

Our Lady of Victories Church

(serving Harrington Park, River Vale and the Pascack/Northern Valley)

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WELCOME

Sunday, January 11, 2026 A.D.

To the Parish Family of
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES
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Parish Office 201-768-1706

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The Baptism of the Lord

SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

First Friday: 12:30-7pm Adoration, 6pm Confessions,
7pm Mass

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

Bl. Miriam Teresa Demjanovich: Friday

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.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4pm & 5pm

Sunday: 7am, 8am Latin, 9:30am,
9:30am Family Mass (gym), 10:45am,
12pm, 1pm Spanish, 6pm

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Fr. Wojciech's Corner ...

Once more thank you to all who had their input in so many ways into our Christmas celebrations. Last Sunday we celebrated Epiphany (3 Kings). It's an amazing mystery how God guides souls by different "stars" and ways to Himself. Over Christmas I met so many people who visited us even for the first time and found new home at OLV. It's curious that little not big can be so attractive. (is it not what Christ's Birth was all about, great God becoming a little child)?

We extend our sympathies to Deacon Tom and his family on the passing of his mother Doris Lagatol (her funeral was in PA on Jan. 3). May she rest in peace.

This Sunday is also an Announcement Sunday for the Annual Appeal. See more in the right column.

Next Saturday, January 17, we will have a Beefsteak Dinner in OLV gym organized by our Knights of Columbus. This is their major fundraiser. The money earned will help all KofC charity activities throughout the year. What a great way of getting together as OLV family I ask you to support them and I hope to see you there.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord and give thanks to God for His Baptism and for our own Baptism; for the priest or deacon who baptized us and especially for our parents and godparents. Let us keep immersing (that's what the word baptism means) in HIM more and more every day.

ANNUAL "Hap Nightingale Beefsteak"

Saturday, January 17, 2025

Sponsored by OLV Knights of Columbus Council 14483

This is a major fundraiser for the Knights of Columbus to fund our seminarians-men studying for the priesthood, mothers and their babies in need and other charitable works. It is a fun evening! Tickets will be sold outside after Mass this weekend: Adults \$40 each and children 12-and-under \$15 each.

Holy Name Society - Sunday, January 11

9:30 Mass and Divine Mercy Chaplet
followed by fellowship in lower church.

St Vincent de Paul/Social Concerns Meeting

Tuesday, January 13 at 7PM in the lower church
New members are always welcome.

Rosary Society Mass and Meeting

Thursday, January 15 - 12Noon Mass & Rosary
followed by Meeting/Social in the lower church
New members are always welcome.

Did You Know?

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem used to take the newly baptized to Jesus' tomb, and point out that each of them were there when Jesus was buried.

St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem (349-384 A.D.) had a unique privilege of presiding over the church in Jerusalem immediately after the completion of new buildings begun during Constantine's reign. Cyril preached magnificent sermons within feet of the actual places of Christ's death and resurrection. He said of Calvary, "Others only hear, but we both see and touch." Cyril wrote: "Here in this city of Jerusalem the Spirit was poured out on the church; here Christ was crucified; here you have before you many witnesses, the place itself of the Resurrection and towards the east on the Mount of Olives the place of the Ascension."

SAINT WHO mocked baptism

Genesius of Rome is a legendary Christian saint, once a comedian and actor who had performed in plays that mocked Christianity. According to legend, while performing in a play that made fun of baptism, he had an experience on stage that converted him. He proclaimed his new belief, and he steadfastly refused to renounce it, even when the emperor Diocletian ordered him to do so. Genesius is considered the patron saint of actors, lawyers, barristers, clowns, comedians, converts, dancers, people with epilepsy, musicians, printers, stenographers, and victims of torture. His feast day is August 25.

2026 Annual Appeal

The 2026 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Our parish goal this year is \$61,858.40 and our stretch goal is \$80,415.92. Reaching that goal benefits our parish in two important ways. First, if we reach our stretch goal in cash by June 30, our parish will be eligible for savings on our Assessment. Second, if we exceed our stretch goal in pledges by June 30, we will receive a rebate that comes back to our parish.



Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese. Please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing, scanning the QR code, or join us for In-Pew Weekend on March 7 and 8.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

First-Century Christians began making the Sign of the Cross as a reminder and renewal of what happened to them when they were baptized. It still works the same way for us. When we Sign ourselves, we are declaring that in Baptism we died sacramentally with Christ on the Cross and rose to a new life with Him (*see Rom. 6:3-4 and Gal 2:20*). We are asking the Lord to renew in us those baptismal graces. We are also acknowledging that Baptism joined us to the Body of Christ and equipped us for our role of collaborating with the Lord in His work of rescuing all people from sin and death.

