

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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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 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



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 30, 2024



Intention:

Saturday

5:00 Fr. Jim Smyth

Sunday

7:45 G'jok Pllumaj

9:15 James Foley

10:45 For the People of the Parish

12:15 Jack Reidy

1:30 Gilda Liberatore DeVito

Monday

9:00 Hughie O'Brien

12:00 Joseph A. DiSalvo (1st Anniversary)

Tuesday

9:00 George (dec) & Rosanne (liv) Snyder (anniv)

Wednesday

9:00 Steve Hansburg

12:00 Denis Freyne & family (living)

Thursday

9:00 Brendan Sheehy

Friday

9:00 Andree Levesque

Saturday

9:00 Pjeter Pllumaj (living)

12:00 In reparation for the sacrilegious outrages and indifference against the Blessed Sacrament

5:00 Helen & Vincent Hislop and Dan and Justine Cronin

Sunday

7:45 St. Paul the Apostle Purgatorial Society

9:15 John Henighan (Bday memorial) family

10:45 Margaret & John O'Shaughnessy

12:15 For the People of the Parish

1:30 Angela & Linda DeVito (living)

Requested by:

June 29, 2024

Smyth family

June 30, 2024

Drita

Evelyn Foley

Desmond Douglas

DeVito family

July 1, 2024

Frank Brady

July 2, 2024

Snyder (anniv)

July 3, 2024

Diana & Denis Curtin

July 4, 2024

Family

July 5, 2024

Barton family

July 6, 2024

July 7, 2024

July 7, 2024

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, Katherine Fox, Rene Parilla, Juan Bernebe, Mercedes Fernandez Bernebe, and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

June 29th 5:00 J. Kinney

June 30th 7:45 S. Abraham

9:15 J. Barton

10:45 K. Snyder

12:15 E. Slattery

GRATITUDE

Your Parish Community is

GRATEFUL

for your consistent contributions.

STEWARDSHIP: Week of June 23, 2024

1 st Collection	\$3,812
2 nd Collection	\$2,161
Shrines	\$124
Online Giving	\$1,500
Total	\$7,597

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!*

Hell, the Devil, Exorcisms



Indeed, the Son of God was revealed to destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:8

Our contemporaries, including many 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. **Hell is the state of definitive self-exclusion (!) from communion with God and the blessed.** We cannot be united with God unless we freely choose to love Him. But we do not love God if we sin mortally and remain unrepentant.

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. **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.** 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.

What About the Devil and Exorcisms? Father Pedro Barrajón, a professor of theological anthropology, explained to a group of young people, how an exorcism is carried out. He recommended that one should not be afraid of the devil. **"The devil exists, but we must not be afraid,"** said the Legionary priest who lectures in the course on exorcism and the *Prayer of Deliverance* at the *Regina Apostolorum Pontifical Athenaeum*. **"The devil first tries to tempt us and takes advantage of our weak points,"** he warned. **"So then, it is important that we know ourselves well and that we know what our weak points are."** "The action of evil can be present in life from the beginning until the latter's end," said Father Barrajón. He recalled that in some saintly lives, such as Mother Teresa of Calcutta or Padre Pio, there was an action of the devil on several occasions. **"We live in a very complicated culture, and at times the devil's presence is manifested through ideas,"** the theologian said. Father Barrajón asked the young people who were listening to him and holding beers in their hands how one can protect oneself from the devil. The first answer heard was **"through the sacraments."** **"Yes, the sacraments, faith, prayer and sacrifice are the defense against the devil,"** he noted.

