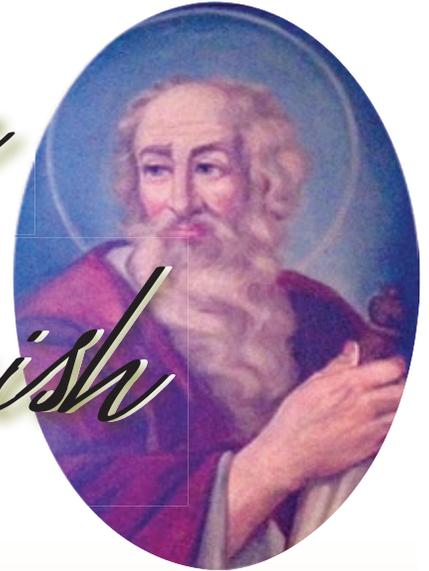


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### Masses

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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### Religious Education Office

77 Lee Ave., Yonkers, NY 10705  
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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

Tel: 800-640-0767



# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## MARCH 14, 2021

### MASS Intentions

<p><b><u>Intention:</u></b>  <b><u>Saturday</u></b>            5:00 Hagan Family  <b><u>Sunday</u></b>            7:45 Katherine &amp; Vincent Walters            9:15 Armando, Maria Luisa DeLuccia            10:45 Margaret &amp; John O'Shaughnessy                  &amp; Mary &amp; Michael Woods            12:15 Patrick Donnelly (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv)            1:30 People of the Parish - Traditional Latin Mass  <b><u>Monday</u></b>            9:00 Vincent McDonnell (living)            12:00 Eoin Hassett (living)  <b><u>Tuesday</u></b>            9:00 Frank Beirne  <b><u>Wednesday</u></b>            9:00 Peter Daly (20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)            12:00 Denis Freyne (living)  <b><u>Thursday</u></b>            9:00 Catherine Franz (living)            12:00 Benjamin Orchard  <b><u>Friday</u></b>            9:00 Tommy Brennan  <b><u>Saturday</u></b>            9:00 Connor Morris (living-special intention)            12:00 The Freyne Family            5:00 Tom &amp; Peggy Hoar  <b><u>Sunday</u></b>            7:45 Catherine Hassett (living-special intention)            9:15 Estrelle &amp; Marco King            10:45 John Larkin            12:15 Giuseppe &amp; Isotta Imbrogno            1:30 People of the Parish - Traditional Latin Mass</p>	<p><b><u>Requested by:</u></b>  <b><u>Mar. 13, 2021</u></b>            Snyder Family  <b><u>Mar. 14, 2021</u></b>            V. Gaglione            Pia            Joan Hayes            Family  <b><u>Mar. 15, 2021</u></b>            Mar. 16, 2021            Beirne family  <b><u>Mar. 17, 2021</u></b>            Daly family  <b><u>Mar. 18, 2021</u></b>            Clare Gormley  <b><u>Mar. 19, 2021</u></b>            Mary Brennan &amp; family  <b><u>Mar. 20, 2021</u></b>            Mary Hoar  <b><u>Mar. 21, 2021</u></b>            Ben King            Kieran/Brid O'Sullivan</p>
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### Special Intention

*The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Nuala & Thomas Normanly Jr as requested by Geraldine A. Normanly*

### 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 Bridie Sharkey, Brigid Burke, Dennis Bassat, Angela Ianniello, Geraldine Diehl, Joseph McBride, Arthur Walsh, and those who mourn them.

#### LECTORS:

Mar. 13 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 K. Snyder		
Mar. 14 <sup>th</sup> 7:45 T. Meaney	9:15 J. Barton	
10:45 A. Urgola	12:15 F. Brady	

### Weekly Collection

#### STEWARDSHIP: Week of March 7, 2021:

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$3,796
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$1,424
Other Monies	\$110
Online Giving	\$1,085
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,415</b>

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](http://stpaulyonkers.org) and click "Online Giving" to sign up. *Thank you for your generosity!*

## "NOT A CHRISTIANITY 'À LA CARTE',....

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. [...] **(Note: Already in the time of the apostles we see a hierarchy of deacon, presbyter (or priest), and bishop (Acts 14: 23; Phil 1: 1; 1 Tim 5: 17; Titus 1: 5– 9; 1 Pet 5: 1; “presbyters” is translated “elders” in the RSV). The difference between a bishop and a priest may not have been sharply defined yet, but the basic organization of the Church was already established in the generation that had known Jesus on earth.)**

"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. **(Note: Christian conversion has both an interior and an exterior dimension. It begins in the mind and heart, where the conviction of sin arises and where the desire to draw closer to God takes place. It is significant that the New Testament word for "repentance" refers to a "change of mind" (Greek metanoia). The point is not that conversion can be reduced to a mental act, but that a change of perspective is essential to the redirection of one's life. The interior attitude thus leads to exterior actions such as fasting (Mark 2: 20; Acts 9: 9, 13: 2) and various forms of self-discipline and mortification (Rom 8: 13; 1 Cor 9: 25– 27).)**

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 today 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. In another explanation of the Faith the Pope reminds us:** Therefore, a slogan that was popular some years back: "Jesus yes, Church no", is totally inconceivable with the intention of Christ. This individualistically chosen Jesus is an imaginary Jesus. We cannot have Jesus without the reality he created and in which he communicates himself. Between the Son of God-made flesh and his Church there is a profound, unbreakable and mysterious continuity by which Christ is present today in his people. He is always contemporary with us, he is always contemporary with the Church, built on the foundation of the Apostles and alive in the succession of the Apostles. And his very presence in the community, in which he himself is always with us, is the reason for our joy. Yes, Christ is with us, the Kingdom of God is coming.

