

St. Paul the Apostle Parish



Lincoln Park

Fr. Leonard F. Villa, Pastor

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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

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 Al-Anon Parents Meeting

Website: www.stpaulyonkers.org

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Parish Meetings

Pregnancy Hot Line

Tel: 800-640-0767



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 29, 2021



MASS Intentions

<u>Intention:</u>	<u>Requested by:</u>
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Aug. 28, 2021</u>
5:00 Michael Loughran	Margaret Keane
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Aug. 29, 2021</u>
7:45 Tom & Peggy Hoar	Mary Hoar
9:15 Cathal & Michael Mooney	Family
10:45 Vincent McDonnell (living)	
12:15 Luigi Lucio Carletto	Franchi family
1:30 People of the Parish - Traditional Latin Mass	
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Aug. 30, 2021</u>
9:00 Souls in Purgatory	
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Aug. 31, 2021</u>
9:00 Ann Friel	
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Sept. 1, 2021</u>
9:00 Clara Susvilla	Family
12:00 Joan deJesus Adames	Iden Goodwin
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Sept. 2, 2021</u>
9:00 MaryAnn McLaughlin (living)	
12:00 Aileen Kilcommons	Helen & Frank Brady
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Sept. 3, 2021</u>
9:00 Patrick Lyons	
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sept. 4, 2021</u>
9:00 Luigi Carletto	JoAnn Carletto
12:00 Lacs Bohri	William Greely
5:00 Ira Goldman	Mary Hoar
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Sept. 5, 2021</u>
7:45 Joseph & Sofie Schady	Michael Schady
9:15 Bridie Sharkey	Nancy & Fumie
10:45 Josephine & Redmond Cody	Mary Beirne
12:15 For Holy Souls	Jacob Family
1:30 People of the Parish - Traditional Latin Mass	

LECTORS:

Aug. 28 th	5:00 K. Snyder	
Aug. 29 th	7:45 T. Meaney	9:15 J. Barton
	10:45 J. Terry	12:15 V. Rahiman



Michael Curtin, John Henighan, Phyllis Esposito, Dominic Mannocho, Johnpat Cassidy, Charles Coglitori, Mary Byrne, Dorris Perry, Rey O'Mayan, Maureen Baratka, Betty Mancuso, Noel Marku, Yolanda Matias, Rick Ciucio, Matthew Benestad, Janzon Teng, Nunzio Siciliano, Casey Sparks, Richard Lyons, Geraldine Novick, Frank Pallett, Louis Campos, Sarah Haack, Joan Odell, and Joseph Mulgrew.



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week especially, Fran Mulgrew, Sr. Eileen Treanor, Gerry Segreti, Ann Mahoney, Joseph C. Grahamn, Patrick O'Connor, and those who mourn them.

Weekly Collection

STEWARDSHIP: Week of August 22, 2021:

1 st Collection	\$2,717
2 nd Collection	\$835
Special Collection for Haiti	\$362
Other Monies	\$226
Online Contributions	\$1,200
Total	\$5,340

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!

The Saint Paul the Apostle Purgatorial Society: What Is It?

In the history of the Church there have been associations of the faithful called *Purgatorial Societies*. Purgatorial societies are Catholic associations or confraternities which aim to assist souls in purgatory to get to heaven. One of the crises following the Second Vatican Council was ceasing to preach and teach the doctrine of the Church about souls in Purgatory and clergy and people starting placing the deceased at funerals in heaven, which is really Protestant doctrine. When a Christian dies, Catholics believe, they may go straight to heaven if they lack any outstanding temporal punishment due to sins they've committed. But many Christians will go to purgatory first, where, by the grace of Jesus Christ, they are purified and prepared to enter into the presence of the all-holy God.

The *Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Church* reminded the faithful in 1979: *The Church excludes every way of thinking or speaking that would render meaningless or unintelligible her prayers, her funeral rites and the religious acts offered for the dead.* This includes homilies by clergy proclaiming that the deceased is in heaven. The only persons we can say are in heaven with any certitude are baptized infants and by common theological teaching canonized saints. The funeral Mass is offered precisely to provide the fruits of the Mass and the prayers of the faithful for the purification of the soul of the one deceased. Even if known to God, the person is in heaven, God will use that Mass and prayer for some other soul known to Him. People's certitude in their own minds that their deceased is in heaven should not stop them from praying for that person and having Masses offered for that person since they could very well be wrong. Only God has absolute certitude about the state of any person's soul and whether they are in heaven.

The Congregation also reminded the faithful of the following: *In fidelity to the New Testament and Tradition, the Church believes in the happiness of the just who will one day be with Christ. She believes that there will be eternal punishment for the sinner, who will be deprived of the sight of God, and that this punishment will have a repercussion on the whole being of the sinner. She believes in the possibility of a purification of the elect before they see God, a purification altogether different from the punishment of the damned. This is what the Church means when speaking of Hell and Purgatory.*

Eternal punishment for the sinner means the sinner who dies in unrepentant mortal sin. All souls in Purgatory are elect souls, that is to say, they are going to heaven but their love for God needs to be purified. Purgatorial societies seek to love neighbor spiritually by having Masses offered for and praying for and offering penance for the souls in Purgatory, especially those no one is praying for. God gives us a share in assisting in the salvation and purification of souls. This is vitally needed in the Church today where so many have abandoned Catholic doctrine or are unaware of Catholic doctrine about judgment, heaven, hell and purgatory. Many have become functional Protestants.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches the following: #1030 *All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.* Pope Benedict XVI reflected on this back in 2011. Some highlights: *- For Catherine (St. Catherine of Genoa), instead, purgatory is not represented as an element of the landscape of the core of the earth; it is a fire that is not exterior but interior. This is purgatory, an interior fire.*

-The saint speaks of the soul's journey of purification to full communion with God, based on her own experience of profound sorrow for the sins committed, in contrast to the infinite love of God. We have heard about the moment of her conversion, when Catherine suddenly felt God's goodness, the infinite distance of her life from this goodness and a burning fire within her. And this is the fire that purifies, it is the interior fire of purgatory. Here also there is an original feature in relation to the thought of the era. She does not begin, in fact, from the beyond to narrate the torments of purgatory – as was usual at that time and perhaps also today – and then indicate the path for purification or conversion. Instead our saint begins from her own interior experience of her life on the path to eternity.

