

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

Jackie Barton - Coordinator of Religious
Education
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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 IN LENT
MARCH 5, 2023

Weekly **MASS** Intentions ©JPPC

Intention:

Requested by:

Saturday

Mar. 4, 2023

5:00 Alice "Lecia" Smyth (1st Anniv) Smyth fmlly

Sunday

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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

Monday

Mar. 6, 2023

9:00 Anne M. McPartland Bill & Mary Turner

12:00 Tony Cronin William Broderick

Tuesday

Mar. 7, 2023

9:00 Abdelrahim Sulaiman Negma Sulaiman

Wednesday

Mar. 8, 2023

9:00 Ida, Angelo & Antonietta DeLuccia

12:00 Telyczka & Bruckner families (living)

7:30 Mary Kenny Margaret Keane

Thursday

Mar. 9, 2023

9:00 In Thanksgiving Jacob family

12:00 Bruckner & Seddon families

Friday

Mar. 10, 2023

9:00 Philip McEntaggart (for healing) M. Newman

Saturday

Mar. 11, 2023

9:00 Josephine Ward Drumm family

12:00 Luisa Collazo Rey Matilda

5:00 Frank Yozzo Family

Sunday

Mar. 12, 2023

7:45 Michael & Margaret Brick M/M K. O'Sullivan

9:15 Thomas Brennan Mary Brennan

10:45 Margaret & John O'Shaughnessy
& Mary & Michael Woods Joan Hayes

12:15 Zita Lee (2nd Anniv.) Sharon Abraham

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, Elsa Huck, Arlene Leone,
Annie Josephine Ward, Joann Furnari, Gloria
Caulie, and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

Mar. 4th 5:00 K. Magee

Mar. 5th 7:45 S. Abraham 9:15 K. Snyder

10:45 J. Hayes 12:15 F. Brady

Weekly Collection

STEWARDSHIP: Week of February 26, 2023

1st Collection \$4,062

2nd Collection \$1,448

Other Monies \$324

Online Giving \$2,800

Total \$8,634

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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THE EXISTENCE OF THE DEVIL AND HIS ACTIVITY

*From nothing do evil spirits flee more precipitately,
never to return, than from holy water*
St Teresa of Avila

The devil exists and acts in people and society...Some people are inclined towards a superficial optimism and think evil is merely an incidental imperfection in a world which is continually evolving towards better days. Nevertheless the history of mankind has been adversely affected by the devil's influence. We find in our day all the features of an intense evil which cannot be explained in terms of human behavior alone. The devil, in all sorts of ways, wreaks havoc on mankind. There is no doubt that the whole of man's history has been the story of our combat with the powers of evil, stretching, so Our Lord tells us, from the very dawn of history up to the last day. The devil does this in such a way that he provokes incalculable harm of a spiritual nature and, indirectly even of a physical nature, to individuals and to society. The devil's activity is mysterious but at the same time real and effective. From the first centuries, Christians were conscious of diabolical activity. St Peter admonished the first Christians: Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary, the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him firm in your faith. 1 Peter 5:8 With Jesus Christ, the devil's dominion has been reduced, for He has freed us from the power of Satan.

As a result of the redeeming work of Christ, **the devil can only cause real harm to those who freely allow him to, by consenting to evil and separating themselves from God.** (emphasis added) In many passages of the Gospel Our Lord shows himself overcoming the devil, freeing many people from diabolical possession. We place our trust in Jesus, and he does not allow us to be tempted beyond our strength. The devil will try to reduce the human spirit and lead it to violate God's precepts, little by

little darkening the hearts of those who try to serve him. This he will do to make them forsake the true God, turning to himself instead as though he were a god indeed. He does this at all times, in a thousand different ways. But God has given us the means to overcome all temptations; nobody sins necessarily. Let us consider, in depth, during this Lent what that means. As well as this, in order to free us from the devil's influence, God has given us an angel to help and protect us. **If you call upon your Guardian Angel at the moment of trial, he will protect you from the devil and will bring you holy inspirations.** (emphasis added)

Who the devil is. His power is limited. We need divine help in order to conquer.

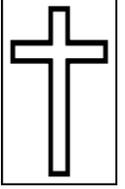
The devil is a personal, real and individual being, of a spiritual and indivisible nature, who separated himself from God forever by his sin, because the devil and the other demons were created naturally good by God; but they became bad of themselves. He is a liar and the father of lies, of sin, of discord, of affliction, of hatred, of all that is absurd and evil on earth.[88] He is the astute and envious serpent who brings death to the world, the enemy who sows evil in man's heart and the only being we have to fear if we are not close to God. His sole purpose in the world, which he has never renounced, is our perdition. Every day he will try to achieve that purpose through all the means at his disposal. It all began with his rejection of God and God's kingdom, when he usurped his sovereign rights and tried to overturn the economy of salvation and the very ordering of creation itself. This attitude can be found reflected in the words of the tempter to our first parents: 'You will be like gods'. This is how the evil spirit endeavors to transplant into man the attitude of proud rivalry, of insubordination and opposition to God that has become the motivating force of his own whole existence....

