

# St. Paul the Apostle Parish



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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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### Religious Education Office

Jackie Barton - Coordinator of Religious  
Education  
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

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E-mail: [stpaulyonkers@gmail.com](mailto: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



# THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

## JUNE 12, 2022



### MASS Intentions

<b><u>Intention:</u></b>	<b><u>Requested by:</u></b>
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>June 11, 2022</u></b>
5:00 Neil Douglas	Curtin Family
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>June 12, 2022</u></b>
7:45 Edward Stanton	Mark
9:15 Thomas & Lena Sharkey	Joan Sharkey
10:45 Bridget & Michael Donlon	Mary
12:15 For Holy Souls	Jacob Family
1:30 People of the Parish - Traditional Latin Mass	
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>June 13, 2022</u></b>
9:00 Joan Whalan	Jane Fay
12:00 Thomas J. Brady	Kathy Brady
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>June 14, 2022</u></b>
9:00 Izzo Family	Terry Izzo
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>June 15, 2022</u></b>
9:00 John Lynch	Eileen Lynch
12:00 Anthony Spadaccini	
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>June 16, 2022</u></b>
9:00 Vincent McDonnell (living)	
12:00 Joseph Boland (Bday memorial)	Alicia Boland
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b><u>June 17, 2022</u></b>
9:00 Fr. Joseph Ikegbunam (living)	
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>June 18, 2022</u></b>
9:00 Juan Carlos Guaqueta	Negma Sulaiman
12:00 Helen Kohlhepp (for healing)	M/M J. O'Neill
5:00 Patrick Dorney	
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>June 19, 2022</u></b>
7:45 Margaret & Michael Brick	M/M K O'Sullivan
9:15 Edward & Ellen Clarke	Joan Sharkey
10:45 Giuseppe & Nello Imbrogno	Family
12:15 Patrick Donnelly	Family
1:30 People of the Parish - Traditional Latin Mass	

### PRAY REMEMBER

## *the sick of our parish*

Michael Curtin, Charles Coglitori, Mary Byrne, Noel Marku, Matthew Benestad, Nunzio Siciliano, Richard Lyons, Frank Pallett, Louis Campos, Joan Napoli, Joseph Mulgrew, Vicente Romero, Teresa Mazzucca, Cathair Cashin, John Mauser, Jim Donnell, Chris Slattery, Robert Bruckner, Grace Lyons, Ayanah Audrey Naron, Danyse Quet, Gene Marchesi, Judith Teng and Lolita Lim.



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week especially, Barbara Holbrook, Peggy O'Sullivan, Maureen Bryce, and those who mourn them.

### LECTORS:

June 11 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 A. Caputo	
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:45 T. Meaney	9:15 A. Canale
	10:45 J. Hayes	12:15 V. Rahiman

### Weekly Collection

#### STEWARDSHIP: Week of June 5, 2022:

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$3,900
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$877
Other Monies	\$137
Online Giving	\$1,550
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,464</b>

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



# Hell: Why Don't We Hear About It?

A talk years ago by a Dominican friar called *Hell: You Better Believe It* addressed a pastoral problem in the Church that some (many?) ignore or deny the teaching on Hell and think everyone is going to heaven. Cardinal Avery Dulles wrote an essay in the magazine *First Things* called "The Population of Hell," noting a complaint that no one preaches about Hell anymore. St. Jose Escriva writes in *The Way#747: Worldly souls are very fond of thinking of God's mercy. And so they are encouraged to persist in their follies. It is true that God our Lord is infinitely merciful, but he is also infinitely just: and there is a judgment, and he is the Judge.*

In the article cited above by Cardinal Dulles he references Milton's *Paradise Lost* and, of course, the most famous words of Dante Alighieri's *Divine Comedy* about the entrance to Hell contained in the first volume of this epic work, Canto III. The words are the following: *Abandon all hope, you who enter (Lasciate ogni speranza voi, ch'entrate).* The essay by Cardinal Dulles is a brilliant one and could be called *A Primer on Hell*. You can find the whole essay here: <https://www.firstthings.com/article/2003/05/the-population-of-hell> Here are some bullet-points:

-As we know from the gospels, Jesus spoke many times about hell. Throughout his preaching, he holds forth two and only two final possibilities for human existence: the one being everlasting happiness in the presence of God, the other everlasting torment in the absence of God. He describes the fate of the damned under a great variety of metaphors: everlasting fire, outer darkness, tormenting thirst, a gnawing worm, and weeping and gnashing of teeth.

