

St. Paul the Apostle Parish



Lincoln Park

Fr. Leonard F. Villa, Pastor

Fr. Michael J. Morrow, Parochial Vicar

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

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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

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



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 26, 2023

Weekly **MASS** Intentions ©JPPC

Intention:	Requested by:
5:00 Daniel J. Gaughan (Anniversary) daughter	Feb. 26, 2023
Sunday	Dennis & Tina
7:45 Eileen O'Donoghue	Della Flynn
9:15 Josephine Ward	Ann
10:45 John Roche	
12:15 In Thanksgiving	
2:30 People of the Parish – Traditional Latin Mass	
Monday	Feb. 27, 2023
9:00 Elizabeth Cardone	Family
12:00 Jack Mohan (Anniversary)	cousin
Tuesday	Feb. 28, 2023
9:00 Kenny & Powers Family	Margaret Keane
Wednesday	Mar. 1, 2023
9:00 Jean Fay	Jane Fay
12:00 Vito Locorotondo	
7:30 Alice "Lecia" Smyth	Family
Thursday	Mar. 2, 2023
9:00 James Courtney	Margaret Courtney
12:00 Sydney Severance (living)	
Friday	Mar. 3, 2023
9:00 Russell Kohl	Family
Saturday	Mar. 4, 2023
9:00 Matteo Passero	Belinda
12:00 In Homeage to Holy Family	Reymondez fmly
5:00 Alice "Lecia" Smyth (1st Anniv)	Smyth fmly
Sunday	Mar. 5, 2023
7:45 John Mucilli	Family
9:15 The Roche Family (living)	Ann
10:45 Isidore Tarapasade	family
12:15 Aaron Abraham (living-bday)	Sharon
1:30 People of the Parish – Traditional Latin Mass	

P R A Y E R
for the infirm of our parish ©JPPC

Michael Curtin, Mary Byrne, Richard Lyons,
 Frank Pallett, Louis Campos, Joan Napoli, Joseph
 Mulgrew, Vicente Romero, Cathair Cashin, John
 Mauser, Jim Donnell, Chris Slattery, Robert
 Bruckner, Grace Lyons, Ayanah Audrey Naron,
 Denyse Guariglia, Gene Marchesi, Judith Teng,
 Lolita Lim, Irene DiGenno, Rene Laino, Barbara
 Dallow, Martin Beirne and Louis Reape.



Please remember in prayer all those who died
 this week especially, Arlene Leone, Annie
 Josephine Ward, Joann Furnari, Gloria Caulie,
 and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

Feb. 25 th	5:00 K. Magee	
Feb. 26 th	7:45 S. Abraham	9:15 K. Snyder
	10:45 A. Urgola	12:15 F. Brady

Weekly Collection

STEWARDSHIP: Week of February 19, 2023

1st Collection	\$3,811
2 nd Collection	\$758
Collection for earthquake	\$785
Other Monies	\$212
Online Giving	\$1,450
Total	\$7,016

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!





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Lent, Ash Wednesday, and Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus



The devotion that characterizes the Tuesday preceding the Ashes (beginning of Lent) can help us to intensify our adoration and trust in the Lord Jesus. The devout practice was born from the invitation addressed by the Blessed Virgin Mary in May 1938 he appeared with a scapular in his hand to Sister Pierina De Micheli who was praying before the Blessed Sacrament in her convent in Milan.

On one face of the scapular he saw written "Lord, illuminate your face upon us" and on the back there was a Host (which means victim) bearing the imprint "Stay with us O Lord". Further private revelations followed with the invitation to replace the scapular with a medal to wear, reciting 5 Glory to the Holy Face every day. To the Blessed Mother De Micheli the Most Holy Virgin explains that evil is rampant and diabolical networks are stretched to eradicate faith from hearts. A remedy is needed: the Holy Face of Jesus. More details can be found easily. The essential thing is to know that the Lord makes the nun share in the agony of Gestsemani by saying to her: "I want my Face to be more honored: whoever contemplates me consoles me". Other expressions delivered by Jesus to the seer were also strong, but I leave them to the interest of those who want to deepen.

Jesus wanted the day dedicated to this particular intention of reparation to be, after the novena, Shrove Tuesday, the culmination of the carnival. Today, unfortunately, we have handed over the whole of Lent to the "masquerade balls".

Devotion to the Holy Face is connected to those to the Blessed Sacrament, to the Eucharistic Heart, to the Sacred Heart and tells us of Divine Mercy. Already in the previous century Jesus spoke of his Holy Face to Saint Gertrude and Sister Maria Saint Pierre, a Carmelite in Tours and perhaps not everyone knows that the full name of the Sister of Saint Therese of Lisieux, Doctor of the Church, is Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face. The devotion to the Holy Face and the wearing

of the medal are accompanied by the promises of Our Lord to the devotees and there are various miracles referred to this entrustment (as for the medal asked of Sister Caterina Labouré in Rue Du Bac, in Paris). It is a contemplation that comes from the Eucharist and looks to the Divine Face of the Redeemer, for the benefit of consecrated persons, for all needs and for the salvation of all souls.