The rediscovery of the value of one's baptism is the basis of the missionary commitment of every Christian, because we see in the Gospel that he who lets himself be fascinated by Christ cannot do without witnessing the joy of following in his footsteps...we understand even more that, in virtue of baptism, we have an inherent missionary vocation.

- Pope Benedict XVI

Pray for Those in the Military

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RRT Specialist James Crumb
Staff Sergeant Peter Dippolito
Major Michael Franson
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene
Captain Shawn Linn
Sergeant Major Marc Medina
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Captain Joseph W. Niece
Private Edward Oakley
Captain Jack Ottomanelli
Staff Sergeant David Petersen
Specialist John Petersen

US Air Force

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Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn

US Marine Corps.

Corporal Shanna Bennett
Staff Sergeant Matthew Brady
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo
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Major Stephen Ikalowych
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Corporal Cody McGrath

US Navy

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 Jack Merritt, Banks Griffin Ricci, Abigail Jude, Aidan, Olive, Adeline Quarello, Jonathan & Joseph; children Gabriel Aungst, Antonio and Shane, Cordelia and Eileen, Remy and Silvie.

Annie Baklycki, Kevin Douglas Barry, Michael Baruch, Julie Berbert, Paul Brennan, James Buckley, Kathe Burruano, Joe Cafaro, Anna Carfagno, Bill Clark, Kevin Columbo, Thomas Connolly, Eddie Cooper, Sean Coulter, Paula Criqui, Michael Curran, Marie D'Ascenzo, Maryann Dean, Noelle DeJoseph, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Guy DeSantis, Siobhan Donaghi, Whitney Dugan, Carl Falasca, Michael Fallon, Dan Filippone, Jeremy Fillis, Walter Flaherty, Mary Foley, Phil Gangusa & Vicky Ferrara, Robin Fletcher, Leo Gendron, Ken Grier, Glenn Hall, Amy Hartwell, Richard Hogan, Kristine Leigh Hook, Rolando Joaquim, Austin Kellar, Pat Kissane, Christina Kenny, Tim Keohane, Joseph Koch, Artie Latz, Kenneth LeGrand, Lisa LeGrand, Lisa LoSchiavo, Mary Lowe, Mary Ann Luther, Peter Mahler, Robert Mayer, James McGarry, Matt McGowan, Michael McMahon, David Mercur, Alice Miller, Len Moriarity, Gianna Moscatello, Kevin Mullane, Rose Marie Myers, Natalie Niebergall, Michael Oates, John Pal, Mary Parker, Tom Paskewich, Ronald Peterson, Bob Phillips, Canice Prince, Christina Pulver, William Ragu, Dan & Phyllis Ragusa, Robert Rasmussen, Patrick Ricci, Herman Rodriguez, Veronica Romanchuk, Wendy Ruggiero, Beth Sacco, Blase K Sacus, Samantha Sconzo, Patricia Ann Shalhoub, Peggy and Chris Shedden, Brian Sumereau, Michael Suresh, Maria Tamayo, Ollie Tetlow, Angeline Thomas, Felicia Veneruso, Jim Vlantés, Dennis Ubrico, Carl Walker, Megan Weingarten, Hope White, Maria Williams, Daniel Wu, Mary Young, Anthony K., Brian, Denise, Destiny, Donna M., Edward, Elba, Jack, Jennifer, Joann, John, Karen, Kathleen V., Kaitlin V, Lauren, Lisa, Lou, Lucas, Lynn, Mary, Margaret, Melinda, Michelle, Patrick, Peter, Robert, Samantha, Sarah, Sharon, Steven, Tom.

What if you are CALLED! ??? Call the Vocations office 973-497-4365 and ask for Fr. Gino, Director, who is always ready to listen - or call Fr. Wojciech at our parish 201-768-1706, x11.

Pray for Vocations

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 11-THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7:00 Richard Bolton R/b Rae Rinaldi
8:00 Edward Vassar R/b Sr. Elizabeth
9:30 Martin and Violet Frka R/b the Hoth Family
9:30 (gym) Joseph Quinn Jr. R/b the Barrett Family
10:45 Alwyn Panthapattu R/b Diana and William Lynch
12:00 Robert John Maynes IV R/b the Maynes Family
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 James Van Duyn Sr. R/b the Romano Family

Monday, January 12 - St. Benedict Biscop-Abbot

8:00 Mary Longenecker R/b Ann Hamilla
12:00 Fr. Zachary H. Monet R/b Pat Consoli

Tuesday, January 13 – St. Hilary-Bishop of Poitiers, France

8:00 Patricia McAvoy R/b Matt and Mary Ann Ryan
12:00 Domenico Bandiera R/b Sonny and Anita Garzino