In his temptations the devil has recourse to deceit, because he can present only a false good and a fictitious happiness, which inevitably turn into loneliness and bitterness. Outside of God true good



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or happiness do not exist; they cannot exist. Outside of God there is only darkness, emptiness and endless misery.

But the devil's power is limited, and is also under the dominion and sovereignty of God, who is the only Lord of the Universe. The devil – and our angels – cannot penetrate our innermost thoughts if we do not want them to. The unclean spirits cannot know the nature of our thoughts, they can only conjecture at them from outwardly perceptible indications, or else by examining our dispositions, our words or the things they notice that we tend towards. On the other hand, what we have not chosen to exteriorize so that it remains hidden within our souls, is totally inaccessible to them. Even the very thoughts that they suggest to us, the reception we give them, the reaction they cause within us ... they cannot know any of this because of the very essence of our soul ... except, in every case, through our movements and external manifestations. (emphasis added)

The devil is unable to violate our liberty so as to incline it towards evil. It is a certain fact that the devil cannot seduce anybody if he does not freely give to the devil the consent of his will.... To sum up: No human power can be compared to his; only God's power can vanquish him and only God's light can unmask the snares that he lays. The soul that would overcome the power of the devil will not be able to do so without prayer, nor will it recognize his deceitful traps without the aid of mortification and humility.

Jesus Christ vanquishes the devil. Trust in Christ. Means that we have to use: Holy Water.

Jesus' life was summarized in the Acts of the Apostles in the words, He went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil. Acts 10:39 And St John, speaking about the cause of the Incarnation, explains, The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil, I John 3:8. Christ is the true victor over the devil: Now shall the ruler of this world be cast out. Jesus will say at the Last Supper, a few hours before his Passion. God decided to enter into the history of

mankind in a new and definitive manner by sending his own Son in human flesh, so that through him He might snatch men from the power of darkness and of satan (cf Col 1:3, Acts 10:38). Nevertheless, the devil continues to retain a certain power over the world, in so far as men reject the fruits of the Redemption. He has dominion over those who in one way or another voluntarily surrender themselves to him, preferring the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of grace. This is why we should not be surprised if we often see evil apparently triumph and justice cruelly wronged here and there.

It should give us great confidence to know that **Our Lord has left us many means by which to conquer and to live in this world with the peace and joy of a good Christian. Amongst these means are prayer, mortification, the frequent reception of Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Penance, and love for Our Lady. We are always safe in Our Lady's company. The use of holy water is also an effective means of protection against the devil's influence. You ask me why I always recommend, with such insistence, the daily use of holy water. I could give you many reasons. But there could be none better than that of the Saint of Avila: 'From nothing do evil spirits flee more precipitately, never to return, than from holy water'.** (emphasis added) Pope John Paul II exhorted us, when we pray, to think more about what we say in the last petition of the Our Father; Lead us not into temptation. Deliver us from Evil – from the Evil One. Do not let us give in, Lord, to the infidelity towards which the one who has been unfaithful right from the beginning entices us. [103] The best way we have of showing that we want to replace the non serviam (I will not serve) of the devil with our personal Serviam (I will serve): I will serve you, Lord, is by making a special effort this Lent to improve in our faithfulness to what we know God wants of us.

See In Conversation With God Volume 2 Francis Fernandez, (Scepter Press) Monday of the First Week of Lent from which this has been taken.



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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. Limited quantities will be available.

St Patrick/St Joseph Dance on Saturday, March 25th at 6:30pm – 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.

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 2nd Sunday in Lent. Register to receive free Daily Lenten Reflections by Dr. Tim Gray at daily.formed.org. Watch: *Meditations on the Stations of the Cross* or *Way of the Cross* by St. Alphonsus Liguori. On the 7th Watch: *The Passion of Saint Perpetua* or with children, *The Story of St. Perpetua* or *Lent with Brother Francis*.



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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.



Easter Flower Offering - Please consider memorializing a loved one during this Easter season by donating \$20 for a pot of lilies, envelopes are available in the rear of the church.

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 Apr. 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 Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold their next meeting on Thurs, Mar 16th, at St. Ann's Church in Father Anthony Hall, at 12:30pm. They will have guest speakers to speak about Protecting the Elderly from Scams and Fraud. Please be prompt. Members and guests welcome. Info: call 914.423.5331 or email CatholicWWofYonkers@gmail.com



Parish Coffee hour Sunday, March 12th after the 12:15pm & 1:30pm Masses. All are welcome!