

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, November 6, 2022 A.D.

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

The Little Church with the BIG Heart

Parish Office 201-768-1706

COME WORSHIP WITH US

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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 12:00 Noon Mass



What is this compared to eternity?

One Saint, when confronted with the problems in his life, would say, "What is this compared to eternity?" This puts everything into perspective. To make this point more clear, is it better to die at ten or at ninety? Ten, if you believe that heaven is everything that God says it is. If you say ninety, you are looking at the world through the eyes of man. If you are looking through the eyes of God, the ten year old is the one more blessed. We must look at life through the perspective of eternity.

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.



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Fr. Wojciech's Corner...

It was a blast! Last Sunday, in celebration of All Saints some of our **CCD students and even a teacher dressed up as saints** or brought some symbols of the saints. It was amazing to see their creativity and excitement about their particular saint. Kudos to all of them.

Sr. Elizabeth's "Big 9" went super well. It was a joy to see so many of her former students from all over the country and from different age groups. Sr. Elizabeth used a couple of her teacher's words "go to your corner". From the corner they sang Happy birthday and witnessed Sister cutting her cake. We were graced by the presence of so many clergy and religious and especially our beloved Mayor - and even Sister's Mets friend Mr. Omar Minaya. Everybody had a great time. I would like to thank especially Mr. and Mrs. Joe and Cheryl Carley. They did an outstanding job with decorations, cake, pictures, etc.

During the Vigil Mass for All Saints we welcomed **9 new relics of saints**. Today we start presenting lives of these saints in our bulletin. On All Saints Day as always parishioners took a "saint card". One child, getting a card said: *Mom I finally got my own credit card*. I thought how true it is. Saints cards are like a credit card that will help us through their intercession and get us credits in heaven.

In **November** we pray for **all souls and visit the graves of our loved ones**. I encourage all to visit the graves. Such a visit, a little prayer, lighting a candle, a flower, sacrifice offered for their souls can do them as well as us so much good.

RCIA Orientation Meeting

November 9, 7:30PM

for Adults who need

BAPTISM, FIRST COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION

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

next YOUTH GROUP Meetings

Sundays after 6PM Mass
November 13, 27 December 4, 18

Holy Name Society meeting Nov 13 after 9:30AM Mass. "Thanksgiving & Advent" is the topic. Please join us for prayer, discussions and social. For more information on the Holy Name Society please see our web olvhp.org and go to get involved.

2022 Catechism Lectures

-with **Fr. John A. Perricone**
Nov 16 & 30, Dec 14 & 29 7PM -9PM

Best VENUE for the Wedding—THE CHURCH

Best way to start your married life is with God in Sacramental Marriage. In this Sacrament, God's own divine life can be experienced and lived. A married person must be sacramentally married in order to be a Godparent and to receive Holy Communion. Were you married only civilly by a mayor or justice of the peace and would now like to regularize your marriage sacramentally? Contact Fr. Wojciech or Fr. Ed for details.

All the Holy Souls ...

Pray for Us as We Pray for you.

All the Holy Saints in Heaven, Pray for Us.

Help THE SOULS in PURGATORY??

It is very possible that some of our own nearest and dearest ones are still suffering the excruciating pains of Purgatory and are calling to us for help and relief. There is no hunger, no thirst, no poverty, no need, no pain, no suffering to compare with what the souls in Purgatory endure. How YOU can help these souls: **1. Have Masses offered for them. 2. Make the Stations of the Cross. 3. Recite the Rosary. 4. Offer up all your pain and sufferings for the relief of Souls.**

O most gentle Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the souls of Thy departed servants. Be not severe in Thy judgments, but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames. And do Thou, O Merciful Saviour, send Thy holy angels to conduct them to a place of refreshment, light, and peace.