People might bristle at that, as well as the enemies of the Church, pointing out all the scandals in Church history, bad popes, bad priests, bad laity. This reality mars the Church's appearance and at times seems to be the only reality. However it is never the only reality because there are always saints and reforms rising up, just when people think the Church is "dead" or defeated. Plus Jesus and the Scriptures warn us and teach us that the Church on earth will always be a mixed bag: the good, the bad, the mediocre. There will be false Christians called false brethren. There will be scandals. Judas was one of the first big scandals. False teachers arose almost immediately in the Church. The "kosher-circumcision-controversy" threatened to undermine the infant Church. Hence there is a principle *Ecclesia semper reformanda*, the Church must always be reformed.

The rejection of *a-la-carte*-Christianity has to do with the doctrine of the Church and not with the day to day decisions of church-people, which one can disagree with and are often wrong, sometimes disastrous albeit most times sincere. These are called the prudential decisions in the day to day running of the Church. On the other hand today there is an anti-church/counter-church: clergy, laity, including bishops who no longer believe the Church's doctrinal and moral teachings and seek to bend the Church to some reigning ideology. This is especially the case in their rejection of the Church's teachings on marriage, family, and sexuality. Hence St. Peter Canisius, the second apostle of Germany, and a beacon for Church-reform reminds us: *Better that only a few Catholics should be left, staunch and sincere in their religion, than that they should, remaining many, desire as it were, to be in collusion with the Church's enemies and in conformity with the open foes of our faith.*



Mass will be held at 7:30PM each week night during Lent.

Stations of the Cross will be held at 7pm every Friday during Lent.

St. Patrick and St. Joseph's feast day - St. Patrick is the patron of the Archdiocese of N.Y. It is a solemnity. There will be a solemn vigil Mass for St. Patrick on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. The music will be provided by the Metropolitan Chorale under the direction of Dr. Jennifer Donalson, director of Sacred Music at St. Joseph Seminary and associate professor. On March 17<sup>th</sup>, the Masses will be 9AM, 12 Noon traditional Latin Mass, and 7:30PM the Mission-Mass. The relic of St. Patrick will be on the altar. St. Joseph's feast day is on March 19<sup>th</sup>. He is the patron of the universal Church and this is the year of St. Joseph. The 7:30PM Mass on March 18<sup>th</sup> will be the vigil Mass of St. Joseph. On St. Joseph's feast day, the Masses will be 9AM, 12 noon sung traditional Latin Mass, and 7:30PM. The Archdiocese of N.Y. has granted a dispensation for the feast of St. Joseph so that Catholics may eat meat on that day if they so choose. The Cardinal will consecrate the Archdiocese to St. Joseph and we will consecrate the parish to the saint on the feast day. The Archdiocese has provided a consecration prayer for this purpose.

## FORMED

Bible Study and More! Go to [stpaulyonkers.formed.org](http://stpaulyonkers.formed.org) and register which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. The 17<sup>th</sup> is St. Patrick's Day. Watch: *In The Footsteps of St. Patrick* or *St. Patrick: Pilgrimage of Peace*. Also listen to: the Audio Drama: *The Trials of St. Patrick*. On the 19<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Watch: *Joseph of Nazareth* or *The Story of the Nativity*, or Listen to: *St. Joseph – Patron of the Universal Church*, or *The School of Nazareth*.

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## II-Jennifer Fain & Adam Czerwin

Easter Flower Offering - Please consider memorializing a loved one during this Easter season by donating \$20 for a pot of lilies, envelopes are available in the rear of the church.

*The Sisters of Life are hosting a "Source" Holy Hour with adoration, confessions, and music by the sisters-- Thursday, March 18th at 7pm. Due to the Lenten Mass schedule, the location has temporarily changed to St. Bartholomew's Church on Roosevelt St. All are welcome.*



We have begun the 2021 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. For those of you who are loyal supporters of the Appeal, I thank you! Our goal is \$51,000. We're at \$15,340 at this point, 30% of goal. 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](http://cardinalsappeal.org) God bless all of you and keep you safe.

Our Knights of Columbus council is holding a virtual Novena for Life from March 16<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 p.m. each night. Please make time to join this Novena, which comes before the solemnity of the Annunciation on March 25<sup>th</sup>. For a link to the Novena, please contact Austin Duffy at (914) 413-7812 or [aduffy@protonmail.com](mailto:aduffy@protonmail.com).

Rosary Rally for the defense of Marriage and family, Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 2PM in front of the church.



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