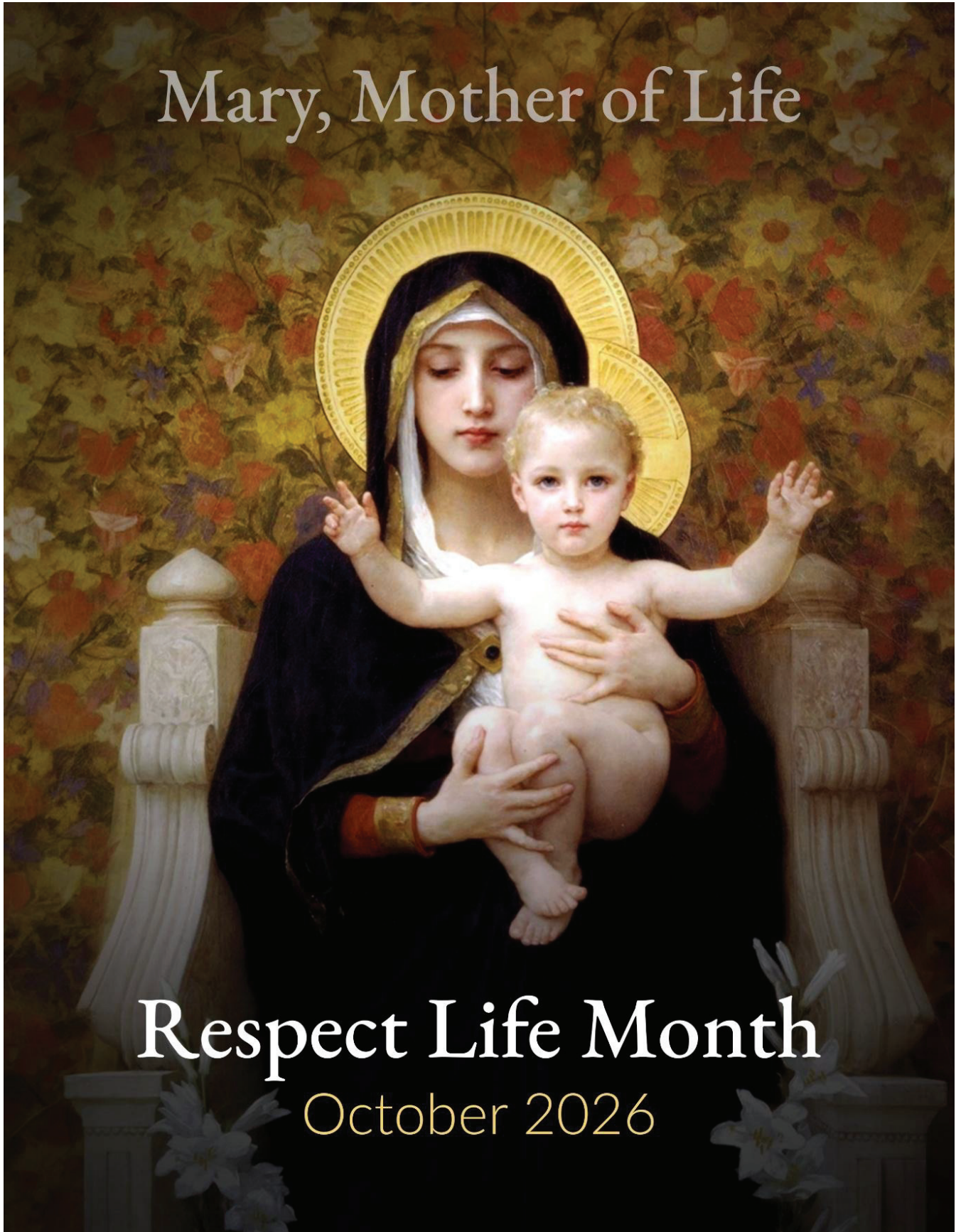




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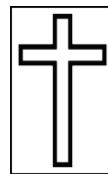
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Fr. Leonard F. Villa, Pastor



