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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 12:00 Noon Mass

Sunday, August 31, 2025 A.D.
Jubilee Year of Hope



ADORATIONS

Wednesday 8:30AM-11:50AM

First Thursday Sept 4 No Holy Hour

First Friday Sept 5 Adoration 12:30-7PM

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,
10:45am, 12pm, 1pm Spanish, 6pm

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Fr. Wojciech's Corner ...

Thank you to all who helped Sisters with the last Sunday Mission Appeal. We collected approximately \$10000. Sisters are extremely grateful.

This Monday we celebrate Labor Day. I was always impressed by Pope St. John Paul II who worked very hard himself and used to teach about the dignity of work: "work is for man, not man for work."

This week our younger parishioners will start their new school year. For some it will be also a new school or a new high school. New can be challenging, new can be scary, but new could be amazing and adventurous. Please remember the words of the Psalmist: *with my God I can scale any wall Psalm 18:29*. For those for whom studying takes a toll, there is a beautiful quote of St. John Vianney *The saints did not all begin well, but they ended well*. St. John Vianney along with St. Joseph of Cupertino is a patron saint of students. Both of them had difficulties in studying. More tips to guide you, see next column. I wish you all Godspeed.

We will start our CCD year and resume our Family Mass September 28. Enjoy the long weekend.

Monday, September 1 is Labor Day.
There will be Mass at 8am and 12Noon
The Parish Office will be closed.

Teacher Applicant

After being interviewed by the school administration, the eager teaching prospect said: "Let me see if I've got this right. You want me to go into that room with all those kids, and fill their every waking moment with a love for learning, and I'm supposed to instill a sense of pride in their ethnicity, modify their disruptive behavior, observe them for signs of abuse and even censor their T-shirt messages and dress habits.

You want me to wage a war on drugs and sexually transmitted diseases, check their backpacks for weapons of mass destruction, and raise their self esteem. You want me to teach them patriotism, good citizenship, sportsmanship, fair play, how to register to vote, how to balance a check-book, and how to apply for a job.

I am to check their heads for lice, maintain a safe environment, recognize signs of anti-social behavior, and make sure all students pass the state exams, even those who don't come to school regularly or complete any of their assignments. Plus, I am to make sure that all of the students with handicaps get an equal education regardless of the extent of their mental or physical handicap.

I am to communicate regularly with the parents by letter, telephone, newsletter and report card. All of this I am to do with just a piece of chalk, a computer, a few books, a bulletin board, a big smile AND on a starting salary that qualifies my family for food stamps! You want me to do all of this and then you tell me... I CAN'T PRAY?"

dress code REVERENT DRESS

It is the Supper of the Lord - formal dinner. Please keep it in mind, especially now in the summer months. Let us be an inspiration rather than a distraction.

Tips FoR starting THE new SCHOOL YEAR

-Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery and today is a gift; that's why we call it the Present.

-For each day you worry about the past or the future you are losing a day of your life.

-Winners are too busy to be sad, too positive to be doubtful, too optimistic to be fearful, and too determined to be defeated.

-Everyone (even you) has inside of him a piece of good news. The good news is that you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is!

-Until you have learned to be tolerant with those who do not always agree with you; until you have cultivated the habit of saying some kind word of those whom you do not admire; until you have formed the habit of looking for the good instead of the bad there is in others, you will be neither successful nor happy. And you can never be a true graduate.

-We are here to add what we can to life, not to get what we can from it.

-When one door closes another door opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we do not see the ones which open for us.

-The highest reward for a person's toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it .

-Believe and act as if it were impossible to fail.

-Each of us has a spark in life inside us, and our highest endeavor ought to be to set off that spark in one another.

-No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.

-Teamwork divides the task and doubles the success.

Attitude is the little things that make a big difference. No one can predict to what heights you can soar. Even you will not know until you spread your wings.

-There are two ways to become rich. Make more or desire less.

-If I put you first and you put me first, no one will ever be second.

Saint Joseph the Workman

St. Joseph worked from early morning till late at night in his carpenter shop repairing dinner couches and building shelves for the people of Nazareth.

When he was summoned to Bethlehem for the census, even though he lost working days, he closed his shop and set out on the journey. When the angel in a vision instructed him to hide away in Egypt, he hearkened to the voice from Heaven even though he lost many more working days the next five years. During that time it was extremely hard for him to make a living for himself, his wife, and the Divine Child. But Joseph did not complain, because this trip and this sojourn were the will of God.

The laborer today, imitating his model, will not complain about losing work on Sundays and holydays, for in leaving his work behind on those days he is doing the will of God.

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For all the workers
St. Joseph pray for them!

