

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
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



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 26, 2023

Weekly **MASS** Intentions ©JPPC

Intention:

Saturday

5:00 Peter & Ann Fetzko

Sunday

7:45 Maria Doherty

9:15 Brian Bergen

10:45 Eileen Mescall

12:15 Joan Martin John Paul & Shelia Imbrogno

2:30 People of the Parish – Traditional Latin Mass

Monday

9:00 Maureen Horkan (for healing)

12:00 Anthony Dominick Romano J. Bonanno

Tuesday

9:00 Katherine Powers

Wednesday

9:00 Monika Dunz-Lelo

12:00 Joseph Fox

7:30 Souls in Purgatory

Thursday

9:00 *mass available*

12:00 Stefanina DiPippo Doran

Friday

9:00 Lu-Ann & Joseph Spallina (living)

Saturday

9:00 Margaret Power

12:00 James Scott

5:00 John & Mary McGoey Scott/McGoey fmly

Sunday

7:45 Peter & Frankie Daly

9:15 Antonio & Pasqua Canale

10:45 McNicholas Family

12:15 Msgr. Gallagher

1:30 People of the Parish – Traditional Latin Mass

Requested by:

Mar. 25, 2023

Snyder family

Mar. 26, 2023

Mary

Bergen family

Ann

Mar. 27, 2023

Mar. 28, 2023

Margaret Keane

Mar. 29, 2023

Family

Kathy Scott

Mar. 30, 2023

Mar. 31, 2023

Apr. 1, 2023

Apr. 2, 2023

Daly family

Pia Canale

Ann

St. Paul's Prayer Group

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, Lois Reape, and Ronald Lee.



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

LECTORS:

Mar. 25th 5:00 K. Magee

Mar. 26th 7:45 S. Abraham 9:15 K. Snyder
 10:45 A. Urgola 12:15 F. Brady

Weekly Collection

STEWARDSHIP: Week of March 19, 2023

1st Collection	\$4,045
2 nd Collection	\$778
Candle offerings	\$240
Online Giving	\$3,130
Total	\$8,193

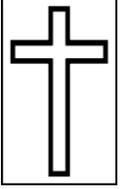
Thank you for your continued support of our Parish and its many needs. Your financial generosity for the upkeep of our Parish buildings and programs is essential and greatly appreciated. To sign up for WeShare go to stpaulyonkers.org and click "Online Giving". Thank you for your generosity!





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What Does Damnation Mean?

Therefore, Lord, we pray: graciously accept this oblation of our service, that of your whole family; order our days in your peace, and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation and counted among the flock of those you have chosen

The Roman Canon/Eucharistic Prayer I

Our contemporaries, including some Christians, reject the notion of hell as something incompatible with God's love and mercy. In fact there have been those who have maintained that at the end even Satan will be reconciled to God, a theory called *apocatastasis*, meaning a restoration to the original state, that the Church has rejected as contrary to the teachings of the Faith.

There is no contradiction between hell and God's mercy because **God will not force mercy on anyone** Satan included. The doctrine on hell ultimately is a meditation on the mystery of freedom, whether the freedom of men and women or the angels. "Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven."; 136 Mt 12:31; cf. Mk 3:29; Lk 12:10 **There are no limits to the mercy of God, but anyone who deliberately refuses to accept his mercy by repenting, rejects the forgiveness of his sins and the salvation offered by the Holy Spirit. Such hardness of heart can lead to final impenitence and eternal loss.**

Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit does not properly consist in offending against the Holy Spirit in words. It consists rather in the refusal to accept the salvation which God offers to

man through the Holy Spirit working through the power of the Cross. If Jesus says that blasphemy against the Holy Spirit cannot be forgiven in this life or in the life to come it is because this is linked to non-repentance, the radical refusal to be converted. Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is the sin committed by the person who claims to have a right to persist in evil in any sin at all and who thus rejects Redemption by Christ through His saving death and resurrection. This is spiritual ruin. See the encyclical *Dominum et Vivificantem* on the Holy Spirit #46

There are six sins against the Holy Spirit as taught by the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and they include: 1. Presumption 2. Despair 3. Resisting the known truth 4. Envy of another's spiritual good 5. Obstinacy in sin 6. Final impenitence

Hell is the state of definitive self-exclusion (!) from communion with God and the blessed. (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1033) We cannot be united with God unless we freely choose to love Him. But we do not love God if we sin mortally against Him, against our neighbor, or against ourselves.

