

Our Lady of Victories Church

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

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SUNDAY, October 6, 2019 A.D.

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*Salve Regina
Honorificentia Populi Nostri
Ab Hoste Protege
Mortis Hora Suscipe*

*Hail Queen
Honor of our people
Shield us from the enemy
And receive us at the hour of death*



THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/CONFESSION:

Monday - Friday 7:30am -7:50am.
First Friday at 6:30pm
Saturday at 11:00a.m.-Noon; 3:00pm -3:40pm

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

I am still opening the cards and gifts, there were so many. As I go through them, I am amazed with the choice of cards and the creativity of words and generosity of all of you. It takes me a while because I truly want to remember all you said. THANK YOU. It is just so inspiring. It truly proves that **YOU ARE THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART.**

Last Sunday and Monday there were no CCD classes, yet many of our students came to Sunday Mass. I commend all those who attend Sunday Mass every single week and encourage parents, grandparents and godparents to **make sure our children do not miss Sunday Mass EVER.** Somebody just told me recently that their son NEVER missed a Sunday Mass ever, wow.

We are now in the month of October, the month of Mary, month of the Victory of Lepanto through a very NOT WEAPON looking weapon - **the weapon of the Holy ROSARY.** Yes, it is a WEAPON. We are facing new Lepantos every single day of our lives. May this month inspire us to learn how to use this tremendous weapon given to us by Mary herself, Mother who knows what her children need.

On Monday we will celebrate the parish feast of Our Lady of Victories that takes its name from the VICTORIES at Lepanto (read more on page 5 of our bulletin). I know it is a weekday, I invite those who can make it to attend the Mass at either 8AM or 12 Noon, and if you cannot, to do something special in honor of Mary, maybe say a rosary or a portion of it, say as a family some Marian prayers, like Angelus or Memorare, easily found on internet or sing a Salve Regina or any Marian Hymn or even crown the family statue with flowers and do some act of consecration with simple words of the entire household. Be creative.

This month is also a **RESPECT LIFE MONTH.** Please see our special column on page 5. Consider participating in our pro-life group activities (read more below in **ARE YOU AWARE corner**) or use some ideas from page 5 or in your prayers use respect life prayer intentions.

"Are you Aware?"

A few weeks ago, at a hearing on Capitol Hill on the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, Congressman Chris Smith from NJ, chair of the Pro-Life Caucus, issued a statement. We encourage you to read the full statement; however, he said that in the state of Florida, in just one year - 2017 - eleven babies were born alive during abortions. Shockingly only six states - Florida, Arizona, Michigan, Minnesota, Oklahoma and Texas - currently require the reporting of children born alive who survive abortion. Shockingly, some want to legalize and legitimize this assault on children - the murder of born alive babies. How many more babies from the other 44 states that we don't know about, survive an abortion to simply become victims of infanticide?

Are you aware NY Governor Cuomo signed a bill into law to allow abortion until birth and even removes penalties for infanticide of any child who survives? Do you know Illinois also repealed it's born alive protection and 14 other states have no protections for abortion survivors in place.

We are called as Catholics to defend the helpless. The Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act seeks to end or at least mitigate this egregious child abuse by requiring that a health care provider must "exercise the same degree of professional skill, care and diligence to preserve the life and health of the child as a reasonably diligent and conscientious health care practitioner would render to any other child born alive at the same gestational age or be fined and/or face up to five years in prison." The bill makes clear that no mother of a child born alive can ever be prosecuted. And it empowers the woman upon whom the abortion is performed to obtain appropriate relief in a civil action. Call your representatives to demand that the House vote now and approve this humane, pro-child, human rights legislation.

OLV Life Committee meets each month on the 2nd Monday at 7:30pm for 1 hour. Be a part of OLV's group devoted to Supporting LIFE. Next meeting is October 14. Check our corner each week for news and local/ regional events and make the time to stand up for LIFE.

Array of Hope Gala Array of Hope is a lay apostolate within the Archdiocese of Newark, that exists to reveal the "Truths of our Faith" by creating high-quality films, music and events. Each year Array of Hope hosts it's annual Gala event, an inspiring evening filled with live music, fellowship and film premieres. This year Array of Hope is very excited to be honoring Abby Johnson of the movie "*Unplanned*" and her husband Doug Johnson. Also honoring, Clare Byrne, Founder of Imprint Hope and Special Guest Speaker: Mario Enzler, former Swiss Guard to Pope John Paul II. This event is on October 23, at 6PM at the Valley Regency in Clifton NJ. For tickets visit www.arrayofhope.net or call (201) 261-3372.

