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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

Monday 6:45 PM St. Paul's Folk Dance
Monday 7:30 PM R.C.I.A.
Tuesday 1:00-4:00 Leisure Club
Tuesday 8:00 PM Charismatic Prayer
2nd Tuesday 7:00 PM Men's Group
Wednesday 9:30 AM Playgroup
Thursday 7:00 PM A.A. Beginners
Thursday 7:00 PM Al-Anon Beginners
Thursday 8:00 PM A.A. Closed Meeting
Thursday 8:00 PM Al-A Teen
Thursday 8:00 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 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting
Sunday 7:00 PM Sl-Anon Parents Meeting

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Parish Meetings

Pregnancy Hot Line

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 7, 2021



MASS Intentions

<u>Intention:</u>	<u>Requested by:</u>
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Feb. 6, 2021</u>
5:00 Mick, Tess & Michael O’Keeffe	J. Curtin
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Feb. 7, 2021</u>
7:45 Deceased Members of the McInerney fmlly	
9:15 AnnMarie Palomba (living-bday)	Eileen P.
10:45 Tom Carney	Franchi family
12:15 For Holy Souls	Jacob family
1:30 People of the Parish - Traditional Latin Mass	
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Feb. 8, 2021</u>
9:00 Vincent McGuire	Curran Family
12:00 Tim Katie & O’Connor	Family (living)
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Feb. 9, 2021</u>
9:00 MaryAnn McLaughlin (living)	
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Feb. 10, 2021</u>
9:00 Ita O’Connor (living)	
12:00 Christine Harrington (living)	
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Feb. 11, 2021</u>
9:00 Salvatore Miceli & Anna Sberna	Lia
12:00 Gabrielle Curran(living)	Sean & Lisa Curran
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Feb. 12, 2021</u>
9:00 Ann & Nicholas Bongiorno	
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Feb. 13, 2021</u>
9:00 Augustine Conti	Conti Family
12:00 Carolyn Giordano (living)	Family
5:00 Ira Goldman	Mary Hoar
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Feb. 14, 2021</u>
7:45 Vincent McDonnell (living)	
9:15 Bridget O’Shea	Gerry Rodican
10:45 Cody Family	Mary Beirne
12:15 Dontae Degree (living)	Kathleen Jacob
1:30 People of the Parish - Traditional Latin Mass	

Pray FOR THE SICK

Michael Curtin, John Henighan, Phyllis Esposito, Dominic Mannocho, Johnpat Cassidy, Charles Coglitori, Mary Byrne, Dorris Perry, Rey O’Mayan, Maureen Baratka, Gerry Segreti, Betty Mancuso, Noel Marku, Gail Dempster, Jennifer Del Grosso, Yolanda Matias, Rick Ciucio, Matthew Benestad, Janzon Teng, Nunzio Siciliano, Casey Sparks, Elaine Noll, and Richard Lyons .



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week especially Francis Moran, Carmelina Teng Albaraccin, Frank Yozzo, Bridie Sharkey, Brigid Burke, Dennis Bassat, Angela Ianniello, Geraldine Diehl, Joseph McBride, and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

Feb. 6 th	5:00 A. Caputo	
Feb. 7 th	7:45 T. Meaney	9:15 A. Canale
	10:45 J. Hayes	12:15 F. Brady

Weekly Collection

STEWARDSHIP: Week of January 31, 2021:

Figures unavailable at the time of printing due to the snowstorm.

Thank you to all those who dropped off their envelopes or used We Share to make their contribution. As you know the church relies heavily on your contributions to maintain the parish buildings and programs. During this time if you are able to drop off, mail in or make your contributions on line please do so. Go to stpaulyonkers.org and click “Online Giving” to sign up. *Thank you for your generosity!*

How to go to Hell....The Angels and Us

#1022 ***Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death,*** (emphasis added)
*in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven-
through a purification or immediately, -or immediate and everlasting damnation.*
Catechism of the Catholic Church

You ought love the Lord Your God with all your heart, all your mind and all your strength. Matt 22:37 If you love Me, you will keep my commandments. John 14:15

At the end you will be judged on your love, learn to love God as He desires to be loved and abandon your present state.
St. John of the Cross *Dichos de Luz y Amor* #59

Placed between God and some created reality forbidden by God, some would not like to be forced to choose. But he does choose and he chooses a love put in the place of God. It's not that he does not love God, he may, but he loves Him less than the created reality he has chosen to serve. *A Companion to the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius*
Where your treasure is that's where your heart will be. Matt 6:21

