

Our Lady of Victories Church

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

Harrington Park, New Jersey

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WELCOME

To the Parish Family of
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES
(THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART)

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SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

First Friday: 6:00pm Confessions followed by Devotions & 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. Jude and St. Anthony: Wednesday

Infant of Prague: 25th of the month

St. Peregrine: First Friday of the Month

Rosary: Recited M - Sat after 8:00am & 12:00 Noon Mass

OLV Adoration Schedule Resumes

* 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from after the 12 noon Mass till 3PM

* Every Thursday Holy hour 7-8PM

* First Friday Adoration 12:30PM (after 12 Noon Mass),

6PM confessions, 6:30PM devotions, concludes with 7PM Mass

* First Saturday Adoration 12:30PM till 1PM

Latin Mass every Sunday 8:15AM

Spanish Mass every Sunday 1PM

SUNDAY, September 8, 2019 A.D.

!!! HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARY !!!



THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/CONFESSION:

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 7:50am.

First Friday at 6:30pm

Saturday at 11:00a.m.-Noon; 3:00pm - 3:40pm

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

Our dearly beloved **Sister Elizabeth** thanks all who contributed again this year to support the work and mission of the Sisters of Charity. The **raffle total sold at OLV was \$8,540**. This once again made OLV the **Number 1 "givers"** in sale of tickets. I am sorry that we did not have a winner, but every time we give we become winners in so many spiritual ways; we lose materially, but we gain spiritually. So it is always a win-win situation. Sisters of Charity are extremely grateful to OLV family for your support and include you all in their prayers daily. Thanks, too, to all who regularly donate to the **Office of Concern Food Pantry** which benefits **900+ needy families**.

Having our students all in school we move now towards a new year in our **CCD classes** which will start next Sunday September 15th. (Please see CCD corner for details). Our biggest competition will be sports, dance, martial arts, Xbox, bird watching, counting mosquitoes etc. And it is a perfect occasion to make the first commandment come true and for our young students to learn to put God first. It is easy to put God first where there is no obstacle. **I always remember a great witness of a teenage girl** who was a professional soccer player (best in her team) in one of the parishes where I was assigned. She was starting her Confirmation class and she was bold enough to go to the coach (on her own) and said I will receive this year the Sacrament of Confirmation; that means that either you adjust the schedule of games or I will come back next year. The coach was so impressed with the bold faith of that young teenager and not wanting to lose her (*she was that good*), he rearranged the schedule so she could do both - come to CCD and attend Mass EVERY SUNDAY and play). Her Sunday was full, but what a witness, her attitude showed her readiness to be Confirmed right at the start of CCD.

Please remember (last week's bulletin) that **Andrea Bocelli became a great singer because he EAGERLY attended Sunday Mass every week**.

It gives me a great joy to share with you the fact that we have **so many new families coming to our parish** and also many young families who are open to life and bring their infants for Baptism. That brings many new infant Catholics. Welcome. Let us all be "teachers" of faith to these children by our reverence for the LORD WHO IS not a SYMBOL but is REAL. The more real we are about it, the more real others will be. **We are always grateful for all those loyal parishioners here for many years**; for example the Fitzgerald family has three generations here at OLV (featured in *Northern Valley Living* magazine - great story) and are very active in our parish.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO RESPOND!!! Only two weeks remain to my Installation. Please remember on that day exceptionally there will be no 4PM Mass. Those who did not respond yet I encourage to do so asap for a proper arrangements. You can use the slip on page 3 or write to our parish email or call.

Thank God it was only a dream

A self-centered old man dreamt that he died and went to hell. In the midst of his anguish, he looks heavenward and cries out for a second chance. A voice from above asks him what he had done in his earthly life to merit a second chance. After much soul-searching, all the man can remember is that while walking in the woods one day, he saw a spider and did not kill it. At once, the thin, silvery thread of a spider web is lowered to within his reach. He eagerly grabs hold of the thread, and it begins to rise and lift him out of his misery. Whereupon, two of his fellow prisoners grab onto his feet, hoping to escape. Fearing that the thread will break, the man cries out, "Let go! Let go!" -- whereupon the thread breaks, and all three fall back into hell. And the self-centered old man realizes that although the thread was strong enough to lift all together, it could not bear the burden of a selfish soul.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
NO 4:00PM MASS**

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:

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

HAPPY BIRTH DAY MARY

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MARY- The ladder

Today a virginal gateway draws near: through her the God who is above all creatures will "come into the world" "bodily", according to St Paul's expression (Heb 1,6; Col 2,9). Today, from the stump of Jesse a shoot has sprouted (Is 11,1) from which will grow a flower for the world, united in its nature to the divinity. Today, from earthly nature a heaven has been created on earth by him who, in former times, made the firmament solid by separating it from the waters and setting it in the heights. But this heaven is more astonishing than the former, since he who in the first case created the sun has now himself arisen from this new heaven like a sun of justice (Mal 3,20)... Eternal light, begotten before the ages from eternal light, immaterial and incorporeal being, takes his body from this woman and, like a bridegroom, comes forth from his bridal chamber (Ps 18,6)... Today, the "son of a carpenter" (Mt 13,55), the ever-active Word of the one who made all things through him, strong arm of God Most High... has made for himself a living ladder whose base is set on the earth and whose summit reaches the sky. Upon it God rests; this is what Jacob beheld in dream (Gn 28,12); by it God descended from his immovability or, rather, bent down in condescension and thus "appeared on earth and moved among men" (Bar 3,38). For these symbols represent his coming here below, his descent through pure grace, his earthly existence, the true knowledge he gave of himself to those on earth. The spiritual ladder, the Virgin, has been set on earth since she takes her origin from the earth, but her head has been raised to heaven... It is through her and the holy Spirit that "the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (Jn 1,14). It is through her and the holy Spirit that the union of God with men is accomplished.

Saint John Damascene (c.675-749), monk, theologian, Doctor of the Church Homily on the Nativity of the Virgin (trans. SC 80)

CCD Corner

We look forward to the start of CCD classes next Sunday and Monday! Please check your email this week for your child's class assignment. We will meet with families and students in the gym prior to the start of classes on Sunday September 15th at 9:30am and Monday September 16th at 4:00pm. Parents will have the opportunity to briefly meet with their child's teacher in the classroom. **Sunday September 15th is Catechetical Sunday. Please join us at the 10:45 Mass as we honor our catechists who volunteer each week to bring the faith to your children.** We are grateful for all that they do! Following Mass there will be refreshments in the lower church. Just a reminder that there will be an important meeting for Confirmation students and their parents on Monday September 9th at 7:00pm in the gym. We will meet with the First Communion parents on Sunday September 22nd at 9:45 in the gym.

THANK YOU! Once again New Hope Pregnancy Resource Center is humbled by the recent \$2500 gift from OLV parishioners which was raised as part of the OLV Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle campaign. Your support enables our outreach services to first-time moms and their babies and you are an important partner in that mission. Visit us at www.newhopeprc.org to learn more about our all-volunteer program. If you would like to volunteer or just stop by, please contact marilyn@newhopeprc.org or call 201-722-4705.

***OLV NEEDLERS** Wednesdays 6:30pm in the lower church

***HOLY NAME SOCIETY** Meeting Sunday, September 15 after 9:30 Mass

***CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

Meeting Tuesday, September 17 at 7pm in the lower church
Save the Date! CDA Brunch Sunday, October 20

***ROSARY SOCIETY** Meeting Thursday, September 19 after 12Noon Mass

5TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY WALK FOR LIFE-New Hope, Inc.* Saturday, September 21st.* 10am gather in lower parking lot at St. Andrew's RC Church in Westwood. Walk commences 10:30am from St. Andrew's to St. John the Baptist in Hillsdale and concludes about Noon with prayers at St. John's. All parishioners, friends, youth and children are invited to walk with us.

FAMILY PROMISE OF BERGEN COUNTY The program that provides assistance to working families with children who are temporarily experiencing homelessness is in need of volunteers. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church hosts several weeks each year. Please consider joining Sr. Elizabeth and other HP residents in staffing this remarkable program. For info contact OLV rectory or Paul Shackford at pshackford@gmail.com or 201-768-6885.

BASILICA OF THE NATL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Saturday, October 26th. The Archdiocese is sponsoring a one-day pilgrimage to the Basilica in Washington DC. A charter bus will depart from Immaculate Conception Church in Norwood at 7:15AM/returning 9:30PM. Cost person. For reservations call Immaculate Conception Rectory 201-768-1600.

CLOTHING BINS As the seasons transition now from summer to autumn, may we take some time to find items to donate to the Catholic Charities bins. Much needed items include clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, knickknacks, novels and children's books.

MARRIED COUPLES The next Marriage Encounter Weekend in North Jersey will be held on September 27-29. For info' contact Mike and Janet Turco at 973-427-7016. Visit www.wmme.org for other weekend dates/locations.

You are Invited!

