

# 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, October 25, 2020 A.D.

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

(THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART)

**Parish Office 201-768-1706**

### COME WORSHIP WITH US

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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 & after 12:00Noon Mass

**WITH the Lord  
there is mercy  
and  
FULLNESS of Redemption**

**Psalm 130:7**



### ATTENTION !

**no more sign-ups for**

**Saturday evening / Sunday Mass.**

Seating for Mass will be on a "first-come, first-served" basis,  
with the assistance of the ushers.

**Weekend Mass Schedule:**

Saturday evening 4:00PM and 5:00PM

Sunday 7:00AM, 8:00AM *Latin*, 9:30AM - also live-streamed,  
10:45AM, 10:45AM Family Mass in OLV GYM

12:00Noon, 1:00PM *Spanish*, 6:00PM. No 7PM Sunday Mass

#### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:

Mon.-Sat.: 7:30-7:50am. Saturday: 11:00-11:50am; 3:00-3:45pm

#### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

To register for Baptismal preparation and Baptism, call the rectory.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Call the Religious Ed Office for requirements/class schedule.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Please call the rectory for an appointment.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/LAST RITES:

Sick calls at any time in emergency.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS AND VOCATIONS:

Anyone contemplating a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life should contact the Vocations Office at 973.497.4365.



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## Fr. Wojciech's Corner

**Congratulations Array of Hope - 10th Anniversary** (see below)

This weekend **Dr. Mayer**, a representative of **Respect Life Group** in our parish will speak on behalf of **New Jersey Right to Life** and their **annual Raffle**. Due to the pandemic this yearly event is facing significant hurdles and unprecedented challenges. I encourage our parishioners (who every year helped in such a great way) to consider this crucial pro-life cause. First Prize (among many other prizes) is a 2021 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV valued at \$41,045.00. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Today (Sunday during the month of the Rosary), "in gratitude to our Mother who gave us this powerful weapon," which unites hundreds of thousands of people, the filmmaker and actor **Eduardo Verastegui** invites all on their social networks to pray on that day to our Mother. Verastegui invites to offer Her **one million Rosaries** on Sunday, **October 25 at 1:00 pm (Mexican time -1 hour behind us)** for all those affected in different ways by COVID-19: victims, families, those who lost their job and for unborn babies running the risk of being aborted, and for their mothers, so that they may defend the life of their child." Read more the whole article: <https://theworldnews.net/va-news/a-rosary-for-the-world-is-a-movement-of-love-says-eduardo-verastegui>.

This coming **Saturday, October 31, Fr. Michael McGivney**, the founder of the Knights of Columbus **will be beatified**. Please see the article on page 5 of this bulletin for details. **Congratulations Knights!**

### ARRAY of HOPE - 10th Anniversary Virtual Gala

**Wednesday October 28 @ 8PM EST, ARRAY of HOPE** is going to celebrate the **10th ANNIVERSARY** of their ministry with a **Virtual Gala** event. Throughout the years Array of Hope has become a primary source for creating and producing transformative events, films and music for Catholic families and ministries. In their own words: "*We know that all families have an innate desire to grow in virtue and love. Array of Hope continues to inspire families and parishes to grow in and share their faith through various tools and methods.*" We congratulate all the crew for all they did, do and will do. Register for their Virtual Gala event at <https://arrayofhope.net/> To get a taste of what is to come for their Gala visit: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g\\_lxQ4Q6W\\_8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g_lxQ4Q6W_8). You can also register for this event here: <https://bit.ly/330luGU> Array of Hope - Ad Multos Annos!

## CCD Office Hours

**Monday - Wednesday - Friday 10AM-2PM**

**ADORATIONS schedule. No appointment needed**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays** adoration from 8:30AM till 12Noon.

**First Thursdays** of the month, Holy Hour at 7PM,

**First Fridays** regular adoration from 12:30PM till 7PM

**First Saturday** from 12:30PM till 1PM.

**COME let us ADORE the EUCHARISTIC LORD.**

### SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"God's love does not distinguish between the infant in the mother's womb or the child or the youth or the adult or the older person.

In each one God sees His image and likeness.

Human life is a manifestation of God and His glory."

~ Pope Benedict XVI

## ALL SOULS INTENTIONS

All Souls Day is two weeks away. In preparation for All Souls Day, the 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 and for the entire month of November, which is dedicated to the POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY. Please **PRINT** the names **LEGIBLY** because the names will be read before each Mass in November. We don't want to "butcher" the names of your loved ones.

