

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, January 15, 2023

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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He is the Son of God

John 1:34

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.



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Fr. Wojciech's Corner ...

Already it's the second week of the New Year, wow, *time flies*. Speaking of new... I would like to welcome those who are new to our parish, families, newly married couples, those who did not come before or for years and now they are "new". Let us not forget that new means new, new opportunities, new, because, we have a new and clean slate to start with. God always gives us another chance. What a great lover HE is. May it be for all of us NEW! We are now into a new liturgical season, namely Ordinary Time. Ordinary, however with many extraordinary surprises.

Soon we start the 2023 Annual Appeal; parishioners should soon be receiving letters from the Archdiocese in my name. Last year our appeal was a tremendous success: we exceeded even the stretch goal. I thank in advance all who will be helping us meet our goal this year (base goal \$55,441 and stretch goal \$65,143).

Our parish never stops, it is constantly full of life, activities. See below for today's happenings at OLV and don't forget about the upcoming Beefsteak Dinner.

If it is "daily bread," why do you take it once a year? Take daily what is to profit you daily. Live in such a way that you may deserve to receive it daily. He who does not deserve to receive it daily, does not deserve to receive it once a year."

-St. Ambrose of Milan

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

TODAY at OLV:

Coffee and...

Join us after 9:30am Mass Sunday, January 15, in the lower church.

Toiletries Collection

This Weekend for Little Sisters of Poor, St. Joseph's Home for Elderly in Totowa. Toiletry personal items for men and women. Donated items should be full-size. Most needed: tissues, toilet tissue, baby wipes, body wash for sensitive skin, and mint mouthwash. Other items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant are also welcomed.

Rosary Society - Thursday, January 19

12:00 Mass, recitation of the Rosary followed by meeting/social.

2023 Catechism Lectures with Fr. John A. Pericone

7PM -9PM

Jan 25, Feb 8, Mar 8 & 22, Apr 12 & 26, May 10, Jun 7 & 21

BEEFSTEAK DINNER - January 21

Our Lady of Victories Knights of Columbus Council 14483

7:00PM \$40 per person

Ticket Sales after Mass this weekend

"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)

Did you know? Eucharistic miracle of Lanciano

A celebrant doubted the efficacy of consecration, and God sent him a powerful response.

In the 8th century, a monk prepared to pray the Mass. His heart was heavy as he ascended the altar, recited the prayers, and went through the motions. Was Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament that he was celebrating? Did His words "My flesh is meat indeed: and my blood is drink indeed" (Jn 6:56) *really* mean that the bread and wine became His actual Body and Blood? God knew the monk's thoughts before he even formulated them in his mind. A divine answer was immediate. The monk had hardly spoken the last words of consecration before the white Host transformed into soft flesh and the ruby wine into bright blood. For 1,300 years, the flesh and blood have remained intact in the Lanciano cathedral. A scientific analysis performed in 1971 revealed that the flesh was cardiac tissue and the blood fresh as from a living person.

-gettfed.catholiccompany.com

Where does it begin?...

Peace begins in our own hearts, the peace of knowing that we are at one with God, that we are trying to model our will on His, to bring about His kingdom, to sanctify His name. Then peace grows into the lives of those we meet, our contacts of charity, our words and thoughts of peace towards others. From small beginnings comes peace in our communities, in the places we live and the places we work. From that grows peace in the nation, and from that grows peace between nations. -Fr. Jerome Bertram -from *Jesus, Teach Us to Pray*

ARE YOU NEW TO THE AREA?

If you are, why not join our ever growing Parish family. Register to become a member of the OLV Family. Visit our website to register online—or email the OLV rectory at olvrectory.hp@gmail.com.

Pray for Those in the Military

US Army

Captain Ben Clemente
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Specialist Peter Dippolito
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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
Lt. Jack Ottomaneli

US Air Force

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US Marine Corps.

