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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
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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



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 26, 2022



MASS Intentions

<u>Intention:</u>	<u>Requested by:</u>
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>June 25, 2022</u>
5:00 Gloria Antonicelli & Paula Ricciardi	
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>June 26, 2022</u>
7:45 Peter & Frankie Daly	Daly family
9:15 Edward Eamonn Byrne	Family
10:45 Margaret & John O'Shaughnessy	
12:15 James Foley	Evelyn Foley
2:30 People of the Parish - Traditional Latin Mass	
<u>Monday</u>	<u>June 27, 2022</u>
9:00 Deceased Members of Waters Family	
12:00 Bruce Kelliher	
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>June 28, 2022</u>
9:00 Vincent McDonnell (living)	
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>June 29, 2022</u>
9:00 Hugh Lenney	Maureen & family
12:00 Kathleen Shaw	Family
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>June 30, 2022</u>
9:00 Barbara Holbrook	Mary Ann Brown
12:00 Angela DeVito (living-bday)	C. Giordano
<u>Friday</u>	<u>July 1, 2022</u>
9:00 Fr. Thomas Lynch	Barbara Brown
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>July 2, 2022</u>
9:00 Peter J. Greges	McLaughlin family
12:00 Gaetano Liberatore	Carolyn Giordano
5:00 George Snyder (d) & Rosanne (L) Anniv.	
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>July 3, 2022</u>
7:45 Fr. James Smyth	Tom Smyth & family
9:15 Brendan Sheehy	Family
10:45 Vincent McDonnell (living)	
12:15 Sean McKenna	Gerry Flynn
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, Denyse Guariglia, 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, Dorothy Nisson, and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

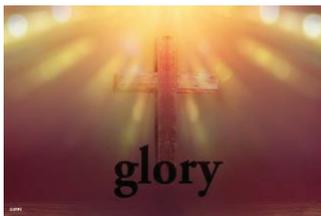
June 25 th	5:00 A. Caputo	
June 26 th	7:45 T. Meaney	9:15 K. Snyder
	10:45 J. Hayes	12:15 E. Slattery

Weekly Collection

STEWARDSHIP: Week of June 19, 2022:

1 st Collection	\$3,330
2 nd Collection	\$794
Other Monies	\$196
Online Giving	\$1,550
Total	\$5,870

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Frankenstein, Transhumanism, Artificial Intelligence

Most people are familiar with the name Frankenstein most probably from the movies that have been made with this title. The caption above is a famous scene from the Frankenstein movie after Dr. Victor Frankenstein “creates” life by piecing together body-parts from dead cadavers and “juicing” them with electricity. Part of the caption was censured in the 1930’s. The audience only heard: “It’s alive. It’s alive. The rest was eliminated because it was thought to be blasphemous. Dr. Frankenstein says he knows what it feels like to be God. No he doesn’t. What he did and sought to do was nothing like God’s creation. In fact human beings are incapable of creation in the strict sense, because creation means bringing things into being from nothing. The Catechism teaches and an element of blasphemy is mocking God, a sin against the Second Commandment. The lie of the serpent to the woman was that if she disobeyed God she would be a god knowing good from evil. Genesis 3:2.

The reality of this tragic lie recorded in God’s word found its way into Greek mythology with the name Prometheus. The alternate title of the novel Frankenstein is *The Modern Prometheus*. Prometheus is known for defying the gods by stealing fire from them and giving it to humanity in the form of technology, knowledge, and more generally, civilization. In some versions of the myth he is also credited with the creation of humanity from clay. Prometheus also has been described as “a spiritually reprehensible figure, though frequently a sympathetic one, in terms of his dramatic situation and in his close alliance with mankind against the gods.” What else is the drama of original sin: the continuing rebellion and rejection of God and the gift of His creation wounded by the rebellion of the first man and woman.

Father Edward Oakes S.J. wrote in his commentary on Frankenstein: “Although Hollywood’s trope of the mad scientist implies the fault is located not in the technology as such but in the dubious psyche of the technocrat, Shelly’s novel knows better: the real problem comes not from scientists but from the Promethianism of science.” That’s not entirely true because using science to rebel against and reject God and creation, like Prometheus, is by a human agent and the fault also lies in the bad use the scientist makes of the science. Father Oakes also notes that the real question addressed by the novel Frankenstein: does reanimation include the infusion of a soul? He remarks Shelly answers this with a Yes. Dr. Frankenstein’s “creation” does have a soul shown by his eloquence, pathos, pride and his insistence, that he have an Eve for companionship.

The claims made for artificial intelligence (AI) by some scientists and technocrats especially in robot technology are attempts to redefine humanity in terms of being without souls engineered by humanity in its current state they claim. AI and the notion of transhumanism are being coupled so much so that there is a claim that these “robot-creations” can be considered persons. It should be said that artificial intelligence is not intelligent. It requires human agents who are intelligent and who program the machine/robot to mimic human intelligence seen simply as the brain-computer. Recall the sound mimicking a human voice in the early days of aol saying: You have mail. The notion of machine-intelligence is wedded to a philosophy of intelligence called materialism, the doctrine that nothing exists except matter and its movements and modifications. Your intelligence is your brain. There’s no spiritual component. There’s no soul.

