

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 5, 2023 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

Rev. Wojciech Jaškowiak
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**You are the salt of the earth...
You are the light of the world.**

Matthew 5:13-14

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 ...

Thank you to all who joined us for the **Family Mass with Bishop Saporito** last Sunday. Bishop Saporito was very happy to see all of you, especially the children and CCD students.

This weekend is the kick off of **Annual Appeal**. Last year was a great success. I cannot thank enough 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 2023 Annual Appeal.

February 11, we celebrate **World Day of the Sick**. We pray for all our sick, homebound and those who care for them through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, patroness of that day.

Next Sunday, February 12, our CCD students are inviting their **grandparents** to thank them for all they do. I invite also all those grandparents whose grandchildren are not around. Biblical figures of Simeon and Anna are the best example of being fruitful even in their advanced age.

Next Sunday we will celebrate the **World Marriage Day**. Bring your spouse to Mass and get a special Blessing.

ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!!!

All High School youth are invited to join the OLV H.S. Youth Group. Come and check it out! We meet every two weeks. Join us this Sunday, Feb. 5 after 6PM Mass in the lower Church for **Roll into the Future** with Sushi rolls and Bento Boxes No need to sign up, just come.

SOUPerBOWL Canned Food Collection

THIS WEEKEND, February 4th and 5th, please bring your donations of canned soups and other non-perishable canned food items for St Cecilia Food Bank in Englewood. Please bring donations to the Church. Thank you.

2023 Catechism Lectures with Fr. John A. Perricone
Feb 8, Mar 8 & 22, Apr 12 & 26, May 10, Jun 7 & 21
7PM-9PM

Holy Name Society - Sunday February 12

"The true Joseph Ratzinger" is the topic for our meeting next Sunday. We are a community of men who attend the 9:30am Mass together on the second Sunday of the month, recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and then gather downstairs for refreshments and reflection. We pray together, learn from each other, and develop friends with whom we can share our faith journey. If you want to learn more, please email rossmanncharles@gmail.com.

2023 Annual Appeal

This weekend will start our Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider donating to the Annual Appeal. OLV 2023 parish goal is \$55,441-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 2023 Annual Appeal.

ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF THE SICK February 11

The World Day of the Sick in the Catholic Church was instituted on May 13, 1992 by St. Pope John Paul II and is celebrated every year on February 11, also the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes.

"The Christian community has always paid particular attention to the sick and the world of suffering in its multiple manifestations. In the wake of such a long tradition, the universal Church, with a renewed spirit of service, is preparing to celebrate the first World Day of the Sick as a special occasion for growth, with an attitude of listening, reflection, and effective commitment in the face of the great mystery of pain and illness. This day, which, beginning in February 1993, will be celebrated every year on the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes, for all believers seeks to be "a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of mankind"

(Letter Instituting the World Day of the Sick, 13 May 1992, n. 3).

ON THE CHRISTIAN MEANING OF HUMAN SUFFERING

Excerpts from St. John Paul II's *Salvifici Doloris* Apostolic Letter

Christ gives the answer to the question about suffering and the meaning of suffering not only by his teaching, that is by the Good News, but most of all by his own suffering. (18)

Human suffering has reached its culmination in the Passion of Christ. And at the same time it has entered into a completely new dimension and a new order: it has been linked to love... to that love which creates good, drawing it out by means of suffering, just as the supreme good of the Redemption of the world was drawn from the Cross of Christ. (18)

Each one is also called to share in that suffering through which the Redemption was accomplished. He is called to share in that suffering through which all human suffering has also been redeemed. In bringing about the Redemption through suffering, Christ has also raised human suffering to the level of the Redemption. Thus each man, in his suffering, can also become a sharer in the redemptive suffering of Christ. (19)

In a special way he is united with those who suffer...for whoever suffers in union with Christ...not only receives from Christ that strength...but 'completes' by his suffering 'what is lacking in Christ's afflictions.' ...the Redemption, which has already been completely accomplished is, in a certain sense, constantly being accomplished. (24)

Suffering, which is present under so many different forms in our human world, is also present in order to unleash love in the human person, that unselfish gift of one's "I" on behalf of other people, especially those who suffer. The world of human suffering unceasingly calls for, so to speak, another world: the world of human love; and in a certain sense man owes to suffering that unselfish love which stirs in his heart and actions. (29)

Find the full text of the John Paul II's Apostolic Letter *Salvifici Doloris* at vatican.va -February 11, 1984, John Paul II

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

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
2nd Lieutenant Jack Ottomanelli

