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# Apparition of the Virgin Mary in MONCRIVELLO

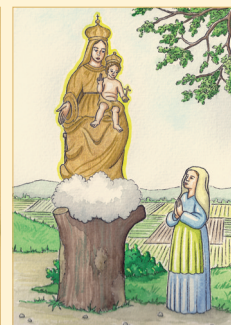


ITALY, 1562

**O**n the 26th of June 1562, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared upon the stump of a chestnut tree (in regional Italian dialect: *trumpa* or *trompone*) to Domenica di Miglianotto: a hunchback who stuttered and had epilepsy, a woman who lived her life of suffering and sadness, consoling herself only with prayer. One day, while she was praying during one of her brief trips, she passed in front of the *trompone*, when suddenly she saw on that tree trunk stump, in an extremely vivid light, the Most Holy Virgin appeared with Baby Jesus in her arms, and who smiled lovingly at her. At the same she felt life flow again in her poor body: her back straightened, her tongue was unbound, and all her ills went away. She felt completely cured. **The Blessed Mother also told her that she desired that a church be built on the Trompone, so that right there she would be able to become a distributor of graces to the suffering.**

News of the miracle spread quickly in the nearby towns. The woman became famous, her healing was evident. People flocked to the *trompone* to invoke the Blessed Mother's intercession and to bring their sick people to the apparition site. New miracles soon occurred: healings of the blind, the lame, and people stricken by various illnesses.

A few months later, on the 19th of August, the clergy and the people of Moncrivello gathered in procession to the *Trompone* and, upon a mobile altar, the priest Fr. Giovanni Battista Ferraris celebrated a solemn Mass "in honor of God and of the Most Holy Virgin," which concluded with the installment of the cornerstone of a small church. The Marquis of Moncrivello, Cesare Majo, during a papal audience in Rome, informed the Pope of the events of the *Trompone*. Pope Pius IV, who while a Cardinal had been Commendatory of the St. Andrew Hospital in Verelli, responded with a Papal Bull, dated the 31st of August 1562, in which he recognized the healing of the woman of Cigliano, he made a record of the devotion generated by the occurrence and of the numerous favors obtained, and he authorized the construction of the church "without the obligation to request a license from the Ordinary of the town." Furthermore, he granted a plenary indulgence to all the faithful who each year would visit the Church of the Trompone, on the occasion of the feast of *Dominica in Albis* – Quasimodo Sunday. (The Sunday after Easter is known today as Divine Mercy Sunday.)



The Blessed Mother appears to Domenica di Miglianotto, hunchback, stutterer, and epileptic since birth, and she heals her instantly



Shrine of the Blessed Mother of the Trompone



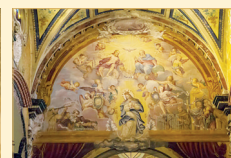
Replica of the apparition



Interior of the Shrine



In the cupola dome the fresco representing the Coronation of the Virgin may be admired, they are attributed to the artist Gaudentio Ferrari



Detail of the dome's vault