Wednesday, January 14– St. Sava-Bishop of Serbia

8:00 William Quinn R/b the Barrett Family
12:00 Bob Frank R/b Rae Rinaldi

Thursday, January 15–St. Ida of Waterford, Ireland-Virgin

8:00 Richard Bolton R/b Chris Gill
12:00 Carole Stonitsch R/b Pete Stonitsch

Friday, January 16–St. Berard & Companions-Martyrs of Spain

8:00 Frances and Nick Sita R/b Barbara Sita
12:00 John McCabe R/b Bridie Kiene

Saturday, January 17– St. Anthony, Abbot

8:00 Anthony Vitale R/b Stefano Pappalardo
12:00 Rosaly Pavese R/b Guy and Patti Schweizer
4:00 Bernard Burruano R/b David and Joan Desmond
5:00 Carla Errico R/b Frank and Denise Rivellini

Sun., Jan. 18-St. Volusian-Bishop of Tours & St. Deicolus-Abbot

7:00 Brackenbury Family, living and deceased R/b Nicolò and Marie Ottomanelli
8:00 Lorraine Toleno R/b the Evanella Family
9:30 Richard McLaughlin R/b OLV St. Vincent de Paul/Social Concerns

NO FAMILY MASS today

10:45 Edmond Ezra R/b Donna Manzi
12:00 Mary Ceccon –6th Anniv. R/b the Ceccon Family
1:00 Olga Rosa Guzman Gonzalez R/b the Giron Family
6:00 Alan Bronner R/b Cynthia Picinic

Sanctuary Memorials (this week)

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the repose of the soul of Diane Melchiorre.

The Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp will burn for the repose of the soul of Cori McPartland, r/b Barbara and Scott Anzalone.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp will burn for the souls in Purgatory.

Flower & Sanctuary Offerings 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. Contact the rectory for more information.

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 are unable to continue their donations at this time. *Donations may be mailed to OLV, 81 Lynn St., Harrington Park, NJ 07640.* **New to the area?** Register to become a member of the OLV Family. Visit OLV's website olvhp.org and click on "Parish Registration". **New address or phone number?** Please inform the rectory.

Birth into a New Creation

“Baptized into Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection,” (Rom 6, 3-5). Thus does St. Paul clearly show us that our new birth through baptism is the symbol of our resurrection after death. This will be achieved in us through the power of the Spirit, as it is said: “It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body,” (I Cor 14,42f.). What this means is that, just as our body here below, so long as its soul is present, enjoys a visible life, so it will receive then, in the same way, an eternal and incorruptible life through the power of the Spirit.

The same thing applies to the birth given us in baptism, which is the symbol of our resurrection. Through it we receive grace by the same Spirit, but with moderation and in the form of a token. We will receive it in its fullness when we truly rise and incorruptibility is indeed given to us. That is why, when the apostle Paul speaks of the life to come, he tries to reassure his listeners with these words: “Not only creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for the redemption of our bodies,” (Rom 8,23). For if we have received here and now the first fruits of grace, we expect to receive them in their fullness when the happiness of the resurrection is given to us.

Theodore of Mopsuestia (?-428), Bishop and theologian
Commentary on St John's Gospel, Book 2

At a Baptism, why does the priest put a bib on the baby? Clothed in Christ

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: “See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity...bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven.” In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment. ©LPi

The Lord was Baptized, not to be cleansed Himself, but to cleanse the waters, so that those waters, cleansed by the flesh of Christ which knew no sin, might have the power of Baptism.
-St. Ambrose of Milan

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.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

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. (CanonLaw872874)

Sacred Matrimony on Sacred ground

“ceremony” at the venue is not a valid Sacrament

For the Catholic Church the Sacrament of Matrimony is such a sacred matter that the Church requires for two Catholics to be married Sacramentally in the Catholic Church, not elsewhere. All the Sacraments except Confession are always celebrated in Church. Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and the Sacred Orders (Priesthood is even celebrated at the Cathedral of a given Diocese). A Catholic priest can only officiate Sacrament of Matrimony of two Catholics on sacred grounds (Church). This wedding at the same time is a civil wedding. For more info contact Fr. Wojciech.

Respect Life Any woman who is pregnant and in need of assistance should **never** feel that abortion is her only option. For confidential assistance call: Archdiocese Respect Life Office 973-497-4350*Gateway Pregnancy Ctr. 908-353-0604*Catholic Community Svcs. 201-246-7379 *Lifecall 800-662-2678*Birthright: 201-845-4646*NewHope 201-722-4705.

OLV Needlers If you'd like to learn to knit or crochet, join us in the lower church Wednesdays at 6PM and/or Thursdays after 12Noon Mass. Yarn, crochet hooks and knitting needles supplied.

OLV Knights of Columbus All men over 18 are invited to join the Knights of Columbus. As Catholic men we are called to lead, serve, protect and defend our Faith, families, and our parish. The Knights of Columbus will help you grow as a husband, father and Catholic. Join us!

Catholic Daughters of the Americas For info' call Marie 201-741-0499.