The title above is from an essay by a brilliant Catholic philosopher, Edward Feser, who always enlightens in his explaining the Faith using the teaching of St. Thomas Aquinas: more from him below. Since we are in the pre-Lenten preparation period, a meditation on Hell is not a bad thing. We should have a healthy fear of Hell **but not remain in fear**. The *Catechism* teaches that **imperfect contrition**, being sorry for sin because you fear Hell is sufficient for absolution in Confession but this is not the desired-goal. The desired-goal is **perfect contrition**, being sorry for sin because of the obstacle it has placed in God's love for us and our love for Him. The Scriptures tell us perfect love casts out fear. 1 John 4:18

People fear COVID and take all kinds of steps to avoid it. Hell is infinitely worse than COVID and permanent. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us, #1033 *We cannot be united with God unless we freely choose to love him. But we cannot love God if we sin gravely against him, against our neighbor or against ourselves... To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from Him forever by our own free choice. This state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called "hell."* Here are some bullet points based on Feser's explanation about Hell using St. Thomas:

-It is useful to begin with the way in which, on Aquinas's analysis, an angel is damned. Here, as with the images of devils with pitchforks, the unsympathetic reader is asked to put out of his mind common crude images, e.g. of creatures with white robes, long golden hair, and harps. That is not what an angel is. An angel is purely spiritual, a creature of pure intellect and will.

-Angels, like us, necessarily choose what they choose under the guise of the good, that is, because they take it to be good in some way. And as with us, an angel's ultimate good is in fact God. But, again like us, they can come to be mistaken about what that ultimate good is. That is to say, like us, an angel can erroneously take something other than God to be its ultimate good.

-However, the nature of this error in the case of an angel is somewhat different from the nature of the error we might commit. In us, a sudden and fleeting passion might distract us from what is truly good for us and lead us to pursue something else instead. Angels do not have bodies, so passions play no role in leading them into error.

-A second way we can be led into error is through the influence of a bad habit, which pulls us away from what is truly good for us in a more serious way than a fleeting passion might in us. Angels are not like this, because they are spiritual. They have only a single desire – the will as directed toward what the intellect takes to be good. There is no competing appetite that can pull the angel away from this end once the will is directed toward it. Once the will is so directed, habituation follows immediately and unchangeably, because of the lack of any other appetite that might pull an angel in some different direction.

-A third way we can be led into error is intellectually, by virtue of simply being factually mistaken about what is in fact good for us. Aquinas points out that an angel knows at once. It doesn't reason from first principles to conclusions, but knows the first principles and what follows from them all at once, in a single act. Now, because there is no cognitive process by which an angel knows

(as there is in us), there is no correction of a cognitive process that has gone wrong, either by gathering new information, resisting passions, or overcoming bad habits. If an angel goes wrong at all, it is not (as we are) merely moving in an erroneous direction where this trajectory might be reversed. It simply is wrong and stays wrong.

-Aquinas teaches that an angel's basic orientation is set immediately after its creation. It either rightly takes God for its ultimate end and love, or wrongly takes something less than God for its ultimate end and love. If the former, then it is forever "locked on" to eternal happiness, and if the latter, it is forever "locked on" to the lesser love chosen which equal eternal unhappiness. There is no contrary appetite that can move it away from what it is habituated to, and no cognitive process that can be redirected. The angel that chooses wrongly is thus fallen or damned, and not even God will change that any more than he can make a round square, for such change is simply metaphysically impossible insofar as it is contrary to the very nature of an angel as God created it.

-Human beings are different, because they have bodies. They have a body and soul with intelligence and free will. Prior to death, it is always possible for the human will to correct course. A passion inclining one to evil can be overcome; a bad habit can be counteracted by a contrary appetite; new knowledge might be acquired by which an erroneous judgment can be revised. Hence, at any time before death, there is at least some hope that damnation can be avoided. It can be avoided with God's grace won for us by the Lord in His Passion and Resurrection. Original sin darkened the human intelligence so that it is prone to error and weakened the human will so that it is moved easily by bodily wants and desires. We should pray daily for perseverance in the Faith and final perseverance.

-But after death things are different. At death the soul is separated from the body, a separation which involves the intellect and will carrying on without the bodily faculties that influenced their operation during life. In effect, the soul now operates, in all relevant respects, the way an angel does. Just as an angel, immediately after its creation, either takes God as its ultimate end or something less than God as its ultimate end, so too does the human soul at the moment of death make the same choice revealed upon death in the particular judgment.

