

# Our Lady of Victories Church

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

150 Harriot Avenue, Harrington Park, New Jersey

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## WELCOME

SUNDAY, September 9, 2018 A.D.

To the Parish Family of  
**OUR LADY OF VICTORIES**

(THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART)

## COME WORSHIP WITH US

Rev. Wojciech B. Jaskowiak  
*Administrator*



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### SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

**First Friday:** 7:00pm, Mass of Sacred Heart & Devotions  
**First Saturday:** 8:00am, Mass of Immaculate Heart of Mary  
**First Saturday:** 12:00pm, Mass for Souls in Purgatory

### Novenas prayed after 8:00 a.m. Mass:

**Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal:** Monday  
**St. 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 & 12Noon Mass.  
**Tuesday-Novena Prayer and Adoration:** 12:30pm-3:00pm  
**Thursday-Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction:** 7:00pm  
**Friday-Exposition & Adoration:** 12:30pm-3:00pm

### THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/CONFESSION:

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 7:50am.  
First Friday at 6:30pm  
Saturday at 11:00a.m.-Noon; 3:00pm - 3:30pm

### 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.

**Latin Mass every Sunday 8:15AM**

**Spanish Mass every Sunday 1PM**



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### **Fr. Wojciech's Corner**

It is an honor for me to congratulate the following young people from our parish!

- **Emily McKiernan**, who was inducted into the Science National Honor Society in a ceremony at Academy of the Holy Angels. Emily's accomplishment in this highly competitive program is part of a curriculum that "includes science, technology, religion, engineering, art and mathematics".

- **Caroline Sommers**, who was awarded the Barbara Budinich Scholarship. Caroline is attending Boston College with a major in Applied Technology.

- **Matthew Murawski and William Dippolito**, recipients of the Harrington Park Lions Club scholarship. Both Matthew and William received \$2000 scholarships, awarded on the basis of grades, leadership and community service.

Keep it up! We are proud of you. God bless you!

#### **Join Us for Parish Picnic!**

I would like to personally invite you to join us at the parish picnic, which will take place - rain or shine - on Sunday, September 23, 1:30p.m. to 5:00p.m. on the parish grounds. It is a great moment for us to get to know each other better as a parish family, instead of greeting each other quickly at the door. In addition to great food, entertainment is planned for young and old: Colors the Clown, cotton candy, popcorn, sno-cones and a bounce house. Tickets for the picnic are \$10.00 per person / family cap \$25.00 (Mother, Father, and minor children). Tickets may be purchased at the rectory or outside Church after Mass. I hope that you will join the festivities.

### **OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL**

Did you know that every Monday after the 8:00AM Mass we have a novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. We also pray the Rosary DAILY after the completion of the 8:00AM weekday Mass.

### **TUESDAY AFTERNOON PRAYER GROUP**

Every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00PM-3:00PM we have a group who are praying a **Marian Novena Rosary** in Church in front of the Blessed Sacrament. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

### **Jesus asked one thing from us!!!**

On His last night of earth (Holy Thursday) Jesus asked His disciples one thing - to stay awake with Him for one hour. Every Thursday evening we at OLV try to fulfill this request by having a Holy Hour from 7-8PM. Join us in carrying out Jesus' request.

### **FRIDAY ADORATION**

Just a reminder we have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 12:30 - 3:00PM.

**So stop by and adore Our Eucharistic Lord.**

### **JUST A REMINDER**

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

### **CCD Corner - Registration Last Call!**

Next Sunday is Catechetical Sunday, the beginning of a new CCD year. At the 10:45 Mass we will commission our teachers and welcome back our children. Our **Sunday classes** begin at **9:30** and conclude with the children going to the 10:45 Mass. Our **Monday classes** begin at **4:00** and end at 5:00. We ask that all the children arrive on time for their classes. The **last day for registration** is September 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you haven't done so already, you may register your child before classes next week or online. There will be a **Teachers Meeting** tomorrow, Monday, **September 10<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm in the Father Bryan Adamcik Hall.

