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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

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

Parish Meetings

Monday 6:45 PM St. Paul's Folk Dance
Tuesday 8:00 PM Prayer Group
2nd Tuesday 8:00 PM Men's Group
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

Pregnancy Hot Line

Tel: 800-640-0767



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 5, 2021



MASS *Intentions*

<u>Intention:</u>	<u>Requested by:</u>
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Dec. 4, 2021</u>
5:00 Ira Goldman	Mary Hoar
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Dec. 5, 2021</u>
7:45 Nora & Joseph Keane	Kearns family
9:15 Luigi Lucio Carletto	M/M DiLaura
10:45 John & Francesca Giacobbi	grandaughter
12:15 Frank Beirne	Beirne Family
1:30 People of the Parish - Traditional Latin Mass	
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Dec. 6, 2021</u>
9:00 James Costello	
12:00 Francis Manopoli	W. Broderick/fmly
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Dec. 7, 2021</u>
9:00 Thomas Brennan	Mary Brennan
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Dec. 8, 2021</u>
6:45 Ellie Karsten	Mary Hoar
9:00 Deceased Members of McInerney Family	
12:00 People of the Parish - Traditional Latin Mass	
7:30 John & Kay Snyder	Snyder family
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Dec. 9, 2021</u>
9:00 Vincent McDonnell (living)	
12:00 Sr. Eileen Treanor	Jane Fay
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Dec. 10, 2021</u>
9:00 Rose Cunningham & family	Joan Odell
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Dec. 11, 2021</u>
9:00 Therese Mikulka	Mary Hoar
12:00 David Hopley (living)	Giordano family
5:00 Les Hardy	Kathleen Jacob
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Dec. 12, 2021</u>
7:45 Patrick Quinn	Daly family
9:15 Seyilola Akinleye Oluwole	Mary Hoar
10:45 Lucia Capobianco	Son
12:15 For Holy Souls	Jacob Family
1:30 People of the Parish - Traditional Latin Mass	

PRAY REMEMBER *the sick of our parish*

Michael Curtin, 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, Andrea Caputo, Ed Stanton, Joan Napoli, Joseph Mulgrew, and Robert Bruckner.



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week especially, Kathleen Keefe, Gerard O'Connor, Kathryn Mastriaco, Catherine Meninger, Rafael Pico, and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

Dec. 4 th	5:00 K. Snyder	
Dec. 5 th	7:45 T. Meaney	9:15 J. Barton
	10:45 J. Hayes	12:15 V. Rahiman

Weekly Collection

STEWARDSHIP: Week of November 28, 2021:

1 st Collection	\$4,495
2 nd Collection	\$906
Other Monies	\$202
Thanksgiving Day	\$978
Online Contributions	\$900
Total	\$7,481

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Full of Grace or Highly Favored?

Sometimes a question arises with respect to the translation of the Angel Gabriel's words at the Annunciation: **why do some Bibles say *Rejoice O highly favored daughter* instead of *Hail full of grace*** in reporting the words of the angel Gabriel at the annunciation. A number of years ago, the New American Bible translation was revised and the current translation says *Hail full of grace* because it is a superior translation of the Greek word used in St. Luke's Gospel. The Greek word used is *kekaritomene*, which is a perfect passive participle, which means graced or favored one. In the New Testament this verb refers to divine grace. The perfect tense in the biblical Greek indicates something that happened in the past with consequences that are still operating in the present.

The great Cardinal St. John Henry Newman indicates that "full of grace" is an interpretation of the original word which is undoubtedly the right one because as the Fathers teach the angel was referring to a real inward condition or superadded quality of soul and not merely external approbation or acceptance answering to the word favor. (*Letter to Rev. E.B. Pusey D.D. On His Recent Eirenicon* pp.48-49 Longmans, Green, Reader, and Dyer 1866) As an example of the teaching of Fathers of the Church about the correct way to interpret *kekaritomene* is that of St. Jerome. He says *full of grace* is right the fullness of grace was at once wholly infused into Mary. This happened at her conception. She truly is full of grace through whom the abundant rain of the Holy Spirit has been poured forth upon every creature