Amen.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant unto the souls of Thy departed servants full remission of all their sins, that through the help of our pious supplications they may obtain that pardon they have always desired, Thou who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

V. May they rest in peace. Amen.

R. And may the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

As the separation of the soul from the body is the death of the body, so the separation of God from the soul is the death of the soul. **-St. Gregory Palamas**

"If You Had Not Prayed And Offered Your Suffering"

The Blessed Virgin's participation in her son's passion allows us to unite with her, and through her, unite with Christ. While carrying our cross together with Him, we give meaning to our lives. As His Holiness, Pope John XXIII remarked to the Apostolate of the Suffering on March 19, 1963, "Many souls would not have been saved if you had not prayed and offered your suffering." His Holiness, Pope John Paul II added, "Through the Cross, man has been able to understand the sense of his life on earth. He has learned to measure his own dignity with the meter of that sacrifice that God gave His own Son for man's salvation." *Apostolate L'Ancora magazine, Nov. 5, 1979*

RELEVANT RADIO 1430AM

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The Patrick Madrid Show is your source for the latest in current events and contemporary issues. Join host Patrick Madrid for compelling insights, lively conversations, and encouragement for your day!

What if you are CALLED! ???

For information, call the Vocations office 973-497-4365 and ask for Fr. Gino, Director, who is always ready to listen - even anonymous inquiries or see or call our priests Fr. Wojciech or Fr. Ed.

ADORATIONS schedule. No appointment needed
Tuesdays and Thursdays adoration from 8:30AM till 12Noon.
COME let us ADORE the EUCHARISTIC LORD.

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
Lance Corporal Mark Fredrick
Lance Corporal Thomas Iafrate
Captain Stephen Ikalowych
1st Lieutenant J.P. Maher
Lance Corporal 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 boys Antonio & Shane, Michael Baruch, Julie Berbert, Richard Bolton, Robert Brawley, Paul Brennan, Dominic Carini, Kevin Columbo, Eddie Cooper, Paul Corbett, Marie D'Ascenzo, Cathy Daleo, Maryann Dean, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Guy DeSantis, Lynne Diorio, Carl Falasca, Michael Fallon, Kathleen Falotico, Dan Filippone, Jeremy Fillis, Mary Foley, Walter Flaherty, Phil Gangusa & Vicky Ferrara, Ken Grier, Amy Hartwell, Martin & Mavis Ince, Dianne Kaiser, Dee Kaiser, Gerald Kasper, Pat Kissane, Joseph Koch, Mary Lowe, Robert Mayer, James McGarry, Michael McMahon, Kim McWilliams, Gianna Moscatello, Rose Marie Myers, Natalie Niebergall, John Pal, Tom Paskewich, Joan Phalon, Canice Prince, Elaine Punziano, William Ragu, Phyllis Ragusa, Ryan Reid, Debra Rendon, Louise & Vincent Ricciardi, Veronica Romanchuk, Beth Sacco, Samantha Sconzo, Peggy Shedden, 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, John, Karen, Lauren, Lisa, Lou, Lucas, Lynn, Mary, Margaret, Michelle, Patrick, Peter, Robert, Remy and Silvie, Samantha, Sean, Sharon, Steven, Tina W., Tom, TaraM..

Parish Registration 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. *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. Furthermore, to obtain a Sponsor (Godparent) Certificate, letter of recommendation, or other documentation, you must fulfill any canonical (Church Law) requirements for such documentation.

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, November 7 - St. Carina and companions, Martyrs

8:00 All Souls
12:00 Intentions of Rose Spincken

Tuesday, November 8 - St. Godfrey, Bishop of Amiens

8:00 Anna Hellrigel - 20th Anniversary R/b the Hellrigel Family
12:00 All Souls

Wednesday, November 9 - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00 All Souls
12:00 Wilma Longo R/b the Bentivegna Family