**THANKYOU!**-St. Vincent de Paul Social Concerns thanks all those who donated to the coat / jacket collection for St. John's.

### Offering God our true wealth

We see some people who disdain very great riches in this world - and not only large sums of gold and silver but also magnificent properties - being disturbed over a penknife, a stylus, a needle, or a pen... And when they have given away all their wealth for the sake of Christ's love, but still retain the heart's old affection for the littlest things and are always quickly irritated because of them, they become in every respect fruitless and barren, like those who do not have the love of which the Apostle speaks. Foreseeing this in the Spirit, the blessed Apostle said: "If I gave all my goods to feed the poor and handed my body over to be burned, but I did not have love, it would profit me nothing." (1 Cor 13:3) Hence it is clearly proved that perfection is not immediately arrived at by being stripped and deprived of all one's wealth or by giving up one's honors, unless there is that love whose elements the Apostle describes, which consists in purity of heart alone.

For what else does it mean not to be envious, not to be boastful, not to be angry, not to do evil, not to seek the things that are one's own, not to rejoice over iniquity, not to think evil and all the rest, (1 Cor 13:4-5) if not always to offer God a perfect and utterly clean heart and to keep it unsullied by any passion? For the sake of this, then, everything is to be done and desired.

-**Saint John Cassian (around 360-435)** founder of monasteries Conferences, I, 6-7, (©Ancient Christian Writers)

## CONVALIDATION

Best way to start your married life is with God. In Sacramental Marriage God's own divine life can be experienced and lived. Were you married only civilly by a mayor or justice of the peace and would now like to be married in the Catholic Church? Contact Fr. Wojciech for details.

## 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.

### 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. OLV has Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday and Thursday - 8:30AM to 11:50AM.

## 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 at 7:30AM, as well as every First Friday at 6PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

**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.**

Corporal Shanna Bennett  
Corporal Matthew Brady  
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo  
Lance Corporal Thomas Iafrate  
Corporal Joseph Levine  
2nd Lieutenant J.P. Maher

**US Navy**

Lt. Commander Julia Cheringal  
Ensign Jon Clemente  
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger  
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger

**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, baby Emmet Fischer, baby James Amicucci, baby Jonathan, Robert Bardsley, Richard Bolton, Robert Brawley, Dominic Carini, Sal Cenicola, Helen Choma, Kevin Columbo, Paula Brennan Cornine, Marie D'Ascenzo, Cathy Daleo, Maryann Dean, Lorraine Degerdon, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Mike Donohue, Carl Falasca, Jay Filippone, Marie Filippone, Christine Fitzgerald, Mary Foley, Jerome Fowler, Amy Hartwell, Peter Kellar, Milan Krupa, Mary Lowe, James McGarry, Robert Milli, Gianna Moscatello, Natalie Niebergall, John Pal, Tom Paskewich, Joan and Buddy Phalon, Marie Piazza, Canice Prince, Debra Rendon, Bruce Michael Ricciardi, Louise Ricciardi, Vincent Ricciardi, Veronica Romanchuk, Beth Sacco, Janet Sylvia, Mike Tobia, Aileen Vassar, Brian, Carla, Chris, Christina, Dierdre, Edward, Elba, Jennifer, Joann, Karen, Lisa, Lou, Lucas, Lynn, Michael, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, Sean, Sharon, Tom.

**Spiritual Communion** *composed by Cardinal Rafael Merry del Val*

As I cannot this day enjoy the happiness of assisting at the holy Mysteries, O my God! I transport myself in spirit at the foot of Thine altar; I unite with the Church, which by the hands of the priest, offers Thee Thine adorable Son in the Holy Sacrifice; I offer myself with Him, by Him, and in His Name. I adore, I praise, and thank Thee, imploring Thy mercy, invoking Thine assistance, and presenting Thee the homage I owe Thee as my Creator, the love due to Thee as my Savior.

Apply to my soul, I beseech Thee, O merciful Jesus, Thine infinite merits; apply them also to those for whom I particularly wish to pray. I desire to communicate spiritually, that Thy Blood may purify, Thy Flesh strengthen, and Thy Spirit sanctify me. May I never forget that Thou, my divine Redeemer, hast died for me; may I die to all that is not Thee, that hereafter I may live eternally with Thee. Amen.

