. Not only did Edmund forgive his betrayer; he also urged him to leave England, where he might be in danger himself, and gave him a letter of safe-conduct to a Catholic nobleman in Germany.

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 Iafrate
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, Robert Mayer, James McGarry, Michael McMahon, Ann Millar, Gianna Moscatello, Rose Marie Myers, Natalie Niebergall, John Pal, Tom Paskewich, Joan Phalon, Canice Prince, William Ragu, Debra Rendon, Bruce Michael Ricciardi, 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, Mary, 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.

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So many of your questions will be answered

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 21— St. Peter Damian of Italy-Bishop

8:00 Lilly and Maria Piana R/b Carole Bellini
12:00 Ivan Busanic R/b the Busanic Family

Tuesday, February 22 – Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:00 Vincent Gulfo R/b Liz Gulfo
12:00 Hazel Obutelewicz R/b Regina Bond

Wednesday, Feb. 23 - St. Polycarp-Disciple of St. John-Bishop, Martyr

8:00 Carol Curcio Mertz R/b Liz Gulfo
12:00 Filomena Zaccaro R/b the Zaccaro Family

Thursday, February 24 – St. Ethelbert-King of Kent, England

8:00 Mary McGrath R/b Debra and Norma Reinfried
12:00 Rose Belinghieri R/b the Belinghieri Family

Friday, February 25 - St. Tarasius - Patriarch of Constantinople

8:00 Anna Lucia Arias R/b Maria Arias
12:00 Irene Louise Ricciardi R/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi

Saturday, February 26 – St. Victor, Hermit

8:00 Christina Bellini R/b Peter and Linda Wayne
12:00 Mary Turnbull R/b Rita McNamara
4:00 Vincent Buddy Phalon R/b the Hellrigel Family
5:00 Larry Longo R/b the Bentivegna Family

Sunday, February 27 – St. Leander of Seville, Bishop

7:00 Clare Burrmano R/b Mike and Maria Hellrigel
8:00 Mary McGrath R/b Tom and Jeanne Hennessey
9:30 Raphael F. Longobardi R/b the Longobardi Family
10:45 Theodora (Barbara) Curran R/b Fr. Ed Ilg
10:45 (Gym) Barbara (Bunny) Music R/b the Grassi Family
12:00 Ray Lawlor R/b Kathleen Magarro
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Patricia A. Fowler R/b the DelGrande Family

Sanctuary Memorials (this week)

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for All Souls in Purgatory.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp will burn for the repose of the soul of Carol Curcio Mertz, r/b Liz Gulfo.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp will burn for the repose of the soul of Vincent Gulfo, r/b Liz Gulfo.

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.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves,
but leave room for the wrath of God;
for it is written,
"Vengeance is mine,
I will repay, says the Lord."

Romans 12:19

THE STORY OF OUR LADY OF SILUVA invoked for fallen-away and lukewarm Catholics

The First Apparition of the Mother of God in Europe Our Lady of Siluva is invoked for fallen-away and lukewarm Catholics and for the conversion of non-Catholics. Siluva was originally a deeply Catholic village in Lithuania, but the Catholic Faith was ruthlessly crushed out by the fury of persecution at the time of the Protestant Reformation. The Catholic priest heard at that time of the plans to raze the church, and buried its treasures beside a nearby rock where Our Lady of Siluva would appear some eighty years later. Among these treasures was the miraculous picture of Our Lady of Siluva. This apparition was officially authenticated by Pope Pius VI. The Immaculate Conception Church was built around the rock Our Lady of Siluva stood on in 1608.

One summer day, in the year 1608, while a group of boys and girls played near the rock, they were startled when they heard weeping. When they turned around to see who was crying, they saw a beautiful woman holding a baby. She cried bitterly, but said nothing, and after a few moments suddenly disappeared. The children's report brought the whole village to the scene. The ruling Calvinist pastor was among the 100,000 villagers who flocked to the site to see if the children were telling the truth. He rebuked the children for their superstitions, but as he was speaking, the weeping woman suddenly appeared again as everyone stood transfixed by the sight. The pastor demanded to know who she was and why she wept. She replied, "I am weeping because my beloved Son is no longer worshiped as He has once been." The people, moved by her words, returned to the Catholic Faith in a mass conversion, and Siluva became once more fervently Catholic. The 1608 apparition of Our Lady of Siluva was approved by the Catholic Church and is the first Eastern European apparition Of Our Blessed Mother came in an effort to bring her children back to the True Faith.

