

St. Paul the Apostle Parish



Lincoln Park

Fr. Leonard F. Villa, Pastor
Fr. George Valliamthadathil, M.S.F.S.
Deacon Rudolph Teng
Deacon Thomas Barbagallo

Masses

Saturday 9:00 AM Sunday Vigil 5:00 PM
Sunday 7:45 AM, 9:15 AM, 10:45 AM, 12:15 PM
Latin Mass 1:30 PM, first three Sundays
2:30 PM fourth Sunday of the Month.
Weekdays 9:00 AM
Holy Days 6:45 AM, 9:00 AM, 7:30 PM

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Sacrament of Baptism

Sundays at 2:45pm except the 4th Sunday of
each month by appointment

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00-4:45 PM. Anytime requested.

Sacrament of Marriage

Six months advance notice is mandatory.
Marriage preparation course required.
Call rectory for appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick

Call the rectory for attention to home-bound

Parish Registration

Contact the rectory

Parish

Website: www.stpaulyonkers.org
E-mail: stpaulyonkers@gmail.com

Parish Meetings

Monday 6:45 PM St. Paul's Folk Dance
Tuesday 7:30 Legion of Mary
Tuesday 8:00 PM Prayer Group
2nd Tuesday 8:00 PM Men's Group
Wednesday 7:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting
Thursday 7:00 PM A.A. Beginners
Thursday 8:00 PM A.A. Closed Meeting
Thursday 7:00 PM Al-Anon
1st Friday 9:30-11:00 Adoration
1st Friday 7:00 PM Holy Hour
Friday 7:30 PM Boy Scouts
Saturday 9:30 AM Religious Educ. PreK-8
Sunday 7:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting

Pregnancy Hot Line

Tel: 800-640-0767



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 7, 2024

MASS Intentions

Intention: **Requested by:**
Saturday **April 6, 2024**
 5:00 Mary Douglas Desmond Douglas
Sunday **April 7, 2024**
 7:45 For the People of the Parish
 9:15 Fr. Leonard Villa (living)
 10:45 Edel Quinn & Alfie Lamb Legion of Mary
 12:15 Deceased Members of the Foley family
 1:30 Francis Forde William/Agnes Broderick
Monday **April 8, 2024**
 9:00 Souls in Purgatory Friend
 12:00 Tom & Midge Delaney
Tuesday **April 9, 2024**
 9:00 Cait Begley Kieran & Brid O'Sullivan
Wednesday **April 10, 2024**
 9:00 Maryann Jacob (living-Bday) Jacob family
 12:00 Hailey, Rebecca Zenquis Damaris Castillo
Thursday **April 11, 2024**
 9:00 Anna Sedita Rose Baldi
 12:00 Augustine Turro Laura Winterroth
Friday **April 12, 2024**
 9:00 Gioconda, John & Maria Abbatiello
Saturday **April 13, 2024**
 9:00 Armanda & Mary Luisa DeLuccia Pia
 12:00 Reymendez Ramos Family (living) Matilda
 5:00 Fr. Michael Morrow (living)
Sunday **April 14, 2024**
 7:45 Margaret & Michael Brick M/M K. O'Sullivan
 9:15 For the People of the Parish
 10:45 St. Paul the Apostle Purgatorial Society
 12:15 Concetta Carletto (14th Anniversary)
 1:30 Msgr. Howard W. Calkins

Pray FOR THE SICK

Michael Curtin, Richard Lyons, Grace Lyons, Ayanah Audrey Naron, Denyse Guariglia, Lolita Lim, Irene DiGenno, Rene Laino, Barbara Dallow, Martin Beirne, Deirdra Fallon, Cresvic Flores, Kathleen Sage, Pattiann DelPescio, Waldina Pineda, John Ritter, Isiah Digsby, Joseph Molack, and Daryl Patrmonio.