ALL SOULS INTENTIONS

All Souls Day is a month 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.

10 Other Commandments to Live By

Try to understand the deep meaning. They are like the original Ten Commandments, try to follow them, in life, and all of the time!

1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout the journey.
2. So why is a Car's WINDSHIELD so large and the Rear View Mirror so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, Look Ahead and Move on.
3. Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes a few minutes to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.
5. Old Friends are Gold! New Friends are Diamond! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a Base of Gold!
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"
7. When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.
- 8] A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse "than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
10. WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES. It takes away today's PEACE.

CCD Corner

Although there were no CCD classes this past week, over 20 students joined us for the Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) with Mrs. Susan Leyden this past Sunday at the 10:45 Mass. The children heard the gospel reading of Lazarus and the rich man and were reminded that we can each do small things to help those less fortunate. Each child was given a "blessing bag" with prayer cards, small change and basic first aid items, they were instructed to ask their parents to add other items (small toiletries, socks, gloves, etc.) to the bag at home. The children were encouraged to ask their parents to give the bag to a person in need that they may encounter on their commute to work or on a visit to the city. Often, we see those who are in need and wonder how we can help. This is a simple way to show children compassion for others. * October is the month of the Holy Rosary. We will be praying a decade of the rosary each week in class throughout the month.

***OLV NEEDLERS** Wednesdays 6:30pm in the lower church.

***CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS** On behalf of our President of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Mrs. Renee Tringali, and the members of Court 1639, we take great pleasure to announce that Miss Aleth Ellen Hamilton is the recipient of the 2019 Scholarship. * *Save the Date!* CDA Brunch Sunday, October 20.

***HOLY NAME SOCIETY** OLV Holy Name Society meets the second Sunday each month. We attend 9:30am Mass as a group, followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet, meeting/refreshments. Next meeting is Sunday, Oct 13, our topic: *Respect for Life Ethic Is a 'Package Deal'*. New members are welcome. * **OLV Holy Name Society will pray the Rosary** across from the abortion clinic in Englewood on Sat, Oct 12 at 9AM. All parishioners are welcome to join us.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE Join this campaign that draws attention to the evil of abortion through prayer, fasting and standing in constant vigil outside the places where abortions are performed. Join us across from The Woman's Choice, 10 Zabriskie St, Hackensack, today through Nov 3rd - 7AM-7PM, Monday-Sunday. For info contact Margaret at 201-805-0937.

FAMILY PROMISE OF BERGEN COUNTY The program that provides assistance to working families with children who are temporarily experiencing homelessness needs volunteers -- *particularly overnight hosts (8:30PM - 6:00AM) or adults with school-aged children who would host 7-8:30PM*. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will next host for a week in November. Please consider joining Sr. Elizabeth and other HP residents in staffing this remarkable program. For info contact Paul Shackford 201-768-6885 or pshackford@gmail.com.

CLOTHING BINS Much needed items: clothing, small appliances, shoes, sheets/towels, stuffed animals, knickknacks, novels and children's books.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help with activities at Sunrise Assisted Living in Old Tappan. Contact Melissa Scheer 201-750-1110.

THIRD SATURDAY MASS October 19, Church of St. Mary in Closter at 12Noon. Mass is offered for the support of those directly affected with the abuse of alcohol and/or drugs and also for those involved in the life of the addict. Support group will follow Mass. For info please call 201-768-7565. The Fr. Jim McKenna Fund will hold a **Spaghetti dinner** on Saturday, Oct 19th 7PM in St. Mary's Parish Hall. For info visit fatherjimckenna.org.

High School Open Houses

Sunday, Oct 6 - Paramus Catholic, Paramus, 12-3PM and Tues, Oct 29, 6-8PM. Call 201-445-4466 x 104 for info.

Sunday, Oct 20 - Immaculate Heart Academy, Township of Washington, NJ, 11AM-2PM and Thursday, Oct 24, 6:30-8:30PM. Register online at www.ihanj.com. Call 201.445.6800 for info.

Sunday, Oct 27 - Don Bosco Prep, Ramsey, 1-3PM. Call 201-327-8003 for info. Register at www.donbosco.org.