-The soul, says Catherine, appears before God still bound to the desires and the sorrow that derive from sin, and this makes it impossible for it to enjoy the Beatific Vision of God. Catherine affirms that God is so pure and holy that the soul with stains of sin cannot be in the presence of the Divine Majesty. And we also realize how far we are, how full we are of so many things, so that we cannot see God. The soul is conscious of the immense love and perfect justice of God and, in consequence, suffers for not having responded correctly and perfectly to that love, and that is why the love itself of God becomes a flame. Love itself purifies it from its dross of sin.

-Theological and mystical sources typical of the era can be found in Catherine's work. Particularly there is an image from Dionysius the Areopagite: that of the golden thread that unites the human heart with God himself. When God has purified man, he ties him with a very fine thread of gold, which is his love, and attracts him to himself with such strong affection that man remains as "overcome and conquered and altogether outside himself." Thus the human heart is invaded by the love of God, which becomes the only guide, the sole motor of his existence. This situation of elevation to God and of abandonment to his will, expressed in the image of the thread, is used by Catherine to express the action of the divine light on souls in purgatory, light that purifies them and elevates them to the splendors of the shining rays of God.

The story goes that on the day Pope Innocent III died, or soon thereafter, he appeared to St. Lutgardis of Aywières in Belgium. St. Lutgardis is considered to have been one of the great mystics of the 13th century, known for her miracles, visions, levitation, and particularly adept teaching. When Pope Innocent appeared to her, he thanked her for her prayers during his lifetime, but explained that he was in trouble: he had not gone straight to heaven but was in purgatory, suffering its purifying fire for three specific faults he had committed during his life. And he made a desperate plea for help: "Alas! It is terrible; and will last for centuries if you do not come to my assistance. In the name of Mary, who has obtained for me the favor of appealing to you, help me!" Then he vanished. With a sense of urgency, St. Lutgardis quickly told her fellow religious sisters what she had seen and prayed for his soul.

Those who join the St. Paul Purgatorial Society pledge themselves to: (1) Pray daily for the souls in Purgatory. (2) Offer the Rosary once a week for the souls in Purgatory. (3) Enroll names of deceased to be prayed for by the Society. (4) Download the Manual of the Purgatorial Society:
https://www.catholickingdom.com/s_Library/Books/M/Manual_of_the_Purgatorial_Society_OCR_CK.pdf You can also buy the Manual at Loreto Press <https://loretopubs.org/purgatorial-manual-the-clone.html> or on Amazon. Type in: Purgatorial Manual. **Once a month a Mass on Sunday will be offered for the Purgatorial Society and the enrolled names.** The Society is dedicated to the patronage of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Gertrude, and St. Catherine of Genoa. The *Legion of Mary* of the parish will be promoting and assisting the Society in this great work of spiritual mercy.

Read the Introduction of Dorothy Sayers Dante's *Divine Comedy* Vol 2 *Purgatory* Penguin Edition paperback.

Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great: *Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family.*



*Our Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
in loving memory of Sr. Eileen Treanor
as requested by the D'Amato Family*



40 Days for Life: September 22 – October 31, 2021
Your prayers can save lives and change hearts. 40 Days for Life is a life-saving prayer campaign that will take place throughout our Archdiocese starting on September 22 and concluding October 31. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful initiative consisting of 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. More than 19,000 unborn children have been saved from abortion during 40 Days for Life campaigns. To learn more about the 40 Days for Life campaign, visit: www.40daysforlife.com.

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.

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold its annual Communion Breakfast on Sun., September 19th. Mass at St. Anthony's Church at 10am. Breakfast at Fairways at Dunwoodie Golf Course. Cost: \$30. Bring a friend. For more information call 914-423-5331.

FORMED

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 Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist. Study: Lectio Eucharist, session 3: *Lamb of God*, or *The Wild Goose*, segment 3: *Baptism in the Holy Spirit and Fire*. September 4th is the anniversary of the Canonization of St. Teresa of Calcutta. Study: *33 Days to Morning Glory, Week 3: St. Teresa of Calcutta*. You can also watch *Mother Teresa*, or *Mother Teresa: Seeing the Face of Jesus*. Read: *The Kiss of Jesus*. Listen to: *Mother Teresa of Calcutta* or *The Face of God*. With kids Watch: *Lukas Storyteller: Mother Teresa of Calcutta*.


For many years Sr. Eileen accepted cancelled postage stamps which she in turn donated. To continue Sister's tradition and in her memory, please send cancelled stamps to: Stamp Ministry, Office of Mission Advancement, PO Box 9, Nazareth, KY 40048 (Sisters of Charity of Nazareth) Please do not send cancelled stamps to the rectory. For more information contact jvindal@verizon.net with your name and phone number.



Religious Education - Registration is now open for re-enrollment and new families. To access the registration form, please log on to the parish website: stpaulyonkers.org and click on the Religious Education tab. Mail to: Attn: St. Paul's Rel. Ed. Program, 602 Mclean Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705 or place in the Sunday collection basket. For further information please call: 914-965-9333 or 914-963-7330.

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