

Our Lady of Victories Church

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

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WELCOME

Sunday, October 19, 2025 A.D.
Jubilee Year of Hope

To the Parish Family of
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES

The Little Church with a BIG Heart

Parish Office 201-768-1706

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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 12:00Noon Mass



Pray the
Rosary



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...

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus who did such a great job with the welcome BBQ Picnic. It was a great time and it was really a joy to see all of our families who were there.

One of the phrases that the deacon uses at the end of the Mass which is called dismissal is "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." This Sunday the Church celebrates World Mission Sunday. May this day be a special day to remember the many missionaries who have passed through our lives, so many missionaries out there in the vineyard of the Lord and we who are called to be missionaries "glorifying the Lord by our lives". This year's theme for World Mission Sunday resonates deeply in this Jubilee Year: *Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples*. May we bring the only Hope which is Christ to others in all we do.

**The liberating message of the Gospel of Life
has been put into your hands...
Pope St. John Paul II**

IMPORTANT!

As a part of *We are His Witnesses* restructuring initiative our parish will hold *two listening sessions* (in the lower Church) October 20 and October 22 from 6-8pm. **Choose ONE of the two sessions** that is more convenient to you. These will make us familiar with the proposed plans of the Archdiocese for the future of our parish and will give us an opportunity to express ourselves. **Please do not miss this important meeting.**

WINTER COAT / JACKET DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND! OCTOBER 25-26

next weekend ONLY

The winter coat/jacket drive benefiting the needy in Newark will be held on the weekend of 10/25-10/26. Most needed are Men's winter coats/jackets sizes 3XL, 2XL, XL, L, and M. Also requested are Women's winter coats/jackets sizes 2XL, L, and M. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you!

To all my friends of Our Lady of Victories Parish, Thank you so very much for remembering me on my 75th anniversary as a Sister of Charity of Saint Elizabeth. For these 75 years I have been blessed by God to be with you for 60 years. Thank you all for who you are and what you have done for me over the years. God bless all of you.

Love, Sister Elizabeth

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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.

World Mission Sunday

In 1926 Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday for the whole Church with the first worldwide Mission Sunday collection taking place in October 1927. That day is celebrated in all the local Churches as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call - to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

St. John Paul II - October 22

St. John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla in the small Polish town of Wadowice. During World War II, when the Nazis invaded Poland, Karol secretly studied for the priesthood in an underground seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1946, appointed Archbishop of Krakow in 1964, and three years later he was made a cardinal. In 1978, he was elected the 264th pope, where he took the name John Paul II.



St. John Paul II made evangelization a key part of his papacy and made pastoral visits to all parts of the world. In 1981, he was shot twice in an assassination attempt. Following Jesus' example of compassion, he later met with his would-be assassin in his prison cell, where he forgave him for what he had done.

St. John Paul II was well-known to be an active sportsman throughout his life, hiking, kayaking and skiing well into his 60s. In 1992, his health began to decline, and it was later discovered that he suffered from Parkinson's disease, a degenerative disorder of the central nervous system.

Near the end of his papacy, it became difficult for him to speak, and his poor health and physical suffering made public appearances difficult. Still, he continued his pastoral work. He died April 2, 2005, and he was declared blessed on May 1, 2011. He became a saint on April 27, 2014.



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ALL SOULS INTENTIONS Envelopes

November is dedicated to the Poor Souls In Purgatory. In preparation for All Souls Day, envelopes will be available at the Church entrances. Please return your All Souls Intention envelopes as soon as possible in order that we may place the intentions on the altar on All Souls Day, All Souls Novena and the whole month of November. Please **PRINT** the names **LEGIBLY** because the names will be read before each Mass in November and prayed for. We don't want to "butcher" the names of your loved ones.

Pray for Those in the Military

US Army

Captain Ben Clemente
RRT Specialist James Crumb
Staff Sergeant Peter Dippolito
Major Michael Franson
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene
Captain Shawn Linn
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 Air Force

1st Lieutenant Brian Kearney
Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn

US Marine Corps.