Wednesday, Oct 30 - Bergen Catholic, Oradell, 6:30-8:30PM. www.bergencatholic.org/admissions

Catholic HS Placement Test

8th graders planning to attend Catholic High School in Fall 2020! The High School Placement Test (HSPT) administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Exam Program will be given on Friday, November 8, 2019. Register www.njcoopexam.org. For info visit www.catholicsschoolsnj.org.

Relevant Radio 1430AM

Father Wojciech is a great fan of Relevant Radio, especially the Patrick Madrid Show. BUT what Father doesn't like is **static** on the AM dial! For a clear signal download the free Relevant Radio app on your smartphone, ipad, computer and all those other devices! You can listen in your car without static on Bluetooth. **Relevant Radio talk radio for Catholic life.**

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 Gina Marie Ottomanelli Bender R/b Nicolo and Marie Ottomanelli
12:00 Christina Guardino R/b Amy Torchio

Tuesday, October 8 - St. Pelagia of Antioch-Virgin Martyr

8:00 Francesco Angelo Marino R/b Tony and Laura Scott
12:00 Marie Caufield - 1st Anniv. R/b John and Mary Terwedow

Wednesday, October 9 - St. Denis & companions, martyrs

8:00 Jean Banas R/b Stefano Pappalardo
12:00 Dennis Caufield R/b the Terwedow Family

Thursday, October 10 - St. Ghislain of Belgium-Abbot

8:00 Ida and Frank Petrone R/b Lorraine Petrone
12:00 Norma Chimento R/b John and Mary McPartland

Friday, October 11 - St. John XXIII, Pope

8:00 James M. Walsh R/b the Evanella Family
12:00 Sara Fowler R/b Jim and Michele Linn

Saturday, October 12 - St. Wilfrid of England-Bishop of York

8:00 Vincent Gulfo R/b John and Jilda Sidebottom
12:00 Pat Dinnell R/b Karen and Eric Fass

4:00 Robert Fong R/b Rita McNamara
5:00 Robert Manzi Jr. R/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi

Sunday, Oct. 13 - St. Gerald of Aurillac, France-Count of Auvergne

7:30 Jacki DeCoster R/b Karen Accavallo
8:15 Rev. Zachary H. Monet, O.Carm. R/b Pat Consoli

9:30 Deceased and living members of Holy Name Society

10:45 William Ryan R/b Margie and Brendan Feely
12:00 Ann and Joe Bonomolo R/b Tom and Phyllis Burderi

1:00 People of the Parish

6:00 Al Baffa R/b Rich and Connie Luzzi

7:00 Brian Hughes R/b Stefano and Andrew Pappalardo

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of **Santa Wolfee**, r/b John Walsh.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of **Vera Finan**, r/b Robert Finan.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of **Maurice Joseph Steier**, r/b John and Dianne McNamara.

The Flowers before the Blessed Mother have been donated in loving memory of a little boy named **Vinney**.

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.

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 11:00AM to Noon and 3:00-3:40PM; every weekday morning at 7:30AM, as well as every First Friday at 6:00PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

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.

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.

Lance Corporal Shanna Bennett
Corporal Matthew Brady
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo
Lance Corporal Thomas lafrate
Corporal Joseph Levine

US Navy

Lt. Commander Julia Cheringal
Ensign Jon Clemente
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger
OS3 Daniel T. LoVecchio

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, Richard Bolton, Dominic Carini, Carolanne Carini, Sal Cenicola, Helen Choma, Kevin Columbo, Anthony Cortez, Marie D'Ascenzo, Lorraine Degerdon, Isabelle DeLeonibus, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Carl Falasca, Jay Filippone, Marie Filippone, Mary Foley, Tom Giuliano, Peter Kellar, Milan Krupa, Mary Lowe, Robert Milli, John Pal, Joyanna Peros, John Peterson Jr, Marie Piazza, Canice Prince, Veronica Romanchuk, Phylis Rooney, Mike Tobia, Jeremy Unanue, Brian, Carla, Chris, Dierdre, Edward, Elba, Fiona, Jennifer, Joann, Lisa, Lucas, Lynn, Michael, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, Sean, Sharon.