Mass of Installation as Pastor
Fr. Wojciech B. Jaskowiak
Presided by Bp. Flesey
Saturday, September 21, 2019
5:00PM

Reception to follow in OLV School
*Please return this form to OLV rectory
by Friday, September 13
if you plan to attend the reception.*

Family Name: _____

Phone: _____

Attending Reception: _____

*****There will be no 4:00PM Mass that day*****

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 9--St. Peter Claver of Catalonia, Spain-Priest

8:00 William and Irene O'Neill R/b the Reeves Family
12:00 Chris and Mary Schwendel R/b Joan Gaffney

Tuesday, September 10 --St. Nicholas of Tolentine

8:00 Sally and Marty Kessler R/b Lorraine Petrone
12:00 Rosemary H. Fritz R/b Cathy Ryan

Wednesday, September 11-St. Adelphus-Bishop of Metz, Germany

8:00 James M. Walsh R/b Thomas and Phyllis Burderi
12:00 Peter Bielfeld R/b the Barrett Family

Thursday, September 12--Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00 George McNamara R/b Rita McNamara
12:00 Intentions of Patrick Laiso R/b Jim and Michele Linn

Friday, September 13--St. John Chrysostom-bishop, doctor

8:00 Eulogio Cordon R/b the Cordon Family
12:00 James Millar - 1st Anniversary R/b Ann Millar

Saturday, September 14--Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 James M. Walsh R/b Diana DiGiacomo
12:00 Louise Gladfelter R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico
4:00 John and Anna Pagnussat R/b Lorraine Gobbetti
5:00 Muriel McGinnis R/b Pete and Carole Stonitsch

Sunday, September 15 -- Our Lady of Sorrows

7:30 In thanksgiving R/b Mike and Maria Hellrigel
8:15 Mary Galligan R/b Margaret Brandes
9:30 James Millar R/b the Burruano Family
10:45 Maria Belgiovine R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich
12:00 David Zocco R/b Mike Zocco
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Al Baffa R/b Chris and Mary Oakes
7:00 Intentions of Harry Roney R/b Chris and Mary Oakes

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of
James Millar, r/b Ann Millar.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the
Thomas Family, r/b Tom and Ann Thomas.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the
soul of Carly Bacci, r/b Jeanne Marie Walsh.

Flower & Sanctuary Offerings

If you would like to donate **flowers** for the Altar, BVM and St. Joseph, call the rectory. Flowers, Bread and Wine, the BVM and St. Joseph Votive Lamps and Sanctuary Lamp in the Church can be dedicated on a weekly basis.

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

Our Lord told St. Margaret Mary Alacoque that individuals should go to confession at a minimum once a month. This sacrament is offered EVERY Saturday from 11AM to Noon and 3-3:40PM; every weekday morning at 7:30AM, as well as every First Friday at 6:00PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

SICK OR "HOMEBOUND"

If you are sick or "homebound" (or know someone who is), and would like to have Communion, please contact the Rectory at 201-768-1706.

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
Captain Shawn Linn
Lieutenant Gigi McElroy
Colonel John McLaughlin
Captain John G. Miele

US Air Force

Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn

US Marine Corps.

Lance Corporal Shanna Bennett
Corporal Matthew Brady
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo
Lance Corporal Thomas Iafrate
Corporal Joseph Levine

US Navy

Lt. Commander Julia Cheringal
Ensign Jon Clemente
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger
OS3 Daniel T. LoVecchio

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, Gabriella Irene, Kelly Bauerlein, Richard Bolton, Dominic Carini, Carolanne Carini, Sal Cenicola, Helen Choma, Bob Cole, Kevin Columbo, Anthony Cortez, Marie D'Ascenzo, Lorraine Degerdon, Isabelle DeLeonibus, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Carl Falasca, Jay Filippone, Marie Filippone, Mary Foley, Tom Giuliano, Robert Hamilla, Milan Krupa, Mary Lowe, Robert Milli, John Pal, Joyanna Peros, John Peterson Jr., Marie Piazza, Canice Prince, Veronica Romanchuk, Phylis Rooney, Mike Tobia, Jeremy Unanue, Brian, Carla, Chris, Dierdre, Edward, Elba, Fiona, Jennifer, Joann, Lisa, Liz, Lucas, Lynn, Michael, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, Sean.

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High School Open Houses

Sunday, Sep 22 - Bergen Catholic, Oradell, 1-3PM. Register on Bergen Catholic website. Contact Matt Rosa at mrosa@bergencatholic.org.