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.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. Saint John the Baptist.
2. The River Jordan.
3. 30 years old.
4. Sign of the Cross.

St. Hilary of Poitiers - January 13

St. Hilary was one of those great Christian heroes who poured out their lives laboring and suffering in defense of Christ's divinity. Scarcely had the days of bloody persecution ended (313), when there arose, now within the Church, a most dangerous enemy of another sort, Arianism. The heresy of Arianism denied the divinity of Christ; it was, in fact, hardly more than a form of paganism masquerading as the Christian Gospel. The smoldering strife soon flared into a mighty conflict endangering the whole Church; and its spread was all the more rapid and powerful because emperors, who called themselves Christian, proved its best supporters. Once again countless martyrs sealed in blood their belief in Christ's divinity; and orthodox bishops who voiced opposition were forced into exile amid extreme privations.

Among the foremost defenders of the true faith stood Hilary. He belonged to a distinguished family and had received an excellent education. Though a married man, he was made bishop of Poitiers by reason of his exemplary life. It was not long before his valiant defense of the faith precipitated his exile to Phrygia. Here he composed his great work on the Blessed Trinity (in twelve books). It is a vigorous defense of the faith, which, he said, "triumphs when attacked." Finally, after four years he was permitted to return to his native land. He continued his efforts, and through prudence and mildness succeeded in ridding Gaul of Arianism. Because of his edifying and illustrious writings on behalf of the true religion, the Church honors him as one of her doctors.

Here is an example of Hilary's vigorous style: "Now it is time to speak, the time for silence is past. We must expect Christ's return, for the reign of Antichrist has begun. The shepherds must give the warning signals because the hirelings have fled. Let us lay down our lives for the sheep, for brigands have entered the fold and the roaring lion is rampaging about. Be ready for martyrdom! Satan himself is clothed as an angel of light." A favorite motto of St. Hilary was *Ministros veritatis decet vera proferre*, "Servants of the truth ought speak the truth."

- from Pius Parsch, *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch - Catholicculture.org

KIDZ KORNER

1. Who baptized Jesus?
2. In what river was Jesus baptized?
3. How old was Jesus when he was baptized?
4. What sign do we make as a reminder of our baptism?

Answers on page 4

Let nothing disturb you; let nothing dismay you. All things pass, God never changes. Patience attains all it strives for. The one who has God finds they lack nothing. God alone suffices. **St. Teresa of Avila**

Baptism of Blood

St. Genesius is not the only saint who was baptized by blood: the Holy Innocents whose feast we celebrate on December 28th; St. Emerentiana, the foster-sister of St. Agnes, was martyred before baptism, as were St. Rogation of Nantes (France) and St. Victor of Braga (Portugal) among many other catechumens.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says of Baptism of blood: *The Church has always held the firm conviction that those who suffer death for the sake of the faith without having received Baptism are baptized by their death for and with Christ. This Baptism of blood, like the desire for Baptism, brings about the fruits of Baptism without being a sacrament. (CCC § 1258)*

Numerous Fathers of the Church and theologians have confirmed the Church's teachings and have reflected on the nature of this baptism notably St. Cyprian, St. Gregory Nazianzen, St. John Chrysostom, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Bonaventure, Peter Lombard Hugh of St. Victor and St. Alphonsus Ligouri, the Church's great moral theologian.

A number of years ago a priest, Fr. Leonard Feeney, citing the doctrine "outside the Church there is no salvation", denied the possibility of Baptism by blood and maintained that all who died without baptism are lost, even those Saints and other catechumens who were martyred. The Church rejected his opinion in 1949, pointing out that since the beginning, and drawing on Sacred Scripture, those who died without baptism but with the desire for baptism were *baptized by desire* and those put to death for the faith were *baptized by blood*. The Church does indeed believe that outside the Church there is no salvation (cf Vatican II document *Lumen Gentium*, § 13) but this teaching is not contradicted by Baptism of desire or of blood and must be understood in terms of how the Church sees herself as being founded by Christ as the Sacrament of Salvation in the world, and that God, in his mercy, desires that all people should be saved. It must also be understood that in Catholic teaching those who are not baptized and not members of the Church are not necessarily lost or excluded from heaven: if they do not know or believe in Christ or his teaching through no fault of their own, but live good lives according to their understanding, God in his mercy will not exclude them.

The Fraternity of St. Genesius

Praying for those involved in cinema and theatre The Fraternity of St. Genesius was founded on January 19, 2007 in Drogheda, Ireland, and was formally approved as a Catholic Private Association of The Faithful on August 27 of the same year. The Fraternity was founded in response to the calls of the then Servant of God, Pope John Paul II (now saint) and Pope Benedict XVI for the renewal of culture, and as a means of supporting the men and women of the theatrical and cinematic arts through spiritual accompaniment.

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