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week especially, George Genes and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

April 6th 5:00 J. Kinney
 April 7th 7:45 S. Abraham 9:15 K. Snyder
 10:45 A. Urgola 12:15 V. Rahiman

Weekly Collection

STEWARDSHIP: Week of March 31, 2024

Holy Land – Good Friday	\$1,563
1 st Collection	\$6,052
Easter Collection	\$8,188
Shrines	\$226
Online Giving	\$2,100
Total	\$18,129

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish and its many needs. Your financial generosity for the upkeep of our Parish buildings and programs is essential and greatly appreciated. To sign up for WeShare go to stpaulyonkers.org and click "Online Giving". Thank you for your generosity!

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Our Lord, Jesus Christ Has Risen!



"NOT A CHRISTIANITY

We have heard the passage from the Acts of the Apostles (20:17-38) in which Saint Paul speaks to the presbyters of Ephesus, intentionally recounted by Saint Luke as the testament of the apostle, as a discourse destined not only for the presbyters of Ephesus, but for the presbyters of all time. Saint Paul is speaking not only with those who were present in that place, he is really speaking with us, so let us try to understand a little of what he is saying to us, at this time. [...]

"I have served the Lord with all humility" (v. 19). "Humility" is a keyword of the Gospel, of the whole New Testament. [...] In the letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul reminds us that Christ, who was above all of us, was really divine in the glory of God, humbled himself, came down becoming man, accepting all the fragility of being human, going all the way to the ultimate obedience of the cross (2:5-8). Humility does not mean false modesty – we are grateful for the gifts that the Lord has given to us – but indicates that we are aware that all we are able to do is a gift from God, it is given for the Kingdom of God. In this humility, in this not wanting to make an appearance, we work. We do not ask for praise, we do not want "to be seen," for us it is not a decisive criterion to think about what they will say about us in the newspapers or elsewhere, but what God says. This is true humility: not to appear before men, but to be under the gaze of God and work with humility for God, and so really to serve humanity and men as well.

"I have never drawn back from what could be helpful, for the sake of preaching to you and instructing you" (v. 20). Saint Paul returns to this point after a few sentences and says: "I have not drawn back from the duty of proclaiming to you all the will of God" (v. 27). This is important: the apostle does not preach a Christianity "à la carte," according to his own tastes, he does not preach a Gospel according to his own favorite theological ideas; he does not draw back from the task of proclaiming all the will of God, even the inconvenient will, even the themes that personally are not very pleasing.

It is our mission to proclaim all the will of God, in its totality and ultimate simplicity. [...] And I think that the world of today is curious to know everything. [...] This curiosity should be ours as well: [...] truly to know all the will of God and to know how we can and should live, what is the path of our life. So we should make known and understood – as much as we can – the content of the "Credo" of the Church, from the creation to the Lord's return, to the new world. Doctrine, the liturgy, morality, prayer – the four parts of the Catechism of the Catholic Church – indicate this totality of the will of God.

And it is also important not to lose ourselves in the details, not to create the idea that Christianity is an immense package of things to learn. Ultimately it is simple: God has shown himself in Christ. Entering into this simplicity – I believe in God who showed himself in Christ and I want to see and realize his will – has content, and according to the situations, we can then enter into the details or not, but it is essential that above all the ultimate simplicity of the faith be made understood. Believing in God as he has shown himself in Christ is also the inner richness of this faith, it gives the answers to our questions, including the answers that we do not like at first and are nonetheless the way of life, the true way. When we also enter into these things that we do not like so much, we can understand, we begin to understand that it really is the truth. And the truth is beautiful. The will of God is good, it is goodness itself.

The apostle says: "I have preached in public and in homes, testifying to Jews and Greeks about conversion to God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ" (v. 20-21). Here there is a summary of the essential: conversion to God, faith in Jesus. But let's stay for a moment with the word "conversion," which is the central word or one of the central words of the New Testament, [...] in Greek "metànoia," change of thinking, [...] meaning a real change in our view of reality.

Since we were born in original sin, for us reality is the things that we can touch, it is money, it is my position, it is the things of every day that we see on the news: this is reality. And spiritual things appear a bit behind reality. "Metànoia," change of thinking, means inverting this impression. Not material things, not money, not the edifice, not what I can have is the essential, is reality. The reality of realities is God. This invisible reality, apparently far from us, is reality.