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Saying the Rosary daily deepens our Catholic identity, touches our loved ones, and moves Heaven and earth for our intentions. The saints all recommend daily meditative prayer; the Rosary is exactly that. To have a real relationship with Christ, we need to know Him and talk to him. The Rosary reveals the major events of His life in prayer
—TOM HOOPEES from *The Rosary of Saint John Paul II*

Whenever the Enemy's assaults on us seem to multiply, we should call on Mary not just as our Blessed Mother, but as a mighty warrior before whom the demons tremble. As St. Bonaventure once put it: Men do not fear a powerful, hostile army as much as the powers of hell fear the name and protection of Mary.
—Paul Thigpen, PhD from *Manual for Spiritual Warfare*

A little humor ... the Stethoscope

A nurse in the pediatric ward, before listening to the little ones' chests, would plug the stethoscope into their ears and let them listen to their own hearts. Their eyes would always light up with awe, but she never got a response equal to four year old David's comment. Gently she tucked the stethoscope into his ears and placed the disk over his heart. "Listen" she said ... "What do you suppose that is?" He drew his eyebrows together in a puzzled line and looked up as if lost in the mystery of the strange tap - tap - tapping deep in his chest. Then his face broke out in a wondrous grin and he asked, "Is that Jesus knocking?"

If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

PRO-LIFE ROSARY PRAYER INTENTIONS

The Joyful Mysteries

The Annunciation: For parents facing an unexpected pregnancy, that they lovingly accept the precious life God has entrusted to their care.

The Visitation: That the family and friends of expectant parents might reach out and support them as they prepare to meet their child face to face.

The Nativity: That the love of the Blessed Mother and the Christ Child may be a source of strength for every expectant mother, especially mothers living in poverty, and that they both will be surrounded by joy and love.

The Presentation: That fathers of young children will model St. Joseph in devoutly practicing their faith, so that they lead their children to God by their words and example.

The Finding of Jesus in the Temple: For all children who have been lost and forgotten, that they may be led to a place where they are treasured, protected and loved.

The Luminous Mysteries

The Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan: That all baptized Christians will be open to the Holy Spirit and bear witness to the sanctity of life.

The Wedding Feast at Cana: For all husbands and wives, that they treasure the priceless gift of married love by generously accepting children through procreation and adoption.

The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God: That those who pray and work for greater respect for human life will be guided by the Beatitudes and reveal the face of Christ to others.

The Transfiguration: That our world will be transfigured by the witness of faithful Christians so that all may understand the priceless value of every human being.

The Institution of the Eucharist: That through our worthy reception of the Eucharist and frequent Eucharistic Adoration, Jesus will teach us to love sacrificially the least and neediest among us.

The Sorrowful Mysteries

The Agony in the Garden: For all who are suffering from abandonment or neglect, that compassionate individuals will come forward to offer them comfort and aid.

The Scouring at the Pillar: That the victims of violence, torture and slavery will be delivered from their suffering, find healing and know that God is close to them.

The Crowning with Thorns: That the persecution of Christians will end in a new era of tolerance and respect for the religious freedom and conscience rights of all.

The Carrying of the Cross: For all who labor under burdens that seem too great to bear—due to illness, age, poverty, cruelty or injustice—that our prayers and aid will lighten their crosses.

The Crucifixion: For an end to the death penalty and for the release of all prisoners of conscience and all who have been wrongfully convicted.

The Glorious Mysteries

The Resurrection: For all who have lost loved ones, and especially for parents of a child who was miscarried, aborted or stillborn, that they will find peace in the promise of the Resurrection.

The Ascension: For all who struggle with addictions, that through Christ's triumph and ascent into glory, they may triumph over their temptations, and gain strength and peace.

The Coming of the Holy Spirit: That the Holy Spirit will open the minds and hearts of those who now reject the Gospel of Life and allow them to be convinced of the truth and goodness of all that the Church professes concerning human life.

The Assumption of Mary: For mothers who have died at the hands of abortion providers, that they may experience reconciliation and together with their children know God's peace.

The Coronation of Mary: For all mothers, that they might come to know the wonder of their vocation.

Kidz Korner Answers

- 1. Saints Joachim and Anne.
- 2. Nazareth.
- 3. Cana.
- 4. Gabriel.
- 5. Yes.

PRAY FOR

Reflection

From the time we are knit together in our mothers' wombs until we take our final breaths, each moment of our lives is a gift from God. While every season of life brings its own challenges and trials, each season also gives us opportunities to grow in relationship with Him. As new attacks on human life continue to emerge, we might be tempted to despair, but Christ instead offers us unending hope.

Christ's promise of salvation does not mean that we will be spared from suffering, but rather that even in the darkest moments of our lives, we will be given the strength to persevere. For this reason, a woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy can find the strength to welcome her precious child into the world. A man facing a terminal diagnosis can see that the end of his earthly life is the beginning of eternal life with Christ. When the seas of life swell and we are battered by the waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ, our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end.

