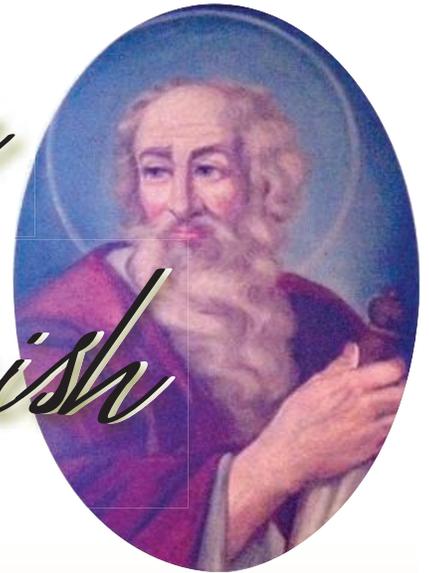


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Lincoln Park

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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
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Tel: 914-965-9333

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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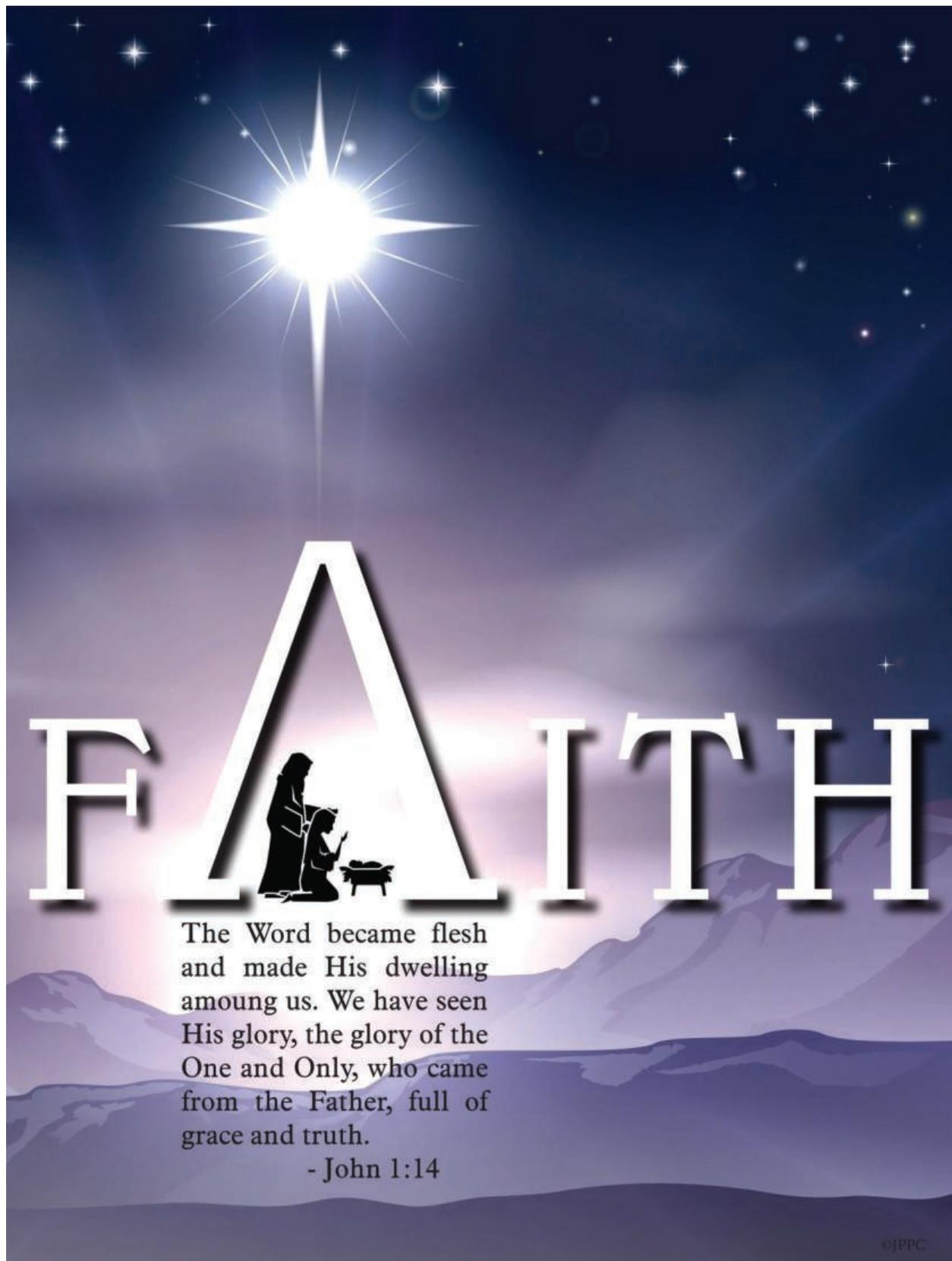
Parish Meetings