Pray for Those in the Military

US Army

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RRT Specialist James Crumb
Staff Sergeant Peter Dippolito
Major Michael Franson
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene
Captain Shawn Linn
Colonel John McLaughlin
Sergeant Major Marc Medina
Captain John G. Miele
Captain Joseph W. Niece
1st Lieutenant Megan Niece
Captain Jack Ottomanelli
Staff Sergeant David Petersen
Specialist John Petersen

US Marine Corps.

Corporal Shanna Bennett
Staff Sergeant Matthew Brady
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo
Corporal Mark Fredrick
Private Nicholas Giron
Major Stephen Ikalowych
Captain J.P. Maher
Corporal Cody McGrath

US Navy

Commander Julia Cheringal
Lieutenant Jonathan Clemente
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger
Airman Cody Massa

US Air Force

1st Lieutenant Brian Kearney
Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn

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, Abigail Jude, Aidan, Olive, Adeline Quarello, Jonathan & Joseph; children Gabriel Aungst, Antonio and Shane, Cordelia and Eileen, Remy and Silvie; Cheryl Alonso, Annie Baklycki, Kevin Douglas Barry, Michael Baruch, Julie Berbert, Richard Bolton, Paul Brennan, James Buckley, Joe Cafaro, Anna Carfagno, Bill Clark, Kevin Columbo, Thomas Connolly, Eddie Cooper, 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, Peter Fimbel, Walter Flaherty, Mary Foley, Phil Gangusa & Vicky Ferrara, Robin Fletcher, Leo Gendron, Ken Grier, Glenn Hall, Pat Halligan, Cara Hansen, Amy Hartwell, Richard Hogan, Kristine Leigh Hook, Rolando Joaquim, Austin Kellar, Pat Kissane, Christina Kenny, Tim Keohane, Joseph Koch, Chester Kovaleski, Artie Latz, Kenneth Luther, Peter Mahler, Robert Mayer, James McGarry, Matt McGowan, Michael McMahon, Adolfo Mendoza, 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, Louis Peduto, Bob Phillips, Cathy Pommert, 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 Shelden, Roseanne Stella, Brian Sumereau, Michael Suresh, Maria Tamayo, Ollie Tetlow, Angeline Thomas, Felicia Veneruso, Jim Vlantes, Carl Walker, Megan Weingarten, Hope White, Maria Williams, Daniel Wu, Mary Young, Brian, Carla, Chris, Christina, Donna M., Edward, Elba, Jennifer, Joann, John, Karen, Kathleen V., Kaitlin V. Lauren, Lisa, Lou, Lucas, Lynn, Mary, Margaret, Melinda, Michelle, Patrick, Peter, Robert, Samantha, Sarah, Scott, Sean, Sharon, Steven, Tom.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

- 1. Saint Paul.
- 2. Saint Isidore the Farmer.
- 3. Saint Zelig Martin.
- 4. Saint Giles.
- 5. Saint Rosalia

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 31 – St. Aristedes, Athenian Philosopher

7:00 Rose Vespucci R/b the Poggi Family
8:00 Intentions of Bridget and Michael Ryan R/b Bridget Walsh
9:30 Intentions of Susan DeBrino R/b Bill and Carole DeBrino
10:45 Mark Plescia Sr. R/b the Coulter Family
12:00 Selena Piazza R/b Ann Diller
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Barbara Sherman R/b Lisa Unanue

Monday, September 1 – St. Giles, Abbot - France

8:00 Margaret Oates R/b John and Mary Ann Harty
12:00 Mary Farrelly R/b Ed Farrelly

Tuesday, Sept. 2–St. Ingrid, Virgin-Swedish Dominican Sister

8:00 Margaret Oates R/b Sonny and Anita Garzino
12:00 Intentions of Pauline Burke R/b Joan Crowley

Wednesday, Sept. 3–St. Gregory the Great of Rome, Italy-Pope

8:00 Bayani Suarez R/b Tom and Jeanne Hennessey
12:00 Molly Clement - 1st Anniversary R/b Marcia Oakes

Thursday, September 4 - St. Rosalia of Palermo, Italy-Virgin

8:00 Nisat Demiraj R/b Joe Tobia
12:00 Gil Anzalone R/b Scott and Barbara Anzalone

First Friday, September 5 - St. Teresa of Calcutta

8:00 Intentions of Ralph and Susana Giron R/b Giron Family
12:00 Jane T. Sumereau R/b the Coulter Family
7:00 Patricia Ann Volpe R/b Patricia Meehan

First Saturday, Sep. 6 - Bl. Bertrand of Garrigues, France-Priest

8:00 Vincent Sausto R/b the Dunn Family
12:00 Souls in Purgatory
4:00 Julia Mary Coates R/b Joe Tobia
5:00 Courtney Taylor Barbarella-1st Anniv. R/b the Coulter Family

Sunday, September 7 - St. Regina of Alise, France-Virgin-Martyr

7:00 John J. Roache
8:00 Silvio Mattessich R/b Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mattessich
9:30 Ken Berlinghieri R/b the Berlinghieri Family
10:45 Chris and Mary Schwindel R/b Joan Gaffney
12:00 Gladys Heyliger R/b the McElroy Family
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Lucille Mary Schmidt

Sanctuary Memorials (this week)

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the repose of the soul of Lorraine Valdes, r/b John Walsh.

The Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp will burn for the intentions of John and Anna Heaney - 65th Wedding Anniversary, r/b children.

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

The Flowers August 29 donated in memory of Carole Stonitsch, r/b Pete Stonitsch.

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 experiencing decreased income and are unable to continue their donations at this time. *Donations may be mailed to OLV Rectory, 81 Lynn St., Harrington Park, NJ 07640.*

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Mondays are dedicated to the Holy Angels

Saints for Labor Day

These holy men and women knew that work, when it is united to the will of God, bears abundant fruit "Through work [men and women] must earn [their] daily bread and contribute to the continual advance of science and technology and, above all, to elevating unceasingly the cultural and moral level of the society." (Saint John Paul II, *Laborem Exercens*)

Observed on the first Monday in September, Labor Day was established in 1894 to honor the "social and economic achievements" of American workers. Work is an important aspect of human life and separates us from the rest of creation. From the very beginning Adam was called to "work," as the book of Genesis narrates for us, "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it" (Genesis 2:15).

Many saints responded to this vocation of work by using their minds and hands to contribute towards the well-being of society. When they offered their lives to God, they also gave him their gifts and talents for the greater good of all. They knew that work is necessary for the flourishing of civilization and when it is united to the will of God, it bears abundant fruit.

Here are a few saints who were known for their labor and who help us understand there is great value in work.

Saint Paul: To help with travel expenses Paul did not charge fees for his preaching, but instead took up the trade of tent making. He expressed in his letter to the Corinthians how, "we labor, working with our own hands" (1 Corinthians 4:12). In the book of Acts we see how after visiting a man named Aquila, Paul joined him and his wife in their work. "And he went to see them; and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them, and they worked, for by trade they were tentmakers" (Acts 18:3). Tents were an important part of life in ancient Israel and in the Roman Empire. For example, tents were needed for semi-nomadic shepherds as well as for the athletes who participated in the Olympic games. Odds are likely Saint Paul made tents for both groups.

Saint Isidore the Farmer: Isidore was a hired hand for a wealthy farmer outside of the city. Others knew him for his compassion to the poor and how he often shared his meals with them. Isidore would typically attend Mass before going out to the fields and his fellow workers complained to the owner that he was always late. According to one legend, "his employer saw him take the plough into a field, and was about to confront him when, in the pale, misty light of dawn, he saw, as he thought, a second plough drawn by white oxen moving up and down the furrows. Greatly astonished, he ran towards it, but even as he ran it disappeared and he saw only Isidore and his single-plow. When he enquired to Isidore about the second plough he had seen, Isidore replied in surprise: 'Sir, I work alone and know of none save God to whom I look for strength.' Thus the story grew that so great was his sanctity that the angels helped him even in his plowing."

Saint Crispin: Crispin and his brother Crispinian sought to imitate Saint Paul. They spread the Christian faith during the day and at night made shoes, taking special care to also make shoes for the poor. Their work gave them sufficient money to continue their ministry. They were both killed during the persecution of Diocletian for their evangelization efforts. Saint Crispin's feast day is celebrated on October 25, and is also known as the "Shoemaker's Holiday."

Saint Zelig Martin: After being denied entrance to the convent, Zelig devoted herself to making lace and was well known in the area for her *point d'Alençon*. She continued this trade after getting married to Louis Martin and eventually hired additional help to meet the demands of customers. Her lacemaking business was so successful that Louis closed down his watchmaking store in order to devote his time to support his wife's endeavors. For several years it was her business that supported the family financially. She was able to balance this home business while raising a household of children who would go on to pursue the religious life (including St. Therese of Lisieux and her sister Leonie, whose cause for sainthood was initiated in 2015). (excerpt from *aleteia.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.

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. (Canon Law 872-874)

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 Center: 908-353-0604 * Catholic Community Services: 201-246-7379 * Lifecall: 800-662-2678 * Birthright: 201-845-4646.

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, the world's largest men's fraternal organization. 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.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Healing the pain of abortion...

September 19-21, 2025

For info contact Cheryl Riley at 973-497-4350 or Cheryl.riley@rcan.org.