But Catholic Philosopher Edward Feser remarks: *...(If we start instead with the materialist’s conception of mind. The prevailing tendency for decades now among materialists has been to think of the mind in functionalist terms. That is to say, it is to analyze mental phenomena in terms of what they do rather than in terms of what they are made of. That idea, in turn, is typically developed in terms of the thesis that the mind is a kind of software that can be run on any number of different kinds of hardware.*

On this analysis, mind, like matter, turns out to be a kind of abstract structure. Like matter, it is essentially dematerialized, in the name of materialism. And you get other results that sound odd coming from a materialist, such as the idea that a mind might jump from one embodiment to another by way of software being uploaded from its old hardware and downloaded onto new hardware
See his discussion of materialism here: <https://edwardfeser.blogspot.com/2019/01/materialism-subverts-itself.html#more>

Transhumanism is a philosophical and intellectual movement which advocates for the enhancement of the human condition by developing and making widely available sophisticated technologies that can greatly enhance longevity and cognition. It also predicts the inevitability of such technologies in the future. Wesley Smith provided an essay on the incompatibility of the transhumanist claims, another version of Frankenstein without a soul, with Christianity. You can read the whole essay here: <https://www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2022/03/the-impossibility-of-christian-transhumanism>. Here are some bullet-points:

-Transhumanism is a futuristic social movement. Its adherents believe that immortality is attainable in the corporeal world through the wonders of applied technology. The goal is to become “H+,” or more than human.

-The problem with these efforts is that the transhumanist worldview and the Christian faith are incompatible. One cannot be a “Christian transhumanist”—any more than one can be a Christian Buddhist or Christian Muslim.

-That transhumanism became a phenomenon is not surprising. Western society is becoming increasingly secular, with an exponential growth of “nones” among the young. (A none is a person who claims to have no religion.) Such a societal shift has consequences. Removing God from the human equation engenders hopelessness and breeds nihilism. (Nihilism is the rejection of all religious and moral principles, in the belief that life is meaningless) This is the crucial weakness of modern materialism, one that transhumanism seeks to remedy. By offering adherents the hope of technological rescue from the ultimate obliteration of death, transhumanism offers nonbelievers a postmodern twist on faith’s promise of eternal life. I can live forever, the transhumanist believes fervently, if we just develop the technology soon enough.

-...(S)ome transhumanists hope to repeatedly renew their bodies through breeding clones as sources of organ replacements. Others plan to have their heads cryogenically frozen to allow eventual surgical attachment on a different body or a cyborg. But transhumanists’ greatest passion is to eternally save their minds—as opposed to souls, which is not a transhumanist concept—via uploading into computer programs, a concept known as “digital immortality.” This is hardly what St. Paul meant when he asked, “Death, where is thy sting? Grave, where is thy victory?”

-Transhumanists not only believe that life is too short, but that human capacities are inadequate. Thus, the second great goal of transhumanism is “morphological freedom,” i.e., radical quality improvement—not through self-discipline, embracing the virtues, or focused efforts at character building, but via materialistic means such as gene editing, brain implants, and merging with AI technologies.

-Transhumanists don’t just want to manipulate their own bodies, but also those of their children. They hope to do this through genetic engineering and unnatural means of family formation. According to the Transhumanist Bill of Rights, “All sentient entities are entitled to reproductive freedom, including through novel means such as the creation of mind clones, monoparent children, or benevolent artificial general intelligence.” And I haven’t even gotten into how, by granting rights to AI computers and proposing to “upgrade” animals into rational beings, the movement rejects Christianity’s view of human uniqueness.

-As Istvan wrote in 2016 in the Huffington Post: “We must force our evolution in the present day via our reasoning, inventiveness, and especially our scientific technology. In short, we must embrace transhumanism—the radical field of science that aims to turn humans into, for lack of a better word, gods.” It’s hard to see how any of that squares with the Christian’s call to humility.

Radio personality and commentator Rush Limbaugh used to refer to the Huffington Post as the “Huffington Puffington” Post. Whether that blog huffs and puffs you can see for yourselves but there’s a lot of prideful dangerous huffing and puffing threatening humanity in its rebellion against God and His creation not our creation. In that light Friedrich von Hardenburg a writer in the Romantic era known as Novalis pointed out “We cannot know anything on our own; all real knowledge must be given to 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.” St Peter Canisius S.J. Apostle of Germany

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Troop 47 Fundraiser The Scouts will be fundraising after masses in June for a drawing to be held at our annual 4th 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.

Join our CRL Global Prayer Meeting live on Saturday's at 6:30 pm on

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/774143374>

Meeting id: 774 143 374 Password: 032111
(Rosary, Praise & Worship, Teaching / Reflection / Adoration/Benediction)

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45th Annual - 4th of July Ceremony on July 4th at 12 noon at Conor Park (corner of McLean and Central Park Avenues) hosted by St. Paul the Apostle's BSA Troop 47. It will consist of the honorable retirement of the United States flag currently flying in the park, the raising of a new flag, the roll call of the fifty states, cannon salutes, patriotic music and presentations by dignitaries in attendance. Troop 47 will also accept any retired flags for proper, honorable disposition. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the ceremony.

The Vigil for Life, A Morning of Prayer for America will be held on Monday, July 4th at the Marian Shrine located at 174 Filors Lane, Stony Point, NY. The day begins at 10:00 A.M. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and at 11:15 A.M. the recitation of the Rosary. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be at 12:00 P.M. and the celebrant will be Bishop Peter Byrne. Confessions will be available during the morning.

In Prayer

If the voice of a child could reach up to you,
O my Father,
To be heard by Jesus... kneeling before You,
A prayer!
If you have chosen me to teach your laws
On Earth,
I would know how to serve you, august King of kings,
O Light!
On my lips, Lord, place the salutary Truth,
So that those who doubt, with humility will
revere you!<
Do not abandon me, but give me the Grace necessary to
overcome evils, and to relieve pain
& misery!
Reveal yourself to me, Lord in whom I believe
and hope!
For You I want to suffer and die on the Cross,
on Calvary!

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