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*: infants Cordelia, Emmet Fischer, Jonathan & Joseph; little boys Gabriel Aungst, Antonio and Shane, Michael Baruch, 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 DiGirolamo, 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, Rob & Dianne Kaiser, Dee Kaiser, Josephine Kasper, Pat Kissane, Christina Kenny, Joseph Koch, Mary Lowe, Robert Mayer, James McGary, Michael McMahon, Kim McWilliams, Gianna Moscatello, Rose Marie Myers, Natalie Niebergall, John Pal, Tom Paskewich, Joan Phalon, Carice Prince, William Ragu, Dan & Phyllis Ragusa, Bill Raymond, Ryan Reid, Debra Rendon, Louise & Vincent Ricciardi, Veronica Romanchuk, Beth Sacco, Samantha Scorno, Patricia Ann Shalhoub Peggy Shedden, Carole Stonitsch, Charles Touw, Dan Touw, Mary Ubriaco, Aileen Vasar, 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, February 6 - St. Paul Miki, martyr and companions

8:00 James Quaglietta R/b Tom and Gloria Pfeiffer
12:00 James Connolly R/b Caroline Connolly

Tuesday, February 7 - St. Richard of England-King of West Saxon

8:00 Sr. Emily Patrick R/b Sr. Elizabeth
12:00 Peter Lambe R/b Bridie Kiene

Wednesday, Feb. 8 - Ss. Jerome Emiliani, priest & Josephine Bakhita, virgin

8:00 Betty Gulfo R/b Liz Gulfo
12:00 John and Antonio Maurello R/b the Berlinghieri Family

Thursday, February 9 - St. Apollonia - Virgin and Martyr

8:00 Margaret Gallagher R/b the Barrett Family
12:00 Dennis Smith R/b Rae Rinaldi

Friday, February 10 - St. Scholastica - Virgin

8:00 Fr. John F. Renard R/b Tony and Laura Scott
12:00 Intentions of Danielle Russo R/b Regina Senicar

Saturday, February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 Fr. Zachary H. Monet R/b Pat Consoli
12:00 Caryl Frohlich R/b Mary Righetti
4:00 Mary Longernecker R/b Ann Hamilla
5:00 Michael Bentivegna R/b the Bentivegna Family

Sunday, February 12 - St. Saturninus & Companions, Martyrs

7:00 Filipa Fizulich R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich
8:00 Intentions of Sheila Kelly R/b Ed and Alysia Kelly
9:30 Patricia Rose Ruddock R/b Carl and Ellen Sutter
10:00 gym John F. Flahive R/b OLV CCD
10:45 Arleen Forma - 1st Anniversary R/b Forma Family
12:00 Marian Zanetti R/b Chris and Mary Oakes
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Michael J. Gabler R/b Ken and Barbara Funsch

Sanctuary Memorials (this week)

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for all youth of our parish.

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

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp will burn for the repose of the soul of Joseph LoVecchio, r/b Marie Flahive.

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

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. Census forms may be found on OLV's website olvhp.org and in the Church vestibule

Relevant Radio 1430am

The Patrick Madrid Show is your source for the latest in current events and contemporary issues. Have a question? Call and join host Patrick Madrid for compelling insights, lively conversations, and encouragement for your day!

Sundays are dedicated to the Holy Trinity.

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.

The WOODEN BOWL

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year-old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth.

The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. "We must do something about father," said the son. "I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor." So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl! When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food. The four-year-old watched it all in silence.

One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, "What are you making?" Just as sweetly, the boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up." The four-year-old smiled and went back to work.

The words so struck the parents so that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done. That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his day, he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

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.

Array of Hope: Sharing the Christian Faith through High quality media and events. Featured on the Array of Hope Channel ...The story of a Connecticut priest and founder of the Knights of Columbus: Father Michael McGivney. Visit Arrayofhope.org.

Clothing Bins: Please donate clothes, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, toys, & children's books. Please place 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.

Contribution Statements

2022 Contribution Statements are available. Please phone Maria at the rectory 201-768-1706 or email olvrectory.hp@gmail.com to request your statement.

Kidz Korner Answers

1. You are.
2. That they may see your good works, and glorify your Father.
3. Our Lady of Lourdes.
4. Saint Bernadette Soubirous .

new relic St. Paul of the Cross



(1693-1775)

St. Paul's life was modeled on the Passion of Jesus Christ. During childhood, while praying in a church, a heavy bench fell on his foot, but he took no notice of the wound and later spoke of it as "a rose sent from God." A few years later, the vision of a scourge with "love" written on its lashes assured him that his thirst for penance would be appeased. In

hopes of dying for the faith, he enlisted in a crusade against the Turks, but a voice from the Tabernacle warned him that he was to serve Christ alone, and that he should found a congregation in His honor.