Corporal Shanna Bennett
Staff Sergeant Matthew Brady
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo
Lance Corporal 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

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, 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 Willis, Peter Fimbel, Walter Flaherty, Mary Foley, Phil Gangusa & Vicky Ferrara, Robin Fletcher, Leo Gendron, Ken Grier, Glenn Hall, Pat Halligan, Amy Hartwell, Richard Hogan, Kristine Leigh Hook, Rolando Joaquim, Austin Kellar, Pat Kissane, Christina Kenny, Tim Keohane, Joseph Koch, Chester Kovalski, Artie Latz, Kenneth Luther, Peter Mahler, Robert Mayer, James McGarry, Matt McGowan, Richard McLaughlin, Michael McMahon, Brendan McPartland, 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, 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, Roseanne Stella, Brian Sumereau, Michael Suresh, Maria Tamayo, Ollie Tetlow, Angeline Thomas, Tom Tobin, Felicia Veneruso, Jim Vlantes, Dennis Ubriaco, Carl Walker, Megan Weingarten, Hope White, Maria Williams, Daniel Wu, Mary Young, Brian, Carla, Christina, 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, Scott, Sharon, Steven, Tom.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

- 1. Blessings, Exorcisms and Pious Devotions.
- 2. Purgatory.
- 3. The Rosary and the Blessed Mother.
- 4. Saint John Paul II.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 19 - St. John de Brebeuf, St. Isaac Jogues- Priests,

and companions - martyrs

7:00 Jacquelyn Fuschino R/b Joe Tobia
8:00 Intentions of Mary Rose Walsh R/b the Kelly Family
9:30 Andrew Oakes R/b Virginia McHale
9:30 (Gym) Joseph Derrico R/b the Evanelia Family
10:45 Kathleen Ragusa R/b John and Robin Finn
12:00 Richard DeCroce R/b Norma DeCroce
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Madeline Agin R/b Greg Nemecek

Monday, Oct. 20 - St. Paul of the Cross from Ovada, Italy-Priest

8:00 Harold Hayek Sr. R/b Sam and PJ Juliano
12:00 Jeffrey Heanue R/b Pauline Burke

Tuesday, October 21 – St. Celine of Cerny, France-Mother

8:00 Benjamin Kelly R/b Matt and Mary Ann Ryan
12:00 Philipp Weber R/b the Berlinghieri Family

Wednesday, October 22 – St. John Paul II - Pope

8:00 Odette Andryszczak R/b the Andryszczak Family
12:00 Intentions of Maria Arias

Thursday, October 23 – St. John of Capistrano, Italy-Priest

8:00 Joe Thomsen R/b John and Marion Barrett
12:00 Margaret Oates R/b St.Vincent de Paul / Social Concerns

Friday, October 24 – St. Anthony Mary Claret of Spain

8:00 Margaret Oates R/b Sam and PJ Juliano
12:00 Intentions of Rev. John Radwan R/b Joan Crowley

Saturday, October 25 - St. Gaudentius of Brescia, Italy-Bishop

8:00 Ana Lucia Arias
12:00 Gerald Leary R/b the Barile Family
4:00 Elaine and Ronald McDermott R/b Lorraine Gobbetti
5:00 Wilma Longo R/b the Bentivegna Family

Sunday, October 26 - St. Demetrius of Dalmatia-Martyr

7:00 Aileen Vassar R/b Karen Accavallo
8:00 Paul and Michael Kelly R/b Patricia Meehan
9:30 Silvio Mattessich R/b Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mattessich
9:30 (Gym) Joanna Stolarczyk R/b the Curtis Family
10:45 Carole Stonitsch R/b Pete Stonitsch
12:00 Bruce Michael Ricciardi R/b Jeff and Carol Link
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Connie Lynch R/b Michael and Mary Jane Ferro

Sanctuary Memorials (this week)

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for those who serve in defense of our country.

The Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp will burn for the repose of the soul of Bernard Burrano, r/b Mike and Maria Hellrigel

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

The Hosts and Wine which will become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ at Holy Mass this week have been donated in memory of Richard J. Bolton and prayers for his family, r/b Theresa Wallace.