Monday 6:45 PM St. Paul's Folk Dance
Tuesday 7:30 Legion of Mary
Tuesday 8:00 PM Prayer Group
2nd Tuesday 8:00 PM Men's Group
Wednesday 7:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting
Thursday 7:00 PM A.A. Beginners
Thursday 8:00 PM A.A. Closed Meeting
Thursday 7:00 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 7:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting

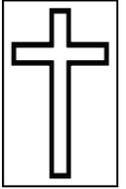
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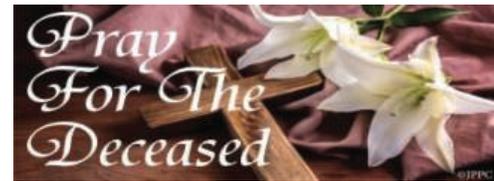
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 24, 2023

MASS Intentions

Intention:	Requested by:
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Dec. 23, 2023</u>
5:00 Deidre Fallon (for healing)	Nata Iaria
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Dec. 24, 2023</u>
7:45 Mary Callaghan	Frank Brady
9:15 Catherine Cafferky	Mary
10:45 Thomas Brennan	Family
12:15 Teresa Foley	Evelyn Foley
2:30 People of the Parish – Traditional Latin Mass	
5:00 Franchi/ Snodgrass Family	Franchi family
10:00 People of the Parish – Traditional Latin Mass	
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Dec. 25, 2023</u>
7:45 Peter & Frankie Daly	Daly family
9:15 Sr. Eileen Treanor	St. Pauls Prayer Group
10:45 Dan Brusstar (Anniv)	Chris/Eileen Slattery
12:15 Concetta & Luigi Carletto	Family
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Dec. 26, 2023</u>
9:00 Antonio & Pasqua Canale	Pia Canale
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Dec. 27, 2023</u>
9:00 Dawn Wood (Anniversary)	Family
12:00 John “The Duke” Wayne	Mike/Iden Goodwin
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Dec. 28, 2023</u>
9:00 Frankie Daly	Daly family
12:00 Vito Giordano	Carolyn Giordano
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Dec. 29, 2023</u>
9:00 Joan, Dorothy & Robert O’Neill	
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Dec. 30, 2023</u>
9:00 James G. Fay	Jane Fay
12:00 Special Intention of the Bonanno family	
5:00 Daniel Gaughan (Bday memorial)	daughter
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2023</u>
7:45 Chester Krug	
9:15 Maddalena, Maria & Domenico Iemma	
10:45 Mathilde & Alois Sommer	family
12:15 Helen Daly	Teresa & Sean Smyth
1:30 People of the Parish – Traditional Latin Mass	

Pray FOR THE SICK

Michael Curtin, Mary Byrne, Richard Lyons, John Mauser, Jim Donnell, Robert Bruckner, Grace Lyons, Ayanah Audrey Naron, Denyse Guariglia, Lolita Lim, Irene DiGenno, Rene Laino, Barbara Dallow, Martin Beirne, Deirdra Fallon, Cresvic Flores, Kathleen Sage, Sally Ricci, and Pattiann DelPescio.



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week especially, Gerard Flynn, Vincent Lappin, Christopher Slattery, and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

Dec. 23 rd	5:00 D. Douglas	
Dec. 24 th	7:45 K. Magee	9:15 K. Snyder
	10:45 J. Hayes	12:15 F. Brady
	5:00 J. Kinney	
Dec. 25 th	7:45 S. Abraham	9:15 J. Barton
	10:45 F. Brady	12:15 V. Rahiman

Weekly Collection

STEWARDSHIP: Week of December 17, 2023

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The FBI: Anti-Catholic?