**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.

**Relevant Radio 1430AM**

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, October 26—St. Demetrius of Dalmatia-Martyr**

8:00 Alfred Yu R/b Matthew and Mary Ann Donohue Ryan  
12:00 Gus D'Ercole R/b Joey and Donna

**Tuesday, October 27-BI. Emilina of France-Lay Cistercian Sister**

8:00 Anthony Amalfitano R/b Tony and Laura Scott  
12:00 Elaine Lamendola R/b Jinnie Moran

**Wednesday, October 28 – Saints Simon and Jude - Apostles**

8:00 John Cuffe R/b Matthew and Mary Ann Donohue Ryan  
12:00 Jack Polimeni R/b Stefano and Andrew Pappalardo

**Thursday, October 29—St. Narcissus – Bishop of Jerusalem**

8:00 Juan Estevez R/b Tony and Mary Yorio  
12:00 Gus D'Ercole R/b Tom and Tara Oakley

**Friday, October 30—St. Marcellus the Centurion, Martyr-Spain**

8:00 Dominick Izzo R/b the Izzo Family  
12:00 James Mazza R/b Rose Nicoletti

**Saturday, October 31 – St. Wolfgang, Bishop of Ratisbon**

8:00 Janice McGurn R/b Judy Pommert  
12:00 Joey Mazzocchi R/b Rae Rinaldi  
4:00 Roberta Bruno R/b Casey and Marty Smith  
5:00 Frances Alfano R/b Jim and Connie Caltabellata

**Sunday, November 1 – SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS**

7:00 Arcangelo Colasuonno R/b the Walsh Family  
8:00 Special Intention  
9:30 Raphael F. Longobardi R/b Louise Moir  
10:45 Philomena Petrucci-McKinstry R/b Richard and Erin Flynn  
10:45 Gym Gloria Gerweck R/b the Coulter Family  
12:00 Lizette Donnelly R/b the Ciuppa Family  
1:00 People of the Parish  
6:00 Rita and John Burke, and Patrick Dolan R/b Glynis and Family

**Sanctuary Memorials**

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

**The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp** will burn this week for the repose of the soul of Millie Sutter, r/b Kevin and Roseann McCarthy.

**The Saint Joseph Votive Lamp** will burn this week for the repose of the soul of Blase Sacus, r/b the Foley Family.

**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.

**My Parish—COVID-19—My Responsibility**

We thank all those who so generously continue to support our parish by mailing in your donations. At the same time, we understand that some have been laid off from their work or experiencing decreased income and are unable to continue their donations at this time. *Donations/offering envelopes may be mailed to:*

**OLV Rectory, 81 Lynn Street, Harrington Park, NJ 07640.**

*Thank you for your generosity.*

## REQUIREMENTS for GODPARENTS

Godparents play a very important role in your child's spiritual life as role models of the faith. They should support not only the child, but the parents as well. Additionally, in their role as godparent, they represent the larger Church community and this is a tremendous responsibility. The Church has provided guidelines to help parents choose the best possible godparents for their children. In recognizing the importance of the godparent and their duties:

**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 2 Godparents, there must be one female and one male. (Canon Law 872-874)**

**Clothing Bins:** Please donate clothes, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, toys, and children's books. Please place your donations INSIDE the bins (sometimes you have to push it in) . Do not leave items outside.

### HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**DON BOSCO PREP** on-campus/in-person - Sunday, October 25, 12:00-5:00pm. Register at [www.donboscoprep.org](http://www.donboscoprep.org)

**ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL HS** Open House - Wednesday, November 4, 6:30PM. Reserve your spot [SJRNJ.org](http://SJRNJ.org).

### Did you ever stop and wonder, why?

- If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?
- Why a round pizza gets delivered in a square box?
- Why people pay to go up in tall buildings, and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?
- Why people say they "slept like a baby", when babies normally wake up every two hours?
- Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat?
- What would the speed of lightning be if it didn't zigzag?
- Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but has to check when you say the paint is wet?

### A Little Humor...

What's a horse's primary concern when voting?  
A stable economy.

An old man goes to polling place asking if his wife had already voted. So the old man approaches the polling official and asks if his wife already voted. They ask for her full name and sure enough, she had already voted. He said Oh darn! She died 6 years ago but she keeps voting in every election and I was hoping to see her once again.

I can't believe they're considering an all mail election...  
...females worked so hard to get voting rights

## KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. Methuselah, 969 years.
2. Simeon and Anna.
3. Tithe.
4. The love of money.
5. No, Moses did not.

"When you say your Rosary, the angels rejoice, the Blessed Trinity delights in it, my Son finds joy in it too, and I myself am happier than you can possibly guess. After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, there is nothing in the Church that I love as much as the Rosary."