-Matthew 25:41 references Hell: "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels"  
-The apostles...asked: "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" Without directly answering their question Jesus replied: "Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and not be able" (Luke 13:23-24). In the parallel passage from Matthew, Jesus says: "Enter by the narrow gate, for the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few" (Matthew 7:13-14).

-The New Testament does not tell us in so many words that any particular person is in hell. But several statements about Judas can hardly be interpreted otherwise. Jesus says that he has kept all those whom the Father has given him except the son of perdition (John 17:12). At another point Jesus calls Judas a devil (John 6:70), and yet again says of him: "It would be better for that man if he had never been born" (Matthew 26:24; Mark 14:21). If Judas were among the saved, these statements could hardly be true. Many saints and doctors of the Church, including St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas, have taken it as a revealed truth that Judas was reprobated. Some of the Fathers place the name of Nero in the same select company, but they do not give long lists of names, as Dante would do.

-References to punishment after death in the remainder of the New Testament simply confirm the teaching of the Gospels  
**-The constant teaching of the Catholic Church supports the idea that there are two classes: the saved and the damned. Three general councils of the Church (Lyons I, 1245; Lyons II, 1274; and Florence, 1439) and Pope Benedict XII's bull *Benedictus Deus* (1336) have taught that everyone who dies in a state of mortal sin goes immediately to suffer the eternal punishments of hell. This belief has perdured without question in the Catholic Church to this day, and is repeated almost verbatim in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC §1022, 1035).** (emphasis added)

-The relative numbers of the elect and the damned are not treated in any Church documents, but have been a subject of discussion among theologians. Among the Greek Fathers, Irenaeus, Basil, and Cyril of Jerusalem are typical in interpreting passages such as Matthew 22:14 as meaning that the majority will be consigned to hell....(St)Augustine may be taken as representative of the Western Fathers.... Augustine draws upon Matthew and the Book of Revelation to prove that the number of the elect is large, but he grants that their number is exceeded by that of the lost.

-Thomas Aquinas teaches clearly in the *Summa Theologiae* that God reprobates some persons. A little later he declares that only God knows the number of the elect. But Thomas gives reasons for thinking that their number is relatively small. Since our human nature is fallen, and since eternal blessedness is a gift far beyond the powers and merits of every created nature, it is to be expected that most human beings fall short of achieving that goal.

-The doctrine of the eternity of hell has been firmly in place at least since the seventh century, and is not subject to debate in the Catholic Church.

- **NOTE:** *Apokatastasis* is the false teaching that claims that – in the end – all are saved. It is a denial of hell or in the eternity of hell. *The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of hell and its eternity. Immediately after death the souls of those who die in a state of mortal sin descend into hell, where they suffer the punishments of hell, “eternal fire.” The chief punishment of hell is eternal separation from God, in whom alone man can possess the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1035)*

-**NOTE:** In a sermon towards the end of his life Father Frederick Faber, a contemporary and fellow Oratorian with St. John Henry Newman said in one of his last sermons: “*The devil’s worst and most fatal preparation for the coming of Antichrist is the weakening of men’s belief in eternal punishment. Were they the last words I might ever say to you, nothing should I wish to say to you with more emphasis than this, that next to the thought of the Precious Blood there is no thought in all your faith more precious or more needful for you than the thought of Eternal Punishment.*”

-The most sophisticated theological argument against the conviction that some human beings in fact go to hell has been proposed by Hans Urs von Balthasar in his book *Dare We Hope “That All Men Be Saved?”* He rejects the ideas that hell will be emptied at the end of time and that the damned souls and demons will be reconciled with God. He also avoids asserting as a fact that everyone will be saved. But he does say that we have a right and even a duty to hope for the salvation of all, because it is not impossible that even the worst sinners may be moved by God’s grace to repent before they die. He concedes, however, that the opposite is also possible. Since we are able to resist the grace of God, none of us is safe. We must therefore leave the question speculatively open, thinking primarily of the danger in which we ourselves stand.