To learn this, and thus to invert our thinking, to judge truly how the real, that must orient everything, is God, this is the word of God. This is the criterion, God, the criterion of everything I do. This really is conversion: if my concept of reality has changed, if my thinking has changed. And this must then penetrate all the individual things of my life: in the judgment of every single thing to take as criterion what God says about this. This is the essential thing, not what I get now for myself, not the advantage or disadvantage that I will obtain, but the true reality, to orient ourselves to this reality....this inversion of the concept of reality, namely that God is reality, Christ is reality and the criterion of my acting and of my thinking is to exercise this new orientation of our life. Benedict XVI

These are important words from a Pope regarding Christianity. They are important because many claim a "personal Christianity or religion based on themselves and their reading of the Gospel apart from the Church. A-la-carte - Christianity is false and simply human egotism, the worship of self. (END)

From the Archives....

Pope John Paul II, before becoming Pope said as Cardinal Karol Wojtyła" (November 9, 1976): ***We are today before the greatest combat that mankind has ever seen. I do not believe that the Christian community has completely understood it. We are today before the final struggle between the Church and the Anti-Church, between the Gospel and the Anti-Gospel.***

One thing remains certain: the final victory belongs to God and that will happen thanks to Mary, the Woman of Genesis and of the Apocalypse, who will fight at the head of the army of her sons and daughters against the enemy forces of Satan and will crush the head of the serpent. Cardinal Ivan Dias



Virgo Maria, Décor Carmeli
(The Virgin Mary, the Beauty of Carmel)



Additional Easter Flower Donation:
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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 the Solemnity of Divine Mercy Sunday. Study: Divine Mercy, Wisdom and Works of Mercy, or Forgiveness. Watch: *Divine Mercy 101* with Fr. Chris Alar, *Ocean of Mercy*, *The Face of Mercy*, or *Jesus I Trust in You* – *Divine Mercy Chaplet* with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. You can also listen to: *The Healing Power of Confession*; *The Saving Power of Divine Mercy*; *The Second Greatest Story Ever Told*; *Can You Trust God?*; *The Necessity of Divine Mercy*; *Vatican II, Mercy and You*; *Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song*; or *Freedom Through Forgiveness*.

Seasons of Hope – A Catholic Bereavement Series – Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? The Church of St. Pius X is offering a six session, faith-based Catholic series for those in mourning beginning April 25th. It offers an opportunity to gather with others in a small group setting and to share in God's love. Seasons of Hope sessions explore our personal journeys of mourning through scripture, prayer, reflection, and faith sharing. For more info. please contact Linda at 845-803-9187 or email LPUOPLO@gmail.com. Registration required.

PICNIC TIME!

Save the Date: St. Paul's Spring Picnic - Sunday, May 19, 2024 after 12:15pm mass in the St Paul's Parking Lot. More details to come. If interested in helping or attending contact Jackie Barton – 914-965-9333/ pastoralministr@optimum.net; Kathy Scott – 347-835-9259/ Kathleen.Scott@cbre.com or Tom Smyth – 914-237-0294 / Homebase0429@aol.com

The Society of the Patricians invites you to share your thoughts on the following topic: **The Family: Human Construct or Established by God?** The meeting will take place April 11th at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday Movie Matinee Featuring Episodes of Fulton J. Sheen – *Life Is Worth Living*– Sponsored by the Legion of Mary- Saturday, April 13th at 1:00pm in the school cafeteria.

Our Knights of Columbus council is having their 50/50 Charitable Raffle with \$7,500 in cash prizes. Please visit kofc3995.org for more information and how to purchase tickets to support their charitable efforts.

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will have their Anniversary Luncheon at Tombolino's Ristorante, 356 Kimball Ave, Yonkers, on Thursday, April 18th, at 1:00pm. \$30.00 per person - payable in cash at the luncheon. Reservations required, call 914.423.5331.



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