

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024



Intention: **Requested by:**
Saturday **April 13, 2024**
 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
Monday **April 15, 2024**
 9:00 Chris Slattery Slattery family
 12:00 Angelina Locorotondo
Tuesday **April 16, 2024**
 9:00 Henry Kelly Joanne O'Leary
Wednesday **April 17, 2024**
 9:00 Mary O'Connor (living) Joanne/Robert O'Leary
 12:00 Carmela DeNitto (living) Catherine McCarthy
Thursday **April 18, 2024**
 9:00 Neil Lyons Curtin family
 12:00 Bruckner family (living) Kathy Telyczka
Friday **April 19, 2024**
 9:00 Eileen Daly (living-Birthday) Daly family
Saturday **April 20, 2024**
 9:00 Ida, Angelo & Antonietta DeLuccia Pia
 12:00 Catherine Hassett (living)
 5:00 Catherine Moran & family (living) J. O'Leary
Sunday **April 21, 2024**
 7:45 Rita Shine Family
 9:15 Pietro & Anna Canale Pia Canale
 10:45 For the People of the Parish
 12:15 John Kopp Marguerite Kopp
 1:30 Kathy Brady Legion of Mary

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, Daryl
 Patrmonio, Mary Gilligan, and Victor Fierro.



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

LECTORS:

April 13th 5:00 D. Douglas
 April 14th 7:45 K. Magee 9:15 A. Canale
 10:45 A. Urgola 12:15 F. Brady

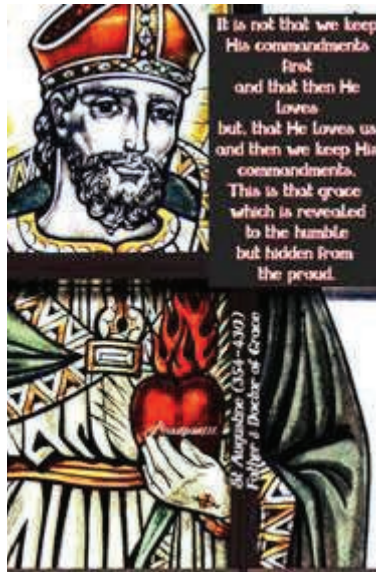
Weekly Collection

STEWARDSHIP: Week of April 7, 2024

1 st Collection	\$4,971
2 nd Collection	\$1,167
Additional Easter Collection	\$1,049
Shrines	\$131
Online Giving	\$2,025
Total	\$9,343

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Rectitude of Intention

The life of the first Christians and their witness to the world make known to us their quality and their character. Their norm of conduct was not to take the easy way out, or opt for the more comfortable line or the more popular decision but rather did they seek to fulfill completely the will of God. *They ignored the danger of death... they forgot how few they were, they never noticed how many were against them or the power or strength or wisdom of their enemies. Their power was greater than all of that: theirs was the power of him who had died on the Cross and risen again.* They had their gaze riveted on Christ, who gave his life for all men. They were not seeking their own personal glory, nor the applause of their fellow citizens. They always acted with a right intention, because they had their eyes fixed on the Lord. That is what allows St. Stephen to say at the moment of his martyrdom: *Lord do not take their sin into account...*

Our intention is right when Christ is the end and motive of all our actions. *Purity of intention is no more than presence of God: God our Lord is present in all our intentions. How free our heart will be of every earthly obstacle, how clear our vision and how supernatural our way of doing things when Jesus Christ really reigns in our intimate world and presides over all our plans and purposes.* By contrast, the person who is always seeking the approval and applause of others can easily deform his own conscience. The rule of action then becomes *what people will say*, rather than the Will of God. Concern for the opinion of others can easily become fear of the environment. It is easy than to neutralize the apostolic activity of Christians *who have taken upon themselves the urgent ask to fulfill on earth the evangelization of the world.*

Sometimes in order not to appear out of step, one easily begins not to be consistent with one's principles. One falls into that temptation of leaning to the side from which approving smiles and handshakes more readily come, or at least in the direction of mediocrity. This is what happened to the Pharisees. *Vanity and cowardice were what led them away from God. That is what led them to seek another theatre for their struggles, and is what lost them: because once you begin to try pleasing your spectators, the battles you fight are the ones they want to see.* On the contrary those who truly seek Christ have to accept that their conduct will be unpopular and often criticized particularly if they live in an environment that is not very Christian. The first thing we have to do with our actions is to please Christ. *If I were still concerned about pleasing men, I would not be a servant of Christ.* And St. Paul also replies to some Corinthians who were criticizing his apostolate: *Not that it makes the slightest difference to me whether you or indeed any human tribunal find me worthy or not. I will not even pass judgment on myself...The Lord alone is my judge.* Human judgments are often wrong. Only God can judge our actions and our intentions. *Among the surprises which await us on the day of judgment not least will greet those actions of ours which merited the applause of men... On the other hand it can happen that he will weigh in positive terms some actions which have drawn down criticism and censorship upon us. Our Judge is the Lord. It is He whom we have to please.* We must ask ourselves many times each day: Am I doing what I should be doing now? Do I seek the glory of God, or am I trying to show off, to make sure people like me? If we are sincere on those occasions we will obtain light to rectify our intention, if necessary, and direct it towards God. (END)