### **Upcoming OLV Parish Events**

Sep 9 - Sun - Holy Name Society 9:30 Mass & Meeting  
Sep 11 - Tue - Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM  
Sep 11 - Tue - Social Concerns Meeting 7:00PM  
Sep 11 - Tue - Mass of Remembrance 7:30PM  
Sep 12 - Wed - Ministry Meeting 7:00PM  
Sep 12 - Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM  
Sep 13 - Thu - Holy Hour 7:00PM  
Sep 14 - Fri - Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM  
Sep 18 - Tue - Catholic Daughters of the Americas 7:00PM  
Sep 23 - Sun - Parish Picnic 1:30PM  
Oct 21 - Sun - Catholic Daughters Brunch - Chez Madeline

### **9/11 MASS IN REMEMBRANCE**

Tuesday, September 11, at 7:30PM we will be celebrating a Mass of Remembrance and Peace for those who lost their lives, as well as for the safety of our country. All are invited to attend this special liturgy. Please join us in the lower church after Mass for light refreshments.

### **OLV MINISTRY MEETING**

There will be a Ministry meeting of all **Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers** this Wednesday, September 12, at 7:00PM in the Church. This will be a great opportunity for all to introduce themselves to Fr. Wojciech and to review a few practices and procedures concerning the ministries. Please make every effort to attend. Thank you.

### **St. Vincent de Paul Social Concerns**

OLV's St. Vincent de Paul Social Concerns Society meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM in the lower church. The first meeting for this season will be this Tuesday, September 11, at 7:00PM. New members are always welcome.

### **St. Cecilia Food Pantry**

During the month of September, there will be a collection for non-perishable food to stock the St. Cecilia Food Pantry. Cooking oils (canola, vegetable) and peanut butter are especially needed items. Please bring your donations to the Church atrium or leave outside the rectory garage.

### **LEARN TO KNIT/CROCHET**

The OLV Catholic Daughters meets every Wednesday evening in the lower church and will teach you to knit or crochet. Contact Renee Tringali at 201-768-0648 for more information.

### **7th Annual Gladys Heyliger/Mary Carley Scholarship**

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 1639 is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to an 8th grade student going into a Catholic High School in September. Applications are available in the CCD office and OLV rectory.

### **Knights of Columbus**

All men over 18 are invited to join the OLV Knights of Columbus, the world's largest men's fraternal organization. For more information or to join, please contact Greg Evanello 201-784-5752.

### **OLV Prayer Power House**

**Become one of our prayer team members.** There are no meetings, so this apostolate is wonderful for all, including those parishioners who are homebound. For information, please phone Maria at the rectory.

### **SPIRITUAL EXCERPT**

"Answer this question in your heart: How often each day does your will ask you to set your heart on God, to give him your expressions of love and your actions? This is a good way to measure the intensity and quality of your love." **St. Josemaria Escriva-THE FORGE pg. 184.**

**Triumph of the Cross**

When the Sacred Body of Jesus was taken down from the Cross and carried to the grave on Calvary, the Cross on which He died was thrown into a ditch or well, and covered over with stones and earth, so that the followers of the Crucified Redeemer might not find it. Almost three hundred years later (312 A.D.), Constantine the Great, not yet a Christian, while battling with Maxentius for the throne of the Roman Empire, prayed to the God of the Christians to aid him in his struggle.

In answer to his prayer, a luminous cross or monogram of Christ appeared in the heavens bearing the inscription: "In this Sign You Will Conquer." In gratitude for victory, under this banner, over Maxentius at the Milvian Bridge, on October 28, 312, Constantine had the Sign of Christianity placed on the Roman standards and on the shields of his soldiers. Then came the find of the True Cross at Jerusalem by St. Helena in 326, commemorated by a feast on May 3.

In the year 614 Chosroes II, King of Persia, invaded Syria and Palestine; he took and sacked Jerusalem, carrying off with other treasures the great relic of the True Cross. The Emperor Heraclius of Constantinople, at the head of a large army, invaded Persia, and forced the Persians to sue for peace and to restore the Sacred Cross, which Heraclius piously brought back to Jerusalem in 629. When he reached the city gate on the way that led to Calvary, the Emperor laid aside every robe and mark of royalty, and, clothed in sackcloth of penance and barefoot, carried the Cross up the ascent of Calvary and restore it to its place in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. This event is commemorated by the Church on September 14 in the feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross.

*God, You willed that Your only Son should undergo crucifixion to bring about the salvation of the human race. Grant that we who have known His mystery on earth may deserve to reap the rewards of redemption in heaven. Amen.*

**QUESTION?**

**What is an Indulgence?** "Every sin has consequences. It disrupts our communion with God and the Church, weakens our ability to resist temptation and hurts others. The necessity of healing these consequences, once the sin itself has been forgiven, is called temporal punishment. Prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and other works of charity can take away entirely or diminish this temporal punishment. Because of the fullness of redemption obtained for us by Christ, the Church attaches to certain prayers and actions an indulgence or pardon, that is, the full or partial remission of temporal punishment due to sin. Christ, acting through the Church, brings about the healing of the consequences of sin when an individual uses such a prayer or engages in such an action." **US Catechism for Adults, Chapter 18**

Sunday is the property of our good God;  
it is His own day, the Lord's day.