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 4, 2026



MASS Intentions

Saturday **Oct. 3, 2026**

5:00 Mary Gaughan (Anniversary) daughter

Sunday **Oct. 4, 2026**

7:45 Aurea Areza & Caius Camello (living) fmlly

9:15 Alipio Baldi Rose Baldi

10:45 Kevin Duignan Evelyn

12:15 For the People of the Parish

1:30 Byron Adams Laura Winterroth

Monday **Oct. 5, 2026**

9:00 Tallon Family Mary Beirne

12:00 Harry Winterroth Eileen Slattery

Tuesday **Oct. 6, 2026**

9:00 For Holy Souls Jacob family

Wednesday **Oct. 7, 2026**

9:00 Sister Eileen Treanor Curtin family

12:00 Denis Freyne (living)

Thursday **Oct. 8, 2026**

9:00 Michael McPartland Sr. Mary & Bill Turner

12:00 Joan Murphy (living)

Friday **Oct. 9, 2026**

9:00 Emily Crossan (living-healing) C. Tuffy

Saturday **Oct. 10, 2026**

9:00 Christine Donaghy Family

12:00 Daniel Brusstar Laura Winterroth

5:00 Margaret, Joseph & Richard Howley

Sunday **Oct. 11, 2026**

7:45 Linda Nicolosi Kathleen Jacob

9:15 Denis Troy John & Carol O'Neill

10:45 Gerry, Margaret & Patricia Flynn

12:15 Helen Brady Frank Brady

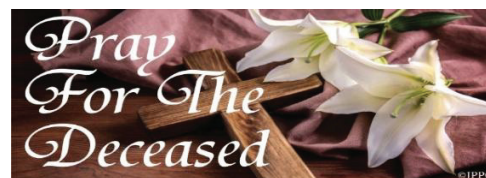
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Our Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Joann Mary Barthel and Mary Barthel as requested by Nelson Hocker



Richard Lyons, Grace Lyons, Joseph Molack, Timothy O'Connor, Valentina Rakaj, Pete Coppa, Rosemary Libre, Kathleen Kerrigan, Carol Saxe, Maria Toppi, Camielle Moynihan, Eileen Coughlin, Carol O'Neill, Jane Curtin, Rose Rampa, Willi Dunz, Noemi Asuncion Bernardez, DeGiovanni Family, Carol Santini, Aidan Curtin, Sallyann Ricci, Ed Catis, Thea Cronin, Carmine Carletto, Martin Beirne, Rosanne Snyder, and Michael Gilligan.



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week especially, Fr. Gabriel LaPaz, Maria Chiapetta, Allora MacMahon, and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

Oct. 3rd 5:00 D. Douglas

Oct. 4th 7:45 S. Abraham 9:15 A. Canale

10:45 A. Urgola 12:15 E. Slattery

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1 st Collection	\$3,338
2 nd Collection	\$1,420
Shrines	\$137
On line Giving	\$1,750
Total	\$6,645

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**Lepanto: October 7th, 1571,
Our Lady of Victory, & the Church Militant**



In the 16th century the enemy of Christian civilization was a reality in the Ottoman Empire. Today the enemy is more watered-down and is even rendered present inside the Church. Today the attacks are not localized in a specific territory but have penetrated inside souls. Ours is a situation in which God is out of the picture and the “de-structuring” of the human being, the family, education and the Christian sense of social and political life is sought. Today we are facing a cultural battle which has been shaping principles and dogma for centuries. This is how the Spanish Bishop of Alcalá de Henares, Juan Antonio Reig Pla, described it in a pastoral letter from 2020.

7th of October is a special day, celebrating the victory of the Christian fleet against Islam at Lepanto. More than in the courage of men, the reason for the victory, however, was in the spiritual strength of the man who created the Christian Holy League and aided it day by day with his prayer: St. Pius V. As a reward for his faith and trust, the Pope obtained knowledge from Heaven, in Rome, about the victorious outcome of the battle at the precise moment it ended, more than a thousand kilometers away. Pius V attributed the merit of the victory, not to himself, nor to the bravery of the armada, but to the One he had entrusted everything to. Thus, he ordered that the invocation “*Auxilium Christianorum*, (Help of Christians) *ora pro nobis*”, be added to the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and fixed October 7 as a Feast in honor of Our Lady of Victory.