Don Bosco Prep Events: Attention 8th graders! Experience Ironman for a Day - walk our halls, meet our students and teachers - see what makes Don Bosco Prep truly exceptional. 6th, 7th, 8th graders & families are invited to our Open Houses on Thursday, September 25th 6:30-8:30PM and Sunday, October 19th 1-3PM. Sign up at donbosco-prep.org and create your Admissions Portal & register for your visit.

Bergen Catholic Open Houses: Families invited Wednesdays, October 8th and November 5th from 6:30-8:30PM. Meet our students, faculty, and staff, and see what makes Bergen Catholic such a special place to learn and grow. Register online at www.bergencatholic.org. For more information, please email admissions@bergencatholic.org.

St. Giles - September 1

Saint Giles is revered as a patron saint of the disabled, outcasts, and the poor. He is also known as the patron saint of forests and fields, and is invoked for help with the protection of crops and livestock.



Saint Giles was born in the 7th century in Athens, Greece. According to legend, he was born into a noble family and was educated in the liberal arts. His spirituality and learning made him so popular that he left his home and sailed for France, longing for a life of prayer and solitude. Giles spent many years as a hermit alone with God, and was known for his piety and miracles.

One of the most famous legends associated with Saint Giles is the story of how he was wounded by a hunter. While Giles was living in the forest, a king was hunting nearby. One of the king's arrows accidentally struck Giles, leaving him wounded. He refused all treatment, but the king finally prevailed on him to found a monastery, of which he became abbot.

Saint Giles, who lived with a crippled leg, is the patron of the disabled, both mentally and physically, beggars and outcasts. He died in the early 8th century with the words, "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace." -LUKE 2:29

He was canonized by the Catholic Church in the 9th century, and his feast day is celebrated on September 1st. In the Eastern Orthodox Church, he is celebrated on the same day as one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, a group of saints who were believed to have interceded in times of plague and other illnesses.

There are many churches and monasteries dedicated to Saint Giles throughout Europe, and his name can be found in various place names, such as Saint Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh, Scotland. He is often depicted in artwork with a deer or a hind, which is said to have provided him with food while he was living in the forest.

-yourcatholicguide.com; allsaintstories.com

Pray for Vocations

"If there is no priest, then there is no Holy Mass; if there is no Holy Mass, then there is no consecration of the Sacred Host; if there is not consecration of the Sacred Host then there is no Holy Communion; then if there is no Holy Communion there is no Sacramental Presence of Jesus."

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, ext. 11.

St. Rosalia of Palermo - September 4



St. Rosalia was a 12th-century Sicilian saint and hermit, known for her miraculous intercession during a plague in Palermo. Her relics were paraded through the city in 1624, leading to the end of the epidemic. She is considered the patroness of Palermo and is venerated for her devotion, ascetic life, and miraculous powers.

St. Rosalia was born in Palermo, Sicily, during the 12th century to noble parents. However, she chose to live a life of solitude, retreating into the caves of Mount Pellegrino where she dedicated herself to prayer, penance, and ascetic practices. Very little is known about her early life, and many details about her birth and death are shrouded in mystery. It is believed that she lived in the caves as a hermit, possibly for the entirety of her short life, and passed away around the age of 30.

Her life remained largely unknown until the 17th century when a plague ravaged the city of Palermo in 1624. In desperation, the people of the city turned to St. Rosalia for intercession. The relics of the saint were retrieved from her cave on Mount Pellegrino and carried through the streets of Palermo in a grand procession. Miraculously, the plague began to abate after this event. This divine intervention led to widespread devotion to St. Rosalia, who was soon after declared the patroness of Palermo.

St. Rosalia's feast day is celebrated on September 4th, marking the day of her death. Pilgrims continue to visit the Sanctuary of Santa Rosalia on Mount Pellegrino, where her relics are kept and where she spent her years in solitude. Over the centuries, St. Rosalia has been revered for her sanctity, dedication to prayer, and her miraculous powers of intercession, especially during times of illness or disaster.

The events surrounding her relics' role in ending the plague elevated her status, and her canonization, while informal, occurred in 1624 when she was officially declared the patron saint of Palermo. To this day, the city holds a grand celebration in her honor every year, including a procession where her relics are carried through the streets, a tradition that has been in place since the 17th century. The devotion to St. Rosalia continues in Sicily, and she remains a significant figure in the religious and cultural life of the region.

-allsaintstories.com

KIDZ KORNER

1. What Saint took up the trade of tent-making?
2. What Saint attended Mass before going to work in the fields?
3. What Saint devoted herself to making lace and was well known for her *point d'Alençon*?
4. What Saint is the patron of the disabled, outcasts and poor?
5. What Saint is known for her miraculous intercession during a plague in Palermo?

Answers on page three.

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