Holy Name Mass / Meeting this Sunday, February 20, 9:30 Mass, followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet, and then meeting / social in the lower Church. New members are welcome.

Clothing Bins: Please donate clothes, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, toys, and children's books. Please place your donations INSIDE the bins (sometimes you have to push it in). Do not leave items outside.

Stephanie Cywinski-O'Brien Scholarship - 2022

Student scholarships are available through the Stephanie Cywinski-O'Brien Trust. Applications are now being accepted from parish 7th and 8th grade students (primary consideration) attending a Catholic grammar school, as well as Freshmen and Sophomores (secondary consideration) attending a Catholic high school and continuing their education at a Catholic school. Applications and eligibility requirements are available at website stjosephdemarest.com. Applications are due April 10 with decisions due on or about May 1.

St. Patrick's Party at Church of St. Mary in Closter on Saturday, March 12th from 6PM to 10PM. For information / tickets call 201-768-7565 by March 7th.

saint who was spat on

The great bishop of Geneva, St. Francis de Sales, was intensely hated by a lawyer there, who shot at the saint; he missed Francis, but struck a priest who was standing with him. Accordingly, the would-be assassin was sentenced to death. Francis, however, pleaded on his behalf, and his death sentence was commuted. Even so, the lawyer showed no gratitude, but actually spat in Francis' face. The saint responded sadly, "I have been able to save you from human justice, but unless you change your dispositions, you will fall into the hands of Divine Justice, from which no power can save you." As St. Francis shows us, the fact that not everyone will accept our offer of forgiveness doesn't excuse us from the obligation of extending it.

St Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr Short life History

St Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, was a disciple of St. John. He wrote to the Philippians, exhorting them to mutual love and to hatred of heresy. When the apostate Marcion met St. Polycarp at Rome, he asked the aged Saint if he knew him. "Yes," St. Polycarp answered, "I know you for the first-born of Satan." These were the words of a Saint most loving and most charitable and especially noted for his compassion to sinners. He hated heresy because he loved God and man so much. In 167, persecution broke out in Smyrna. When Polycarp heard that his pursuers were at the door, he said, "The will of God be done;" and meeting them, he begged to be left alone for a little time, which he spent in prayer for "the Catholic Church throughout the world." He was brought to Smyrna early on Holy Saturday; and, as he entered, a voice was heard from heaven, "Polycarp, be strong." When the proconsul brought him to curse Christ and go free, Polycarp answered, "Eighty-six years I have served Him, and He never did me wrong; how can I blaspheme my King and Savior?" When he threatened him with fire, Polycarp told him this fire of his lasted but a little, while the fire prepared for the wicked lasted forever. At the stake, he thanked God aloud for letting him drink of Christ's chalice.

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter-February 22 Feast of the Chair ?!

The physical object — known as the *Cathedra Petri* (Latin, "Chair of Peter") - is located in the apse of St. Peter's Basilica. It is in the back of the chamber, behind the famous altar, on the far, back wall, below the well-known, stained glass image depicting the Holy Spirit as a dove. The Catholic Encyclopedia notes: During the Middle Ages it was customary to exhibit [the chair] yearly to the faithful; the newly-elected pope was also solemnly enthroned on this venerable chair... In order to preserve for posterity this precious relic, Alexander VII (1655-67) enclosed, after the designs of Bernini, the *Cathedra Petri* above the apsidal altar of St. Peter's in a gigantic casing of bronze, supported by four Doctors of the Church: two from the West - St. Ambrose and St. Augustine, and two from the East - St. Athanasius and St. John Chrysostom. The Chair of St. Peter is a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his Successors to tend Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity according to Benedict XVI [[Angelus, Feb. 19, 2012](#)]. According to Pope Benedict: This is a very ancient tradition, proven to have existed in Rome since the fourth century. On it we give thanks to God for the mission He entrusted to the Apostle Peter and his Successors. "Cathedra" literally means the established seat of the Bishop, placed in the mother church of a diocese which for this reason is known as a "cathedral"; it is the symbol of the Bishop's authority and in particular, of his "magisterium", that is, the evangelical teaching which, as a successor of the Apostles, he is called to safeguard and to transmit to the Christian Community... The See of Rome, after St Peter's travels, thus came to be recognized as the See of the Successor of Peter, and its Bishop's "cathedra" represented the mission entrusted to him by Christ to tend His entire flock... Celebrating the "Chair" of Peter, therefore, means attributing a strong spiritual significance to it and recognizing it as a privileged sign of the love of God, the eternal Good Shepherd, who wanted to gather His whole Church and lead her on the path of salvation [[General Audience, Feb. 22, 2006](#)]. *Taken and edit*