In his useful book on the devil called, *The Great Tempter*, Cardinal Dionigi Tettamanzi, gave ten salutary points by way of a “declogue against temptation”:

1. Do not forget that the devil exists.
2. Do not forget that the devil is a tempter.
3. Do not forget that the devil is very intelligent and astute.
4. Be vigilant concerning your eyes and heart. Be strong in spirit and virtue.
5. Believe firmly in the victory of Christ over the tempter.
6. Remember that Christ makes you a participant in His victory.
7. Listen carefully to the word of God.
8. Be humble and love mortification.
9. Pray without flagging.
10. Love the Lord your God and offer worship to Him only.

In this time when the Enemy is savagely gnawing at the Body of the Church we must remember to pray in a special way both for our spiritual and physical daily bread, for there is more than one kind of hunger today, and also for the grace to resist wicked temptations and physical and spiritual attacks on the Church and her members from both within and without. (END)

Sophists In Our Midst

A sophist in the modern definition is a quibbler who uses bad and erroneous arguments which muddy rather than clarify. Sophistry represents a pretense of wisdom, reason, and common sense. Unfortunately this form of bad thinking is being advanced by Catholic politicians and their spokespersons who seek to justify voting in favor of abortion in our country. They make the argument that they are personally opposed to abortion in accordance with the teaching of the Church, but as public officials they cannot impose Catholic doctrine on others who do not share that faith. There are many prohibitions and values enshrined in our laws that coincide with Catholic teaching but are not particular to Catholics alone. The Second Commandment forbids perjury so does the criminal law. Is this an imposition of Catholic doctrine? Hardly. Perjury and lying are wrong based on natural law. Protecting innocent human life is something recognized as coming from the natural law. It is not a peculiarity of Catholics. Prior to 1973 all fifty states had criminal statutes against abortion. The Dobbs decision of the Supreme Court returned the abortion issue to the States. When these laws were challenged they were not challenged on the basis of separation of Church and State because of an imposition of Catholic doctrine, but rather on privacy grounds. Obviously all fifty states did not have criminal statutes against abortion based on Catholic doctrine but on the fact that innocent human life should be protected and this is one of the classic obligations of government. Catholic politicians who claim they are personally opposed to abortion but cannot impose Catholic doctrine on the public at large encourage and appeal to anti-Catholic bigotry as evidenced recently by the Jewish publication the *Forward*. The *Forward* claimed that the bishops disciplining Catholic politicians by denying them Communion are “an affront to democracy.” No Catholic should be taken in by bad arguments made by certain Catholic politicians to justify the scandal they are giving and their cooperation with moral evil.

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/

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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. Tuesday is the Feast of St. Bernadette Soubirous of Lourdes. Watch *Bernadette*, *The Passion of St. Bernadette*, or *Lourdes: The Story of Faith, Science and Miracles*. For children watch: *St. Bernadette of Lourdes* or *Bernadette: The Princess of Lourdes*. Listen to *St. Bernadette of Lourdes*.

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.

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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The Sacrament of

Reconciliation

Congratulations to the students in our Religious Education program who received their First Reconciliation this week.

Stepinac Theatre presents the musical, *Catch Me If You Can*. Show dates are April 26th & 27th, May 2nd & 4th at 7pm and a matinee on May 5th at 2pm. All reserved tickets can be purchased at www.stepinac.org/showtickets. For more info. email theatre@stepinac.org

Take Catholic Theology courses this Summer at St. Joseph's Seminary – May 29th through July 19th – Course are open to qualified lay men and women, clergy and consecrated religious. Affordable priced. Offered in person or online. To learn more go to www.dunwoodie.edu

The Matthew Wallace Foundation hosts Matt's Grab-n-Go with essential items, Monday, April 15th, 11am at Kerry Hall, 305 McLean Avenue.

Sacred Heart & Our Lady of Pompei Parish, Dobbs Ferry, presents in concert, *Mostly Mozart*, choir and orchestra, Sunday, April 21st at 3pm. Dr. Sandor Szabo, conductor and piano. Free admission, donations accepted.

Mother's Day Remembrance – There are envelopes available in the rear of the church for Mother's Day. Fill in the names of your loved ones and return to be placed on the altar for Mother's Day.



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