**Our Lady to Blessed Alan de la Roche**

## Wszystko Co Najważniejsze

St. John Paul II accurately predicted the problems facing the world today, his longtime personal secretary said Friday, the anniversary of the Polish pope's election. In an essay marking the election on Oct. 16, 1978, Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz said that John Paul II was accused of being out of touch with the world following the collapse of communism.

"Today, however, 15 years after he left for the House of the Father, we can see with what perspicacity he was analyzing the reality, and how accurate were his predictions of the problems we are facing today," he wrote in the Polish newspaper *Wszystko Co Najważniejsze* (*All that Really Matters*).

John Paul II served as pope for 26 years until his death in 2005, publishing 14 encyclicals and making pastoral visits to 129 countries. This year, the centenary of his birth is being marked by events in Rome and Poland. Cardinal Dziwisz, the former archbishop of Kraków, recalled that the pope did not share in the euphoria when the Iron Curtain fell and commentators spoke of "the end of history."

"The events that followed have proved John Paul II right: - not only had he accurately diagnosed the illnesses afflicting the Western world, but he was also able to point to remedies," he said. "In his opinion, the world's future will not be decided on battlefields but, above all, in the bosom of families, and it will depend on the quality of relations with our loved ones. For this reason, he elevated studies on the phenomenon of the family to the rank of an academic science. The theology of the body he developed became an in-depth, comprehensive, and tested response to the identity crisis we are currently witnessing in the sphere of human sexuality."

The 81-year-old cardinal argued that John Paul II also had a remarkable connection with young people. He wrote: "John Paul II was the first world leader to identify young people as a separate social group, and addressed his message to them on the occasion of cyclical World Youth Days and numerous meetings with young people held during his pilgrimages around the world." "In this way he helped to raise an entire generation of young people with no fathers and no masters in life; he taught them what maturation essentially is: discovering one's own identity, vocation, meaning and purpose in life."

Dziwisz said that John Paul II responded to the atomization of Western society by emphasizing "solidarity as a fundamental rule of collective life." "It seems that the philosophical principle that has governed the order of his attitude to the world was personalism, building one's life primarily on personal relationships, first of all with the person of God himself, and then with other people," he wrote. "Such an approach excludes any instrumentalization of the person used for mercantilist or political ends. It was from this point of view that John Paul II judged various sociological and economic systems, analyzing whether they did degrade a human being into a mere role of producer or consumer."

In an article in the same publication, Archbishop Stanisław Gądecki, president of the Polish bishops' conference, hailed John Paul II as "a tireless defender of the right to life," describing his 1995 encyclical *Evangelium vitae* as "a manifesto of the defenders of life." The archbishop of Poznań also said that John Paul II's 1999 "Letter to the Elderly" highlighted a "dramatic change" in Western civilization. "In the past, the elderly were surrounded by deep respect. Today, 'the idea of euthanasia has lost for many people the sense of horror which it naturally awakens in those who have a sense of respect for life.' It is therefore possible to make polite conversations about putting 'useless' people to death and still consider oneself a person of 'high society,'" he wrote .

**- Catholic World Report, Vatican City, Oct 16, 2020**

Live so as not to fear death. For those who live well in the world, death is not frightening but sweet and precious. – **St. Rose of Viterbo**

**Founder of Knights of Columbus  
to be Beatified**

**Fr. Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, will be beatified** during a special Mass Oct. 31 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. ([You can watch the Mass live on EWTN, Catholic TV or streaming on the Supreme K of C website kofc.org.](#))

On May 27, the Vatican announced that Pope Francis, who met with the board of directors of the Knights of Columbus in February, had signed the decree recognizing a miracle through the intercession of McGivney, clearing the way for his beatification. Once he is beatified, he will be given the title "Blessed."

The miracle recognized by the Vatican occurred in 2015 and involved an U.S. baby, still in utero, with a life-threatening condition that, under most circumstances, could have led to an abortion. That baby, Mikey Schachle, is now 5. His parents, Dan and Michelle Schachle, of Dickson, Tennessee, prayed to McGivney to intercede with God to save their son, still in his mother's womb, who was given no hope of surviving a life-threatening case of fetal hydrops.

McGivney (1852-1890), the son of Irish immigrants, was born in Waterbury, Connecticut, and was ordained a priest in 1877 for what is now the Archdiocese of Hartford. He founded the Knights of Columbus at St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882. He originally started the Knights as a service organization to help widows and orphans. At the time, McGivney was an assistant pastor at St. Mary's Parish. He is buried in New Haven.