Heaven and Earth are not as distant as we might think, since everything that happens on Earth is in the continuous sight of Heaven. In Heaven, which is the place of perfect divine liturgy, some anniversaries are commemorated and among them is Lepanto. That victory was a result of the courage of the Christian combatants who braved a ferocious and powerful enemy with the firm determination to win or die. Many died, but the Christian armada attained the victory. The victory then came, above all, from Heaven, like any good action performed on Earth, given that man, on his own strengths is capable only of evil, whereas he is capable of good only when he collaborates with God and is aided by His Grace and since God uses the Angels to carry out His plans, on that day of Lepanto, we have to believe that the Angels, favored the victory, under the guidance of their Queen, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. And it is thus that on October 7, in Heaven, the Angels celebrate Mary, *Help of Christians*, over all the enemies of the Catholic Church, **both external and internal**.

Many years have passed since then. This anniversary will be commemorated in Heaven, and we want to remember it here on Earth with special solemnity. This is not just an act of commemoration; **it intends first to be a declaration of war, or rather, a response to a war that was declared on us centuries ago and to which we intend responding with all our strength, without abandoning the place each one of us has been assigned by Divine providence.** Wars have accompanied the history of mankind from the very beginning as a consequence of original sin, but with the French Revolution war changed its face: it has become a civil war, an ideological war, a total war, between those who have the faith, hope and charity of the Catholic Church on their banner, and those who place the principles of 1789 on theirs: liberty, equality, fraternity, **meant as coming from humans without God!**

It is necessary to oppose the Anti-Christian Revolution which has threatened us since that time, with a Catholic Counter-Revolution, just as our faith needs to be, because on earth the Church is the fighting-Church. Leo XIII, in his encyclical *Humanum genus* of April 20, 1884, **described the role of Freemasonry in this fierce war against the natural and Christian order.** After the French Revolution, the communist revolution followed in 1917. In his encyclical *Divini Redemptoris* of March 19, 1937, Pius XI described the role of Communism. He affirmed that “*for the first time in history we are witnessing a deliberate, cold-blooded battle, carefully prepared by man against “all that is divine”*” (I Thessalonians. 2,4)

The errors of Communism have contaminated the entire world like a maleficent virus. Those who believe that Communism has become extinct with the collapse of the Soviet Union are committing a deadly error in judgment. Since the 1970s, following the directions of Antonio Gramsci and the “Frankfort School”, communism, has developed into a new type of war: a psychological war, which, through the weapons of words and images, aims at striking souls before striking bodies and sentiments and emotions. **This war has penetrated inside the Church, since the Church, which is the enemy *par excellence* of the Revolution, is also the place where souls are formed for battle.** The souls of the Church's sons and daughters - especially since the Second Vatican Council - have been victims of a process of deformation with a loss of the militant spirit and of the psychological and moral disarming of Catholics leaving the Church listless.

The principal of cognitive dissonance pushes the individual to prefer the fake rather than the real even when the facts disprove the fake, because the distorted idea the individual has made of reality, is not fruit of a logical analysis of the facts, but of a gut feeling originating from what the individual wants to believe, or better, what the ideology peddlers want the individual to believe, for example that a man can change into a woman by thinking he's a woman and vice versa. One of these manipulations of reality is pushing the belief that the West is the cause and not the victim of the war in progress. This psychological war has fostered, in turn, a social Revolution, which will develop into the last phase of the conflict to bring the world toward the reign of Chaos, hoped for by the powers of darkness, as a reflection of Hell; a global disorder in which the Revolution attains its apparent victory, but will experience also its own defeat, **since the law of creation is order (!) and a return to order is the program of the counter-revolution.**