-This position of Balthasar seems to me to be orthodox. It does not contradict any ecumenical councils or definitions of the faith. It can be reconciled with everything in Scripture, at least if the statements of Jesus on hell are taken as minatory rather than predictive. Balthasar’s position, moreover, does not undermine a healthy fear of being lost. But the position is at least adventurous. It runs against the obvious interpretation of the words of Jesus in the New Testament and against the dominant theological opinion down through the centuries, which maintains that some, and in fact very many, are lost.

-NOTE: For a very important defense of the meaning of Hell and the reality that human beings can obstinately hold on to loves or love which alienates them from God go to [http://edwardfeser.blogspot.com/2016/10/how-to-go-to-hell\\_29.html](http://edwardfeser.blogspot.com/2016/10/how-to-go-to-hell_29.html) He addresses the questions : How is it that anyone ever goes to hell? How could a loving and merciful God send anyone there? How could any sin be grave enough to merit eternal damnation? How could it be that not merely a handful of people, but a great many people, end up in hell, as most Christian theologians have held historically?

*“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.” St Peter Canisius S.J. Apostle of Germany*

## 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. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Study: *Symbolon: The Journey of Faith: Trinity, Faith and the God Who is Love* or *The Wild Goose Chase – Breath of God*. Listen to: *The Holy Spirit – The Third Person of the Trinity*. Monday is the Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua, Watch: Truth to Inspire: *St. Anthony of Padua*.

Troop 47 Fundraiser Scouts will be fundraising after masses in June for a drawing to be held at our annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Ceremony at Conor Park. Winner need not be present. If the event is postponed, the draw will occur and the winner contacted. Funds will be used to purchase new equipment. Thank you to the Parishioners of St. Paul's for your 92 years of continued support of Troop 47.

St. Paul's Prayer Group Update - The Prayer Group meets in person in the Cafeteria on Tuesdays, at 8:00 PM. All are welcome

Greek Festival at Prophet Elias Church – June 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Games for kids, live band and Greek dance troupe. For more information visit [www.greekfestivalyonkers.com](http://www.greekfestivalyonkers.com)

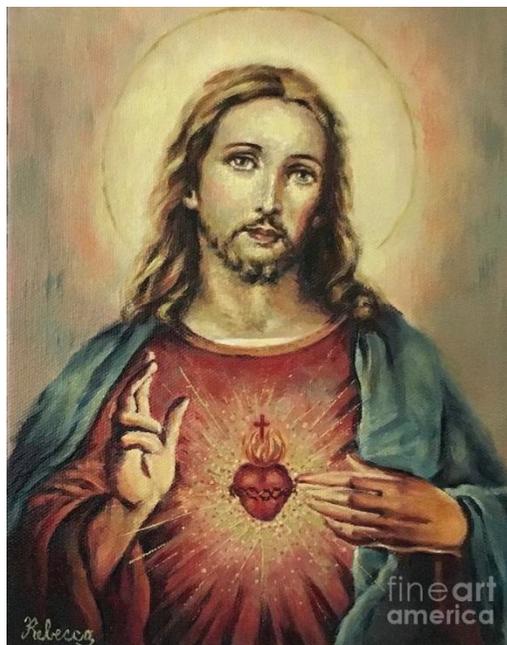
# FLEA MARKET

Please come & shop at the St. Paul's Flea Market from 10am to 4pm in the Cafeteria on: Friday and Saturday June 10 - 11 and June 17 - 18. (Please do not drop off items as we are not accepting donations at this time).

The Hyatt Association will host a Community Meeting on TUESDAY evening, June 14th at 7:30 P.M. in the St. Barnabas Elementary School Cafeteria. Please attend, and bring a friend!

Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization that helps to meet the needs of its membership. We meet on the third Thursday of the month at St. Ann's Church in Father Anthony Hall, at 1:00pm. Our next meeting will be held June 16th. For more information, please call 914.423.5331 or email [CatholicWWofYonkers@gmail.com](mailto:CatholicWWofYonkers@gmail.com). New members are welcome.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the blood drive! In total, we were able to collect 30 lifesaving donations. That's 120 lives that will be helped throughout the community and in our area hospitals once divided into its 3 components (red cells, platelets, plasma).



### Offering to The Sacred Heart of Jesus

My God, I offer You all my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings in union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for the intentions for which He pleads and offers Himself in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, in thanksgiving for Your favors, in reparation for my sins, and in humble supplication for my temporal and eternal welfare, for the needs of our holy Mother the Church, for the conversion of sinners, and for the relief of the poor souls in purgatory.

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