

# St. Paul the Apostle Parish



## Lincoln Park

**Fr. Leonard F. Villa, Pastor**  
**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  
602 McLean Ave., Yonkers, NY 10705  
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](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 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

### Pregnancy Hot Line

Tel: 800-640-0767



# TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## JUNE 23, 2024



<b><u>Intention:</u></b>	<b><u>Requested by:</u></b>
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>June 22, 2024</u></b>
5:00 Cathy Pross	Kathleen Jacob
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>June 23, 2024</u></b>
7:45 Peter & Evelyn Daly	Daly family
9:15 For the People of the Parish	
10:45 Marie Barnes (living-healing)	Joan Hayes
12:15 Tomas & Jake Jacob (living- Bday)	
2:30 Pauline Boyne	
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>June 24, 2024</u></b>
9:00 Neil Douglas	Desmond Douglas
12:00 Eoin Hassett (living)	
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>June 25, 2024</u></b>
9:00 Mary Kilgariff (living)	St. Paul's Rel Ed
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>June 26, 2024</u></b>
9:00 Eamonn & Edward Byrne	Family
12:00 For Holy Souls	
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>June 27, 2024</u></b>
9:00 Robert Madden	Barton family
12:00 In Thanksgiving	
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b><u>June 28, 2024</u></b>
9:00 Special Intention	Gjyste Cukaj
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>June 29, 2024</u></b>
9:00 Mike Oshea	Curtin family
12:00 Special Intention	
5:00 Fr. Jim Smyth	Smyth family
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>June 30, 2024</u></b>
7:45 Gjok Pllumaj	Drita
9:15 James Foley	Evelyn Foley
10:45 For the People of the Parish	
12:15 Jack Reidy	Desmond Douglas
1:30 Gilda Liberatore DeVito	DeVito family

Michael Curtin, Richard Lyons, Grace Lyons, Ayanah Audrey Naron, Denyse Guariglia, Irene DiGenno, Rene Laino, Barbara Dallow, Martin Beirne, Deirdra Fallon, Cresvic Flores, Kathleen Sage, Pattiann DelPescio, Waldina Pineda, John Ritter, Isiah Digsby, Joseph Molack, Daryl Patrimonio, Mary Gilligan, Antone Flores, Victor Fierro, Timothy O'Connor, Valentina Rakaj, Maureen Pastor and Lois Powers.



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week, especially, Josefina Estela Lorenzo, Katherine Fox, Rene Parilla, Carol Salter, Dorothy Nisson, and those who mourn them.

**LECTORS:**

June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	5:00 D. Douglas	
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:45 J. Abraham	9:15 A. Canale
	10:45 K. Snyder	12:15 V. Rahiman



**STEWARDSHIP: Week of June 16, 2024**

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$3,523
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$886
Shrines	\$162
Online Giving	\$1,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,371</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!

## A Funeral Mass is NOT a Celebration of the Life of the Deceased

**Church in Heaven**

**Church on Earth**

**Church being Purified**



Sad to say strange things, sometimes non-Catholic things, are increasingly said at Catholic funeral Masses today sometimes by clergy and sometimes by laity in a eulogy. Clergy proclaim erroneously that the deceased is in Heaven so that the funeral Mass is used as a canonization ceremony or a eulogy proclaims the whole Mass is a eulogy celebrating the life of the deceased. The funeral Mass, or for that matter, any **Mass is not a human celebration of us but the supreme and perfect worship of God through Jesus Christ offering Himself on our behalf as Priest, Offering, and Altar.** It is the worship of Heaven joined to earth. The intention of the funeral Mass is to pray for the purification of the soul of the deceased, if they are in need of this and for consolation for the bereaved. If in fact, the person is already in Heaven, then God will use the benefits of the Mass for someone else in the Body of Christ. Recall that the Church exists in Heaven, the Church triumphant, the Church in Purgatory: souls being purified, and the Church on earth, the fighting Church against the world, the flesh, and the devil.