Divine Providence is order; everything that happens is envisaged, permitted and ordered by Providence. And we want to be instruments of Divine Providence in this battle we are fighting on the ideological and psychological levels, but most of all on the spiritual level, by counting not only on our weak forces, but on the help of the One who in 1571 made the victory at Lepanto possible. *Venerable Pius XII* points out that the name of “Our Lady of Victory” is rightly deserved. At Fatima, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary revealed that after the terrible trials which would have seen the annihilation of entire nations, there would come the final triumph of Her Immaculate Heart. We believe in this promise, and we fight to contribute to its fulfillment. **But it is She, Our Lady of Victory, who organizes the army, chooses the commanders, defines the hour, the manner and places of the battles. With this message, we simply want to respond to the call coming from Heaven, because Heaven never ceases to turn its gaze on faithful men and women, active on Earth directing their allegiance. Our Lady, Help of Christians, pray for us.**



MASS Intentions

The Mass book for 2027 is open. You may submit your requests through our email at stpaulyonkers@gmail.com or call the rectory before 12noon. Please limit your requests to four weekend masses at this time.

Join us on October 29th at St. Joseph's Seminary for the 2026 Fall Academic Lecture. Christianity and the Age of AI: Exploring the DELTA Framework for Understanding Powerful AI. Get your tickets today at SJSFallAcademicLecture2026@eventbrite.com

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Bible Study and More! Go to stpaulyonkers.formed.org and register which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Today is Respect Life Sunday. Pray for the sacredness of all life from conception to natural death. Wednesday is the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. Pray: Devotionals, The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or The Traditional Catholic Rosary. Listen to: Praying the Rosary like Never Before. Friday Watch: *Lead Kindly Light* on Saint John Henry Newman, Cardinal.



Religious Education has begun. You can still register through our website or pick up forms in back of Church. Forms can be dropped in the collection basket or brought into Rel Ed.

The Matthew Wallace Foundation hosts ***Matt's Grab-n-Go*** with essential items, Wednesday, October 7th, Kerry Hall, 305 McLean Avenue at 11:30am. Must be a Westchester resident with a valid US government issued ID.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will meet on Thurs, Oct 15th, 12:30pm, St. Ann's Church, Fr. Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers. Info: [914.423.5331](tel:914.423.5331). New members are always welcome.

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Whether you have a few hours to give or just a few minutes for prayer, there is a place for you **in Our Lady's army!**

If you are interested, please contact

Kathy Scott at [347-835-9259](tel:347-835-9259) or

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and look for our information booth before and after Mass in the coming weeks

Healing After Abortion: Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A **"Day of Prayer and Healing"** offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming dates in the NYC area are: In English: November 7, February 13 & March 13. In Spanish: October 24, January 30 & April 17. For more dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at [\(866\)-575-0075](tel:866-575-0075) (toll free) or reach us by email at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

Join us for a New Weekly Bible Study – **The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation**, Oct. 7th & 8th. Come deepen your understanding of Scripture, grow in faith, and enjoy fellowship with others in our parish community. Every Wed. at 7-9pm or Thurs. at 10-11:30am (same presentation) moderated by Fr. Morrow. Questions 914-965-9333

St. Paul the Apostle Charismatic Prayer Group – Celebrating 50 years of Faith and Fellowship, Tuesdays at 8pm in the school cafeteria. Experience an uplifting evening of prayer, fellowship, and inspiration as we grow together in our faith. We look forward to welcoming you!

Please join St. Augustine Church, Ossining, on Tuesday, October 13th, for Holy Mass at 7:00 PM to celebrate the **109th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun of Our Lady of Fatima**. Following the Mass, there will be a candlelight procession (rain or shine). For more information, please email Patricia Barbera @ patricia.barbera@staugny.org.



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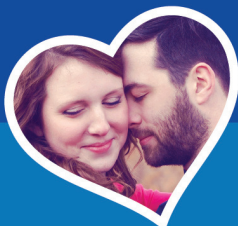
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