The fraternal order for Catholic men has become the largest lay Catholic organization in the world with 2 million members and sponsors a wide range of educational, charitable and religious activities.

McGivney, who will be the first American parish priest to be beatified and has long been a hero of working-class Catholics, can be viewed as a martyr of a pandemic. When he died of pneumonia complications at age 38 in 1890, it was during an outbreak of influenza known as the Russian flu in Thomaston, Connecticut. Some recent evidence, according to the Knights, indicates the outbreak may have been the result of a coronavirus.

"Father McGivney has inspired generations of Catholic men to roll up their sleeves and put their faith into action," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said. "He was decades ahead of his time in giving the laity an important role within the church. Today, his spirit continues to shape the extraordinary charitable work of Knights as they continue to serve those on the margins of society as he served widows and orphans in the 1880s."

He added, "Father McGivney also remains an important role model for parish priests around the world and left us a transformative legacy of effective cooperation between the laity and clergy."

After the announcement that the priest would be beatified, Anderson told Catholic News Service in an interview: "We've been praying for years for this to occur, and finally this day has arrived."

The initial work on his sainthood cause began in 1982 on the Knights' centenary. His cause was formally opened in Hartford in 1997, and he was given the title "servant of God." In March 2008, the Catholic Church recognized the priest heroically lived the Christian virtues, so he was given the title "venerable."

- National Catholic Reporter 07/29/2020

Listen and attend with the ear of your heart.  
-St. Benedict

**The miracle attributed to BLESSED Carlo Acutis' prayers**

The beatification of Carlo Acutis took place Oct. 10 after a miracle attributed to his prayers and the grace of God. In Brazil, a boy named Mattheus was healed from a serious birth defect called an annular pancreas after he and his mother asked Acutis to pray for his healing.

Mattheus was born in 2009 with a serious condition that caused him difficulty eating and serious abdominal pain. He was unable to keep any food in his stomach, and vomited constantly. By the time Mattheus was nearly four years old, he weighed only 20 pounds, and lived on a vitamin and protein shake, one of the few things his body could tolerate. He was not expected to live long. His mother, Luciana Vianna, had spent years praying for his healing.

At the same time, a priest friend of the family, Fr. Marcelo Tenorio, learned online about the life of Carlo Acutis, and began praying for his beatification. In 2013 he obtained a relic from Carlo's mother, and he invited Catholics to a Mass and prayer service in his parish, encouraging them to ask Acutis' intercession for whatever healing they might need. Mattheus' mother heard about the prayer service. She decided she would ask Acutis to intercede for her son. In fact, in the days before the prayer service, Vianna made a novena for Acutis' intercession, and explained to her son that they could ask Acutis to pray for his healing.

On the day of the prayer service, she took Mattheus and other family members to the parish. Fr. Nicola Gori, the priest responsible for promoting Acutis' sainthood cause, told Italian media what happened next:

"On October 12, 2013, seven years after Carlo's death, a child, affected by a congenital malformation (annular pancreas), when it was his turn to touch the picture of the future blessed, expressed a singular wish, like a prayer: 'I wish I could stop vomiting so much.' Healing began immediately, to the point that the physiology of the organ in question changed," Fr. Gori said.

On the way home from the Mass, Mattheus told his mother that he was already cured. At home, he asked for French fries, rice, beans, and steak - the favorite foods of his brothers. He ate everything on his plate. He didn't vomit. He ate normally the next day, and the next. Vianna took Mattheus to physicians, who were mystified by Mattheus' healing.

Mattheus' mother told Brazilian media she sees in the miracle an opportunity to evangelize.

"Before, I didn't even use my cell phone, I was averse to technology. Carlo changed my way of thinking, he was known for talking about Jesus on the Internet, and I realized that my testimony would be a way to evangelize and give hope to other families. Today I understand that everything new can be good, if we use it for good," she told reporters.

- Catholic News Agency Oct 10, 2020

**KIDZ KORNER**

1. According to Scripture who lived longer than anyone else in the Bible?
2. Name the two Jews waiting for Jesus in the Temple 8 days after His birth?
3. Israelites gave 10% of their income to God. What is this called?"
4. According to the New Testament, what is the root of evil?
5. Did Moses ever get to enter the "Promised Land?"

Answers on page 4.

**"Give me an army saying the Rosary  
and I will conquer the world."  
Pope Blessed Pius IX**