At the trial of St. Joan of Arc, in 1431, the prosecutor Jean Beaupere asked her: *Do you know if you are in the grace of God?* Joan replied: *If I am not there, may God put me there; and if I am there, may God keep me there.* A modern French lawyer commented: Her remarks left the Court in stunned silence. It was an astute, theologically-correct response from an unlettered woman. **Only God has absolute certainty about the state of any person's soul.** Hence while people may believe in their minds sincerely that someone's in Heaven only God could know that and we should continue to pray for that person to assist them in the purification of their love of God. More on that follows below. Back in 1979 the Holy See issued a letter because of what was being said at funeral Masses. It noted: ***The Church excludes every way of thinking or speaking that would render meaningless or unintelligible her prayers, her funeral rites and the religious acts offered for the dead.*** *All these are, in their substance, loci theologici.* (emphasis added) Loci theologici (theological places) are sources for Catholic belief, the highest being Scripture and Apostolic Tradition, that which was handed over to us from the Apostles.

A big part of the crisis is the trivialization of sin, which is sometimes portrayed as breaking rules. Sin is not about breaking rules. It is a disintegrating factor in our humanity, cracks in our humanity which make us less the person God created us to be. Christ and His sacraments are the medicine to heal these cracks in our humanity to introduce order where there was disorder. *Each person receives his/her eternal retribution in his/her immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his/her life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven –through a purification, or immediate and everlasting damnation.* CCC #1022. Those who die in God's grace and friendship AND are perfectly purified live forever with Christ in the life of heaven. Those who die in God's grace and friendship but still imperfectly purified will go to heaven after they have undergone the purification of Purgatory.

St. John of the Cross reminds us: *At the end you will be examined on your love. Strive to love as God desires to be loved and abandon your present state.* (Dichos, Sayings, #59) How does God desire to be loved? He's told us: *You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind.* Matt 22 **Masses are offered for our brothers and sisters being purified to assist them in their purification since we belong to the same family of Christ and the "holiness of one profits others, well beyond the harm that the sin of one could cause others. CCC #1475. This also involves the exchange of spiritual goods which derive chiefly from the Sacrifice of the Mass which is the same sacrifice as Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.**

Recall that all sin has two consequences it either kills (mortal sin) or weakens (venial sin) the life of grace which is our union with God the Blessed Trinity. Even after forgiveness that sin leaves a wound. This wound is the unhealthy attachment to creatures which must be purified. In other words our love for God must be purified of rival loves which exist in opposition to Him and harm our relation with Him. Hence it is important that we pray for our deceased daily, offer sacrifices and indulgences for them, and assist them by having Masses offered for the repose of their souls. **An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven, which the faithful Christian, duly disposed, can gain under certain prescribed conditions.** It is either plenary or partial. **The temporal punishment due to sin is an unhealthy attachment to creatures, the tendency to do the sin again.**

**We do not go it alone in our need to make up for our sins.** Every Christian is joined to Christ but he or she is joined to all the other Christians who make up the Body of Christ, the family of the Church including those being purified in Purgatory and the angels and saints in heaven. **Hence there is an everlasting link of love which joins all Christians together. In this exchange the holiness of one profits the other.** This holiness includes Christ's merits and all the spiritual goods of all the members of Christ's Body especially the prayers and good works of the Virgin Mary and the saints. They are truly immense, and pristine in their value before God. The Church through her power to bind and loose in Christ's name through an indulgence gives the Christian a special share in the holiness of the treasury of the Church to help heal his or her own wounds from sin but also to be applied to those of our family who are being purified in the afterlife in the state called purgatory. **Hence indulgences involve shared love flowing from the mercy of God which heals.**

The plenary indulgence heals all the wounds of our sins. The partial indulgences heal those wounds partially. Every day in our morning-prayer we should make the intention to God to gain any and all indulgences attached to our prayer, devotion, and good works. The Church grants indulgences for various activities or special occasions. A book called ***The Enchiridion of Indulgences*** contains many of the grants of indulgences to benefit the spiritual lives of Catholics. For example a plenary indulgence was granted for the public praying of the prayer *Veni Creator Spiritus* on January 1. However many Catholics (most?) don't know about indulgences and/or why they are important for our spiritual lives. Sad to say indulgences are rarely preached about or referenced by the clergy. Nevertheless indulgences are part of the Catholic Faith and they form part of the instruction on the sacrament of confession. (See the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1471 and following.)