**Saint John Vianney**

With the frequent purification of alms, tears and the other fruits of justice that make the heart and the body pure in order to participate in the mysteries of heaven.

**St Bede the Venerable**

**Catholic HS Co-op Test**

Attention families of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students planning to attend Catholic high school in Fall 2019! The High School Placement Test (HSPT®) administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Program for Catholic high schools will be given on **Friday, November 9**. Register online at [www.njcoopexam.org](http://www.njcoopexam.org) beginning September 4<sup>th</sup>. Catholic High School Expo admission fairs will be held 7-8:30pm on Tuesday, Sept. 25 at Visitation Academy, Paramus and Wednesday, Sept. 26 at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark. Visit [www.catholicschoolsny.org](http://www.catholicschoolsny.org) or call 973-497-4260.

**High School Open House**

**Sunday, September 16, Bergen Catholic (Oradell), 1pm-3pm.** Visit [www.bergencatholic.org/admissions](http://www.bergencatholic.org/admissions) to register. If you have questions please contact Matt Rosa, Director of Admissions, at [mrosa@bergencatholic.org](mailto:mrosa@bergencatholic.org).

**Sunday, September 23, Paramus Catholic HS (Paramus), 1pm-4pm.** for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents.

**Sunday, September 30, St. Joseph Regional HS (Montvale), 11am-2pm** for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and families. For more info call 201-391-3300 or register at [www.sjrny.org](http://www.sjrny.org).

**Wednesday, October 17, Paramus Catholic HS (Paramus), 7pm-9pm** for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents. For more information contact Admissions at 201-445-4466 x 104.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage**

Fr. Chris Ciccarino, our weekend assistant, and Fr. Jerry Hahn of St. Anthony's in Northvale, invite OLV parishioners, particularly those who may have wanted to be pilgrims this year but could not, to join our March 7-15, 2019 Holy Land visit. For more information, please call Fr. Jerry 201-768-1177.

**Rachel's Vineyard**

**Healing the Wounds of Abortion**

Upcoming retreat weekend in the archdiocese:  
September 14th-16th 2018

For confidential help / info' 973-497-4350 or [rileyche@rcan.org](mailto:rileyche@rcan.org).  
[www.Rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.Rachelsvineyard.org).

**40 Days for Life Vigil**

We need your prayers! 40 Days for Life is a community based campaign that draws attention to the evil of abortion through prayer, fasting and standing in a constant vigil outside the places where abortions are performed. Join us September 26—November 4. across from The Woman's Choice, 10 Zabriskie Street in Hackensack, 7AM-7PM, Monday through Sunday. For more info' contact Margaret at 201-805-0937, [scullyfam@yahoo.com](mailto:scullyfam@yahoo.com) or [www.40daysforlife.com/Hackensack](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Hackensack).

**CLOTHING BINS**

September is one of the busiest months of the year as students return to school and most adults resume a normal working schedule after summer vacation. Would you be willing to take some time to gather your unwanted clothing and shoes to help Catholic Charities? Drop them in the Catholic Charities bins located on the Church grounds. In addition to used clothing we also welcome small appliances, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals and books (no reference books).

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"In many parts of the world, the family is under siege. It is opposed by an anti-life mentality as is seen in contraception, abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. It is scorned and banalized by pornography, desecrated by fornication and adultery, mocked by homosexuality, sabotaged by irregular unions; and cut in two by divorce." **Cardinal Francis Arinz**

**Pray for Those in the Military**

Lance Corporal Matthew Brady, U.S. Marine Corps;  
Lieutenant Commander Julia H. Cheringal, US Navy;  
Captain Ben Clemente, US Army;  
Ensign Jon Clemente, US Navy;  
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo, U.S. Marine Corps;  
Specialist Peter Dippolito, U.S. Army;  
Major Michael Franson, US Army;  
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene, US Army;  
Lance Corporal Thomas lafrate, U.S. Marine Corps;  
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger, US Navy;  
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger, US Navy;  
Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn, US Air Force;  
Captain Shawn Linn, US Army;  
SN Daniel T. LoVecchio, U.S. Navy;  
Lieutenant Gigi McElroy, U.S. Army;  
Colonel John McLaughlin, US Army;  
Lieutenant John G. Miele, US Army.