Thursday, November 10 - St. Leo the Great, pope, doctor

8:00 James M. Walsh R/b Jeanne Marie Walsh
12:00 All Souls

Friday, November 11 - St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

8:00 All Souls
12:00 Stephanie and William Gasiorowski R/b Teresa Meierdierks

Saturday, November 12 - St. Josaphat, bishop and martyr

8:00 Anne Raven R/b Caroline Connolly
12:00 George and Helen Smith R/b the Oakley Family
4:00 Alan Elias R/b Diana Lynch
5:00 George Lyddon R/b Stephen and Robin Hartman

Sunday, November 13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Italy - Nun

7:00 Violeta Miguelino R/b Muhammad and Alicia Awais
8:00 Mary Pepe R/b the Lavinio Family
9:30 Luigi Marsillo R/b the Marsillo Family
10:00 (gym) Guillermo Vallada R/b the DelGrande Family
10:45 Nancy Duffus R/b Bob and Dolores Cavagnet
12:00 John O'Neill R/b Peggy O'Brien
1:00 People of the Parish & All Souls
6:00 Eve Wehrle R/b the Grassi Family

Sanctuary Memorials (this week)

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the souls in Purgatory.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp will burn for the repose of the soul of Lydia Mohsenin, r/b the Dunn Family.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp will burn for the repose of the soul of Anna Hellrigel, r/b the Hellrigel 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—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.

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SAVE THE DATE - January 21, 2023

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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:
 Several Sources 800-662-2678 (24/7) • Heartbeat Int'l: 800-712-4357 (24/7) • Birthright: 800-550-4900 / Archdiocese Respect Life Office: 973-497-4350

Give Thanks!

The Churches of Harrington Park Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday, November 22, at 7:30PM
St. Andrew Church in Harrington Park (31 Lynn St.)

Cancer Support Group: Prayer-based group meets first and third Fridays, 4PM-5PM at Our Lady of Sacred Heart School, Tappan, NY. For info' call Maureen Barbey 914-646-6014.

Someone You Know Addicted? Nar-Anon Family Groups in North Jersey. www.naranonofnj.org.

Senior Citizens Are Invited: Immaculate Heart Academy Senior Citizen Thanksgiving dinner * Tuesday, November 19, 4-6PM in the IHA cafeteria. Free Thanksgiving dinner & raffle. Join us beforehand for 2PM showing of "Lost Girl"-the story of Wendy's return from Neverland. Buy tickets in advance at performingartsattheheart.com or at the door. Senior Citizen tickets for the show are \$10 online or \$15 at the door. **Thanksgiving Dinner is free, but those attending the show must purchase tickets.** RSVP 201-445-6800 from 8AM-4PM daily. Please do not leave a voicemail.

Clothing Bins Please help Catholic Charities in its mission by donating clothes, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, toys, and children's books. Please place your donations **INSIDE** the bins (you may have to push it in). Do not leave items outside.

Kidz Korner Answers

1. St. Thomas Moore. 2. St. Ann. 3. St. Monica.
4. Mary, as the Immaculate Conception. 5. St. Matthew.

A little humor ... Teaching Charity

A little girl asked her mother for a dollar to give to an old lady in the park. Her mother was touched by the child's kindness, and gave her the required sum. "There you are, my dear," said the mother. "But, tell me, isn't the lady able to work any more?" "Oh yes," came the reply. "She sells candy."

Litany for the Souls in Purgatory

O Jesus, Thou suffered and died that all mankind might be saved and brought to eternal happiness. Hear our pleas for further mercy on the souls of:

My dear parents and grandparents,
 My brothers and sisters and other near relatives,
 My godparents and sponsors of Confirmation,
 My spiritual and temporal benefactors,
 My friends and neighbors,
 All for whom love or duty bids me pray,
 Those who have suffered disadvantage or harm through me,
 Those who have offended me,
 Those whose release is near at hand,
 Those who desire most to be united to Thee,
 Those who endure the greatest sufferings,
 Those whose release is most remote,
 Those who are least remembered
 Those who are most deserving on account of their services to the Church,
 The rich, who are now the most destitute,
 The mighty, who are now powerless,
 The once spiritually blind, who now see their folly
 The frivolous, who spent their time in idleness,
 The poor who did not seek the treasures of heaven,
 The tepid who devoted little time to prayer,
 The indolent who neglected to perform good works,
 Those of little faith, who neglected the frequent reception of the Sacraments,
 The habitual sinners, who owe their salvation to a miracle of grace,
 Parents who failed to watch over their children,
 Superiors who were not solicitous for the salvation of those entrusted to them,
 Those who strove for worldly riches and pleasures,
 The worldly minded, who failed to use their wealth and talent for the service of God,
 Those who witnessed the death of others, but would not think of their own,
 Those who did not provide for the life hereafter,
 Those whose sentence is severe because of the great things entrusted to them,
 The popes, kings, and rulers,
 The bishops and their counselors,
 My teachers and spiritual advisors,
 The priests and religious of the Catholic Church,
 The defenders of the Holy Faith,
 Those who died on the battlefield,
 Those who fought for their country,
 Those who were buried in the sea,
 Those who died of apoplexy,
 Those who died of heart attacks,
 Those who suffered and died of cancer,
 Those who died suddenly in accidents,
 Those who died without the last rites of the Church,
 Those who shall die within the next twenty-four hours,
 My own poor soul when I shall have to appear before Thy judgment seat.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
 and let perpetual light shine upon them:
 For evermore with Thy Saints, because Thou art gracious.
 May the prayer of Thy suppliant people, we beseech Thee, O Lord,
 benefit the souls of Thy departed servants and handmaids:
 that Thou mayest both deliver them from all their sins,
 and make them to be partakers of Thy redemption. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
 And let perpetual light shine on them. Amen.
 May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
 through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

new saint in our parish Bl. Miriam Teresa Demjanovich

Miriam Teresa Demjanovich was born March 26, 1901 in Bayonne, New Jersey. She was the youngest of seven children and received her baptism, confirmation and her first Holy Communion in the Byzantine Ruthenian rite of her immigrant parents.

By the time she graduated from Bayonne High School in January 1917, she felt a calling to become a Carmelite, but remained home to care for her ailing mother.

When her mother died the following November, her family encouraged Miriam to attend the College of Saint Elizabeth at Convent Station, New Jersey. She decided to attend and graduated with the highest honors in 1923 with a literature degree. Miriam continued to long for a religious life, but was unsure of which community to enter. While she decided, she accepted a teaching position at the Academy of Saint Aloysius in Jersey City. Several noted her humility and genuine piety, as she was often discovered kneeling in the college chapel. Her devotion to praying the rosary was also observed by many.

In her first year teaching, Miriam joined the Saint Vincent de Paul Parish choir, the Blessed Virgin Sodality, and was a member of a parish community associated with the National Catholic Welfare Conference. All Summer and Fall of 1924, Miriam prayed for discernment and asked God for direction. She attempted to join the Discalced Carmelite nuns in the Bronx, New York, but was told to wait a few years due to various health issues she suffered.

When she returned home, her family suggested she live for God by serving in a teaching order. During that year's Feast of the Immaculate Conception, she made a novena. On December 8, she believed she was being called to enter the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth and planned to enter the convent February 2, 1925. Unfortunately, Miriam's father passed away after catching a cold. Even if he had been well, Miriam's entrance was delayed nearly two weeks - February 11, 1925, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. When Miriam was ready to enter the convent, her brother, Charles Demjanovich, who was a priest, and two of her sisters accompanied her.

She was admitted to the novitiate of the religious congregation and received the religious habit on May 17, 1925. As she never received an official transfer of rite, she remained a Byzantine Rite Catholic during her time as a Religious Sister in a Roman Rite congregation. The following year, her spiritual leader, Father Benedict Bradley, asked her to write the conferences for the novitiate. She wrote twenty-six conferences, which were published following her death in a collection called *Greater Perfection*.

