

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, July 31, 2022 A.D.

To the Parish Family of
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES

(The Little Church with a BIG Heart)

Parish Office 201-768-1706

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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.

PLEASE NOTE !!!! -Adoration for Summer Months

For the months of July and August Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration will take place **only on First Friday and First Saturday**. There will be no Tuesday, nor Thursday Adoration, nor First Thursday Holy Hour in July and August.

However

You can always VISIT our Lord PRESENT in the tabernacle.



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Fr. Wojciech's Corner -

Today marks the middle of the summer months. I hope that many of us have found a way to rest with our families. There is still time. I encourage all to visit Holy Places whether in reality or virtually. What a great physical and spiritual strength that can provide. You can also spend time doing some great devout activities. Please see the blurb on the right for some ideas.

Just a reminder that August 31st marks the deadline for CCD registration, Please see the blurb below.

SUMMER CHURCH DRESS

Dress up for the Lord, HE IS THE LORD. Show Him your love also with your clothes. Love the Lord with all your ... dress.

GOING ON VACATION with God not without

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

First Friday & Saturday

First Friday - August 5 -12:30PM afternoon adoration, 6PM confessions, 6:30PM devotions to the Sacred Heart, 7PM Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart.

First Saturday - August 6 - 8AM Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

ADORATION 8:30AM-11:50AM (no adoration after 12 Noon Mass)

12PM Mass will be offered for the Souls in Purgatory.

Jesus asked one thing from us!!!

On His last night of earth (Holy Thursday) Jesus asked His disciples one thing – to stay awake with Him for one hour. Come spend some time with Our Lord Present in the Tabernacle. What a great way to truly REST.

CCD Registration 2022-23 is open. First things first. Register as parish members on our web olvhp.org, click on *Faith Formation*, choose first time registration. Returning students choose renewal registration. For more info' email olvhpccd@gmail.com or call 201-768-1400. Deadline is August 31st. After that, there is a late fee. Classes begin in September.

Our Lady of the Snows - August 5

Improbable as it is for snow to fall during August, history tells of a snowfall that seemed more impossible, namely in Rome, Italy. August 5, 352, snow fell during the night in Rome.

There lived in the Eternal City a nobleman, John and his childless wife, who had been blessed with much of this world's goods. They chose the Mother of God as the heir to their fortune, and at the suggestion of Pope Liberius, prayed that she might make known to them how to do this by a particular sign.

In answer, the Virgin Mother during the night of August 5, appeared to John and his wife and also to the Holy Father, Pope Liberius, directing them to build a church in her honor on the crown of the Esquiline Hill. And what would be the sign that John and his wife had requested? "Snow will cover the crest of the hill."

Snow rarely falls in Rome, but the flakes fell silently during that night, blanketing the peak of the historic hill. In the morning the news quickly spread and crowds gathered to throng up the hill and behold the white splendor. The snow had fallen in a particular pattern, showing the outline of the future church. When it became known that the snow was a sign from Mary, the people spontaneously added another to her long list of titles, Our Lady of the Snows.

**GREAT WAYS
TO SPEND SUMMER** with kids
DAILY MASS & ROSARY
read Bible stories from Books of Genesis, Exodus, Judges,
1 and 2 Samuel, Judith, Ruth, Esther and Daniel and Jonah
LIVES OF SAINTS by Alban Butler,
Online resources <http://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/lots/index.htm>
Google your birth day saint, Baptism, 1st Holy Communion, Graduation, Confirmation, wedding, etc. You can also travel virtually to the places where they lived -
SO MUCH FUN + INSPIRATION

MARY's GARDENS

Christians of the early Church frequently used floral symbolism to honor the Blessed Mother. The Church Fathers, for example, took passages from the Scriptural passages from The Song of Songs to liken Our Lady to the rose of Sharon and the lily of the valley. By the Middle Ages, nearly 700 flowers and herbs had come to be associated with the Blessed Virgin. Some were associated through tradition, such as the rose of Sharon and the lily of the valley. Some were associated through legend. Our Lady's bedstraw is an herb said to have been placed by Mary in the manger. Columbine was called Our Lady's slipper because it was said to have grown where Mary's feet touched the earth. Here is a list of some common annuals and perennials named after or dedicated to Our Lady:

Annuals	Perennials
Sweet alyssum—Mary's flower	Morning Glory—Our Lady's mantle
Marigold—Mary's gold	English daisy—Mary's rose
Petunia—Our Lady's praise	Snowdrop—Our Lady's tears
Sweet pea—Our Lady's smile	Lily of the Valley—Our Lady's tears
Cornflower—Our Lady's crown	Daffodil—Mary's star
Pansy—Our Lady's delight	Bleeding heart—Mary's heart
Forget-me-not—Eyes of Mary	Iris—Our Lady's sword

St. Alphonsus Liguori-Bishop & Doctor of the Church

St. Alphonsus was born Alphonsus Marie Antony John Cosmos Damien Michael Gaspard de Liguorio on September 27, 1696 in Naples, Italy. The oldest of seven children, Alphonsus was raised in a pious home, going on retreats with his father, a naval officer, and raised by a devout mother. With the education he received under the auspices of his father, aided by his own intellect, he graduated in law at the age of 16. Shortly after, he was admitted to the Neapolitan bar. As a brilliant young lawyer, he practiced law for 8 years before he lost his first case. That failure had a profound effect on him. God made use of his disappointment to wean his heart from the world. Despite opposition from his family, St. Alphonsus entered the ecclesiastical state and in 1726 was ordained a priest. In 1732 he founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, with the object of laboring for the salvation of the most abandoned souls. Amid untold difficulties and innumerable trials, St. Alphonsus succeeded in establishing his Congregation, which became his glory and crown, but also his cross. The holy founder labored incessantly at the work of the missions until 1762 when he was appointed Bishop of St. Agatha. For 13 years Alphonsus fed the poor, instructed families, taught theology and wrote. His austerities were rigorous and he suffered daily the pain from rheumatism that was beginning to deform his body. An attack of rheumatic fever left him paralyzed. Broken by age and infirmity, he resigned this office. He died peacefully on August 1, 1787 at Nocera di Pagani near Naples as the Angelus was ringing. Pope Gregory XVI canonized him a saint in 1839; Pope Pius IX declared him Doctor of the Church n 1871.

Looking for some good reading?? St. Alphonsus was a prolific and popular author. His writings on moral, theological and ascetic matters had a great impact and have survived through the years. Some titles are "The 12 Steps to Holiness and Salvation", "The Glories of Mary". For more titles, google "writings of St. Alphonsus Liguori".

Pray for Those in the Military

US Army

Captain Ben Clemente
RRT Specialist James Crumb
Specialist Peter Dippolito
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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.

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Sergeant Matthew Brady
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo
Private Mark Fredrick
Lance Corporal Thomas Iafrate
Captain Stephen Ikalowych
1st Lieutenant J.P. Maher
Private Cody McGrath

US Navy

Lt. Commander Julia Cheringal
Lieutenant Jonathan 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 Jonathan, baby Joseph, little boy Antonio, Michael Baruch, Phyllis Bloomer, Richard Bolton, Robert Brawley, Paul Brennan, Dominic Carini, Kevin Columbo, Paul Corbett, Marie D'Ascenzo, Maryann Dean, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Carl Falasca, Michael Fallon, Dan Filippone, Jeremy Fillis, Christine Flatt, Mary Foley, Phil Gangusa & Vicky Ferrara, Ken Grier, Amy Hartwell, Martin & Mavis Ince, Dianne Kaiser, Gerald Kasper, Peter Kellar, Pat Kissane, Joseph Koch, Mary Lowe, Robert Mayer, James McGary, Michael McMahon, Kim McWilliams, Ann Millar, Gianna Moscatello, Rose Marie Myers, Natalie Niebergall, John Pal, Tom Paskewich, Joan Phalon, Canice Prince, Elaine Punziano, William Ragu, Phyllis Ragusa, William J. Raymond, Fr. John Renard, Debra Rendon, Bruce Michael Ricciardi, Louise Ricciardi, Vincent Ricciardi, Veronica Roman-chuk, Beth Sacco, Samantha Sconzo, Peggy Shedden, Ken Taylor, Charles Touw, Aileen Vassar, Howard Walsh, Megan Weingarten, Hope White, Maria Williams, Daniel Wu, 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, Steven, Tina W., Tom, Tara M..