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.

Mondays are dedicated to the Holy Angels

Three Categories of Sacramentals

What distinguishes blessings, exorcisms, and pious devotions?

Imagine walking into a beautiful old church. The scent of incense lingers in the air, and you notice a little dish of holy water near the entrance. You dip your fingers in and make the Sign of the Cross. As you do, you're engaging in something special - something called a sacramental. But what exactly is that?

Sacramentals are like the little siblings of the big sacraments. They're holy objects, actions, or prayers the Church gives us to help us grow in faith and grace. Specifically, they prepare our souls to receive the sacraments. They are like daily boosters, reminding us of God's presence in our lives, acting as instruments of grace, and getting our hearts ready for when we do receive the big sacraments.

Sacramentals are normally divided into three groups: blessings, exorcisms, and pious devotions:

Blessings: Have you ever had your house blessed by a priest? Or maybe you've asked for a special birthday or anniversary blessing. These are all examples of blessings. When a priest or deacon blesses something (or someone), they're calling down God's protection and favor. Blessings can be for people, places, or objects, and they're beautiful little ways of inviting God into every corner of your life.

Exorcisms: Now, before you start picturing scenes from a horror movie, let's clear things up. Exorcisms in the context of sacramentals aren't about dramatic showdowns with demons (though there are major exorcisms for that). Instead, they're prayers said to protect someone from evil or to drive away any lingering bad spirits. Think of it as spiritual pest control, keeping the darkness at bay and ensuring that we're surrounded by God's light.

Pious Devotions: Finally, we have pious devotions—those everyday practices that bring a bit of the sacred into our regular routines. Praying the Rosary, wearing a scapular, or keeping a crucifix in your home are all examples of pious devotions. These sacramentals help us stay connected to our faith, even on the busiest days. They're reminders of who we are and what we believe and ground us in God's love.

As Catholics, sacramentals are beautiful reminders of how our God works with ordinary materials like water, beads, and salt and transforms them into vessels of extraordinary grace. Sacramentals are reminders for us all to look at the seemingly ordinary with a sense of wonder.

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"How did the rabbit get to her mission field?"



"By hareplane!"



Missionaries spread the love of God across the world, a message that everyone needs to hear!

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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, 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.

ARRAY OF HOPE GALA: Wednesday, October 29, 6PM, at Valley Regency in Clifton. Honoring Thomas Stephen Monaghan, founder of Dominoes Pizza and owner of the Detroit Tigers of Major League Baseball from 1983 to 1992 . Visit arrayofhope.org for info and tickets.

Don Bosco Prep Open House: Sunday, October 19th 1-3PM - 6th, 7th, 8th graders & families are invited. Sign up at donboscoprep.org & create your Admissions Portal & register for your visit.

Immaculate Heart Academy Open Houses: Sunday, October 19, 11AM-2PM and Thursday, October 23, 6:30-8:30PM. Register online at ihanj.com; walk-ins welcome.

Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic High School in Fall 2026! The High School Placement Test (HSPT) administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Program for Catholic High Schools will be given on Friday, November 7, 2025.

Registration information for the HSPT exam is online at www.njcoopexam.org. For information about the Cooperative Admissions Program, visit www.catholicchoolsnj.org/hs-admissions.

Help THE SOULS in PURGATORY?? It is very possible that some of our own nearest and dearest ones are still suffering the excruciating pains of Purgatory and are calling to us for help and relief. There is no hunger, no thirst, no poverty, no need, no pain, no suffering to compare with what the souls in Purgatory endure. How YOU can help these souls: 1. Have Masses offered for them. 2. Make the Stations of the Cross. 3. Recite the Rosary. 4. Offer up all your pain and sufferings for the relief of Souls.

Why we believe in Purgatory?

Why do Catholics believe in a place between Heaven and Hell called Purgatory? The main body of Christians have always believed in the existence of a place between Heaven and Hell where souls go to be punished for lesser sins and to repay the debt of temporal punishment for sins which have been forgiven. Even after Moses was forgiven by God, he was still punished for his sin. (2 Samuel 12:13 14). The primitive Church Fathers regarded the doctrine of Purgatory as one of the basic tenets of the Christian faith. St. Augustine, one of the greatest doctors of the Church, said the doctrine of Purgatory "has been received from the Fathers and is observed by the Universal Church."