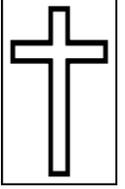
The face in the medal is similar to that of the Shroud because the then Archbishop of Milan, Cardinal Schuster, who immediately supported the devotion, gave the nuns a picture of the Face of Jesus taken from the Shroud, also striving to introduce Sister Pierina to Pius XII. Some famous verses from the psalms come to mind: my soul thirsts for the living God: when will I see his face? My heart has said of you: "Seek his face"; your face, Lord, I seek. Do not hide your face from me, do not reject your servant in anger. You are my help, do not leave me, do not abandon me, God of my salvation. It is the human face of the Incarnate Word, true God and true man. It makes itself recognizable in its uniqueness, adored by shepherds and magi, when the body was still wrapped in clothes that wrapped it as a child.

Then it is the face that speaks the Word, fulfillment of the thirst for God that runs through the old covenant. Again: "Ecce homo!". Jesus really puts his face on it, disfigured by the blows. In Isaiah it was written: he has no appearance or beauty to attract our eyes, no splendor to be able to please us. Despised and rejected by men, a man of pain who knows suffering well, like someone in front of whom one covers one's face... Thus he redeems and sanctions the new and eternal covenant. The face of Jesus makes us see the Father, as Jesus said to Philip during the last supper. The body and blood of the Eucharist inhabits the tabernacles of the world and awaits our respect, visit and adoration. The voice of that face resounds in the Gospel. Light floods every Holy Mass celebrated. The face of Jesus asks for love and consolation. From His Face flowed tears when He was a child, then tears for His deceased friend Lazarus, then tears for the city of Jerusalem. He was streaked with blood during the Passion, from blows, falls, the crown of thorns. He bathed in blood, sweat, and spit received. He is capable of life changing looks (the rich young man). A face turned to the Father in many circumstances. Transfigured by the light on Tabor. Kissed by those who loved him (Joseph and Mary) and by those who betrayed him like Judas.

A face which, lacking cameras and film cameras at the time, has nevertheless reached us through the Shroud, the Holy Face of Veronica and the mystical visions of the saints. He caught the



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eye of everyone who was fixed on him. It was the first face seen by the blind since birth that he healed.

The sacred Eucharistic heart of Jesus expresses the Father's will and is delivered to us in the humility of the one who, with a humble yes, carried him in her womb and brought him into the world as Redeemer. Of the mother we have this last sentence reported in the Gospel of John: "Do whatever he tells you". That Holy Face tells us: "Whoever contemplates me comforts me". And by how many indelicacies, indifferences, abuses (**even liturgical ones**), sacrileges, outrages and blasphemies is he offended! (END)

The Meaning of "INRI" On the Cross of Jesus

In Exodus 20.2 God reveals his name to Moses: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt". The word translated with "the Lord" is the famous Tetragrammaton (Greek for "four-letter") that the Jews cannot even pronounce and Christians should reverence: "YHWH", vocalized in various ways including "Yahweh". The four Hebrew letters that compose it are these: "יהוה", yod-he-waw-he. Remember that Hebrew is read from right to left.

In the Gospel of John, chapter 19 verses 16-22, we read: *They took Jesus and he, carrying the cross, went towards the place called the Skull, in Hebrew Gólgotha, where they crucified him and two others with him, one from a side and one from the other, and Jesus in the middle. Pilate also composed the inscription and had it placed on the cross; it was written: «Jesus the Nazarene, the king of the Jews». Many Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; it was written in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews then said to Pilate: "Do not write: 'The king of the Jews', but: 'He said: I am the king of the Jews'". Pilate replied: "What I have written, I have written".* Although the passage in question is very famous, the scene that took place in front of the crucified Jesus must have been a little different from how we have always imagined it. St. John perhaps tried to emphasize it, but if the reader does not know the Hebrew language, He would be unable to understand the real meaning:

The inscription John speaks of is the famous acronym "INRI", still depicted today above the crucified Jesus. The acronym, which stands for the Latin "Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum", means precisely "Jesus the Nazarene, the king of the Jews". But John specifies that the inscription was also in Hebrew. Not only that: in such an important moment, the evangelist seems to dwell on apparently insignificant details: 1) the fact that many Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; 2) the chief priests who turn to Pilate to have the inscription changed; 3) Pilate who refuses to change it. Pontius Pilate, who was Roman, probably did not understand that, without meaning to, he had created a bit of embarrassment – if we want to define it that way – to the Jews who observed Jesus crucified with that inscription above his head.