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.

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

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

Our Lord told St. Margaret Mary Alacoque that individuals should go to confession at a minimum once a month. This sacrament is offered EVERY DAY Monday thru Saturday at 7:30AM-7:50AM, EVERY Saturday from 11:00AM-11:50AM and 3:00PM-3:45PM, as well as every First Friday at 6:00PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions by appointment.

“One of the best ways to persuade others is with your ears – by listening to them. “

Dean Rusk

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor

8:00 Mizzi Pfister R/b the Poggi Family
12:00 Mary Farrelly R/b Ed Farrelly

Tuesday, August 2 - St. Eusebius, bishop

8:00 John Pantalon R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich
12:00 Intentions of Pauline Burke R/b Joan Crowley

Wednesday, August 3 - St. Lydia – Patroness of Dyers

8:00 George and Richard Fabiano R/b George and Gail Fabiano
12:00 Pat McNamara R/b Rita McNamara

Thursday, August 4 - St. John Mary Vianney, priest

8:00 Intentions of Anna Heaney R/b John Heaney
12:00 Donald Ulisse Sr. R/b Don Ulisse

First Friday, August 5 - Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

8:00 Giron Family
12:00 Paul Meierdierks R/b Teresa Meierdierks
7:00 Anthony Balestrieri R/b Carl and Ellen Sutter

First Saturday, August 6 - Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 Intentions of Dean Capabianca Jr.
12:00 Souls in Purgatory
4:00 Burke, Walsh and Melbourne Family R/b Bill and Peg Walsh
5:00 Ronald Girardin R/b Joseph and Charlotte Salamone

Sunday, August 7 - St. Cajetan and St. Sixtus II - Martyrs

7:00 Steven Beringer R/b Peter and Linda Fritz
8:00 Intentions of Peter Kelly R/b Ed and Alysia Kelly
9:30 William Tristano R/b Josephine Tristano
10:45 Martha Spillane R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich
12:00 Charlotte and Thomas Kerrigan R/b the Kerrigan Family
1:00 Jorge Villasenor R/b Mike and Maria Hellrigel
6:00 Julio and Julia Perez R/b Lisa Unanue

Sanctuary Memorials (this week)

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the intentions of Anna Heaney, r/b John Heaney.

The Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph Votive Lamps will burn for the intentions of Anna Heaney, r/b John Heaney.

The Hosts and Wine which will become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ at holy Mass have been donated in honor of Anna Heaney, r/b John Heaney.

The Flowers for the Blessed Mother have been donated for all who minister at OLV: Extraordinary Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Lectors, Linen Caretakers.

The Flowers for Saint Joseph have been donated for all Young and New Families in our parish.

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—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.

NOT REGISTERED YET? NEW TO THE AREA? If you are, why not join our ever-growing Parish family. You may register via our parish website olvhp.org. PLEASE, if you change your address or phone number, let us know! Many times people ask for recommendation letter or sponsor eligibility letter. Become a registered member of our parish.

PROMISES OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

“Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world, and the end of the war... If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace...If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace...In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, and she will be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world. In Portugal, the dogma of Faith will always be preserved... He (Jesus) wants to establish in the world, devotion to my Immaculate Heart. I promise salvation to those who embrace it, and these souls will be loved by God, like flowers placed by me to adore His throne...The moment has come in which God asks the Holy Father, in union with all Bishops of the world, to make the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, promising to save it by this means.”

Words of OUR LADY at Fatima

QUOTE to PARENTS

Read this well: Your children are not stupid. They know very well if you take your faith seriously or if you are picking and choosing which parts of the Faith or the moral law to obey and they will interpret that to mean that they can, too. - Leila Miller from *Raising Chaste Catholic Men*

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)

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. If you have any concerns please call the phone number on the outside of the bins.