Price of a Single Soul - Did You Know?

Emperor Charles V (1500-1558) of the Holy Roman Empire, (the father of the great King Philip II of Spain) left nearly his entire fortune to the work of the Catholic Church. With one provision: the priests of the realm would offer thirty-thousand Masses for the repose of his soul.

HEADS UP: Special Memorial Mass NOVEMBER 15

Mass will be offered for all who died since All Souls day 2024. Holy Mass will be held on Saturday, November 15 at 10AM with a light repast afterward in the Lower Church.

In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned,
that those saddened by the certainty of dying
might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come.
Indeed for your faithful, Lord,
life is changed not ended,
and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust,
an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven. (Funeral Preface)

A little humor ...

- What starts with E, ends with E and has only one letter in it? An Envelope.
- What do you call a bear with no teeth? A gummy bear.
- What kind of a cow wears a crown? A dairy queen.
- What do you call a fake noodle? An impasta.

KIDZ KORNER (answers on page 3)

1. What are three groups of Sacramentals?
2. What is the place between Heaven and Hell called?
3. What saved St. Bartolo Longo from the clutches of Satan?
4. What Polish born pope / saint was named Karol Wojtyla?

The Rosary - The Devil's Defeat New Saint Bartolo Longo

St. Bartolo Longo was one of seven blessed canonized by Pope Leo on October 19th.

Among the wayward students in Naples, one stood above the rest in the depths of his depravity. As a young man, Bartolo not only participated in the anti-Catholic demonstrations, he not only preached publicly and vehemently against the faith, he not only sought psychic mediums with his friends - he went even further and became a Satanic priest. Later on, Bartolo would describe how, in the rites of his blasphemous "ordination", he promised his soul to a spirit-guide, a demon, which shook the walls and manifested itself with blasphemous shrieks. For over a year, Bartolo lived under the spell of the demon, practicing the rites that were a mockery of the Church's holy sacraments. Eventually, Bartolo's experiences as a priest of Satan became unbearable, for the torments of a demon made him go nearly insane. But his family had not given up on him; through their help, he sought refuge in the sacrament of confession.



Bartolo became associated with a Dominican friar who led him to a love of God through devotion to the rosary. Soon thereafter, Bartolo became a Dominican tertiary and took the name "Rosario". Around this time, he visited a séance and in his zeal held his rosary aloft, declaring, "I renounce spiritualism because it is nothing but a maze of error and falsehood." He also came to know some holy Franciscans with whom he helped the poor and incurably ill for two years. While performing these good works, Bartolo kept up his law practice, which took him to the nearby village of Pompeii.

Around this time Bartolo was beset with another temptation: despair. Thoughts about his sinful past began to overwhelm him so much that he contemplated suicide. When he was on the verge of taking his life, a divine inspiration came to him. It was a thought that changed his life, the diocese of Naples, and the lives of millions around the globe: "One who propagates the Rosary shall be saved." Falling to his knees, Bartolo made this vow to the Blessed Virgin Mary: "I shall not leave this earth without propagating your Rosary." At that moment, he later recalled, "the little bell of the parish church rang out, inviting the people to pray the Angelus." He regarded this incident as a confirmation of his resolution. From then on, Bartolo's life was dedicated to teaching others about Mary, praising her, and making her loved among the faithful.

When Bartolo was about to die in 1926, his bed was surrounded by the orphans whom he had worked with such affection to educate. They prayed their beloved rosary together and, when finished, he said with his last breath, "My only desire is to see Mary, who has saved me and who will save me from the clutches of Satan."

Through Bartolo's tireless efforts, the occult arts were practically eradicated in the region of Naples, a worldwide Marian movement was started, and a church that was once used by about 100 elderly people became a basilica shrine now visited by about 10,000 a day. catholicexchange.com

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