Acts of Reparation (choose one)
*Choose one Friday this month to fast and pray for a greater respect for human life.
*Pray a decade of the Rosary for this month's intention. (Or pray the full Rosary using these pro-life prayer intentions!)
*Offer some other sacrifice, prayer, or act of penance that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

One Step Further

October is Respect Life Month! Visit respectlife.org/respect-life-month... for simple ways to get involved.

Respect Life

Any woman who is pregnant and in need of assistance?

should **never** feel that abortion is her only option.

Personal & confidential assistance is available at the following:

- Archdiocesan Respect Life Office: 973-497-4350
- Gateway Pregnancy Center: Phone: 908-353-0604
- Catholic Community Services: 201-246-7379
- Birthright: 800-550-4900
- Lifecall: 800-662-2678

Did You Know?

Contraception access increases abortions: Studies show that greater access to contraception **does not reduce unintended pregnancies and abortions.** Increasing access to contraception gives teens a false sense of security, leading to earlier onset of sexual activity and more sexual partners, which counteracts any reduction in unintended pregnancies.

2019 SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS APPEAL

There is still time to support the 2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. OLV has received \$19,255 in pledges. Thank you to those who have already pledged for your generosity. Will you join your fellow parishioners in supporting this effort that strengthens many important programs and ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark? Our Goal \$42,525 can only be achieved through your generosity. Your gift will truly make a difference - also as a rebate to OLV parish. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Our Lady's Victory at Lepanto



Today is the feast day of Our Lady of Victory, later renamed Our Lady of the Rosary. The feast commemorates the destroying of the Muslim fleet at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571. The Pope had called for a European-wide Rosary campaign to defeat the Muslim forces — and it worked. The much weaker, cobbled-together, outnumbered Christian fleet defeated the vastly superior Muslim fleet - a fleet whose Muslim commander was so confident of victory that he brought his entire treasure of gold on board his ship. Our Lady of

Victories is the title given to Mary for her intercession in the great Naval Battle of Lepanto, which took place on October 7, 1571 when a galley fleet of the Holy League, a coalition of Venice, the Papacy (under Pope Pius V), Spain, Republic of Genoa, Duchy of Savoy, the Knights of Malta and others, defeated a force of Ottoman galleys. The five-hour battle was fought at the northern edge of the Gulf of Patras, off western Greece, where the Ottoman force sailing westward from their naval station in Lepanto met the Holy League forces, which had come from Messina, on the morning of Sunday, October 7. It was the final major naval battle in world history solely between rowing vessels. The whole battle was over by four o'clock that afternoon, even though many of the Christian galleys were still giving chase to the Turkish ships and other solitary escaping Turkish vessels. The waters of the gulf for miles around were stained red from the great amount of blood shed that day, and the sea was strewn with the bodies of both victors and vanquished.

At sunset there were signs of approaching bad weather; Don Juan ordered the fleet to regroup quickly and head for a sheltered bay near the northwestern limits of the gulf. The losses suffered by the Holy League fleet were between seven and eight thousand killed and about twice that number wounded, and only ten or fifteen ships had been sunk during the battle. These losses were comparatively light.

Of the three hundred and thirty Turkish ships, fewer than fifty managed to escape, and most of them were burned because they could not be made sufficiently seaworthy for further use. One hundred and seventeen Moslem galleys were captured intact, and the rest were sunk or destroyed after they had been run ashore by the fleeing Turks. A large majority of the seventy-five thousand men who had entered the battle on the Moslem side were killed, five thousand were taken prisoner (with at least twice that number of Christian galley slaves liberated), and only a few were able to escape either by ship or by swimming ashore. Turkey, for the first time in several centuries, was left without a navy. Word of the fleet's splendid victory at Lepanto preceded Don Juan's return and quickly spread throughout Europe. The Republic of Venice was the first allied state to receive the happy news. The Doge quickly ordered a week of public celebrations, and the seventh of October was declared a perpetual holiday in memory of the Battle of Lepanto.

KIDZ KORNER

1. Who were the parents of Mary?
2. Where was Mary's birthplace??
3. Where was the wedding at which the Blessed Mother was present?
4. What is the name of the angel who told Mary she would be the mother of God?
5. According to Tradition, was Mary an only child?

Answers on page 4.