

# 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  
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](http://www.stpaulyonkers.org)  
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



**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**MARCH 19, 2023**

Weekly **MASS** Intentions ©JPPC

<b><u>Intention:</u></b>	<b><u>Requested by:</u></b>
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>Mar. 18, 2023</u></b>
5:00 Christopher Hackett	C. Dorney/M. Purce
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>Mar. 19, 2023</u></b>
7:45 Sabino Mazzilli	Family
9:15 St. Paul the Apostle Purgatorial Society	
10:45 Patrick Donnelly (Anniversary)	Family
12:15 Giuseppe & Isotta Imbrogno	Family
1:30 People of the Parish – Traditional Latin Mass	
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>Mar. 20, 2023</u></b>
9:00 Mary	
12:00 Dennis Diaz	William Broderick
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>Mar. 21, 2023</u></b>
9:00 Dolce Family	Margaret Keane
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>Mar. 22, 2023</u></b>
9:00 Pietro & Anna Canale	Pia Canale
12:00 Olivieri Family (living)	
7:30 Arlene Leone	Christina Mills
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>Mar. 23, 2023</u></b>
9:00 Zita Lee & George Abraham Jr.	Sharon
12:00 John Fenocchi (living)	Margaret Courtney
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b><u>Mar. 24, 2023</u></b>
9:00 Patti Walter	Catherine McCarthy
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>Mar. 25, 2023</u></b>
9:00 V.V. Joseph	
12:00 Anthony Spadaccini	
5:00 Peter & Ann Fetzko	Snyder family
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>Mar. 26, 2023</u></b>
7:45 Maria Doherty	Mary
9:15 Brian Bergen	Bergen family
10:45 Eileen Mescall	Ann
12:15 Joan Martin	John Paul & Shelia Imbrogno
2:30 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 Lois Reape.



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week especially, Elsa Huck, Arlene Leone, Annie Josephine Ward, Nilda Mena, Rosetta Damiano, and those who mourn them.

**LECTORS:**

Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> 5:00 K. Magee  
Mar. 19<sup>th</sup> 7:45 S. Abraham 9:15 J. Barton  
10:45 J. Hayes 12:15 E. Slattery

**Weekly Collection**

**STEWARDSHIP: Week of March 12, 2023**

1st Collection	\$3,744
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$831
Candle offerings	\$175
Online Giving	\$1,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,550</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!





## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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### Station Days/Station Churches

Station days were days of fasting in the early Christian Church, associated with a procession to certain prescribed churches in Rome, where the Mass and Vespers would be celebrated to mark important days of the liturgical year. Although other cities also had similar practices, and the fasting is no longer prescribed, the Roman churches associated with the various station days are still the object of pilgrimage and ritual, especially in the season of Lent.

Station days grew out of the early Christian practice of visiting the tombs of the martyrs and celebrating the Eucharist at those sites. By the fourth century, the practice of carrying out an itinerary to various churches of the city began to develop during the days of Lent. In those days it became a tradition for the pope to visit a church in each part of the city and celebrate Mass with the congregation.

In the early centuries, the Lenten fast lasted all day, and so towards the evening the Christians of Rome would begin to gather at a church known as the *collecta* (gathering place), where they would be joined by the assembled clergy of the city and the pope. The procession would then move through the streets to the station church, not far away. Having gathered at the daily *statio* (standing place), the pope would then celebrate a solemn Mass, and fragments of the Host were sent to the other stations of the city in order to symbolize the unity of the city around its bishop. After the conclusion of Vespers, the days fast was broken with a communal meal.

In the earliest form of the Lenten itinerary, only about twenty-five churches were assigned as stations. More precisely, **the *statio* was defined not as the church building, but the relics of the martyr whose relics were housed within.** (For example, rather than “Station at the Basilica of St. Anastasia”, the station was considered to be; “at St. Anastasia”; herself.)

In the sixth century, Pope Gregory the Great fixed the classic order of these stations, and confirmed the tradition that the more solemn festivals of the liturgical year should

be marked with the standard practices: assembling at Sext, continuing in procession to the *statio*, celebrating the Eucharistic liturgy, and finishing with Vespers.

The practice of keeping stations continued beyond Lent into Eastertide. The stations for the Easter season proceeded in order of sanctity: from St. John Lateran, which is dedicated to Christ, the Savior, for the Easter Vigil, to St. Mary Major on Easter day, to the shrines of principal patrons of the city over the next three days: St. Peter, St. Paul, and St. Lawrence.

The stationary liturgy of the early Roman Church had an important part in determining the various readings for strong liturgical seasons, such as Lent. For example, in the traditional Missal, the Gospel for the Thursday after Ash Wednesday was always Matthew 8:5–13, the healing of the centurion’s servant. This reading was almost certainly chosen because the station of that day was San Giorgio in Velabro, where the relics of the soldier-saint George are kept. Likewise, the station at Sant’ Eusebio on Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent recalls the Gospel of that day, the raising of Lazarus, given the proximity of that church to the cemetery on the Esquiline.