The reporting that the FBI was targeting traditional Catholics has led to an investigation by the House of Representatives. Also taking up this matter and commenting on the House-Investigation is the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights. Some of its commentary:

-There is a hate group inside the FBI that needs to be purged. It is targeting practicing Catholics and is relying on the Southern Poverty Law Center, Salon and The Atlantic to dig up dirt on them. The House Report on this issue is startling.

-It is painfully clear that there is an anti-Catholic cell group within the FBI. Most alarming, even after the release of the evidence showing how compromised certain units in the FBI have become, the Report concludes that “the FBI still apparently desires to convey the outrageous message that some Catholic Americans with traditional beliefs pose a domestic threat to our country.”

-...the only ones on their radar were those who are “pro-life, pro-family, and support the biological basis for sex and gender distinction as potential domestic terrorists.” That’s right. The FBI sees as potential domestic terrorists those who defend the life of the unborn, those who prize the family, and those who believe that we cannot change our nature-determined sex as male or female. There is an anti-Catholic cell group in the FBI. It needs to be purged.

The Catholic League noted the reliance of the FBI on anti-Catholic sources cited above:

In the Report issued by the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the FBI, and its probe of traditional Catholics, it says the following about the memo that revealed the Bureau’s caper: “The two FBI employees who co-authored the memorandum later told FBI internal investigators that they knew the sources cited in the memorandum had a political bias—sources including the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), Salon, and The Atlantic.”

Both The Atlantic and Salon have long evinced an antipathy to Catholicism. Two years ago, The Atlantic published a piece titled, “The Real Threat to American Catholicism.” And who might that be? Why the bishops, of course. It was their opposition to abortion that made them a threat to Catholicism. Last year, Salon ran a story on how the Catholic Church is “dictating reproductive health care—even in blue states.” It was concluded that we have too many Catholic hospitals nationwide, facilities that do not permit abortion. That is the source of the alleged dictatorship.

SPLC is the real clincher. As corrupt as it is partisan, it can no longer lay claim to being a beacon of information on hate groups in the United States. Its penchant for smearing innocent individuals and institutions is legendary. The Report said that one of the FBI analysts even acknowledged that the “SPLC was known to have a political bias.” Despite this, they accepted “with high confidence” the information they gleaned from SPLC on the Catholic Church (their italics.) On the SPLC website, they offer a list of “hate groups.” Lumped in with real hate groups is an organization of mothers concerned about what their children are being taught in the public schools. It has 220 entries on Moms for Liberty. Only a deranged person would consider them a hate group. Other organizations that espouse traditional values, but are in no way hateful—yet are labeled as such by SPLC—include the Family Research Council, Liberty Counsel, Alliance Defending Freedom and the American College of Pediatricians.

In 2017, when Carol Swain was a professor at Vanderbilt University, she recommended against allowing the president of SPLC to testify before the House Homeland Security Committee. She did so for a principled reason. “Rather than monitoring hate groups,” she said, “the Southern Poverty Law Center has become one.” As a result, SPLC conducted a smear campaign against her, claiming she is “an apologist for white supremacists.” Swain is black. Other notable Americans who are anything but hateful, but who have been branded as such by SPLC, include Somali refugee Ayaan Hirsi Ali, political scientist Guenter Lewy, and Princeton professor Robert P. George (he is a member of the Catholic League’s board of advisors).

SPLC's smear tactics backfired when a noted evangelical organization, D. James Kennedy Ministries, sued SPLC in 2017 for defamation. It accused the far-left "hate group" specialist of making "false and misleading descriptions," subjecting it to "disgrace, ridicule, odium, and contempt in the estimation of the public." In other words, SPLC is a master propagandist, branding as "hate groups" institutions that are merely advocates for traditional moral values. One might think that Antifa, which is a real terrorist group—it is responsible for countless acts of violence against innocent persons—might be included in SPLC's list of hate groups (if for no other reason than to give it cover as an objective source). Instead, it is one of their biggest fans.

In 2020, it posted an article entitled, "Designating Antifa as domestic terrorist organization is dangerous, threaten civil liberties." Just substitute the Klan for Antifa to get a sense of how absurd this sounds. SPLC agents know a thing or two about domestic terrorism. Earlier this year one of its attorneys, Thomas Webb Jurgens, was charged with domestic terrorism after engaging in violence at a future Atlanta police training facility. Having an anti-Catholic cell group in the FBI is bad enough. It is made worse when its agents turn to anti-Catholic journalistic sources, and to anti-American outlets. Indeed, it makes us wonder why these FBI employees are still on the public payroll, funded, in part, by traditional Catholics.