At the command of his bishop, St. Paul began, while a layman, to preach the Passion; and a series of crosses tried the reality of his vocation. All his first companions save his brother deserted him; the Sovereign Pontiff refused him an audience; and it was only after 17 years that the Papal approbation was obtained. The first house of the Passionists was opened on Monte Argentario, the place Our Lady had pointed out.

St. Paul chose as the badge of his Order a heart with three nails, in memory of the sufferings of Jesus. For himself, he invented a more durable sign. Moved by the same holy impulse as Blessed Henry Suso, St. Jane Frances, and other Saints, he branded on his side the Holy Name, and its characters were found there after death.

St. Paul's heart beat with a supernatural palpitation, which was especially fervent on Fridays. The heat radiating from his chest was so intense that it scorched his shirt in the region of his heart. Amidst all his trials, which included incessant bodily pain, St. Paul read the love of Jesus everywhere. As if seeking Jesus' voice and being purified through temptation and suffering, he would cry out to the flowers and grass, "Oh! be quiet, be quiet."

St. Paul passed away in 1775 while the Passion was being read. He gave his soul to Jesus in a final heroic act, and passed from the Cross into glory with Christ.

Quotes from St. Paul of the Cross

Be very careful to retain peace of heart, because Satan casts his lines in troubled waters.

I tell you that victory consists in conquering self. That is the greatest enemy.

Let us throw ourselves into the ocean of His goodness, where every failing will be canceled and anxiety turned into love.

The Passion of Christ is the greatest and most stupendous work of Divine Love. The greatest and most overwhelming work of God's love.

Place your hopes in the mercy of God and the merits of our Redeemer; say often, looking at the crucifix:

There are centered all my hopes.

Listen to the sermon preached to you by the flowers, the trees, the shrubs, the sky, and the whole world. Notice how they preach to you a sermon full of love, of praise of God, and how they invite you to glorify the sublimity of that sovereign Artist who has given them being.

*What was essential for him,
Paul considered such for the whole Church ...
And for him this essential
was the Passion and death of Jesus Christ.*

-Cardinal Karol Wojtyla (Pope St. John Paul II)

Immortal Chaplains

As time passes, we often forget the sacrifice and heroic moments of those in the military. The story of the Immortal Chaplains, often referred to as the Four Chaplains, is such a moment. It was on the morning of February 3, 1943, when an overcrowded troop carrier, the USS Dorchester, was struck by a torpedo fired by a German submarine off the coast of Newfoundland. As the freezing waters of the North Atlantic rushed into the badly damaged ship, many were killed below deck.

In the midst of the chaos and panic that followed, four army chaplains tried to restore order, helped many into lifeboats and handed out life jackets from a storage locker. The four chaplains were Lt. George Fox, a Methodist minister from Lewiston, PA; Lt. Alexander Goode, a Jewish rabbi from Brooklyn, NY; Lt. Clark Poling, a Dutch Reformed minister from Columbus, OH; Lt. John P. Washington, a Catholic priest from Newark, NJ.

When the supply of life jackets ran out the chaplains gave those in need their own life jackets. Not asking anyone their religious denomination the four freely gave up their jackets, knowing they would be putting themselves in danger.

The massive number of people trying to escape from the sinking ship caused some of the lifeboats to capsize because of overloading, and many fell into the frigid waters of the North Atlantic and died of hypothermia. The water temperature was 36 degrees. Some of the lifeboats drifted away empty. Dead bodies and debris floated side by side.

It took only 18 minutes for the boat to sink. Of the 904 military personnel, merchant seaman and civilian workers, only 230 survived. Those who survived looked back at the sinking ship and, as the bow of the vessel rose and then slid silently under the water, they saw the four chaplains standing together praying, and then vanishing into the icy sea.

For their heroic efforts and sacrifice, each chaplain was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart medal posthumously. In 1948, a postage stamp was dedicated in their honor. In 1988 an act of Congress established February 3 of each year as Four Chaplains Day.

As we remember the Four Chaplains and their unselfish deeds this February 3, let us also remember the many others who have given much to protect this nation and its people. Their sacrifices have given this nation the security and freedom to prosper and grow.

It has been written: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." - John 15:13.

St. Stephen's Church in Kearny will hold its annual Mass and ceremony marking the 80th anniversary of the sacrifice and courage of Father John P. Washington and the Four Chaplains. The Mass will be held at Noon this Sunday, February 5, and is open to the public.

Father Washington was a graduate of Seton Hall and was later ordained as a priest after studying at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Darlington. He was later assigned to St. Stephen's in Kearny and served there for five years before joining the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps. - Carl Asszony

Kidz Korner

1. Who did Christ say were the salt of the earth?
2. Why should we let our light shine before men?
3. World Day of the Sick is commemorated the same day as the memorial of Our Lady of ... ?
4. Who was the Saint to whom Mary appeared that we commemorate on February 11?

Answers on page 4.