-Just as the angel's choice is irreversible because there are no bodily desires interfering, so too is the soul's choice upon the death of the body. Bodily desires can no longer interfere. Hence the soul which opts for God as its ultimate goal and love is "locked on" to that love forever, and the soul which opts instead for something less than God is "locked on" to that forever. The former therefore enjoys eternal beatitude, the latter eternal separation from God or damnation. Beatitude can be delayed if the soul needs purification of its love for God which is purgatory but all whose love for God is being purified in Purgatory go to Heaven.

-After death the soul apart from the body lacks any passions that could sway it away from its true love. It lacks any competing desire which might pull its choice away from the love it has chosen. Thus it is immediately habituated to aiming toward whatever, following death, it opted for as its highest love or good – whether God or something less than God. Nor is there any new knowledge which might change its course, since, now lacking sensation and imagination and everything that goes with them, it does not know by thinking things out but rather in an all-at-once way, as an angel does. There is no longer any cognitive process whose direction might be corrected.

-Now, what choice is a soul likely to make? Obviously, the passions and appetites that dominated it in life are bound to push it very strongly in one direction or another. A person strongly habituated to loving God above all is very unlikely, upon death to regard something other than God as his ultimate love. A person strongly habituated to love God less or not at all is very unlikely, upon death, to regard God as his ultimate good or love. In any event, the strength of the passions/appetites disordered by original sin is one reason why the sins attached to them are so dangerous, even when they are not as such the worst of sins. To become deeply habituated to a certain sin associated with a particular appetite or passion is to run grave risk of making of that sin one's ultimate end, and thus damning oneself. This is why the seven deadly sins are deadly.

-The passions and appetites are like heat applied to wet clay. The longer the soul is pushed (or not pushed) by a passion or appetite in a certain direction, the more difficult it is to reorient the soul, just as it is more difficult to alter the shape of wet clay the longer heat is applied and the drier the clay gets. This is difficult but not impossible. All things are possible with God's grace and sacraments. St. Augustine struggled with lust and overcame it with God's grace and sacraments to become one of the greatest saints of the Church. The choice upon death is that carried over into eternity from life in the body. The criminal on the Cross next to the Lord chose Christ and was promised Paradise. Hence there is a call to repentance and reform on a daily basis.

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. On the 8th is the Memorial of St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin. Watch: *Bakhita: From Slave to Saint* or listen to: *Saved in Hope*. On the 11th we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes. Watch: *Bernadette, The Passion of Bernadette, Lourdes: A Story of Faith, Science & Miracles*, or for the children: *Bernadette: Princess of Lourdes*. You can also listen to: *St. Bernadette of Lourdes*.

Legion of Mary - Looking at a bulletin of St. Paul's from years ago, we noted there was the Legion of Mary here, but which has been now many years dormant. Legion units, called *praesidia*, are modeled on small Roman-army-battle-groups. The Legion invites laypeople to join in the mission of the Church; it provides an opportunity for spiritual growth; involvement in the various needs of the parish; and fraternity. It is open to men and women. Please call or email the rectory if you are interested in joining. Legion *praesidia* are relatively small nine or ten people.

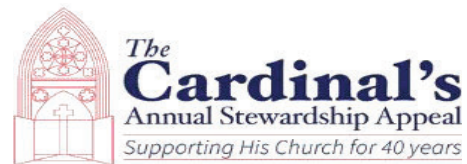
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Catholic Engaged Encounter of the Lower Hudson Valley will host another virtual retreat in March and spots are available. They provide marriage preparation weekends to help engaged couples look at their relationship in a focused, intimate, and faith-centered way. The weekend retreats incorporate live interactive presentations, self-reflection, and couple's dialogue. For more information and to register: lowerhudsonvalley.engagedencounter.com

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Our Knights of Columbus council encourages and welcomes you to join their daily prayer group as we continue to connect and pray for an end to the current pandemic, for those who are sick and for those who have died. They invite you to join them at 7:30pm (as often as you can) for the 1/2 hr to end your day on a positive note. All are welcome! Links to all prayers and other information can be found on our Cardinal Hayes Council 3995 website under the PRAYER GROUP tab.



We have begun the 2021 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. For those of you who are loyal supporters of the Appeal, I thank you! Your generosity has supported ministries and apostolates across the archdiocese, through which so many people have come to know and love our Lord more deeply. Our goal is \$51,000. In these trouble times we are very grateful for your sacrifice and generosity. Gifts can be made in the ordinary manner or online at cardinalsappeal.org God bless all of you and keep you safe.

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Ash Wednesday – February 17th

6:45am - Mass & Distribution of Ashes
 9:00am Mass & Distribution of Ashes
 12noon Latin Mass & Distribution of Ashes
 3:30pm Service & Distribution of Ashes
 7:30pm Mass & Distribution of Ashes

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