The House -report called *THE FBI'S BREACH OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: THE WEAPONIZATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGAINST CATHOLIC AMERICANS* It can be accessed here: <https://judiciary.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/republicans-judiciary.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/2023-12-04-the-fbis-breach-of-religious-freedom-the-weaponization-of-law-enforcement-against-catholic-americans.pdf> The commentary of the Catholic League can be found here: www.catholicleague.org (END)

Worthiness to Receive Holy Communion

Presenting oneself to receive Holy Communion should be a conscious decision, based on a reasoned judgment regarding one's worthiness to do so, according to the Church's objective criteria, asking such questions as: "Am I in full communion with the Catholic Church? Am I guilty of mortal sin? Have I incurred a penalty (e.g. excommunication, interdict) that forbids me to receive Holy Communion?

*Have I prepared myself by fasting for at least an hour?" **The practice of indiscriminately presenting oneself to receive Holy Communion, merely as a consequence of being present at Mass, is an abuse that must be corrected (cf. Instruction "Redemptionis sacramentum," nos. 81, 83).** (emphasis added) +Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (Later Pope Benedict XVI) to the U.S. bishops June 2004*

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is explicit about the grave nature of particular sins, including sacrilege (2120), blasphemy (2148), perjury (2152), deliberately avoiding Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation (2181), murder (2268), hatred of neighbor "when one deliberately desires him grave harm" (2303), prostitution (2355)

For a sin to be mortal, three conditions must together be met: **"Mortal sin is sin whose object is grave matter and which is also committed with full knowledge and deliberate consent."** Mortal sin requires full knowledge and complete consent. It presupposes knowledge of the sinful character of the act, of its opposition to God's law. It also implies a consent sufficiently deliberate to be a personal choice.

Feigned ignorance and hardness of heart do not diminish, but rather increase, the voluntary character of a sin. Unintentional ignorance can diminish or even remove the imputability of a grave offense. But no one is deemed to be ignorant of the principles of the Ten Commandments, which are written in the conscience of every man. The promptings of feelings and passions can also diminish the voluntary and free character of the offense, as can external pressures or pathological disorders. Sin committed through malice, by deliberate choice of evil, is the gravest.

ON ANOTHER NOTE: Having received Holy Communion it is forbidden to break the Host of Holy Communion in the hand.



Merry Christmas

May the Lord Jesus fill your life with eternal joy and never ending happiness.

The Society of the Patricians invites you to share your thoughts on the following topic: New Year's Resolutions: Are They Worth It? Thursday, Jan. 4th at 7PM in the school cafeteria. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

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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. Tomorrow is The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord. Watch: Symbolon, Knowing the Faith, session 4: *The Story of Salvation; The Story of the Nativity, or Christmas in Rome*. You can also listen to: *The True Meaning of Christmas, God Made Man, or The King is Born*. Children can watch: *Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa, Brother Francis – O Holy Night, or Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree*.

Healing After Abortion: Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming dates in the NYC area are: In English: Jan. 27 In Spanish: Feb. 10. For more dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (866)-575-0075 (toll free) or email at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

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Our Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Marie Santomaso as requested by her son, Phil

Mass Intentions for 2024 are now being taken. The stipend remains \$15. We ask that you limit your Sunday masses to 4 at this time. Please stop in, email stpaulyonkers@gmail.com or call the rectory between 8-12 to schedule your masses. Thank you.



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This National Marriage Week, Feb. 7-14th the Office of Family Life wants to hear and share your experiences of the grace of God present in your marriage. They are looking for couples to submit their stories to be shared. Especially *engaged couple *newlyweds and young couples *parents and couples expecting children *older couples and couples married 25+ years *couples who have faced difficulties and want to encourage others. Please submit a 1 or 2 page testimony or story along with your name, date and place of marriage and optional photo to Kayla.beiter@archny.org by Jan. 28th.



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

5PM AND 10PM LATIN MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

7:45AM 9:15AM 10:45AM 12:15PM

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES

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NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

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