Sunday, Sep 29 - St. Joseph Regional, Montvale, 11AM-2PM. Student-led tours at 11:15AM & 12:15PM. Register at www.sjrnj.org

Catholic HS Placement Test

8th graders planning to attend Catholic High School in Fall 2020! The High School Placement Test (HSPT) administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Exam Program for Catholic High Schools will be given on Friday, November 8, 2019. Register at www.njcoopexam.org. For info visit www.catholicchoolsnj.org. Catholic High Schools Expo Nights 7-8:30PM: *Tues., Sep. 17 St. John the Apostle School in Clark * Tues., Sep. 24 Visitation Academy in Paramus * Wed., Sep. 25 Archdiocesan Ctr in Newark.*

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A little humor ... **ARTIST**

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, 'I'm drawing God.' The teacher paused and said, 'But no one knows what God looks like.' Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, 'They will in a minute.'

"When I am lifted up from the earth
I will draw everyone to myself" (Jn 12:32)

Exaltation of the Cross - September 14th

From now on, through the cross, all shadows have been dispelled and the truth arises, as the apostle John says: "The old order has passed away; all things are new" (Rv 21:4-5). Death has been stripped of prey, hell's captives liberated; man is set free; the Lord reigns; creation rejoices. The cross is victorious and all nations, races, languages and peoples (Rv 7:9) come to adore him. Together, in the cross we find our joy, exclaiming with blessed Paul: "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Gal 6:14). The cross gives light to the whole universe; it casts out darkness and gathers nations together in charity into one Church, one faith, one baptism, from West and East, from the North and from the seas. It stands at the very center of the world, set up on Calvary.

Armed with the cross, the Apostles go out to preach and gather together in adoration of it the whole universe, treading under foot every hostile power. Through it the martyrs have bravely confessed the faith, fearless of tyrants' cunning. Having taken it upon themselves, monks have joyfully made solitude their home.

When Christ returns this cross will first appear in heaven, the Great King's precious scepter, living, true and holy. "Then," says the Lord, "the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven" (Mt 24:30). We will see it escorted by angels, illuminating the earth from one end of the universe to the other, brighter than the sun, proclaiming the Day of the Lord.

We do not understand the Cross if we do not understand sin. If we deny there is sin, the Cross loses its meaning. That is why it is difficult in our time to speak about the Cross. One no longer knows what sin is.

Fr. Wilfrid Stinissen, OCD from *The Holy Spirit, Fire of Divine Love*

Catholicism has a way of sanctifying time. We not only believe physical things are holy and good, but we also believe time is given to us by God. . . . The way we redeem time is through the discipline of our worship. Seeing that God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh, we - like most other Christians - observe the commandments to keep holy the Sabbath day. The best way to keep the Sabbath holy is to worship God on that day.

— Fr. Dwight Longenecker from *More Christianity*

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. St. Paul.
2. Golgotha.
3. Barabbas.
4. Two thieves.
5. Jesus spent 40 days in the desert fasting right after his baptism and before his public ministry.

Just as two friends, frequently in each other's company, tend to develop similar habits, so too, by holding familiar converse with Jesus and the Blessed Virgin, by meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary and by living the same life in Holy Communion, we can become, to the extent of our lowliness, similar to them and can learn from these supreme models a life of humility, poverty, hiddenness, patience, and perfection.

—Saint John Paul II from *The Rosary of Saint John Paul II*

The Holy Name of Mary - The Power of Her Name By St. Alphonsus de Liguori

Richard of St. Laurence states "there is not such powerful help in any name, nor is there any other name given to men, after that of Jesus, from which so much salvation is poured forth upon men as from the name of Mary." He continues, "that the devout invocation of this sweet and holy name leads to the acquisition of superabundant graces in this life, and a very high degree of glory in the next."

After the most sacred name of Jesus, the name of Mary is so rich in every good thing, that on earth and in heaven there is no other from which devout souls receive so much grace, hope, and sweetness. Hence Richard of St. Laurence encourages sinners to have recourse to this great name, "because it alone will suffice to cure them of all their evils;" and "there is no disorder, however malignant, that does not immediately yield to the power of the name of Mary." The Blessed Raymond Jordano says, "that however hardened and diffident a heart may be, the name of this most Blessed Virgin has such efficacy, that if it is only pronounced that heart will be wonderfully softened." Moreover, it is well known, and is daily experienced by the clients of Mary, that her powerful name gives the particular strength necessary to overcome temptations against purity.

September 12th is the Feast Day of The Most Holy Name of Mary

In fine, "thy name, O Mother of God, is filled with divine graces and blessings," as St. Methodius says. So much so, that St. Bonaventure declares, "that thy name, O Mary, cannot be pronounced without bringing some grace to him who does so devoutly." . . . grant, O Lady, that we may often remember to name thee with love and confidence; for this practice either shows the possession of divine grace, or else is a pledge that we shall soon recover it.