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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: infants Edith Rose, Cordelia, Emmet Fischer, Jonathan & Joseph; little boys Gabriel Aungst, Antonio and Shane, Michael Baruch, Jim Beardsley, Julie Berbert, Richard Bolton, Robert Brawley, Paul Brennan, Dominic Carini, Kevin Columbo, Eddie Cooper, Marie D'Ascenzo, Maryann Dean, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Guy DeSantis, Steven DiGrolamo, Lynne Diorio, Carl Falasca, Michael Fallon, Kathleen Falotico, Dan Filippone, Jeremy Fillis, Mary Foley, Walter Flaherty, Phil Gangusa & Vicky Ferrara, Leo Gendron, Ken Grier, Amy Hartwell, Martin & Mavis Ince, Dianne Kaiser, Dee Kaiser, Rob Kaiser, Josephine Kasper, Pat Kissane, Christina Kenny, 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, William Ragu, Dan & Phyllis Ragusa, Bill Raymond, Ryan Reid, Debra Rendon, Louise & Vincent Ricciardi, Veronica Romanchuk, Beth Sacco, Samantha Sconzo, Peggy Sheddin, Carole Stonitsch, 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, Tara M.

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, January 16 - St. Berard & Companions-Martyrs of Spain
8:00 Bridget Quinn R/b the Barrett Family
12:00 Anthony Ragusa
Tuesday, January 17 - St. Anthony, Abbot
8:00 Paul Joseph Hennessey R/b the Kip Family
12:00 Winifred Pavlu
Wednesday, Jan. 18 - St. Volusian-Bishop of Tours & St. Deicolus - Abbot
8:00 John Bjacek R/b the Haring Family
12:00 Alan Busche R/b Carl and Ellen Sutter
Thursday, Jan. 19 - St. Wulstan-Benedictine Monk-Bishop in England
8:00 Gabino Par R/b Kay and Charles Maurice
12:00 Intentions of Jennings Family R/b Bridie Kiene
Friday, Jan. 20 - St. Fabian-Pope & St. Sebastian-Martyr
8:00 Domenica Scrivanich R/b the Busanic Family
12:00 Marie Gorab R/b Patti and Guy Schweizer
Saturday, January 21 - St. Agnes of Rome-Virgin & Martyr
8:00 Tessie Balagot Table R/b Tony and Laura Scott
12:00 Ivan Busanic R/b the Busanic Family
4:00 Frank Muggeo R/b Susan Muggeo Polles
5:00 Eileen McAdams R/b Sean and Sally Collins
Sunday, Jan. 22 - St. Vincent, deacon and martyr
7:00 Rosaleen Fitzgerald R/b the Evanelia Family
8:00 Sr. Antonia Marie Groszkowski R/b Greg and Susan Evanelia
9:30 Anthony Ragusa R/b Bob and Dolores Cavagnet
10:00 gym James and Marjorie Larimer R/b Jeff and Carol Link
10:45 Alex Amendola R/b Bob and Sue Muggeo
12:00 Mary Cecon - 3rd Anniversary R/b the Cecon Family
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Intentions of Florence Brady R/b Dan and Karen Brady

Sanctuary Memorials (this week)

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the repose of the soul of **Wesley Costello** r/b John Walsh.
The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp will burn for the repose of the soul of **Robert F. Bardsley**, r/b Mary Bardsley.
The St. Joseph Votive Lamp will burn for the repose of the soul of **Emil Cohill**, r/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich.

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

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

Relevant Radio 1430am

Morning Air® with John Morales is an inspiring, informative, joyful, and family-friendly way to start your day! From breaking news and social issues to tips for business, parenting and family life, Morales and co-host Glen Lewerenz cover every topic from a balanced, Catholic perspective.

2023 Wedding Anniversary Masses

The Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in 2023. Couples deserving of such recognition are urged to participate. These liturgies will be celebrated at 3:00pm at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

Sunday, April 16, 2023 - 50 years

Sunday, May 7, 2023 - 5 & 25 years

Please call the OLV Rectory to register at 201-768-1706.