**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 **OLV 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 GOOD WILL**: baby Sean Cresci, baby Cole McKeon, Addie Bennington, Richard Bolton, Helene Burzi, Irene Ciccarino, Eleanor Daily, Antoinette Dougherty, Deb Dovale, Dan Filippone, Sebastian Filippone, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Danny Francis, Kathy Freeburn, Marietta Flahive, Bernardita Garcia, Kyle Gauweiler, Tom Giuliano, Marylou Goreb, Stefani Gosselink, Thomas Haring, Glen Hall, Barbara Hric, Megan Kavanagh, Peter Kellar, George Loder, Lisa LoSchiavo, Peter Mahler, Anne Matthaeh, David Mercur, Skylar Migliaccio, Jim Millar, Len Moriarity, Kevin Mullane, John Murawski, John Pal, Joyanna Peros, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Linda Rivera, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Michael Tobia, Kathryn Turrell, Jason Unanue, Therese Vaglio, Jim Walsh, Brian, Carla, Chris, Dierdre, Jennifer, Lucas, Lynn, Lori, Michael, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, and Sean.

**NEED BAPTISM, FIRST COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION**

If you want to become a Roman Catholic or complete your Initiation into the Church, the RCIA is for you! For more information, phone the rectory. *Adult Catholics* who have not yet celebrated *Confirmation*, should also contact the rectory for preparation class information.

**CONVALIDATION**

Were you married civilly by a mayor or justice of the peace and would now like to be married in the Catholic Church? See Fr. Wojciech for details and to see if your marriage can be regularized with the Church.

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, September 10 –St. Nicholas of Tolentine**

8:00 Michael Barrett R/b John and Anna Heaney  
12:00 Bill Molnar R/b Andrew and Marcia Oakes

**Tuesday, September 11 - St. Adelphus-Bishop of Metz, Germany**

8:00 Peter Bielfeld R/b the Barrett Family  
12:00 Deborah Castro R/b Lorraine Gobbetti  
7:30 Mass in Remembrance of 9/11

**Wednesday, September 12–Most Holy Name of Mary**

8:00 George McNamara R/b Rita McNamara  
12:00 Intentions of Joe and Johanna Healy - Wedding Anniversary

**Thursday, September 13–St. John Chrysostom-bishop, doctor**

8:00 Jack McGuire R/b the Barrett Family  
12:00 Rachel Jeanette Curcio R/b Jim and Rose Younghans

**Friday, September 14–Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

8:00 Gina Ottomanelli Bender R/b the Ottomanelli Family  
12:00 Martino and Antonia Busanic R/b the Busanic Family

**Saturday, September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows**

8:00 Rev. Zachary H. Monet, O.Carm. R/b Margo Giro  
12:00 George F. Breyer Jr. R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico  
4:00 John Pagnussat R/b Lorraine Gobbetti

5:00 Intentions of Muriel McGinnis R/b Peter and Carole Stonitsch

**Sunday, September 16 – SS. Cornelius and Cyprian, martyrs**

7:30 Gina Ottomanelli Bender R/b the Ottomanelli Family  
8:15 Maya Hilario R/b Marita Morgan  
9:30 Wilma Longo R/b the Bentivegna Family  
10:45 Matteo Scivanich R/b Nick and Maria Busanic  
12:00 David Zocco R/b Mike Zocco  
1:00 Rita Fanuco R/b Ron and Adele Filippone  
6:00 Bernar Vollkommer R/b Sheila and Patrick Conroy  
7:00 People of the Parish

**SANCTUARY MEMORIALS**

**The Church Sanctuary Lamp** burns this week for the repose of the soul of **Louis DePinto**, r/b Fr. Wojciech.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp** burns this week for the repose of the soul of **Mark Joseph Fizulich**, r/b loving godparents.

**St. Joseph Votive Lamp** burns this week for a special intention, r/b the Werner Family.

**The Convent Sanctuary Lamp** burns this week for those serving in defense of our country.

**The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp** burns this week for a special intention, r/b the Dalton Family

**The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp** burns this week for the souls in Purgatory.

**The Flowers before the Blessed Mother** have been donated in honor of the Holy Name of Mary, r/b Mike and Maria Hellrigel.

**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.'

**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.

**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?

"The presence of Mary illumines the entire world, so that even the holy city above has now a more dazzling splendor from the light of this virginal Lamp."

**Saint Bernard**