On the other hand, Thomas A. Kempis affirms "that the devils fear the Queen of heaven to such a degree, that only on hearing her great name pronounced, they fly from him who does so as from a burning fire." The Blessed Virgin herself revealed to St. Bridget "that there is not on earth a sinner, however devoid he may be of the love of God, from whom the devil is not obliged immediately to fly, if he invokes her holy name with a determination to repent." On another occasion she repeated the same thing to the saint, saying, "that all the devils venerate and fear her name to such a degree, that on hearing it they immediately loosen the claws with which they hold the soul captive." Our Blessed Lady also told St. Bridget, "that in the same way as the rebel angels fly from sinners who invoke the name of Mary, so also do the good angels approach nearer to just souls who pronounce her name with devotion."

Promises

Consoling indeed are the promises of help made by Jesus Christ to those who have devotion to the name of Mary; for one day in the hearing of St. Bridget, He promised His Most Holy Mother that He would grant three special graces to those who invoke that holy name with confidence: first, that He would grant them perfect sorrow for their sins; secondly, that their crimes should be atoned for; and, thirdly, that He would give them strength to attain perfection, and at length the glory of paradise. And then our Divine Savior added: "For thy words, O My Mother, are so sweet and agreeable to Me, that I cannot deny what thou askest." St. Ephrem goes so far as to say, "that the name of Mary is the key of the gates of heaven," in the hands of those who devoutly invoke it. And thus it is not without reason that St. Bonaventure says "that Mary is the salvation of all who call upon her." "O most sweet name! O Mary, what must thou thyself be, since thy name alone is thus amiable and gracious," exclaims Blessed Henry Suso.

Let us, therefore, always take advantage of the beautiful advice given us by St. Bernard, in these words: "In dangers, in perplexities, in doubtful cases, think of Mary, call on Mary; let her not leave thy lips; let her not depart from thy heart."

Names of Jesus and Mary

In every danger of forfeiting divine grace, we should think of Mary, and invoke her name, together with that of Jesus; for these two names always go together. O, then, never let us permit these two most sweet names to leave our hearts, or be off our lips; for they will give us strength not only not to yield, but to conquer all our temptations. "The invocation of the sacred names of Jesus and Mary," says Thomas a Kempis, "is a short prayer which is as sweet to the mind, and as powerful to protect those who use it against the enemies of their salvation, as it is easy to remember."

Hour of Death

Thus we see that the most holy name of Mary is sweet indeed to her clients during life, on account of the very great graces that she obtains for them. But sweeter still will it be to them in death, on account of the tranquil and holy end that it will insure them.

Let us then, O devout reader, beg God to grant us, that at death the name of Mary may be the last word on our lips. This was the prayer of St. Germanus: "May the last movement of my tongue be to pronounce the name of the Mother of God;" O sweet, O safe is that death which is accompanied and protected by so saying a name; for God only grants the grace of invoking it to those whom He is about to save.

Father Sertorius Caputo, of the Society of Jesus, exhorted all who assist the dying frequently to pronounce the name of Mary; for this name of life and hope, when repeated at the hour of death, suffices to put the devils to flight, and to comfort such persons in their sufferings.

The Most Holy Name of Mary said Devoutly is a Prayer

"Blessed is the man who loves thy name, O Mary," exclaims St. Bonaventure. "Yes, truly blessed is he who loves thy sweet name, O Mother of God! for," he continues, "thy name is so glorious and admirable, that no one who remembers it has any fears at the hour of death." Such is its power, that none of those who invoke it at the hour of death fear the assaults of their enemies. St. Camillus de Lellis urged the members of his community to remind the dying often to utter the holy names of Jesus and Mary. Such was his custom when assisting people in their last hour.

Oh, that we may end our lives as did the Capuchin Father, Fulgentius of Ascoli, who expired singing, "O Mary, O Mary, the most beautiful of creatures! let us depart together."

Let us conclude with the tender prayer of St. Bonaventure:

"I ask thee, O Mary, for the glory of thy name, to come and meet my soul when it is departing from this world, and to take it in thine arms." (End)

KIDZ KORNER

1. Who witnessed the stoning of Stephen the Martyr?
2. What was the name of the hill on which Jesus was crucified?
3. Pontius Pilate set what prisoner free instead of Jesus?
4. Jesus was crucified between whom?
5. Where did we get the idea for the Lenten 40-day fast?

Whenever the Enemy's assaults on us seem to multiply, we should call on Mary, not just as our Blessed Mother, but as a mighty warrior before whom the demons tremble. As St. Bonaventure once put it: Men do not fear a powerful hostile army as much as the powers of hell fear the name and protection of Mary.

-Paul Thigpen, Ph.D. from the Manual for Spiritual Warfare