St. Joseph Regional HS Montvale NJ presents "Into the Woods". Tickets may be purchased at: <https://sjr.booktix.com> or half hour before each show: Jan 27th 7pm, Jan 28th (2pm & 7pm), Jan 29th 3pm, Feb 3rd 7pm, Feb 4th (2pm & 7pm). Tickets \$17 Students/Seniors and \$23 Adults. Special Senior show Jan 25th at 3pm (tickets \$10) For more information call 201-391-7422 or email SJRTheater@sjrnj.org.

Dominican University, Orangeburg, NY. Virtual Information Session for those interested in Undergraduate and Graduate degrees.

Wednesday, January 25, 5:30pm-7pm. Register at ADULT.DUNY.EDU.

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Catholic Charities received \$2,904 as a result of your generous donations to the donation bins at OLV from June 1 to November 30, 2022. Combined with monies from other parishes with similar programs throughout the Archdiocese, these funds enabled Catholic Charities to show the compassion of Christ through 79,566 mental health services provided to 3768 people (FY 21/22). Thank you !

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; author of Marijuana, fact from fiction)

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
2. John said that he saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove which alighted on Jesus.
3. Jesus baptized with the Holy Spirit".
4. Agnes comes from the Greek word "pure"
5. Agnes comes from the Latin word "lamb"

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

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.

I place my trust in You,
 O adorable Blood,
 our Redemption, our regeneration.
 Fall, drop by drop,
 into the hearts that have wandered from You
 and soften their hardness.
 -Saint Agnes of Rome

"Take courage, it is !!" (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

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

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. For personal and confidential assistance call 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

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.

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

10AM in 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.

St. Wulfstan, Bishop - January 19

St. Wulfstan, a Benedictine monk, was one of the most outstanding figures in the religious history of England. Born in Warwickshire, England about 1009, he studied at the abbeys of Evesham and Peterborough, received ordination, and joined the Benedictines at Worcester. He spent twenty-five years in the monastery at Worcester where he became highly regarded for his asceticism and humility. Wulfstan served as treasurer of the church at Worcester, was prior of the monastery, and In 1062 he reluctantly accepted the office of Bishop of Worcester. After overcoming initial doubts about his ability to hold the office of bishop, he demonstrated such skill after the Norman Conquest that he was the lone bishop to be kept in his post by William the Conqueror (r. 1066-1087). For the next three decades, Wulfstan rebuilt his cathedral, cared for the poor, and struggled to alleviate the harsh decrees of the Normans upon the vanquished Saxons. He went on to administer the office of bishop with great effectiveness until his death in 1095. He was canonized in 1203. He is considered the patron saint of vegetarians and dieters.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

We have a lot of popover Christians. You know what a popover is? That's those things you put in the toaster and, pop!, they flip. Well, some Christians are like that. They vacillate between good and evil. They are a scandal. They resemble the light, but they can't convey it, because as soon as they move toward holiness, they pop over to the other side and lose what little they have gained. Some of you claim to be with God, and the minute the devil and flesh come to call, you pop over - after all, God's merciful, right? I want to ask you a question: What happens if your little ticker stops and you're popped over on the wrong side? You know what you are? Presumptuous. You are presuming that God's Infinite Mercy will save you. Well don't forget about His Infinite Justice.

Mother Angelica, Little Book of Life Lessons page 43.

A little humor ...

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and asked his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car. His father said he'd make a deal with his son, "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car" The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut." The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

The father responded, "Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere they went?"

KIDZ KORNER

1. In today's Gospel, how does John the Baptist describe Jesus?
2. What did John the Baptist say about a dove?
3. John baptized with water. What would Jesus baptize with?
4. The name Agnes comes from what Greek word?
5. The name Agnes comes from what Latin word?

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