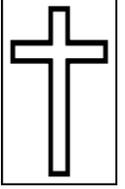
In addition to their influence on the lectionary, the station churches also left traces in the other texts of the Mass. A prominent example is the petition for “the protection of the Doctor of the Gentiles” (i.e. Saint Paul) in the collect of Sexagesima. This petition reflects the gathering of the Roman faithful at the Basilica of Saint Paul outside the Walls on Sexagesima Sunday. Sexagesima Sunday is during the time of pre-Lent spiritual preparation and means sixty days before Easter. It should also be noted that for the early centuries of the Roman Church, Mass was never celebrated on Thursdays. Therefore, when the liturgy began to be celebrated on that day in the eighth century, new stations were added to the list which are later than the original stations as defined by Gregory the Great.

Popes since John XXIII have revived the practice of visiting the station for Ash Wednesday, Santa Sabina



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All' Aventino. The practice of keeping stations gradually waned in Rome, starting after the Gregorian reforms of the eleventh century began to place more emphasis on the pope as administrator, and papal liturgies began to be celebrated in private, rather than among the people of the city. The keeping of stations ceased entirely during the Avignon papacy, and left their trace only as notations in the Roman Missal.

After the Lateran Treaty of 1929 solved the Roman Question\*, Pope Pius XI and Pius XII encouraged a return to the ancient tradition by attaching indulgences for visiting the station churches of Lent and Easter. Concrete gestures on the part of Pope John XXIII and Paul VI also began a revival, as John XXIII was the first pope in modern times to celebrate Ash Wednesday at Santa Sabina, and Paul VI visited Sant' Eusebio on its station day in 1967.

The greatest impetus towards the recovery of the ancient tradition, however, has been the student-organized station church program put on by the Pontifical North American College. The North American College has coordinated a public station Mass in English at all the station churches of Lent, from Monday to Saturday, every year since 1975. In recent years, the Diocese of Rome too hosts Italian-language Lenten station Masses at the traditional evening hour. In addition to the station churches, a long-standing Roman custom is to visit the four major basilicas and the three of the more important minor basilicas, in what is commonly called the Seven Church Walk. This is traditionally done on Wednesday of Holy Week.

**Station also has a meaning for every Christian,** because the Church on earth is called the Church-militant the fighting Church in battle with Satan, the world, and our fallen humanity. Lent especially calls to mind this battle, and the need for Christians to get into fighting shape, because each Christian is a soldier and occupies a station or post to ward off the enemy.

In a book called *The Way* by St. Jose Maria Escriva, it says the following:

#960 *Custos, quid de nocte?* — Watchman, how goes the night?

May you acquire the habit of having a day on guard once a week, during which to increase your self-giving and loving vigilance over details, and to pray and mortify yourself a little more.

Realize that the Holy Church is like a great army in battle array. And you, within that army, are defending one "front" on which there are attacks, engagements with the enemy and counter-attacks.

Do you see what I mean?

This readiness to grow closer to God will lead you to turn your days, one after the other, into days on guard.

**What does it mean to mortify oneself?** St. Paul tells us in his Letter to the Colossians: <sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. <sup>8</sup> But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. <sup>11</sup>

\***The Roman Question** was a dispute regarding the temporal power of the popes as rulers of a civil territory in the context of the seizure of the papal-states, governed by the Pope for centuries, by the newly formed government of a united Italy. It ended with the Lateran Pacts between King Victor Emmanuel III of Italy and Pope Pius XI in 1929.



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*Join us for the Stations of the Cross*

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

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent. Tomorrow is the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Watch: *Joseph of Nazareth, St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father, or The Story of the Nativity.* Listen to: *St. Joseph – Patron of the Universal Church.* Saturday is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Study: *The Bible and the Virgin Mary, Lesson 1: A Biblical Introduction to Mary, Lesson 2: Handmaid of the Lord, or The Wild Goose, Segment 4: The Spirit and Our Lady.* Watch: *A Bible Study on the Annunciation, Mary of Nazareth* or Listen to: *Mary: Handmaid of the Lord or The Virgin Mary Revealed Through Scripture.*

**Take Catholic Theology Courses This Summer at St. Joseph's Seminary!** Dates: May 31 through July 14. Courses are: \*Open to qualified lay men and women, clergy, and consecrated religious \*Offered in person or online - Zoom in from any location to join a class \*Reasonably priced - Affordable tuition rates! \*50% tuition discount for new students, alumni auditors, diocesan and parish employees \*Taught by world-class faculty. To learn more about our schedule of classes for summer, go to [www.dunwoodie.edu](http://www.dunwoodie.edu) or email: [sjs.academics@dunwoodie.edu](mailto:sjs.academics@dunwoodie.edu)



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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 St Patrick/St Joseph Dance scheduled for Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled



*Easter* FLOWER

**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.

**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 purchase a ticket outside of church today.



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](http://www.40daysforlife.com)

Our Lady of Fatima in Scarsdale/Crestwood would like to invite you to join them for a Holy Hour with the Veneration of Padre Pio Relics and music from the Sisters of Life on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm.

**Oppose Assisted Suicide** - Legislation has been introduced in the New York State Legislature that would allow doctors to legally prescribe a lethal dose of pills at the request of a terminally ill patient. While proponents call these bills "death with dignity" and "patient self-determination," in reality they are unnecessary, flawed and dangerous. Legalizing assisted suicide would endanger elderly, disabled, and vulnerable people. It will send the message to others that suicide is acceptable and lead to an increase in suicides. And it will turn doctors and other health professionals from healers into killers. Please contact your legislator to tell them you oppose this bill: [www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org). For more information: [archny.org/ministries-and-offices/respect-life/learn-more/assisted-suicide/](http://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/respect-life/learn-more/assisted-suicide/)