Catholic Daughters Gladys Heyliger/Mary Carley Scholarship: CDA Court 1639 is offering a \$1000 scholarship to an 8th grade student entering a Catholic High School in September. For an application, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Dr. Marie Woke, 20 Kensington Court, Norwood, NJ 07648.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. Jesus' appearance changed and became glorious.
2. Peter, James, and John witnessed the Transfiguration.
3. Tradition names Mount Tabor as the site of the Transfiguration.
4. Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus at the Transfiguration.
5. Put up shelters.

Teach us to give and not to count the cost.
-St. Ignatius of Loyola

LITANY OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Lord, have mercy on us. – LORD, HAVE MERCY ON US.
 Christ, have mercy on us. – CHRIST, HAVE MERCY ON US.
 Lord, have mercy on us. – LORD, HAVE MERCY ON US.
 Christ, hear us. – CHRIST, GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.

God the Father of Heaven, – HAVE MERCY ON US.
 God the Son, Redeemer of the world, – HAVE MERCY ON US.
 God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of souls, – HAVE MERCY ON US.
 Holy Trinity, One God, – HAVE MERCY ON US.

Heart of Mary, always immaculate,
 – PRAY FOR US. (Repeat after each line.)

Heart of Mary, full of grace,
 Heart of Mary, blessed among all hearts,
 Heart of Mary, tabernacle of the Most Holy Trinity,
 Heart of Mary, most similar to the Heart of Jesus,
 Heart of Mary, object of indulgences of the Heart of Jesus,
 Heart of Mary, as beautiful as the lily among thorns,
 Heart of Mary, crowned with the roses of innocence,
 Heart of Mary, always hidden from the snares of the enemy,
 Heart of Mary, mediator between God and men,
 Heart of Mary, guarding the secrets of heaven,
 Heart of Mary, abyss of humility,
 Heart of Mary, throne of mercy,
 Heart of Mary, who loves the Father with a Daughter's love,
 Heart of Mary, united to the Son with a Mother's love,
 Heart of Mary, united to the Holy Spirit with a Spouse's love,
 Heart of Mary, ocean of goodness,
 Heart of Mary, miracle of innocence and purity,
 Heart of Mary, mirror of all divine perfection,
 Heart of Mary, where the Blood of Christ, the price of our redemption,
 was formed,
 Heart of Mary, whose desires sped up the salvation of the world,
 Heart of Mary, which obtained grace for sinners,
 Heart of Mary, which most faithfully keeps the words and actions of Jesus,
 Heart of Mary, pierced by the sword of sorrow,
 Heart of Mary, most afflicted by the Passion of Christ,
 Heart of Mary, nailed to the Cross with Christ,
 Heart of Mary, buried by sorrow with Jesus in the tomb,
 Heart of Mary, enlivened by joy in the Resurrection,
 Heart of Mary, full of sweetness in the Ascension of Jesus,
 Heart of Mary, crowned with the new fullness of grace coming from the Holy Spirit,
 Heart of Mary, consolation of the afflicted,
 Heart of Mary, refuge of sinners,
 Heart of Mary, hope and sweet aid of those who love you,
 Heart of Mary, help of the dying,
 Heart of Mary, joy of all saints, – PRAY FOR US.
 Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
 – FORGIVE US, LORD.
 Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, – HEAR US, LORD.
 Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, – HAVE MERCY ON US.
 Jesus Christ, hear us. – JESUS CHRIST, GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.

V. Pray for us, Immaculate Heart of Mary,
 R. That we may be worthy of obtaining the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: God of goodness, You filled the most holy and immaculate Heart of Mary with feelings of mercy and kindness, which fill the Heart of Jesus Christ, Your Son. Grant to all those who honor this virginal Heart the grace to keep until death in perfect harmony with the feelings and inclinations of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. – AMEN.

St. Lydia Purpuraria, August 3

Lydia's last name means "purple seller" which was fitting because that's what she did - she was a seller of purple cloth! She lived in a town in Asia Minor known for its illustrious dye works. She became St. Paul's first convert at Philippi and was baptized with her whole family. She also helped to fund some of Paul's missions. Rightfully, she is the patron saint of dyers.