One of the possible, though exceptional, actions of the devil is possession, said Father Barrajon. "Possession can be induced through cases of magic or Black Masses." Exorcists also mention tarot-cards, the occult, ouija-boards as opening oneself up to diabolic influence. "Exorcism is a kind of struggle," he added. It "begins invoking the name of the Trinity. The people attending the exorcism pray, although this does not mean that the devil goes away." "A sort of dialogue is established between the priest authorized to carry out an exorcism -- although at times there are lay people who do it but it is not right, because they do not have permission from the ecclesiastical authorities -- and the possessed person, who emits strange sounds," the priest added. "The devil tries to provoke the priest and shows aversion to the cross, to prayers and the Rosary and to other sacred objects," continued Father Barrajon. "One of the devil's names is Asmodeus; this is a devil who acts against marriage and the family," he pointed out. "Other names are Son of Darkness, Satan or Beelzebub, names of biblical origin." Finally, Father Barrajon said **that in a case of possession, biological, psychological and spiritual elements intervene and that it is not easy at all to establish the boundary between psychological illness and possession.**

Pope Paul VI in a famous address at a General Audience on November 15, 1972 pointed out that we can assume the sinister activity of the Evil One: **-where denial of God becomes radical, subtle and absurd; -where hypocritical and blatant lies assert themselves against evident truth; -where love is extinguished by cold, cruel selfishness; - where the name of Christ is impugned with willful and rebellious hatred -where the spirit of the Gospel is watered down and denied -where despair has the last word...**The Pope also reminds us that everything that defends us from sin, shelters us for that very reason from the invisible enemy. Grace is the decisive defense. The Christian must be militant, vigilant, and strong and sometimes must have recourse to ascetic exercises (fasting, self-denial) to stave off certain diabolical attacks. The Blessed Virgin (especially the Rosary) and St. Michael the Archangel are strong allies in the fight against Satan. (END)

PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH!

-July 17 is the feast of the Carmelite Martyrs of Compiegne killed during the French Revolution and immortalized in the book and opera *The Dialogue of the Carmelites*.

-July 22 is the anniversary of the defeat of the Turks in the Battle of Belgrade. The Turks were once again seeking to overrun Europe and attack Christianity. The church-bells were ordered to ring at noon in thanksgiving for this victory by Pope Callixtus III and this custom continues to this day even in some of the Protestant churches.

-July 26 is the anniversary of the martyrdom of Fr. Jacques Hammel murdered 2016 in Normandy France, while offering Mass, by two young men claiming allegiance to ISIS.

-The Church's Martyrology lists the men and women who gave their lives for the Catholic Faith and confessors of the Faith including the many martyrs of Tyburn, the French Revolution, and the Spanish Civil-War.

-Communism continues to persecute, martyr, and deny freedom to Christians and other religions:

-The communists in China operate concentration camps. **Not long ago the Cuban** people openly demonstrated and called for liberation from the brutal communist regime there, pointing out the persecutions, the arrests, beating of people who speak out. **Read the remarks of Carlos Eire**, a Cuban author who teaches at Yale: <https://www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2021/07/war-cries-in-cuba>

-There's a website dedicated to our persecuted brethren: churchinneed.org **Aid to the Church In Need** is an organization dedicated to assisting the persecuted. Assist them with our prayers and our aid. Meanwhile in our country people seek to deny free speech and freedom to others for not having the approved opinions/ politics seeking to "cancel" them, if they can, all reminiscent of communist tactics and regimes. They need to be defeated.



*Our Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
in loving memory of Eileen Mescall
As requested by Patricia Mescall*

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. 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*.

47th Annual - 4th of July Ceremony on July 4th at 12 noon at Conor Park (corner of McLean and Central Park Avenues) hosted by St. Paul the Apostle's BSA Troop 47. It will consist of the honorable retirement of the United States flag currently flying in the park, the raising of a new flag, the roll call of the fifty states, cannon salutes, patriotic music, and presentations by dignitaries in attendance. Troop 47 will also accept any retired flags for proper, honorable disposition. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Holy Father's Intention for July

For the pastoral care of the sick:
We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.



Fight the Pandemic of Pornography. A resource to combat addiction to pornography is 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 11th - 14th 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. 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 Matthew Wallace Foundation hosts Matt's Grab-n-Go with essential items. Monday, July 10th, 11am at Kerry Hall, 305 McLean Avenue.



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 \$38,862 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.



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