Recall that in approaching the sacrament of Confession three acts of the penitent are involved: (1) **Contrition** whereby the penitent expresses sorrow for sin. ( **NOTE:** Perfect contrition arises from a love by which God is loved above all else. This forgives venial sins and it forgives mortal sins **if it includes the firm resolution to get to confession as soon as possible.** Imperfect contrition is sorrow because of the ugliness of sin and the fear of punishment. This does not obtain the forgiveness of mortal sins but it disposes one to obtain forgiveness in Confession.) (2) **The confession of sins** whereby all mortal sins must be recounted by number and kind to a priest. (**NOTE:** The confession of venial sins is strongly recommended by the Church. It is an act of humility. It helps to form the conscience, to fight against our evil tendencies. It gives healing from Christ and a greater share in God's life. This is called a confession of devotion.) (3) **Making satisfaction** is the third act of the penitent. All sins even after forgiveness leave a wound to self and the Church. Absolution does not take away all the disorder sin has caused: harm to self and to neighbor. This must be healed in this life or in the life to come. This is why the penitent receives a penance from the priest in order to aid in the process of healing the wound of sin. **To help heal the wound of sin the Church makes available indulgences to us.**



The month of June is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. We are proud to honor The Sacred Heart and the Family: father, mother, and children, the building block of society and the church. There will be a Rosary Rally on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in front of the church.

## 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. Monday is The Solemnity of The Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Study: Lectio Eucharist, Session 3: *Lamb of God*. Saturday is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles. Study: Footprints of God: *Peter: Keeper of the Keys* or *Paul: Contending for the Faith*. Watch: *Saint Peter, Paul of Tarsus*, or The Bible Collection: *Paul the Apostle*.

**Friends of Troop 47** will be fundraising after masses during the month of June for a drawing to be held at our Annual 4th of July Ceremony at Conor Park. Winner need not be present. If the event is postponed, the draw will occur and the winner contacted. Funds will be used to purchase new equipment. Thank you to the Parishioners of St. Paul's for your 94 years of continued support of Troop 47.

**Fight the Pandemic of Pornography.** A resource to combat addiction to pornography is [strive21.com](http://strive21.com). Its mission is to free people from porn. STRIVE is an experience unlike any other with its 21-Day Porn Detox. Experience powerful videos and challenges delivered daily to help you break free from pornography for good.

The Church of St. John the Evangelist and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church of White Plains will hold its annual "Festa Italiana" on July 11<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> on the Church grounds of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at 92 South Lexington Avenue, White Plains, NY 10606. Thurs. & Fri. 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm, Sat. 5:00 - 11:00 pm and Sun. 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm. "Festa Italiana" features live Italian and American music and entertainment, an outdoor dance floor, children's games and entertainment, great Italian foods & desserts, American fare, espresso bar, air-conditioned casino, and much more. Admission and entertainment are free.

Please join the "Procession of the Statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel" on Sunday, July 14th for a public procession of prayer to honor the Virgin Mary. Worshipers in the procession of our Patron Saint will assemble in front of OLMC Church at 12:30 pm. The procession will begin at 1:00 pm followed by the celebration of Holy Mass at 2:00 pm at OLMC.



**the CARDINAL'S**  
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL  
*Sharing God's Gifts Throughout  
the Archdiocese of New York*

The 2024 Cardinal's Appeal is in progress. Our parish goal is \$50,000. Every gift/pledge is important no matter what the size. We are currently at \$38,837 or 78% of goal. You can give online at the parish website and there are Appeal envelopes in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