- epicpeew.com

The Transfiguration - August 6

All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of His passion and death.

While Jesus was in Galilee, about one year before His Passion, He manifested His glory to three of His most beloved disciples - the same who were afterward witnesses of His Agony in the Garden: Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, James and John. He led them to the summit of Mount Tabor, as it is generally believed - this mountain, situated in Galilee, best answering the description of the evangelists.

The face of the Divine Savior became resplendent as the sun and His garments white as snow. The dazzling brightness which emanated from His whole Body was produced from an interior shining of His Divinity. Moses and Elijah appeared at His side and conversed with Him on the death He was to suffer at Jerusalem. Peter, in admiration, exclaimed: "Lord, it is good for us to be here!" He then proposed to erect three tents: one for the Savior, another for Moses and a third for Elijah.

While he was still speaking, a luminous cloud enveloped them and a voice was heard proceeding from it: "This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased; hear Him." The three Apostles fell prostrate; but Jesus touched them and commanded them to arise. When they arose, the vision had vanished and our Lord stood beside them in His ordinary guise.

By this glorious manifestation the Divine Master, who had just foretold His Passion to the Apostles (Matt., xvi, 21), and who spoke with Moses and Elijah of the trials which awaited Him at Jerusalem, strengthened the faith of his three friends and prepared them for the terrible struggle of which they were to be witnesses in Gethsemani, by giving them a foretaste of the glory and heavenly delights to which we attain by suffering. -*Franciscan Media; Lives of the Saints; EWTN*

**Before, by yourself, you couldn't.
Now, you've turned to our Lady,
and with Her, how easy!**

St. Josemaria Escriva

St. John Vianney**Patron of Parish Priests**

Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney was born May 8, 1786 in Dardilly, France and was baptized the same day. He was the fourth of six children born to Matthieu and Marie Vianney. John was raised in a Catholic home, and the family often helped the poor and housed St. Benedict Joseph Labre when he made his pilgrimage to Rome.

In 1790, when the anticlerical Terror phase of the French Revolution forced priests to work in secrecy or face execution, young Vianney believed the priests were heroes. He continued to believe in the bravery of priests and received his First Communion catechism instructions in private by two nuns who lost their convents to the Revolution. At 13 years old, John made his First Communion and prepared for his Confirmation in secrecy.

When he was 20-years-old, John was allowed to leave the family farm to learn at a "presbytery-school" in Écully. There he learned math, history, geography and Latin. As his education had been disrupted by the French Revolution, he struggled in his studies, particularly with Latin, but worked hard to learn.

He joined his heroes as a priest August 12, 1815. Three years later he was made a parish priest of Ars, a remote French hamlet, where his reputation as a confessor and director of souls made him known throughout the Christian world. He is often referred to as the "Curé d'Ars" (i.e. the parish priest of Ars), internationally known for his priestly and pastoral work in Ars because of the radical spiritual transformation of the community and its surroundings. Catholics attribute this to his saintly life, mortification, persevering ministry in the sacrament of confession, and ardent devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. His fame spread until people began to travel to him in 1827. Within thirty years, it is said he received up to 20,000 pilgrims each year. It is reported that the staunchest of sinners were converted at his mere word.

His life was filled with works of charity and love. With help from Catherine Lassagne and Benedicta Lerdet, *La Providence*, a home for girls, was established in Ars.

He was deeply devoted to St. Philomena and erected a chapel and shrine in her honor. When he later became deathly ill but miraculously recovered, he attributed his health to St. Philomena's intercession.

He died on August 4, 1859, and was canonized on May 31, 1925 by Pope Pius XI. - *Catholic.org*

St. John Vianney-pray for all our priests

KIDZ KORNER

1. What happened to Jesus in the Transfiguration?
2. Who witnessed the Transfiguration?
3. Where did the Transfiguration take place?
4. Which two Old Testament prophets appeared with Jesus during the Transfiguration?
5. What did one of the apostles offer to do for Jesus and the prophets?

Answers on page four.

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