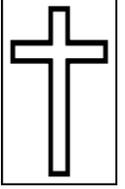
Mortal sin is a turning in a disordered way to some changeable good and a turning away from God the unchangeable good.

The person disobeys God not because he does not love Him but because he loves Him less than some created thing less than himself. Placed between God and something created prohibited by God he would like not to be forced to choose, but he does choose and chooses to please himself. His conscience may yield with a pang of the heart, but it yields. Anything created is but a means to



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serve God and go to Him. The sinner turns it into an idol and shamelessly lowers himself.

To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means separation from Him by our own free choice. Jesus often spoke of the reality of hell: "Gehenna, "the unquenchable fire" reserved for those who will lose body and soul. **(CCC#1034) Hell is part of the teachings of the Catholic Faith: Immediately after death the souls of those who die in a state of mortal sin descend to hell where they suffer eternal punishment. (CCC#1035)**

The chief punishment of hell is eternal separation from God, the Source of all life and happiness and love. The teachings of the Lord and His Church are a call to human beings to use their freedom with their eternal destiny in mind: Man was created to praise, reverence, and adore God and thereby save his soul. Earthly life is a time of conversion from sin and coming to God, which is not easy. **In fact the Scriptures warn us to enter by the narrow gate: for wide is the way and easy the way that leads to destruction but narrow is the gate and hard the way that leads to life and how few there are who find it.**

God predestines no one to hell. For this there has to be a free turning-away from God as one's final choice by persisting in mortal sin to the end of one's life. Imploring the mercy of God means that He will give us the grace to live the narrow way and never use our freedom to reject Him in the end. For this grace we must all pray. **(CCC #1037)**

The sins that cry out to God for vindication:

#1867 *The catechetical tradition also recalls that there are "sins that cry to heaven": the blood of Abel, the sin of the Sodomites, the cry of the people oppressed in Egypt, the cry of the foreigner, the widow, and the orphan, injustice to the wage earner.*

- The "blood of Abel"; homicide, infanticide, fratricide, patricide, and matricide
- The "sin of the Sodomites": Genesis 19 cf. Jude 1:7
- The "cry of the people oppressed in Egypt, the cry of the foreigner, the widow, and the orphan": oppression of the poor.
- The "injustice to the wage earner" taking advantage of and defrauding workers (James 5:4).

Everyone -- past, present, and future -- will be judged. Now, then, is the time for mercy, while the time to come will be the time for justice only. For that reason, the present time is ours, but the future-time will be God's only!
St. Thomas Aquinas

Our Lady Help of Christians, Pray for Us!





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



Reconciliation Monday is April 3rd. Priests will be hearing confessions in every parish of the Archdiocese of NY. The times will be 2-4pm and 6-9pm on that day.

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 5th Sunday in Lent. Read: *Meditations for Lent* or Listen to: *Freedom Through Forgiveness, The Healing Power of Confession, Keep Holy the Sabbath, My Beloved Son, Beyond Belief, Passion of Christ in Light of the Holy Shroud of Turin, Stations of the Cross, or Love-Sacrifice-Trust – He Showed Us the Way.*

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 or email: 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. We are currently at 47% of goal. Thank you for your generosity.



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 Knights of Columbus Cardinal Hayes Council 3995 is very grateful for your generosity during our 50/50 Charitable raffle that is now sold out and the drawing will be announced soon. Through your generosity, the Knights are able to provide \$1,000 to each of our 4 parishes for their CCD or School programs and we are working hard to contribute more throughout the year. Please visit our website (www.kofc3995.org) for more information and/or www.facebook.com/CardinalHayesCouncil3995).



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

Oppose Assisted Suicide - 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/