Henri Tisot, an expert in Hebrew, turned to several rabbis to ask what was the exact Hebrew translation of the inscription compiled by Pilate. He talks about it in his book "Eva, the woman" on pages 216 to 220. He discovered that it is grammatically obligatory, in Hebrew, to write "Jesus the Nazarene and King of the Jews". With Hebrew letters we get "יהוה הנהויה ומלך הנוצרי ישוע". Remember to read from right to left. These letters are equivalent to our "Yshu Hnotsri Wmlk Hyhudim" vocalized "Yeshua Hanotsri Wemelek Hayehudim". Thus, as for the Latin we get the acronym "INRI", Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum Jesus the Nazarene King of the Jews but for the Hebrew we get acronym "יהוה", "YHWH".

This explains the attention that John reserves for the situation that takes place under the crucified Jesus. At that moment the Jews saw the man they had put to death, who had claimed to be the Son of God, with the name of God, the unpronounceable Tetragrammaton, engraved above his head. It could not be good that YHWH was written there, visible to all, and they tried to convince Pilate to change the engraving. Here the phrase of the Roman prosecutor "What I wrote, I wrote" acquires a much deeper meaning. Sounds amazing? Think that Jesus had prophesied exactly this moment. In John 8:28 we find written: "Then Jesus said: "When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you will know that "I Am". By "lifting up" Jesus means the crucifixion. "I Am" alludes to the name that God revealed to Moses in Exodus 3:14: "God said to Moses, "I am who I am!" And he added: «So you will say to the Israelites: « I-Am has sent me to you »”



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During Lent Stations of the Cross will be prayed Friday evenings at 7PM

The Society of the Patricians invites you to share your thoughts on the following topic: Our Lady of Sorrows: Did she or we have to suffer? Please join us on Thurs., Mar. 9th at 7pm in the school cafeteria. Coffee & tea will be served.

Palm Cross Fundraiser: 24 inch decorated palm crosses will be available at all Masses on Palm Sunday for \$20, with half of your purchase benefiting St. Paul's. Call Lisa at the rectory or email to reserve yours today. Limited quantities will be available.

St Patrick/St Joseph Dance on Saturday, March 25th – St Paul's Parish will once again have our spring social in the gym. Buffet, Beer/Wine/Soda, Dessert, Coffee & Tea. Music provided by our DJ. Raffle and prizes during the evening. Please contact Rocco Vitulli: 347-219-2721 a/o Tom Smyth: 914-844-8533 for seating arrangements. \$40 per person.

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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 1st Sunday in Lent. Study: Into the Desert or A Lent to Remember. Register to receive free Daily Lenten Reflections by Dr. Tim Gray at daily.formed.org. Watch: *Lectio: Salvation, Into His Likeness*, or for the children: *The Story of Lent with Brother Francis*. Listen to: *My Beloved Son: Meditations for Lent*.



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CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

*Sharing God's Gifts Throughout
the Archdiocese of New York*

The 2023 Cardinal's Appeal is in progress. Our parish goal is \$48,500. Every gift/pledge is important no matter what the size. You can give online at the parish website and there are Appeal envelopes in the back of the church.

The Matthew Wallace Foundation hosts Matt's Grab-n-Go with essential food items. Matt's Grab-n-Go will take place every 2nd Monday of the month, now through July 13th, in the school cafeteria from 11:30am until the food runs out. The next Matt's Grab-n-Go will take place March 13th.

Our Knights of Columbus council is running a 50/50 raffle with 13 prizes. Only 300 tickets will be sold for \$50 each. 1st \$5000, 2nd \$1500, 3rd \$500 and 10-\$50 consolation prizes. Drawing to be held no later than June 3, 2023. If interested, please call the council on 914-709-5090 or email kofc3995@gmail.com for information on how to purchase tickets.

The Matthew Wallace Foundation presents Until further notice...Celebrate Everything Pocketbook Bingo, Sat., Mar. 11th, 7 – 10pm at Mt. St. Michael Academy. Tickets are \$55pp, tables of 10 for \$500. No tickets sold at the door. For tickets contact Sandy Casey at 914-619-6862 or www.eventbrite.com/e/pocketbook-bingo-tickets-536089336637



Want to be part of saving lives? All it takes is your prayers and presence. 40 Days for Life is a life-saving prayer campaign that is taking place Feb. 22 to Mar. 2. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful initiative consisting of 40 days of prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil at abortion facilities with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. To learn more visit: www.40daysforlife.com

Catholic Guidance for End-of-Life Decision Making - End-of-life decisions, for ourselves and for loved ones, are among the most challenging we will ever face. There is a movement in our nation to legalize assisted suicide, but that is a false answer and is a dangerous experiment. Our Church offers comfort and practical guidance to live and die with dignity.

Visit www.CatholicEndofLife.org to watch the video and read the New York State Bishops' document "Now and at the Hour of Our Death." Learn why the Church favors palliative medicine and comfort care, and why the Church opposes physician-assisted suicide. For more resources: archny.org/ministries-and-offices/respect-life/find-support/care-and-prepare/