This reference to the Fathers of the Church is a reminder of an important teaching of the Church set forth in the Second Vatican Council's decree on Divine Revelation #12: **In interpreting the Bible there is always a twofold process: (1) You look to determine the original meaning of the text according to the rules of scholarship to determine what the sacred author wished to communicate at that time; AND (2) you must also equally take into account the Tradition of the entire Church, which includes the Fathers of the Church, in order to get at the true meaning; AND (3) you must use the analogy of faith. The analogy of faith means the constant and perpetual harmony of all of God's word in the fundamental points of faith and practice. Eg. One Scripture passage can aid in interpreting another Scripture passage. Finally it is Christ's Church who ultimately exercises the commission from God to watch over and interpret the Word of God.**

St. Jerome's translation of the Bible into Latin is called the Vulgate and was declared by the Council of Trent to be normative for Catholics. The Vulgate translation was revised according to the decrees of the Roman Pontiffs and the Second Vatican Council. Hence new translations in the vernacular like the New American Bible were issued including a new translation in Latin called the New Vulgate. From the original and the oldest available texts of the sacred books, the new translations aim to convey as directly as possible the thought and individual style of the inspired writers. The better understanding of Hebrew and Greek, and the steady development of the science of textual criticism, the fruit of patient study since the time of St. Jerome, have allowed the translators and editors in their use of all available materials to approach more closely than ever before the sense of what the sacred authors actually wrote. **(END)**

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.*^[1] 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...*^[2]

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*^[3] *our way of doing things when Jesus Christ really reigns in our intimate world and presides over all*

our plans and purposes.^{liv} 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*^{lv} 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.*^{lvi} 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.*^{lvii} 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.*^{lviii} 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.*^{lix} 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 of necessary, and direct it towards God. (END)

In his useful book on the devil called, *The Great Tempter*, Cardinal Dionigi Tettamanzi, the former Archbishop of Milan, gives us ten salutary points by way of a "decalogue 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 are 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

²St. John Chrysostom, *Homilies on St. Matthew*, 4

³ Acts 7:59

⁴The natural world is the world of nature, what things are in themselves. The supernatural world is the world of grace given by God: sanctifying which makes us godlike sharing God's own life and actual which is the grace God makes available to us for the taking to do His will.

⁵S. Canals, *Jesus as Friend*

⁶Vatican II, *Gaudium et Spes*, 93

⁷St. John Chrysostom, op.cit., 72

⁸ Gal 1,10 1 Cor 4:3-4

⁹ G. Chevrot, *In Secret*

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THE UNBORN

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE



Dec 8th 9pm - 1am

The Annual National Night of Prayer for Life begins 9:00PM Dec. 8th to 1:00AM Dec. 9th. During the Hour of Unity, 12 AM – 1 AM EST, we will be united with churches across the country in prayer.

Wednesday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses will be held at 6:45am, 9am, and 12 noon (Latin) and 7:30pm. Please make every effort to attend.

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 Second Sunday of Advent. Study YDisciple: Advent, session 2: *Trust in God* or listen to: *Advent: Rethinking the Season*. On Wednesday, The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, study: *Lectio Mary*, or *Footprints of God*: Session 3: *Mary*. Watch: FORMED Now!: *What is the Immaculate Conception?* Or *Ready Reasons: Was the Immaculate Conception Necessary?*



Our Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Thomas Brennan as requested by his Family

Save the date: The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Silver Rose Prayer Service December 12th at 3PM at our parish to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. The Silver Rose is a sign of this Prayer Service. The Silver Rose passed on through our country, Canada, and Mexico through the Knights of Columbus.

On Saturday, December 11, 2021 beginning at 1:30 pm there will be a Concert for Life to benefit the Mothers and Babies at Good Counsel Homes in Spring Valley (NY). The Concert is being held at the Marian Shrine located at 174 Filors Lane, Stony Point, NY. The Concert is Free and the Honoree is Fr. Fidelis Moscinski, CFR.

Catholic Men: Be a Knight Before Christmas - Attention busy Catholic family men, professionals and students: The Knights of Columbus online membership program allows Catholic men (ages 18+) and their families to enjoy the benefits of the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization at their own convenience. In addition to many web-based spiritual resources, online members have access to the top-rated Knights of Columbus life insurance program as well as the option (but not the obligation) to transfer their membership to a local Knights of Columbus council. Contact Bob Maffucci at robert.maffucci@kofc.org or 917-319-525 for a special promo code on kofc.org/JoinUs that will unlock a special no-risk offer of one full year of FREE online membership for those men who join in the month of December. Bob can also connect men interested in traditional membership with the officers of a nearby Knights of Columbus council.

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