KIDS KORNER ANSWERS

1. George Washington was the only president unanimously elected, meaning all of the state representatives voted for him.
2. James Madison and George Washington are the only presidents who signed the Constitution.
3. John F. Kennedy was the youngest to be elected President.
4. Abraham Lincoln, who often stored important documents in his tall stove-piped hat.
5. William Henry Harrison died just 32 days after becoming president. He died from a cold he got while standing in the rain giving his inauguration speech.

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

Heartbeat International: 800-712-4357 (24/7)

Birthright: 800-550-4900 Several Sources: 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

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

This sacrament is offered every weekday at 7:30-7:50AM, Saturdays from 11:00-11:50AM and 3:00-3:40PM, First Friday at 6:00PM. 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. -St. Augustine

WHAT the POPE SAID

“From this place I say to all fathers and mothers of my homeland and of the whole world, to all men and women without exception: every child conceived in the womb of its mother has the right to life! I repeat once again what I have already said many times: **“Human life is sacred. No one, under any circumstance, can claim for himself the right to directly destroy an innocent human being.** God is absolute Lord of man's life, created in His image and likeness. Human life, therefore, has a sacred and inviolable character which reflects the very inviolability of the Creator.” Pope John Paul II June 14 Homily at Lowicz, Poland

Reverence in Church

When we come to church we should be silent. It is striking how many people have lost the sense of the holy. When they come into church they speak no differently from the way they would at Grand Central Terminal and very often, people have to be told to be quiet and remember where they are. If we stood in the presence of Christ we would not be laughing and gossiping with each other. We'd be speechless. The question is why don't we do that when we come into the house of God? When you come into church, your eyes should be focused on the central point, which is the throne of God, His altar. Whenever you enter the church, whether the Mass is being celebrated or whether we are praying privately, God is present, dwelling in the tabernacle. Tabernacle means a tent. We have given God the tabernacle so that He who condescends to dwell within us may have a place as fine as we can offer in thanksgiving for the incarnation “word was made flesh”, and “dwelt amongst us”. God allows us to handle Him, but we are judged if we manhandle Him. God grants Himself to us. We are judged if we take Him for granted. The tabernacle reminds us that God is present. When we come into the church and the Blessed Sacrament is before us, we genuflect, “At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.” God, in His mercy, allows His house to be our house, but that requires of us a special heavenly etiquette and the most civilized thing we can do is to come into the house of God and pray silently and reverently.”

Fr. George Rutler – Church of Our Savior NYC

Parishioner Registration: Only registered members of the parish can enroll a child in Religious Formation, obtain a Sponsor Certificate or Godparent Eligibility Form, or any other recommendations or documentation. Parents of Catholic School children requesting a parish subsidy are required to be active parishioners both in Mass attendance and financial assistance to this parish.

All Roman Catholics over 18 years, even those not living on their own, are expected to officially register in their parish. If you do NOT receive the Easter or Christmas mailing, you are probably NOT registered! For more information, or to obtain a registration form, see a priest or deacon or call or email Maria at the parish office. Why register? We strongly encourage you to register, even if you do not wish to receive weekly contribution envelopes, so we can include you on our mailing list.

A little humor ...

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances." During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up" At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner." And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

KIDZ KORNER

1. Which U.S. President was the only President unanimously elected?
2. Which two U.S. Presidents signed the Constitution?
3. Who was the youngest elected U.S. President?
4. Which U.S. President is often depicted wearing a tall stove-pipe hat?
5. Which U.S. President had the shortest term in office?

Answers on page 4.

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