In 1926, Miriam became very ill and was forced to undergo a tonsillectomy. She was severely weak and required help to return to the convent. A few days later, she volunteered to help in the infirmary, but was told to "pull [herself] together." Father Bradley worried over her health and called her brother, who then called his sister who was a nurse. Miriam's sister took one look at Miriam and took her straight to a hospital, where she was diagnosed with "physical and nervous exhaustion, with myocarditis and acute appendicitis." Miriam was quite weak and the doctors feared she would not survive an operation so they waited.

Unfortunately, her condition worsened. It was not until May 6, 1927 that Miriam had an operation for the appendicitis. Unfortunately, she passed away two days later on May 8. Miriam's funeral was held May 11, 1927 at Holy Family Chapel in Convent Station, New Jersey and she was buried at Holy Family Cemetery on the grounds of the motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth.

Years later, Miriam was beatified by Pope Francis on October 4, 2014. Her beatification was celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, New Jersey and was presided by Cardinal Angelo Amato.

Miracles attributed to Miriam include the healing of a blind boy's eyes in 1963. The Vatican approved of his restored sight as a miracle accomplished through the intercession of Miriam in 2013.

HUNGRY SOULS

There are roughly three variants of the visible forms or figures of appearing poor souls: either they come in the figures of the persons they were in life, with their typical clothes; amid flames; or again, as deformed humans with remarkable symbolic features that represent their sins and/or punishments - sometimes even as humanized animals or animalized humans. Ghosts from Purgatory are as a rule recognizable by their eyes, and mouth, wrote the 20th century seer Eugenie von der Leyen. "You never see such eyes in men ... they demonstrate, or give to understand, misery. The mouth ... this bitterness is found in no [living] human."

The saintly Bavarian mystic, Sr. Maria Anna Lindmayr (1657-1726), regularly saw the poor souls in a manner that characterized the spiritual or moral state of their souls. Their features symbolized their vices as well as the kind of punishment they suffered:

I have always been given to understand that: how you sin, so you must do penance ... [Some] appeared to me very hungry, emaciated in an indescribable form. These implored me to help them by fasting severely on water and bread, to correct what was wanting in them during their lifetime by their eating and drinking well and abundantly. Others again made known by their behavior their quick-temperdness and impatience and they implored me to help them by acts of patience and meekness. Such souls ... were shown to me, their mouth locked with a nail.

Some souls do not show the fire they are in, at least not initially, but appear as they had been in life. A deceased friend of Maria Anna walked before her on the street when she went to church, early in the morning; this happened so naturally that the seer "did not give it a thought, otherwise I would have been frightened," and only when she was in the church did she realize what she had seen (by then the apparition had vanished). In a subsequent apparition, although no trace of burning or flames had been visible when it had manifested itself as the woman on her way to church, this same soul nonetheless demonstrated that it was burning by touching the foot of the seer "with a glowing finger."

The visible appearance of the soul of the woman who came to Eugenie von der Leyen changed in response to the question of the seer: Do you suffer so much? "Look at me!" was the soul's reply. Then she was as if flooded with fire.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH (Pope St. John XXIII)

St. Joseph could find joy in the midst of toil and trials because he had Jesus with him. So can we. Pope St. John XXIII had a deep devotion to St. Joseph. He wrote various prayers to the Spouse of Mary. He particularly understood that St. Joseph can come to our aid when life has us down. Here are adapted excerpts from his prayers that we can use to turn to St. Joseph today:

St. Joseph, kindly protect me as I trustingly come to you.

You know my aspirations, my hardships, my hopes.

I look to you because I know you will understand and protect me.

You too knew trial, labor, and weariness. But amid the worries of material life, your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you, and, with Mary, his tender Mother.

Keep me aware that I do not labor alone. Teach me to find Jesus near me and to watch over him faithfully as you have done.

KIDZ KORNER

1. Who is the patron saint of Lawyers?
2. Who is the patron Saint of Housewives?
3. Who is the patron Saint of Mothers?
4. Who is the patron Saint of the United States?
5. Who is the patron Saint of Accountants? **Answers on page 4.**

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